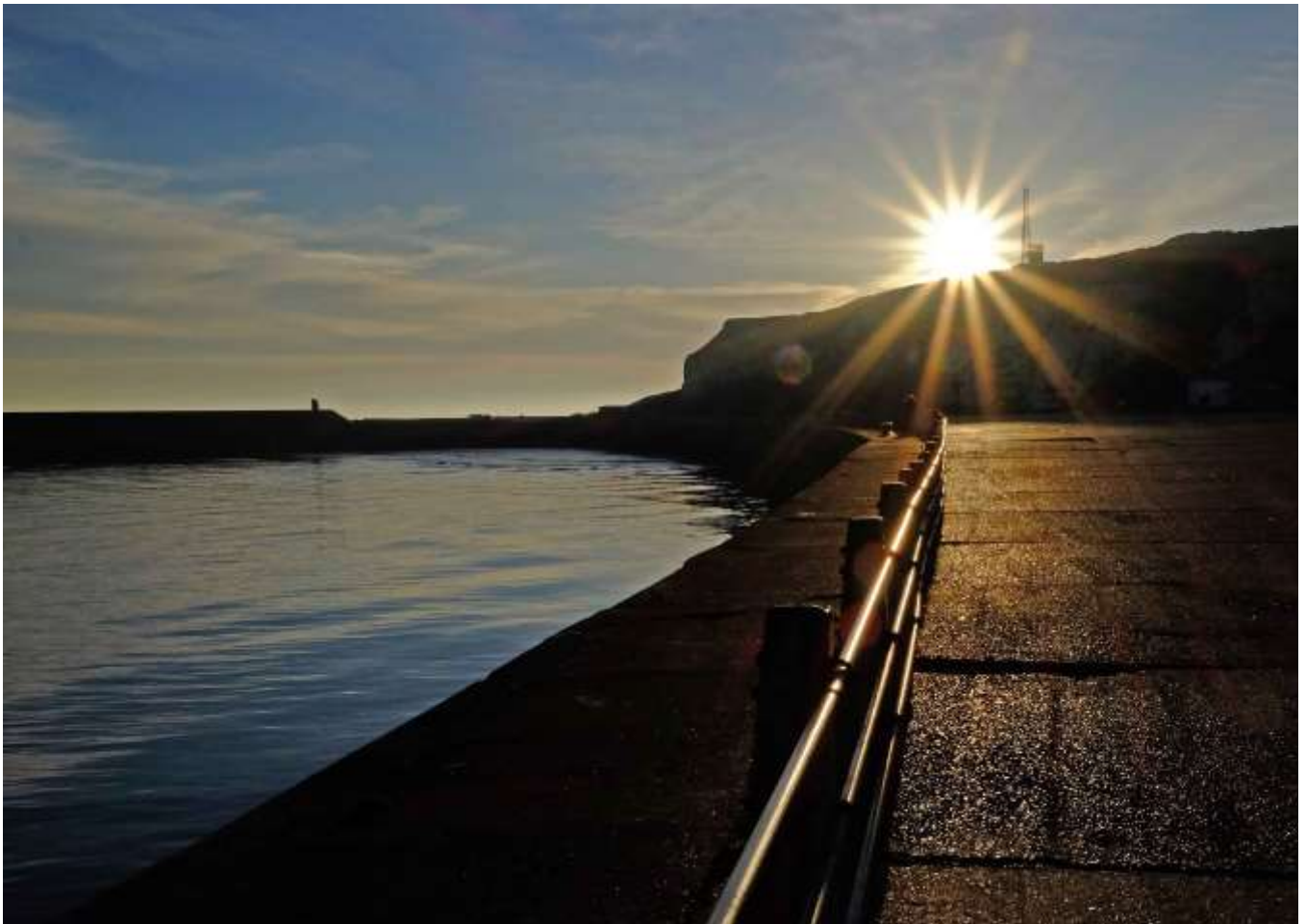




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## *The Mayor - Councillor Steve Saunders*



Another exhausting, but fulfilling year has come to a close and with around 200 events and engagements attended, it's now time to hand over the reins. Sharon and I have been raising money all year, to provide defibrillators for the town.

This followed on from our fundraising last year for Seahaven Responders and the Newhaven Lifeboat

And included my sponsored bike ride from London to Paris



We have been helped by many local organisations, businesses and individuals that supported Tea Dances, Quizzes, a Carol Concert and finally a Charity Dinner. I must thank some particular people, for their selflessness in helping me raise lots of money and they include: Jean and Margaret from Studio Tempo; Cllr. Tony Bradbury and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Newhaven Scouts; Paula Woolven and the Seaford Musical Theatre; Tom Bonnor and Sam Hughes; The Rotary Club; St. Michael's Church and; the Royal Society of St. George.



I have had a really enjoyable time supporting evermore community groups and getting involved with some wonderful people in our community. Unsung heroes, that get little or no recognition for the hard work they put in. People that continue to give of their time and energy, without a second thought for themselves. I have tried to make that point wherever I go and thank them personally and on behalf of the Council, for their energy, determination and generosity. Sharon and I have been asked to support lots of local events and I have dressing up for all sorts of things from Christmas and Easter, to the Fish Festival and a production of Calamity Jane at the Barn Theatre.





Since finding myself helping drag rafts and their exhausted crews out of the river at the pontoon outside the new UTC last year, I have been working with the officers at the Council and the Lewes Rowing Club, to make the event more focussed on Newhaven. I've always wondered why the Lewes to Newhaven Raft Race has not been celebrated at the finish line and we have been looking at ways to make it into a fun event in Newhaven, with the possibility of canoe races around Denton Island and a fete at West Quay.



We have many popular and successful events in our Town throughout the year and along with the Lifeboat Fete and the Fish Festival, I am hoping the Raft Race will share the popularity that relatively new events like the Halloween Spooktacular, the Easter Eggstravaganza and the Santa Bus have enjoyed.

The town's infrastructure has been the focus of a great deal of attention over the past year and I have been trying to get all the Authorities and relevant agencies to get together to help find a solution to the problems we all face. We are working with the District Council to bring forward a scheme to improve the High Street and put an end to the dangerous parking practices on pavements and we have now met with the County Council, to discuss some improvements to traffic signalling around the One-Way system. We also put forward other suggestions for the approaches to the town and are looking forward to continuing to liaise with any and all interested parties to improve the problems we face. It is clear however, that a significant effort is needed, along with central government funds to properly solve the situation here in Newhaven and along much of the nearby A259.



Our new young Mayor and student at the UTC Sophie Lewis, was inaugurated in November and immediately began throwing herself enthusiastically into every event she could. She has joined me at many events and appears to show a similar love of dressing up to suit the occasion. She happily turned into Frosty the Snowman and Spiderwoman for the Santa Bus and I'm sure will be joining Spongebob for the Fish Festival in June. She is trying to develop an 'App' or web-based service, that will provide somewhere for young people to access the opportunities that exist in their local area. It will provide them with information on what there is on offer in Newhaven and the surrounding areas.



There are so many sports clubs, youth and community groups offering opportunities for young people, along with places like Wave Leisure's Pools, Gyms and sports Halls, that offer lots of courses in health and fitness. Sophie is a wonderful ambassador for the young people of our town and I'm sure is making her friends and family proud.

I was accompanied this year by my Deputy Mayor June Dyer, on our annual visit to Dieppe, to join in the commemoration events for the 1942 Dieppe Raid. We were joined by the High Sheriff, Chairs of East Sussex County and Lewes District Councils, as well as veteran groups from the UK and Canada.



June has been a fantastic Deputy Mayor and thrown herself into the role with such enthusiasm. I know she is planning to continue in this vein next year and is already busy putting together a Town Council Raft Team for July. Thank you June.

Our own commemorative events in August and November were as always, superbly supported by our residents and it was another proud moment for me and my fellow Councillors.

In April last year, we welcomed the High Sheriff, along with Chairs and Mayors from

far and wide to Newhaven Fort, to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday and join in with lighting a chain of beacons around the country. The Fort was packed for the event and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Last year's overall winner of our Community award Derek Payne, lit our beacon.



Whilst writing this report, we are finalising arrangements for our Gala Dinner on 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the Denton Island Indoor Bowling Club, which along with our final Tea Dance at the Hillcrest Centre on 30<sup>th</sup> April, will complete our fundraising this year. We will announce our final total when everything is in, but we are so grateful for everyone's generosity and are busy looking where best to site the new equipment.

I must thank residents, businesses, fellow Councillors, local charities and organisations for the support that Sharon and I have received over the last two years. I would also like to extend my thanks to our Town Council Staff (Jacky Main, Susie Mullins, Ruth Durrant, Nicky Still, Jill Marshall and Kevin Lewry), who often have to put up with some last-minute requests from me and have done a fantastic job supporting our events, as well as making our Council run smoothly.

Thanks of course, go to Sharon for her support for me, organisation of events and unwavering patience during our two Mayoral Years. I think we have made a great team and hope that people appreciate just how important she has been to me.

*Councillor Steve Saunders*  
*Mayor of Newhaven 2016-2017*



# *Sophie Lewis - Young Mayor*

Thank you to everyone who voted for me to be Newhaven's Young Mayor and represent my youth!

So far as, Young Mayor I have met so many inspirational people and have attended such a variety of different events.

I have felt privileged to have had the opportunity to represent Newhaven as The Young Mayor alongside Steve Saunders and his lovely partner Sharon.



My first event as Young Mayor was Remembrance Sunday where I laid a wreath on The Canadian Engineers Memorial on behalf of The Town Council. At this event I had the privilege of meeting Maria Caulfield the local MP for the first time who represents England as a member of conservatives for parliament.

In December, I had the opportunity to attend lots of events leading up to Christmas time...

Some of the events I attended were The Salvation Army concert at St Michael's Church where I had the privilege to meet Martin who is the vicar at St Michael's church in Newhaven and he works extremely hard and puts on some of the best church ceremonies. I also attended the Mayors Christmas concert at St Michael's, Christingle service at St Michaels Church, The Newhaven Town Christmas event, The Hillcrest Christmas event, The Smart Art Presentation, Carols by Candle light at St Michaels, The Tates Christmas grotto event where I opened the grotto for the public to use alongside Steve Saunders and his other half Sharon, The Mencap Xmas Fair, The Lifeboats Fayre at The Hillcrest Centre and Claremont House in Seaford.

Towards the end of December, I attended my favourite charity event so far which was raising money for the CTLA bus service which is a charity and a not-for-profit company that provides affordable accessible transport for individuals and groups in the Lewes District and other parts of East Sussex who find it difficult to access normal forms of transport. This event was called The Santa Bus where the CTLA bus service was



trying to bring some festive cheer to Newhaven by specially decorating a CTLA bus also some members of Seaford Barn theatre dressed up as fairytale characters which I joined in with. I dressed up as a snowman and a Spiderwoman for this event. The bus travelled around Denton, South Highton and the valley. After each journey on the bus the fairytale crew stopped at a different pub every time for some Christmas songs and games. The Santa Bus was great fun and I am so happy I had the chance to take part in this event and

the Santa Bus raised over £275 in donations for the charity.



I can't believe how quickly time is flying but so far in 2017 I have been to a variety of different events and thoroughly enjoyed all of them. My favourite events I have been to so far in 2017 are the Quiz night at Meeching hall, The Easter Extravaganza where I dressed up as Princess Belle, it was lovely to see some of the children's faces light up at the sight of Belle and reminded me why I put myself forward to be Young Mayor. I personally feel my role as Young Mayor has helped with my confidence massively and has allowed me to flourish for who I am.



I was also lucky enough to go to The Houses of Parliament on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April and that experience will stay with me forever, I learnt so much that day and met so many inspirational people, I also loved the experience.



On Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April I was invited to the Mayor's Steve Saunders Charity Dinner at Denton Islands Bowling Club which was to raise money for defibrillators and raised over £4000.

### My Project

For my project, as Young Mayor I am making a what's on page using social media. Initially have made a Facebook Page called **Whats On-Newhaven**

hoping to raise awareness of how much goes on in Newhaven that people probably don't know about! I am so excited because I'm planning to do a sky dive to raise Money for charity with June Dyer The Deputy Mayor in the next few months. Hopefully we will raise lots of money and be I will be able to write my next report all about my experience!





# *Town Council Activities*



## **NEWHAVEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Town Council with the help of a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, has been producing a Neighbourhood Plan that when adopted will set out how Newhaven will grow and change between the present day and 2030.

Since 2014 we have been asking residents, businesses and organisations what they think makes Newhaven special and what needs improving. The feedback received through many consultation events has helped the Steering Group over the last year, to decide what information and policies should be written into the draft plan, to help Newhaven develop and change in a way that the local community can support.

The draft plan is now ready for its next legal step with Pre-submission Consultation and Publicity (Regulation 14 Consultation) now taking place and running for a 7 week period until 5pm on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017, where the local community can comment on what they support in the Plan and what could be improved upon.

The Draft Neighbourhood Plan covers eight different topics:

- ❖ The Town Centre
- ❖ Eastside
- ❖ Traffic and Sustainable Movement
- ❖ Local Economy, Tourism and Employment
- ❖ Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities
- ❖ Natural Environment, Bio-diversity and Flood Protection
- ❖ Good quality Design and Image
- ❖ Housing

Later on this year the Draft Neighbourhood Plan will be examined to make sure it is legally sound and then there will be a referendum held in Newhaven, where we will be asking residents who are eligible to vote, if they support the Neighbourhood Plan so that it can be adopted by Lewes District Council.

To see what the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has been working on for the last year, come to one of the drop in sessions set out below, where you can view the Plan and talk to members of the Steering Group.

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May from 2pm – 8pm at Hillcrest Centre, Bay Vue Road**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm – 7pm at Lewes Road Social Centre, Lewes Road**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 2.30pm at Denton & Mount Pleasant Social Centre**

## *Policy & Resources Committee*

### *Chair - Councillor Paul Boswell*



The Policy and Resources committee have focussed this year on improving the social centres around Newhaven and a new east access ramp has been installed at the Lewes Road Hut.



Unfortunately, following investigations into the continuing problem with damp and condensation at East Side social centre, there appears to be little further that can be economically done to rectify the problems. The town clerk has spoken to the main user of the hall and explained the situation. Our aim is that following devolution, we will try our hardest to provide a new and fit for purpose centre nearby. However, this will be costly and may not happen in a short time-frame.



On Meeching Hall, the committee agreed that, following consultation with users, a disabled ramp would be installed into a modified entrance hall. This also will necessitate some re-modelling of the kitchen. The committee is keen to see the hall brought up to scratch as much as possible and looking forward into 2017/18 financial year, we will be investigating the possibility of improved seating, improved lighting, a better PA system and a better use of the space both upstairs and downstairs.

# *Planning & Development Committee*

## *Chair - Councillor Darren Grover*



Newhaven Town Council's Planning and Development committee meets every 3 weeks to discuss any planning applications within the town. As one of a number of consultees, we aim to represent the residents of Newhaven in making recommendations to Lewes District Council which, as the Planning Authority, make the final decision on whether to grant or refuse permission for applications.

In discussing planning applications we must as a committee work within the constraints set out in national planning frameworks and Lewes District Council's Local Development Plan. For example, the following are some of the 'material planning considerations' on which we can comment and the Planning Authority can use to make decisions:

- Loss of light or overshadowing
- Overlooking or loss of privacy
- Adequacy of parking, loading, turning space and access
- Road safety
- Traffic generation
- Noise or smell
- Loss of trees
- Nature conservation
- Layout and density of buildings
- Design, appearance and materials, and whether these are in keeping with the surroundings
- Archaeology and impact on listed buildings







There have been a number of applications and proposals for new buildings as well as extensions and changes of use of existing buildings, in our town over the last year.

In 2016/17 we have seen:

- The start of flood defence works by the Environment Agency contractors. When complete, they will help to keep residents and their property safe during storms and high-water events. We have met with the Environment Agency to make suggestions and to raise concerns about the impact of these works on Huggetts Green and Riverside Park, which they have taken on board;
- The start of work to re-fit and re-open The Bridge public house in the town centre;
- The refurbishment of commercial properties in Newhaven Square with new retailers set to move in soon;
- Proposals to improve the footfall and parking issues in the town centre, to support local traders and make the High Street more accessible.

As part of Lewes District Council's Local Development Plan, Newhaven is earmarked for a significant number of new homes. While we recognise the need for new homes for local people, we are committed to ensuring that the Town's Planning Committee remains an effective voice for people of Newhaven in discussions about the design, quality and location of these homes and their impact on existing residents.

While the creation of Newhaven's Neighbourhood Plan is not led by the Planning Committee – it is led by residents – allowing everyone the opportunity to have a say in setting the vision for the future of Newhaven and, when complete, it will provide the framework that will inform discussions the Planning Committee and the District Planning Authority have about planning applications. I am confident that the Neighbourhood Plan represents a new chapter in the development of Newhaven and I look forward to the improvements it will bring.

I would like to take the opportunity to encourage you to get in touch with us if you have an opinion on any planning application that you think would affect you – we always welcome your comments, positive or negative, about any potential development and would like to thank all of you who have fed into our responses previously. I would also like to thank all members of the committee for their contributions as well as the Clerk for her invaluable support and insight.

*Councillor Darren Grover*  
*Chair of the Planning & Development Committee*

## *Environment & Open Spaces Committee*

### *Chair - Councillor Graham Amy*



#### **TREE WARDENS**

Newhaven now has its own tree wardens made up of councillors and members of the public. The group are looking to plant trees, shrubs and flowers in public areas where they can be seen and enjoyed by local people. The group will also be looking to get grants and donations from sources other than the council to minimise the burden on ratepayers. The group want to raise awareness in the town of the value and benefits of trees and shrubs and their preservation and protection. The group already has had some success in persuading members of Lewes District council's Planning Committee that further consideration should be given to conserving the famous Huntingdon Elm in the old Grays School site. After

it was deemed unsafe after storm damage.

#### **WATCH OUT FOR THE WIND FARM**

Love them or loathe them we will soon have a number of wind turbines installed on the horizon as the Rampion windfarm starts to take shape. Now thanks to a partnership of Lewes District Council, the Castle Hill Conservation Group and the Town Council, Rampion will be installing a telescope on the gun turret next to the Coast Watch tower. The telescope will be free to use and members of the public will be able to see the turbines being installed and the vessels that will be servicing and carrying out the future maintenance of the windfarm for years to come. The members of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee are grateful to the Rampion staff for their generosity with this welcomed gift.

#### **DAFFODILS AND COWSLIPS**

A special thank you to Paradise Park for the donations of daffodils which have greatly enhanced areas of the town near the MacDonald's roundabout. We will continue to work with Paradise Park on the Newhaven in Bloom annual competition so look out for this year's entry forms at the shop. We are also grateful to Paradise Park for the plants they supply for the boat west of the bridge.

Your committee have had long discussions about Newhaven Cemetery and what could be done to enhance the flowers and shrubs at the site. In the past there were bright and colourful displays of wild flowers but recent mowing regimes have destroyed the many of the plants. Now contractors Burleys have planted 1500 cowslip plugs along the bank at the top of the cemetery between the allotments and the cemetery itself – a total area of 150sq. metres. This will give pleasure to people visiting the site as well as giving a boost to local wildlife.



## THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN



Members of the public, members of the EOS Committee, Council staff and our contractors Burleys collected rubbish from areas all round Newhaven as part of the Great British Spring Clean. The event took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March and dozens of bags of rubbish were collected to help make the town look spic and span for Easter. Some of our members cleared rubbish from along the footpath (and in the stream) that runs alongside the estate at Eastside. The committee are particularly angry about the state of polluted ditches around our estates and are working to see what improvements can be made in the future. We will continue to put pressure on the relevant authorities to ensure that our flora and fauna is enhance not only for this generation, but for generations to come.

### BANDSTAND

Plans to install a bandstand in the town centre to encourage a greater footfall have stalled. Lewes District Council is looking at a number of improvements for the town and this might have affected the siting. However, rather than lose the opportunity of the funding for the bandstand it will be built so that it can be moved in the future if necessary. At the present time we are looking at areas such as Huggett's Green.

### VALLEY PONDS

The Council commissioned an audit of Valley Ponds by Robert Bray Associates to investigate the reasons for local surface water flooding and also the decline of the toad population that use the ponds for breeding.

The local toad population has shown a dramatic decline over a number of years due to habitat change associated with development, and the effect of pollution from urban runoff.



The audit also assessed recent reports of surface water flooding around the ponds and along Willow Walk and possible land drainage mitigation measures that can be undertaken.

The ponds were originally excavated to provide clay for the adjacent brickworks and a map of 1913 shows the ponds being fed by a local stream and being surrounded by open pasture and allotments. We will be looking to work with Southern Water, East Sussex County Council and local ecologists to see what improvements we can make to the flooding issues and local flora and fauna.



## CASTLE HILL



At the time of going to press several members of the committee who are also members of the Castle Hill Group were awaiting a decision on whether they have been successful in obtaining a grant to build a dewpond on Castle Hill. The grant is from money left over from the section 106 money following the siting of the incinerator in the town. The Environment and Open Spaces Committee are keen to see more opportunities for the enhancement of flora and fauna in the town including more wetland areas.

Also as part of the bid the group want to put up an information board on Castle Hill to tell the story of the Second World War gun turrets and the associated buildings on the northern slopes. The information board would be in keeping with the Town Council's own information boards on wartime Newhaven.

*Councillor Graham Amy*  
*Chair of Environment & Open Spaces*

## *Community Engagement & Promotion Committee*

### *Chair - Councillor Julie Parr*



The Community Engagement and Promotion Committee oversees Council communications and promotions such as its website, newsletter and social media and is also responsible for supporting tourism and promotional activities, community events, civic and commemorative awards and the awarding of grants.

#### **SATURDAY BUS SERVICES**

An exciting new project this year has seen the town council providing funding to enable enhanced bus services to run on Saturdays, making it easier for everyone, families or individuals, young or old to get around our town to visit shops and other attractions and meet friends.

For an experimental period, travel on a Saturday on the 145 bus was made free for everyone; and the frequency was increased to hourly. This was as a result of partnership working between the town council, CTLA (Community Transport for the Lewes Area), Compass Bus and East Sussex County Council. The numbers of passengers using the 145 on Saturdays increased substantially as a result of the scheme.



A passenger survey was carried out in January to find out what people thought about the scheme. As a result of this, I am pleased to be able to announce that subsidised fares have been extended to the 123 bus service which serves the Valley area. From the end of April passengers travelling on Saturdays within the Newhaven boundaries on both the 145 and 123 services will be able to do so at half the normal cost, or free if they have an English National Concessionary bus pass. The 145 service will continue to be hourly.

#### **BEST OF NEWHAVEN PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION**

A photographic competition was held last Spring to find photographs showcasing the best of Newhaven to adorn a set of lamp post banners which have been erected on West Quay.

Hundreds of photographs were submitted to the competition, showing what a beautiful town we live in.





The best of them were chosen to win the prizes and were duly printed on the banners. Some of the photos were also used for a 2017 calendar.

### EVENTS FUNDING

The committee provides funding for a number of community events, such as the Diep-Haven cross Channel arts festival, the Denton Community Challenge and the May Day and Christmas events at the Hillcrest Community Centre. In addition, small grants for other purposes are made to many local voluntary groups.

### PUBLICATIONS AND WEBSITE

The popular quarterly publication Newhaven Matters is overseen by this committee. For the past two years, the committee has also produced a tourist leaflet about Newhaven – the Coast and Country Guide. Work is currently under way on the development of a new, mobile device friendly Town Council website, which we hope will go live in the next month or so.

### NEWHAVEN COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Newhaven Community Awards are overseen by the Community Engagement and Promotion Committee, this year's awards are for young people and will be presented by the Mayor at the annual Town Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at the Hillcrest Community Centre. The evening is always a really lovely occasion and it is wonderful to see the achievements of some of the town's young people and heroes in this way.



*Councillor Julie Parr,  
Engagement & Promotion Committee*

*Chair of Community*



# *The Role of Newhaven Town Council*

There are three tiers of local government with areas of responsibility in Newhaven – East Sussex County Council, Lewes District council and Newhaven Town Council.

**East Sussex County Council's** responsibilities include:

- ◆ Adult Social Care, working in partnership with East Sussex Downs & Weald PCT and others, to assess the needs of and commission services for older people and those with disabilities, either in their own homes or in residential placements;
- ◆ Waste Disposal, such as by landfill or incineration
- ◆ Children's Services, leading the Children's Trust arrangements, supporting school improvement, commissioning services for children and families through Children's Centres and otherwise, and managing fostering and adoption;
- ◆ Transport and Environment, including road safety; the maintenance of footways, roads and bridges, and street lighting; support for public transport; rights of way and access to the countryside; and protection of the Downs and Heritage Coast;
- ◆ A range of other services, including Libraries, Archives and Records Management, Trading Standards, Adult Community Learning, and the Registration Service.

**Lewes District Council's** responsibilities include:

- ◆ Housing
- ◆ Deciding planning applications
- ◆ Rubbish collection from premises in the town; provision of recycling facilities
- ◆ Street cleansing
- ◆ Environmental health
- ◆ Provision of leisure and sports facilities, such as the Seahaven Pool, recreation grounds
- ◆ Collection of Council Tax on behalf of all three tiers of local government
- ◆ Licensing of taxis

**Newhaven Town Council** is the equivalent of a village parish council. It receives annually a small percentage of the money raised by Council Tax, known as "the Precept." This money can be spent on the provision of various things that are of particular benefit to the local community and which the Town Council feel are not adequately provided by the other two tiers.

Eighteen local people serve as Councillors on the Town Council. They are all volunteers and receive no pay for the work they do on behalf of the town. Elections are held every four years.

During 2013-14 the Town Council adopted a new committee system with three main standing committees – Policy & Resources, Environment & Open Spaces and Community Engagement & Promotion. All meetings of the Council are open to the public and there is a short period at the beginning of each meeting put aside for questions from the public and for the receipt of petitions.

An important part of the role of the Town Council is to represent the views of the town in response to various public consultations.

On a regular basis our Planning Applications Committee meet to look at planning applications received by the Planning Authority and to pass on to them our comments. The Town Council always try to represent the views put forward by local people in this regard, although sometimes this can prove difficult when an application is controversial and has both vocal support and opposition amongst local residents.

Nevertheless, members of the Planning Applications Committee take a vigilant approach in representing the local viewpoint, and encourage objectors/supporters of planning applications to attend meetings and put forward their views. When an application is of particular public interest a special public meeting may be held.

At the present time, Newhaven Town Council provides the following for the local community:

- ◆ The Town Council **offices** in Fort Road act as an information point for local residents. The offices were the subject of a major refurbishment in 2003-4 and are people friendly, with easy public access from street level. Internally there is a lift for the less agile or parents with buggies and the interior is light, modern and convenient. Current planning applications can now be viewed on line during normal office opening hours. The building also has large reception area for viewing materials and a large private meeting room. Leaflets and posters are displayed concerning local events, places of interest and other items of general interest. The meeting room is modern and well equipped and is in regular use in hosting meetings. The offices are owned by the Town Council.
- ◆ Four **social centres** are owned, maintained and run by the Town Council. They are available for hire by local organisations and individuals. They are Denton Social Centre, East Side Social Centre, Lewes Road Hut and Meeching Hall.
- ◆ Some of the town's **recreation grounds** are maintained by the Town Council. These are the Denton Recreation Ground and Children's Play Area, the Valley Road Play Area, and the Lewes Road Recreation Ground and Children's Play Area. Other local recreation grounds and play areas are the responsibility of Lewes District Council.
- ◆ Three **amenity areas** in the town are maintained by the Town Council. The Bay View Amenity Area in Bay View Road is owned by the Town Council and maintained as a grassed area with public seating together with some play equipment for small children. The Valley Ponds area is owned and looked after by the Town Council as a wildlife conservation area and amenity area for local residents. The strip of land known as the Rose Walk Amenity area (behind Harbour Primary and Nursery School, linking Church Hill and Rose Walk) is owned by East Sussex County Council and maintained as a grassed area by the Town Council.
- ◆ The town's **war memorials** are looked after by the Town Council. All three memorials – the Canadian Memorial, the Mercantile Marine Memorial (also known as the Transport Memorial) and the town's War Memorial – now stand together in the Memorial Gardens in South Way. Each year in August, the Town Council hosts a commemoration service at the Canadian Memorial on the anniversary of the Dieppe Raid in 1942. The Town Council also works in partnership with the Royal British Legion to organise the annual service of remembrance during November
- ◆ **Newhaven Cemetery** is owned by the Town Council, which acts as the local burial authority. The Cemetery includes burial plots, a garden of remembrance for ashes interments, and a chapel which is used for some funerals.
- ◆ There are a small number of **allotments** at Newhaven Cemetery, which are let to local residents for a nominal annual fee. The allotments at East Side are owned and controlled by Lewes District Council.

- ◆ The Town Council owns and funds the **CCTV cameras** in the town centre, which are operated and maintained by Sussex Police.
- ◆ The **Christmas Lights and Christmas trees** in the town centre are funded and managed by the Town Council. A number of local businesses allow the Town Council use of their electricity supply for this purpose. The bulbs are LED energy saving bulbs.
- ◆ The **floral boat** at the junction of Bridge Street and South Way is owned and maintained by the Town Council together with the floral displays in the High Street. The Town Council has also planted bulbs in grass verges in various locations in recent years.
- ◆ A **community bus service** operating on a door to door dial-a-ride basis started on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, funded by the Town Council and operated by Community Transport for the Lewes Area (CTLA). On 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015 the CTLA launched a new free non-emergency service to help local people to and from their homes to their GP Practice and to Lewes Victoria Hospital. CTLA now offer a dial a ride bus service with is partially funded by the Town Council.
- ◆ Some of the **public seats** in the town are owned and maintained by the Town Council.
- ◆ There are 9 Town Council **noticeboards** around the town which are used for the display of Town Council minutes and agendas and a list of Town Councillors as well as for information on local events.

The Town Council is also consulted on wider matters, such as the Lewes District Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Development Framework plan.

The Town Council is represented on the following outside bodies:

- Access in Seaford and Newhaven Committee
- Age Concern Day Club
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Community Rail Partnership
- Community Transport for the Lewes Area (CTLA)
- East Sussex Association of Local Councils
- Egrets Way Committee
- Friends of Riverside Park
- Healthy Newhaven
- Heat Network Board
- Lewes District Association of Local Councils
- Lewes District Foyer
- Meridian Mature Citizens Forum
- Newhaven Chamber of Commerce
- Open Spaces Group
- Parishes of the Lower Ouse (POLO)
- Tourism & Culture Action Group
- Uckfield Railway Parishes committee



# Newhaven Town Council Structure 2016-17

## Town Council Members

### Denton Ward

Simon Barnes	10 St Leonards Close, Denton
Diane Hall	7 Fairholme Road, Newhaven
Gillian Smith	21 Eastbridge Road, Newhaven
Charlie Carr	73 Iveagh Crescent, South Heighton
Angela Simmons	Cedars House, 1 Heighton Road, Newhaven

### Meeching Ward

Graham Amy	71 Court Farm Road, Newhaven (Chair of Environment & Open Spaces)
June Dyer	44 Meeching Rise, Newhaven
Pat Clarke	Hornblow, The Highway, Newhaven
Marlene Amy	71 Court Farm Road, Newhaven
Peter Elms	12 Willow Walk, Newhaven
Paul Boswell	Meeching Estate Agents, 43 High Street, Newhaven (Deputy Mayor & Chair of Policy & Resources Committee)
Darren Grover	c/o Town Council Offices (Chair of Planning & Development Committee)

### Valley Ward

Tony Bradbury	4 Rothwell Court, Newhaven (Chair of Audit Committee)
Keith Corbett	7 Lee Way, Newhaven
Steve Saunders	25 Southdown Road, Newhaven (Mayor)
Julie Carr	73 Iveagh Crescent, South Heighton ( <i>Chair of Personnel &amp; Community Engagement &amp; Promotion Committees</i> )
Christoph von Kurthy	15 Newfield Road, Newhaven
Alex Wolfson	41 Lewes Road, Newhaven

## Staff

Clerk to the Council	Jacky Main
Responsible Finance Officer	Ruth Durrant
Head of Strategic Development	Susie Mullins
Administration & Finance Officers	Jill Marshall
Assistant to the Clerk	Nicky Still
Amenities Officer	Kevin Lewry

# *Financial Summary 2016-17*

## **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

The Town Council's full accounts for the year 2016/17 will be available later in the year for public inspection.

### **Income**

The Town Council's budget is comprised of the amount paid by residents of the town (via the Council Tax) and the amount raised by income from rentals, lettings, bank interest and other fees and charges.

#### **2016/17**

Precept (Council Tax)	£	439,126.00
LDC Grant	£	41,026.00
Income (budgeted)	£	72,945.00
	<b>£</b>	<b>553,097.00</b>

### **Expenditure**

The Town Council's expenditure is controlled by a budgeting and monitoring process which categorises expenditure into separate headings.

For the year 2016/17 the budgeted figures were

Administration/Office	£	86,682.00
Staff and Training	£	149,150.00
Building and Grounds Maintenance	£	173,545.00
Community Services/Engagement & Promotion/Partnership/Support	£	143,720.00
and Services (CCTV Cameras, Christmas lights, grants, play areas, Citizens Advice Bureau, School Holiday Activities)		<b>£553,097.00</b>

The Town Council also has an Earmarked Reserves Budget. This is used for projects for which it may be necessary to accumulate funding over a number of years or for special one-off funding demands.

During the year 2016/17, the following expenditure has been made from the Earmarked Reserves:

Devolution	£	2,520.00
Community Contingency Fund	£	-
Capital Expenditure	£	-

During the year 2016/17, the following grants were awarded by the Town Council:

2nd District Rainbows	£	200.00
abc Fund	£	300.00
Age UK East Sussex	£	350.00
Denton & Newhaven Guides	£	400.00
Dragoon Explorer Scouts	£	150.00
Friends of Riverside Park	£	200.00
Guesthouse Storytellers	£	100.00
Haven Cricket Club	£	100.00
Haven Harmonies	£	150.00
Home-Start East Sussex	£	400.00
Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance	£	200.00
Meeching Amateur Dramatics	£	500.00
National Coastwatch	£	1,000.00
Newhaven & Lewes District Mencap	£	450.00
Newhaven Country Market	£	100.00
Newhaven Cricket Club	£	120.00
Newhaven Football Club	£	100.00
Newhaven Historical Society	£	250.00
Newhaven Maestro Big Band	£	100.00
Newhaven Tennis Club	£	57.00
Nippers	£	157.92
Our Newhaven	£	210.00
Ouse Valley Cycle Network - Egrets Way	£	200.00
Rock Solid Youth Club	£	200.00
Rotary Club of Newhaven	£	200.00
Sacred Heart Church	£	250.00
SCDA - Jitterbugs toddler group	£	297.40
St Leonards Church Hall	£	244.00
Veterans & Armed Forces Day	£	125.00
Women's Fellowship	£	300.00

Note:

The accounts of Newhaven Town Council are audited each year in compliance with the Audit Commission Act 1993 - Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/553).

The accounts for the year 2016/17 have been duly audited and certified by the external auditor.