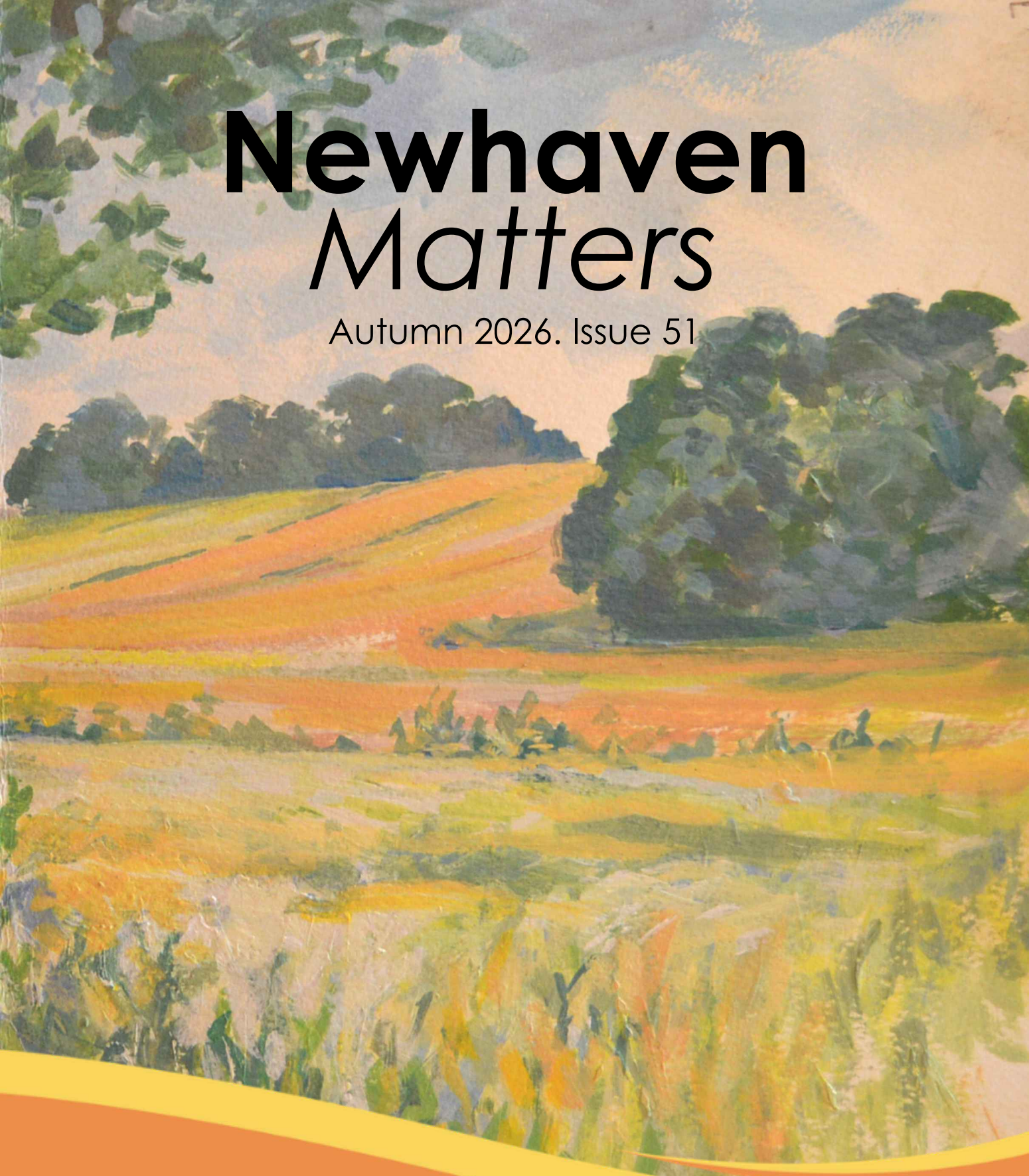


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27th October	24th November	8th December	22nd December
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Message from the Mayor

***Photo** (left to right): Mayor's Cadet, Newhaven Town Mayor and Mayor's Consort.*

Hello everyone,

Over the past few months, I have been inspired by the dedication of our volunteers, community groups, charities and residents. From the Sustainable Living Fair and Sussex Day to events hosted by the RNLI and local churches, the strength and community spirit has been clear.

A particular highlight was welcoming visitors from Vietnam and celebrating Newhaven's international friendships.

Our longstanding links with Dieppe were also marked through the Twinning Association's events and commemorations of the Dieppe Raid. Closer to home, I have enjoyed attending events celebrating interests and achievements, including the Model Railway Exhibition, Scouts AGM and the unveiling of a new anchor school bench.

As Autumn approaches, events such as Sea Sunday continue to celebrate our heritage and bring people together.

Completing the Richmond Marathon with my husband and raising funds for my mayoral charities, was another personal highlight. Thank you to everyone who supported us and continue to make our community so special.

Newhaven Photographic Competition 2026

The Newhaven Photographic competition is soon coming to a close. If you haven't submitted your entry yet, there is still time until midnight on 15th October to enter your best photo of Newhaven.

All photographs must:

- Be taken using a mobile phone only
- Be taken by the entrant
- Reflect the theme "Best of Newhaven"
- Be submitted in portrait orientation

Please enter via email: photocomp@newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk

One photo per entrant only.

For more details about the competition, please visit www.newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk/newhaven-photographic-competition-2026.



Community Car Clubs Expand Across Lewes District

Photo: Cllr O'Brien

Residents across Lewes district are being encouraged to take advantage of a growing community car club network, providing access to vehicles without the cost and commitment of car ownership. Vehicles are available at Newhaven Lower Place Car Park.

Lewes District Councillor Emily O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Climate, Nature and Food Systems, said: *"Car clubs provide a practical and affordable alternative to owning a vehicle, while helping to reduce congestion, lower carbon emissions and support more sustainable travel habits".*

For more information about membership, vehicle locations and pricing, visit: www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/community-car-clubs

For public electric vehicle charging points, which are available in car parks across the district, visit www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/ev-chargers for more details.

Lights, Cameras, Action: Resident and Business views

Wellbeing Square is now open and in use. More improvements will be made to the town centre, including upgraded street lighting, seating and planting. Newhaven Town Council will update CCTV across the town centre making use of the new state of the art lighting system.

What do town centre businesses think?



"Newhaven Cards, 44-46 High Street: Planting and seating look great. With the GP surgeries and new businesses opening one could say we are turning a corner."



"Citizens Advice, 15-19 Chapel St: Residents will have a more attractive, safe and vibrant place to live, with improved access to health and wellbeing services in the town centre."



"Newhaven Pet Shop, 39 High Street: I like it."

What it could look like



Upper High Street visualisation



What's in the planting beds?


Sea Thrift


Hemerocallis 'burning daylight'


Hemerocallis 'stafford'


Festuca glauca 'sunrise'


Juncus patens 'carman's grey'


Veronicastrum virginicum 'adoration'


Crocosmia 'orange pekoe'


Iris 'black gamecock'


Calamgostris x acuitflora 'KF'


Helenium 'moerheim beauty'


Molinia caerulea 'Overdam'


Eryngium bourgatii 'pecos blue'

What do residents think? October 2025 Public Exhibition

> It shows Newhaven the love it deserves!

> A good use of smallish budget. Planting, murals, rocks, colour palette...really positive impact.

> Love the large stones, love the trachycarpus, love the blossom trees.

> This looks great! I love the lights.

> More shrub areas to prevent pavement parking...use the car parks. Seating areas are an improvement.

> Lots more trees will be great! Less concrete jungle.

Frequently Asked Questions

When will work start and finish? Work is due to start in Autumn 2026 and finish in Summer 2027.

Will the High St be closed for vehicles? There will be partial road closures but these will be kept to a minimum and advertised in advance.

Will parking be affected? Lower Place Car Park, the smaller car park next to the public toilets, will be temporarily closed. On-street parking restrictions will remain in place, including East Sussex Highways' "no waiting at any time" policy, and Penalty Charge Notices may be issued. Alternative parking will be available at Lower Place Car Park, and Dacre Road Car Park.

Will businesses suffer lack of access during the works? Measures will be put in place to limit disruption and maintain access to all premises throughout the works.

What about deliveries? The contractor will work with businesses to help ensure deliveries can continue during the works.

How many trees will be planted? The scheme includes 24 new trees. However, excavation may reveal underground obstacles that were not identified in the survey data, so the final number may need to be reduced.

What will happen to the existing trees and planting beds? Existing trees will be retained. New planting beds will be added, and existing beds will be upgraded and replanted.

Will lighting be affected during construction? The lighting column works will be sequenced so that lighting remains at the required level during construction.

Find out more at:
newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk and lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/Newhaven - Improvement-FAQs
For an overview of the The Re-imagining Newhaven Programme visit lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/Newhaven

Connecting Business and Community



Photo: *Newhaven Chamber of Commerce presents a £2,000 donation to the Seaford Downs Syndrome & Special Needs Support Group following the Seahaven Business Awards.*

Connecting businesses, supporting the community and celebrating success

The Newhaven Chamber of Commerce is a thriving group of local businesses from across the town and district who network, share ideas and support one another. Membership is about much more than attending meetings, it's about becoming part of a vibrant business community that works together to help their enterprises grow while making a positive difference to Newhaven.

Networking with Purpose

Since the last edition of *Newhaven Matters*, Chamber members have enjoyed an impressive range of guest speakers and topics. Every meeting offers something different, giving members the opportunity to learn, be inspired and make valuable new connections.

Subjects have included:

- Cruises and the tourism industry
- Homelessness charities and community support
- The benefits of employing neurodivergent people
- Swimming the English Channel
- Swing bands, art, culture and local theatres
- Business grants, finance and changes to HR
- Buying and renovating a hotel
- The Rampion Wind Farm



Speakers arrive with fresh and interesting perspectives providing members with information and new ideas. Visitors are welcome to come along on a Wednesday morning for breakfast at 7am. Bookings can be made through the Newhaven Chamber of Commerce website.

Building Relationships Beyond Business

Networking isn't confined to the breakfast table with a programme of social events, including organised walks, dining experiences and friendly boules matches, giving members the chance to get to know one another in a relaxed setting.

Looking ahead, excitement is already building for a long weekend in Dieppe in 2027, where members will travel together, strengthening links with our French neighbours while enjoying a sunshine break, and a Raft Race entry for 2027 in the Lewes to Newhaven Raft Race.



Photo: *Chamber President Mike Shorer presents a £250 donation to Haven Harmonies Choir in support of its community work.*

"It's been a proud year for many of our members since their successes in the Seahaven Business Awards in May. Since May, Tomsetts Distribution and The Sussex Sign Company were also shortlisted in the Sussex Chamber of Commerce Business Awards. Their success demonstrates the talent, innovation and resilience that exists in our business community, and we are delighted to see them receive the recognition they deserve"

Giving Back to Our Community

Supporting local organisations is an important part of what the Chamber does.

Following the Seahaven Business Awards, the Chamber was delighted to present a £2,000 cheque to the Seaford Downs Syndrome and Special Needs Support Group. The donation will help the charity continue its fantastic work supporting children, young people and families throughout the local area.

The Chamber also donated £250 to Haven Harmonies Choir, helping them continue their valuable work bringing people together through music. The contribution will support running costs and ensure the choir remains a welcoming and inclusive place for local residents.

Speaking about the donation, Chamber President Mike Shorer said:

"We're proud to support local groups that make such a positive contribution to the wellbeing and social life of our community. Haven Harmonies Choir has been bringing people together for many years and continues to make a real difference."

New Business Welcome

Technology Saints



Welcome to new local business Technology Saints, providing a service for residents of Newhaven. Technology Saints is delighted to be supporting the Newhaven community by helping local residents feel more confident with today's technology.

With over **30 years of professional IT experience**, Veemal provides friendly, patient home visits for people who need help with laptops, desktop computers, printers, mobile phones, tablets, Wi-Fi, smart TVs, email, passwords, apps and much more. Whether something has stopped working, you've bought a new device, or technology simply feels

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Business News

Pat's Pizza Expands its Newhaven Offering

Since opening on the High Street in May, Pat's Pizza has quickly established itself among local residents. The pizzeria has now extended its opening hours, with the shop open on Tuesdays from 5pm to 9pm following customer demand.

Pat's Pizza has also introduced its own local delivery drivers. A new addition to the Newhaven team, Libera, has also joined the pizzeria, bringing experience from Italy via Fatto a Mano.

Customers can now enjoy Pat's pizzas at The White Hart pub in town, with pizzas available for delivery to the venue. The business will also be serving customers at South Heighton Bonfire on 14 November.

Pat's Pizza is at 29 High Street, Newhaven, open Tuesday 5–9pm and Wednesday–Sunday 12–9pm, with delivery and collection available online.

Mid-Summer Festival of the Sea

Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club





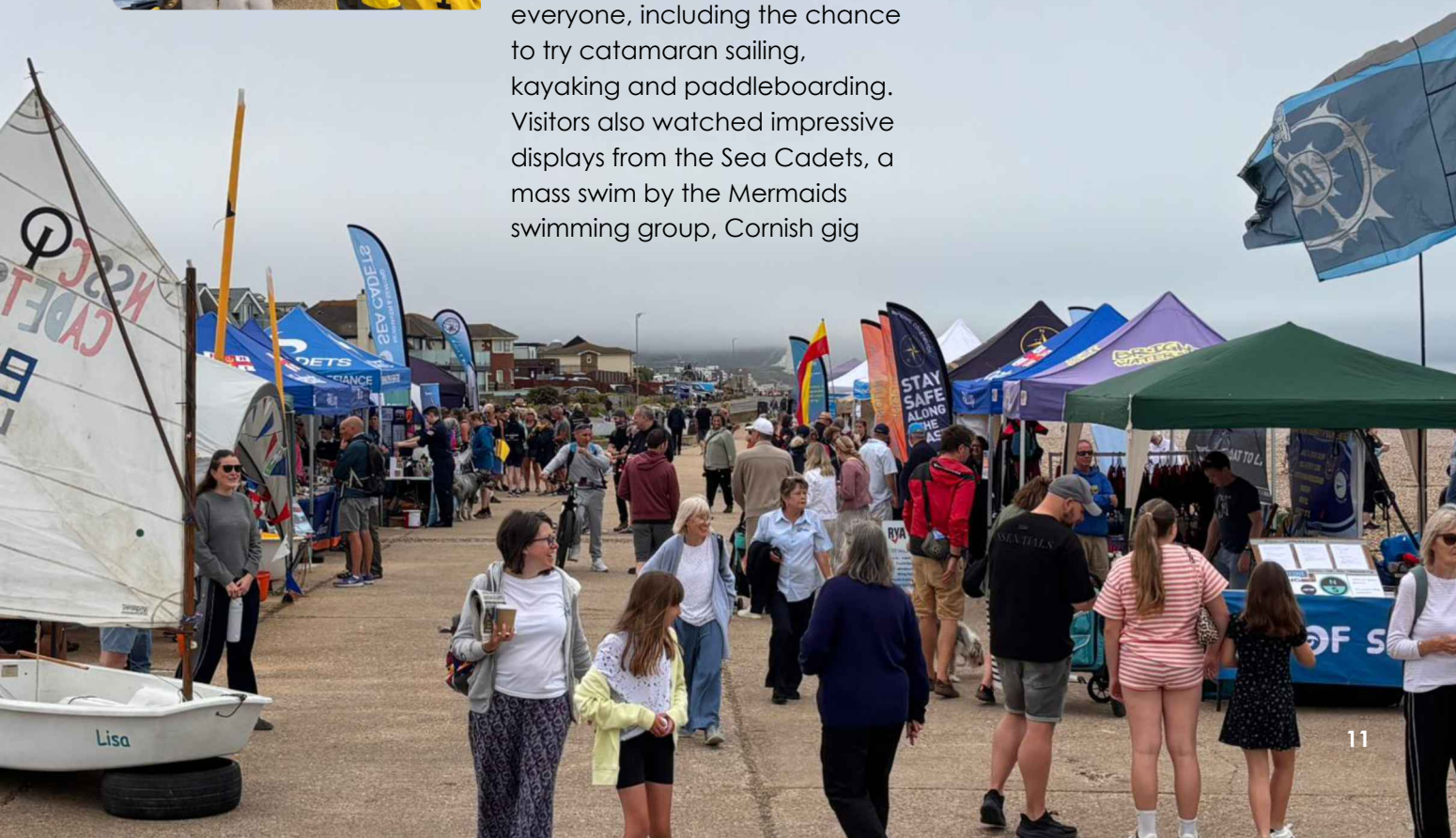
More than 1,000 people turned up to support the inaugural Sea Festival hosted by Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club, making it a memorable celebration for Newhaven's maritime community.

The festival was organised to introduce more people to the sailing club, promote the organisations connected with Seaford Bay and encourage new friendships and partnerships within the local community. From 10am to 2pm, around 20 exhibitors lined the promenade, before the celebrations continued into the evening with sea shanty singers and performances from local bands.

There was something for everyone, including the chance to try catamaran sailing, kayaking and paddleboarding. Visitors also watched impressive displays from the Sea Cadets, a mass swim by the Mermaids swimming group, Cornish gig rowing races and a sailing demonstration by the club's own fleet.

One of the day's biggest attractions was the RNLI rescue demonstration, where Newhaven's lifeboat crews carried out a mock beach rescue with live commentary explaining every stage of the operation.

The event was made possible thanks to the hard work of volunteers from the sailing club and the support of the wider community. Following such a successful first festival, organisers are already looking forward to making the event even bigger and better in 2027.







Creature Creature, a resilient alt-rock/alt-punk band formed in 2016 has been building a strong following in the UK in recent years. With a promising start, the band began their musical journey by winning Brighton's Busk Stop competition with their debut gig and played various festivals such as *Beautiful Days Festival* under the name *40 Shillings on the Drum*. Following their album *Two Finger Tantrum* in 2020, lockdown brought significant challenges for the band, with cancelled live shows and a changing demographic. This did not stop their desire to continue making music. Creature Creature used this moment to refine the band's sound, making the decision to move away from their folk-punk roots and bring it into the modern era. They are particularly inspired by *Frank Carter and the Rattlesnakes, Royal Blood* and *IDLES*.

This year, following the release of an EP and lead single with Billy Lunn of The Subways, the band spent twenty days in Kent recording a new album with producer Dan Lucus, known for his work with *AC/DC*. The band were looking for a producer who could match the work of Tommy Gleeson (Feeder/Skindred) and approached Chris Sheldon, who is known for *Foo Fighters* classics such as *Everlong* and *My Hero*. Chris recommended Dan to produce the songs before he began the mixing process. After the band heard Dan's portfolio, they quickly booked a studio session and began recording. The band are extremely excited to show their new work and surprise their fans with heartfelt moments and a surprising new twist to their work.

With one of the band members being a resident of Newhaven, they have also made use of the local landscape, having shot a successful music video for their song '*No Time to Die*'. *They shot* scenes including Newhaven Fort that has over 99,000 views on YouTube. All of the members are known in Newhaven for their 90's cover band 'Dance Vader' and regularly play at The Bridge pub and 'The Engineer', so they are no strangers to Newhaven.

The first single 'Scalpers Attack!' from their album will be released in February 2027. You can keep up to date with their release via their Linktree online:
Linktr.ee/creaturecreature

''The new flagbearers of rock'' – The Brighton Magazine
''Creature Creature are ready to take the journey into becoming rockstars in their own right…10/10'' - Rocklife Magazine
''Creature Creature are destined for big things. Unleash this monster as soon as you can'' – Andy Joice, Punktastic
"This band are, more than anything, brimming with fun and energy - even as they tackle social matters in their songs.' - Billy Lunn, The Subways





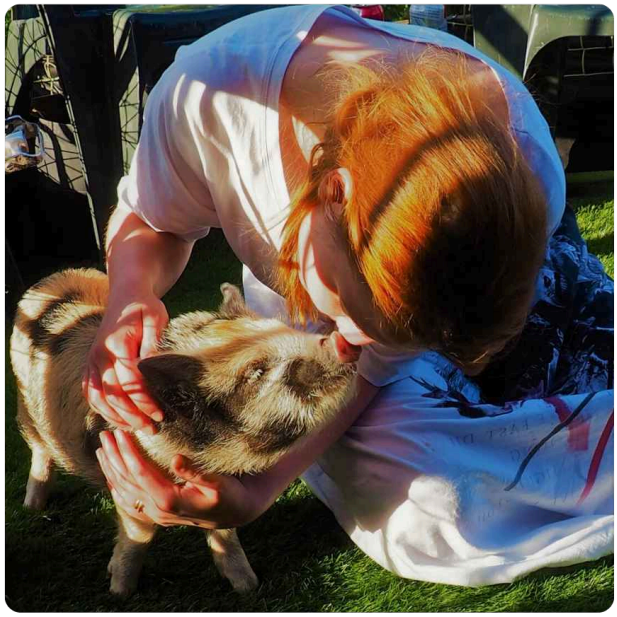
Meet Daisy
Newhaven's Celebrity Pig

"SHE LOVES CUDDLES AND BELLY RUBS. SHE IS ALSO STUBBORN AND LIKES TO THINK FOR HERSELF. SHE KNOWS WHAT WE'RE ASKING, BUT SHE ALWAYS CONSIDERS WHETHER DOING IT WILL BENEFIT HER!" - ROXANNE

In Newhaven, it's not unusual to see people stop, smile and take photos when they spot Daisy out and about. This much-loved pet pig has become a local celebrity, bringing joy to everyone she meets.

Daisy is a unique mix of six different sized breeds such as Gloucester Spot, Potbelly and Kune Kune. Her owner Roxanne describes her as affectionate, intelligent and full of character.

The dream of owning a pig began when Daisy's owner was a teenager and saw a TV programme about miniature pigs being walked in Tokyo. She instantly fell in love and spent 20 years saying she would one day have a pet pig. That dream came true on her 10th wedding anniversary, when her husband surprised her with Daisy.





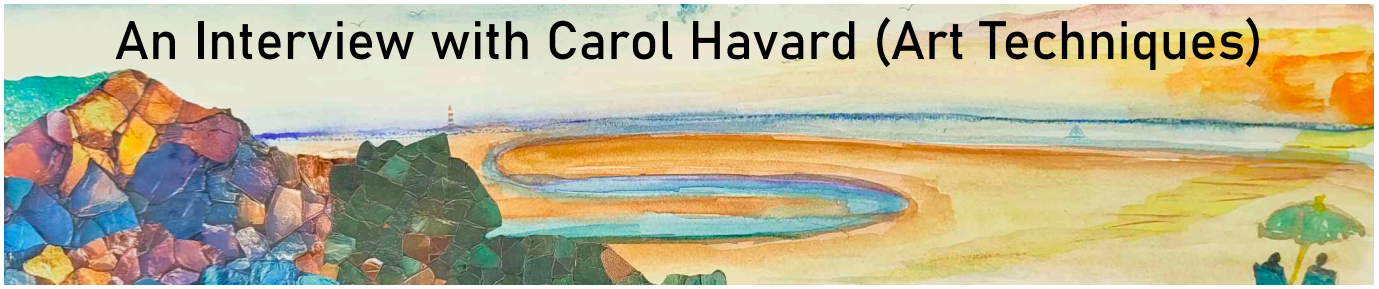
Now, Daisy enjoys a relaxed lifestyle of naps on the sofa, helping in the kitchen and asking for treats. She loves fruit and vegetables, especially mango and banana, although she has been known to secretly reject foods she dislikes by spitting them out behind her when nobody is watching.

During walks, Daisy attracts plenty of attention, with people often amazed that pigs can be clean, clever and affectionate pets. She even knows her name and has learned sit and "hoof". Although she cleverly sits without being asked because she knows it may earn her a treat.

Daisy has changed the way Roxanne sees animals, inspiring a deeper commitment to animal welfare. Daisy's message is simple: pigs are intelligent, loving and deserve a life full of comfort, kindness and care. If you see Daisy out and about, she loves meeting new people, so do not be afraid of saying hello!

Please remember pigs are considered livestock under UK Law and require a licence. You can find out more about pig keeping at https://www.gov.uk/guidance/keeping-a-pet-pig-or-micropig

An Interview with Carol Havard (Art Techniques)





***Carol Havard from Art Techniques* describes *her activity at BN9 Studios in August '26 and her legacy in Newhaven*.**

A bit about you?

I grew up in Newhaven but my parents weren't from here. I felt like an outsider and didn't quite fit in at first. I had very creative parents. My father, Tom Dove, ran a museum service for East Sussex County Council but he was also a prolific painter. My mother ran a pottery class at the Hillcrest Centre. I ran groups at the Hillcrest for the youth service and decided to set up 'Smart Art' which ran for 25 years. Art is my expressive way to give something back to the town.

I participated in the Fish Festival working with SCDA for 15 years, working with UTC students, Brownies, Primary schools and more to make parades but funding unfortunately ran out. I've collaborated with so many different organisations here.

What is "At the Edge"?

'At the Edge' was an event that was part of the 'Chalk Land' project (2023 - 2028); exploring the themes of the chalk downland of Newhaven through the arts. Through the project I have raised nearly £3000 in aid of cancer.

What has happened so far?

We have had several things on display. We have had an exhibition of photographs from Inroads Productions of about six of their big productions for people to look at. We have also had an exhibition of my father, Tom Dove's paintings and drawings that he made at the edge of Newhaven, South Downs and Seven Sisters. Sarah Clifford, director of Inroads Productions ran a creative writing workshop and I facilitated people making images on postcards to support the story. I have also run a family friendly mosaic project to benefit the wellbeing of people in the community.

What are your hopes for the future?

I'd like to keep facilitating and put an exhibition on in Newhaven of more of my fathers works and some of my work but I'd also just like to spread the passion and enthusiasm I have for art to local people first. Art is so important for wellbeing and that is really important to me.

What challenges have you faced?

The biggest challenge is children that are having difficulties at school. I've never had any problems with the children that come to me and I think that goes to show how the power of choice and expression gives a positive outlet for people that are struggling to fit in. When the youth service folded and the funding stopped, there just wasn't the opportunity for these children to have an outlet. I want to open up opportunities for young people to have the power of choice, expression of freedom and responsibility that will allow them to feel in control of their lives.

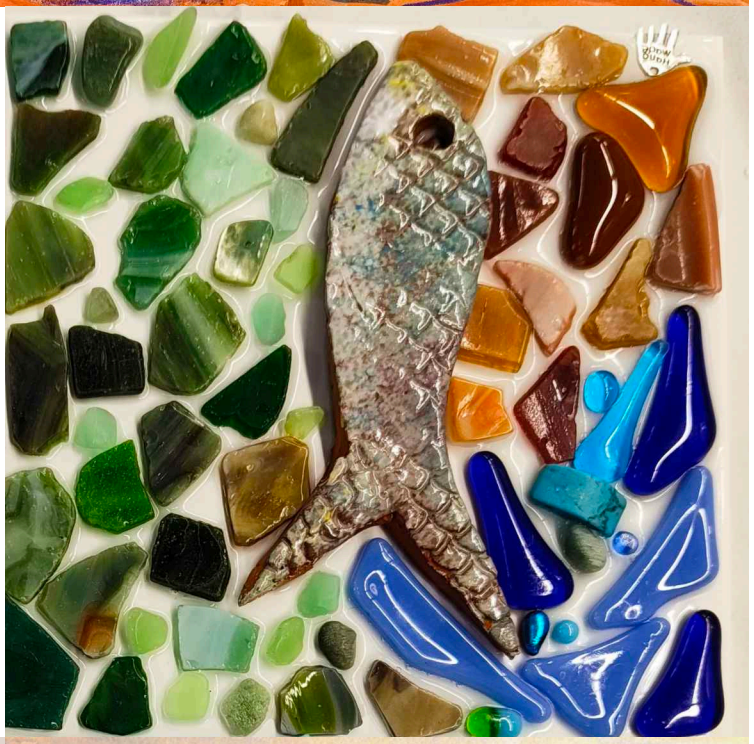




Carol Havard (Art Techniques and Sara Clifford (Inroads Productions invite you to a residency and sharing of their work in Newhaven – past, present and future – featuring the chalk landscape and coastline of the area. Alongside an open exhibition, each event features a different activity.

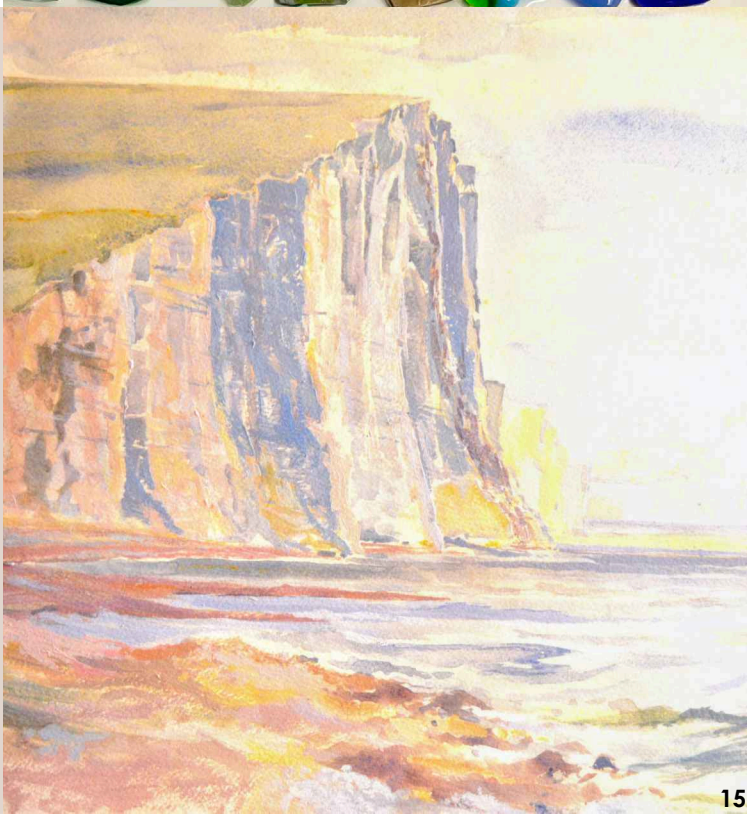
Find out about Carol's long-standing creative family connection to Newhaven, and the forthcoming participatory community musical/opera from Inroads website, as well as dates, details and booking links to upcoming events:

https://www.inroads.org.uk/



About Tom Dove

Tom Dove produced many hand drawn cartoons for The Times newspaper. He painted many Sussex landscapes and had a particular love of painting water. One of his favourite locations to paint being Newhaven harbour. Tom's works can be seen featured across this magazine in celebration of his prolific dedication to Newhaven and the surrounding landscapes.



Winner at International Green Apple Awards

East Sussex non-profit Havens Community Hub CIC has won an International Green Apple Environment Award for its flagship surplus food initiative, Havens Food Cooperative.

Chosen from more than 700 entries worldwide in the Food Waste Prevention sector, the grassroots project was selected for its daily work tackling commercial food waste and supporting coastal communities across East Sussex. The team will attend an awards ceremony at the House of Lords on Monday 23 November 2026, where the level of their award: Bronze, Silver, Gold, or Green Champion will be revealed.

Established in 2020, Havens Food Cooperative runs 365 days a year from its central pantry on Thompson Road, Denton. Supported by a full-time manager, the dedicated team of over 45 volunteers collects surplus stock, short-dated goods, and 'wonky' produce from 21 supermarket stores, including partners such as Sainsbury's, Tesco, Lidl, Waitrose, Asda, M&S, and Co-op. The rescued food is shared directly through the daily pantry and distributed to 17 local pop-up pantries, youth organisations, social clubs, and food banks across the Lewes District.



To date, the initiative has achieved:

- **Over £2 million worth** of quality, edible food saved from waste - hitting this milestone at the start of 2026.
- **More than 680 tonnes** of food have been diverted from landfill since founding.
- **Up to 3.5 tonnes rescued weekly**, preventing approximately 7 tonnes of CO_2e greenhouse gas emissions.
- **Direct support for 17 partner groups** and hundreds of local households weekly across the Lewes District without barrier or stigma.
- **A zero-waste composting cycle**, where any items unfit for consumption are processed to enrich local community allotments.

"When good food is thrown away, it rots in landfill sites and damages the environment, while local families miss out on fresh meals," said Paula Woolven, BEM, Founder and CEO of Havens Community Hub CIC. "We set up the Cooperative to fix both problems at once. Hitting the £2 million mark in rescued food and receiving an International Green Apple Award is down to our fantastic volunteers and retail partners who turn up every single day to make this happen."

Following their win, Havens Community Hub CIC has also been invited to take up Green World Ambassador status, putting the East Sussex project forward to represent the UK at the 2027 Green World Awards. The Cooperative's operational model will also be published in *The Green Book*, an international reference volume for environmental best practice.

Greenhavens Network
Building Resilience in a Changing Climate



The effects of climate change are becoming increasingly visible in our everyday lives. Longer, hotter summers, periods of drought and wetter winters are changing the way we live and garden. Rather than feeling overwhelmed, we can take practical steps to build resilience in our homes, gardens and communities.

One of the simplest ways to prepare for drier summers is to make the most of every drop of water. Installing a water butt, creating rain gardens and allowing water to soak naturally into the ground can help replenish the soil and reduce pressure on our water supplies. Mulching around trees, shrubs and vegetables with compost, bark or straw helps retain moisture, keeps roots cool and improves soil health.

Planting trees is another investment in the future. They provide shade, cool our surroundings, support wildlife and help create healthier, more resilient landscapes. Choosing drought-tolerant plants and growing a diverse range of species can also help our gardens cope with changing weather patterns.

Resilience is about more than the environment; it is about people too. Spending time outdoors, growing food, sharing knowledge and supporting local community projects all strengthen the connections that help us through challenging times.

Every positive action, however small, makes a difference. By working with nature rather than against it, we can create greener neighbourhoods, healthier ecosystems and stronger communities. Together, we can adapt to a changing climate and leave a lasting legacy for future generations.





Did you know that Newhaven & District Model Railway Club, located in Norton Road, Newhaven, has recently extended their clubhouse? This enables them to welcome more projects and members. The clubhouse would like to extend a big thank you to Newhaven Enterprise Zone and The Chalk Pit Trust, who with the help of their grants, have made it possible. Their community focused club can offer experience, expertise and creativity associated with one of the nations most rewarding hobbies. Their friendly and inclusive membership operates in a safe environment, allowing people of all ages and abilities to learn new skills. Members are able to use their test track, or socialise and enjoy the atmosphere.

In May, they held a successful first Summer Exhibition and will be hosting a second on 31st October '26. The day will be a fantastic chance to ask questions, meet club members and get a taste of what Model Railways has to offer. There will also be a variety of layouts, exhibitors and shops to look at whilst enjoying a refreshment. You can find full event details on the Events page and more about club days in Clubs and Activities in the back of this magazine.



Summer Exhibition 2026

FOBS
Friends of Bishopstone Station





Friends of Bishopstone Station have restored and opened their historic Platform Waiting Room. This beautifully refurbished space now hosts a permanent exhibition celebrating the Ouse Estuary, the remarkable landscape stretching from Newhaven to Bishopstone.

The exhibition, created by local artist Andrew Dandridge and historian Charlie Grimble, explores the estuary's people, history, and changing environment. It has quickly become a point of interest for residents and visitors alike. Many visitors commented on how inspiring it was to see the station used as a gateway to understanding the landscape around it.

A grant from Community Pitch will enable Friends of Bishopstone Station to build on this success next year by offering regular open days, making the exhibition more accessible to those exploring the coast, Tide Mills, and the wider estuary. As part of their commitment to promoting local and eco-tourism, they hope the Waiting Room will become a welcoming stop for walkers, cyclists, and heritage enthusiasts discovering the area.

They are also developing the space as a base for schools and youth groups undertaking field trips into the Ouse Estuary and Tide Mills. With its sheltered environment, educational display and equipment, and access to the Estuary footpaths, the Waiting Room is ideally placed to support outdoor learning and environmental exploration.

Friends of Bishopstone Station look forward to welcoming even more visitors in the year ahead.

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The Forgotten Air Battle of Dieppe

When the Dieppe Raid is remembered, attention often focuses on the Royal Navy and the soldiers of Canada, Britain and the French Resistance. Yet above the beaches, one of the Second World War's largest and most intense air battles was unfolding.

For Operation *Jubilee*, the Royal Air Force committed an astonishing 74 squadrons, including 66 fighter squadrons. Spitfires formed the backbone of the force, supported by Hurricane fighter-bombers, Mustang reconnaissance aircraft and light bombers. Their mission was to protect Allied troops and ships while drawing the *Luftwaffe* into a decisive battle of attrition.

The skies over Dieppe became the scene of fierce combat involving more aircraft than even the Battle of Britain. Although RAF Fighter Command claimed significant damage to the enemy, the cost was heavy. The RAF lost 91 aircraft in combat, along with 64 pilots, 47 of whom were killed. The Royal Canadian Air Force also suffered losses, while many other aircraft were destroyed through accidents, friendly fire or damage beyond repair.

Although the raid itself fell short of its objectives, the air battle marked an important step in the Allied campaign for air superiority. Improved aircraft production, pilot training and tactics gradually shifted the balance against the *Luftwaffe*, helping to secure the overwhelming Allied control of the skies seen on D-Day and throughout the final years of the war.
"We shall remember them." *Squadron Leader Bill Giles, RAF (Retired)*

The Hillcrest Centre Takes a Step Towards a Greener Future

The Hillcrest Centre announced the exciting news that it had secured funding from both Rampion and the Community Infrastructure Levy bid to deliver a programme of essential energy-saving improvements.



A brand-new solar installation is now fully operational, providing Hillcrest with long-term annual savings while reducing energy costs and supporting its ongoing commitment to sustainability.

The project has also seen new windows and doors installed in the studios, bringing improvements to security, insulation and ventilation. Together, these upgrades are helping to create a more comfortable, efficient and sustainable environment for everyone who uses the site.

The Hillcrest is now looking ahead to the next stage of its development. Plans include modernising the heating system and refurbishing the bathrooms, continuing the investment in a safer, greener and more efficient Hillcrest for the whole community.

Hit the Road Jack!



From complete beginner to dedicated fundraiser, what started as a single challenge quickly became a journey of personal achievement, enjoyment and giving back.

Jack's journey began when he signed up to run the Brighton Half Marathon in support of *International Animal Rescue*, an organisation dedicated to protecting endangered animals. Having never run before, the prospect of completing a half marathon seemed daunting.

With determination, Jack entered smaller races to build experience, including a 10K in January and a 10-mile race in February, whilst fitting additional training runs into his spare time. By the time the half marathon arrived, he crossed the finish line in an impressive 1 hour and 52 minutes, raising over £300 in just three months.

After the marathon, Jack entered three more local half marathons; Hastings, Seaford and Worthing, booking all three events at the same time.

Not long afterwards, while attending a meeting of *Meeching and District Bonfire Society* (MAD), the conversation turned to fundraising for the society's Bonfire Night celebrations and participation in neighbouring societies' processions. Jack launched a *GoFundMe* page to begin raising money.

By May, he had completed all three half marathons, achieving personal bests in almost every race. His efforts raised £235 for MAD, while his fundraising for *International Animal Rescue* exceeded £500. Both organisations expressed their gratitude.

Like many runners, there have been moments when doubt has crept in and the temptation to stop has been overwhelming. Throughout every moment, Jack's family and girlfriend have been there for every race, forming what he affectionately describes as his own "race team." They are always the loudest supporters as he approaches the finish line. As he puts it, "A race car can't race without its pit crew."

Charity Walk Fund: Val Evans



Supporting a charity can take many forms, and one local carer has certainly gone the extra mile. Val Evans, who cares for her husband, receives support from East Sussex Charity Association of Carers through its meet-ups. Upon cancellation of the first charity walk set in April between Eastbourne and Hastings, Val set her own challenge of walking from Newhaven to Brighton and raised over £500. Her dedication has helped raise valuable support for other unpaid carers.

For carers, even a short break can be transformative. It might mean time for essential shopping, a walk, a hobby, rest without worry or meeting a friend for coffee.



Newhaven Football Club's U14's Crowned Champions

Newhaven Under-14 Reds are celebrating an outstanding achievement after being crowned champions of the Crowborough District Junior Football League Group A following an exceptional season.

The talented team claimed both the Golden Boot and Golden Glove awards, highlighting excellent group communication, strength, and determination. Every player played a vital role in the club's success, with teamwork and commitment proving to be the foundation of another memorable campaign.



This latest triumph marks the Reds' third league title, adding to last season's Sussex Sunday Division 1 championship and cementing the team's reputation as one of the area's most successful youth sides.

Behind the success is a combination of dedication and outstanding coaching, the players' commitment, their willingness to support one another on and off the pitch, and the guidance of the coaching and management team. All have contributed to another title-winning season.

Congratulations to Newhaven Under-14 Reds on a remarkable achievement and best wishes for continued success in the seasons ahead!





This fascinating photograph, taken from the roof of the old engine sheds, captures a remarkable view of Newhaven's railway infrastructure during a period of significant change. Dominating the foreground is the railway turntable, together with the network of tracks that linked the engine sheds to the main line and the North Quay sidings situated beyond the Town Station.

The image offers an intriguing snapshot of the surrounding landscape. In the distance, Mount Pleasant rises above the town, while South Heighton appears sparsely developed. At the time the photograph was taken, the only houses visible there were the Guinness Trust buildings and those in Brands Close. To the left stands the Railway Tavern, a familiar landmark for generations of railway workers and travellers. On the right can be seen Newhaven Town Station, complete with its distinctive footbridges, once a notable feature of the station. Beyond the railway, the emerging New Road industrial estate can already be seen taking shape, hinting at the town's future growth.

One of the most significant features visible in the photograph is the turntable itself. Its removal came during the final year before the withdrawal of the overnight sleeper service linking Newhaven with Stirling in Scotland. The loss of the turntable created an unusual operational challenge. The large locomotive that hauled the sleeper train

could no longer be turned in Newhaven and instead had to travel in reverse all the way to Brighton to be turned, before reversing back again to Newhaven to couple onto the train, a time-consuming and rather inefficient procedure that highlighted the importance of even seemingly modest railway facilities.

The photograph also captures two locomotives that help to date the scene. The smaller engine, the famous "Terrier" locomotive No. 32670 *Bodiam*, is still preserved and operating today on the Kent and East Sussex Railway. Alongside it is No. 32503, an E-Class locomotive originally built under the name *Buckland*. Withdrawn from service in 1963, its presence provides a valuable clue to the photograph's age, placing the image in the early 1960s during the closing years of steam operation in the area.

Today, the photograph serves as a valuable record of a vanished railway landscape, preserving a moment when steam locomotives, turntables and extensive sidings were still an integral part of Newhaven's working life.



During June's record-breaking heatwave, 31 members from the Newhaven Twinning Association hopped on the ferry and travelled to Newhaven's twin town La Chapelle-Saint-Mesmin for an unforgettable visit.



We enjoyed food and entertainment from a very talented duo on arrival in Orléans. We were treated to an amazing Edith Piaf set and a traditional barrel organ!



On Sunday we enjoyed a tour of the castle (Château d'Yèvre-le-Châtel) and enjoyed sight-seeing the village and rose garden. The 13th century castle is the property of the commune and has been listed since 1862 as a ''monument historique'' by the French Ministry of Culture.

On Monday we enjoyed a much needed rest and met the Mayor over a farewell brunch before returning back to Newhaven.



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Oct 2 - Nov 1. 10am-4pm Thu - Sun. BN9 Studios, Marine Workshops, BN9 1XD.
photofringe.org

Edward Paul Jennings Exhibition
Oct 13 - 18th . Tue-Sun. Atrium, Marine Workshops BN9 1XD

Coming Into Light Exhibition
Oct 22 - 25. BN9 Studios, Marine Workshops, BN9 1XD
Johanna-berger.com

The Ships Got Talent Finals
Oct 25th. 5-9pm . The Ship, 6 High Street, BN9 9PE
madtheatre.org

Wilder Shores of Love Video Installation Oct 27-Nov 1. BN9 Studios. Artist talk Sat 31.
mchblank.co.uk

Halloween Half Term Spooky Fun
Oct 27th, 28th, 30th & 31st.12-4pm
Newhaven Fort BN9 9DS

Newhaven District Model Railway Club Exhibition
Oct 31st.10am-5pm . Seaford Baptist Church, BN25 2EE. Adults £7, Under 16's Free

Newhaven Photographic Competition Exhibition
Nov 5th - 8th.The Atrium, Marine Workshops BN9 1XD
newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk

The Sussex 2026: Shelter Exhibition
Nov 7 - 28. Free
thesussexcontemporary.co.uk

Remembrance Day
Nov 8. Memorial Green, BN9 9LA
newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk

South Heighton Bonfire Night
Nov 14
southheighton.org

Not Forgotten Exhibition
Nov 18 - 29 Weds - Sun. The Atrium, Marine Workshops.
jeneijkarts.com

Annual Christmas Fayre
Dec 5th .Mencap Riverside Hall BN9 9BP. £1pp, Children Free
newhavenmencap.org.uk

Newhaven Christmas Light Turn On
Dec 5th.5pm. Memorial Green, BN9 9LA
newhaventowncouncil.gov.uk

Bouffon Armada - The Painted Revelations of the Baron Gilvan
Dec 5-20 Thu-Sun. BN9 Studios. Free
thebarongilvan.com

New Paintings by Graham Cupples (Exhibition)
Dec 1-13 Tue-Sun. BN9 Studios, Marine Workshops. Free
grahamcupples.com

Workshops, Clubs and Activities

Arts Crafts & IT

Art Techniques with Carol Havard Adults Kids
Pottery, Art, Workshops and more.
Contact: info@arttechniques.co.uk / 07944595505

Into Art Adults
Mon 10:00am-12:00pm
Fri;10am-1:00pm
Hillcrest Centre, BN9 9LH. £6hr.
Book: wildseaarts@gmail.com

Life Drawing Adults
Wed 10:30am-1:00pm
Hillcrest Centre
Book: julianlebas@yahoo.com

Newhaven Art Club Adults
Mon 2:00-4:00pm
Peacehaven Evangelical Church Hall BN10 8RD.
newhavenartclub.co.uk.
Contact Chris: 07887520708, newhavenartclub@hotmail.com

Wood Creatives Adults Kids
Mon-Fri 9:30am-3:30pm
Thurs 6:00pm-9:00pm
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH
Contact Joe: 07768331038
enquiries@woodcreatives.co.uk

Children's Art Classes Kids
Weds 4:30pm-5:30pm (term time)
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH
Contact juliadunstandesign@gmail.com

Cement Studios Adults Kids
Various courses for all ages and abilities.
Unit 10, Quarry Road Industrial Estate BN9 9DD
www.cementarts.co.uk

Knit & Natter Adults
Mon 1:30-3:30pm
Newhaven Day Club BN9 9BP
01273 512708.

Newhaven Photographers Collective Adults
Contact for further info:
phocol.dt@gmail.com

Youth Groups

2nd Denton & South Heighton (Ralph Readers Own) Group. Kids
Find further info at scouts.co.uk

3rd Newhaven Scout Group Kids
Squirrels (4-6yrs) Tue 5:00-6:00pm
Beavers (6-8yrs) Thu 5:15-6:15pm
Cubs (8-10yrs) Thu 6:30-8pm
Scouts (10-14yrs) Wed 7:15-8:45pm
St Leonards Church Hall, Denton BN9 0RB

Newhaven & Seaford Sea Cadets Kids
Contact: admin@tsdefiance.co.uk
sea-cadets.org/newhavenseaford

21 Detachment Newhaven Army Cadet Force Kids
12-18yrs: Tue & Thu 7pm-9:30pm
Mencap, BN9 9BP
no21newhaven@gmail.com/se-sussex-info@rfca.org.uk
01273 552222
armycadets.com

Newhaven Youth for Christ Kids FREE
Nintendo Switch, pool table, craft, board games & free meal.
Thurs (11-18yrs) 6:00-7:30pm (term time)
St Michael's Church Hall BN9 9HN.

SCDA Clubs & Groups Kids FREE
(12-18yrs, term time)
Mon: Wellbeing cafe 5:30pm
Tues: LGBTQ+ & allies' 4:15-5:30pm
Weds & Fri: Youth Club 6:30-8:00pm
Newhaven Youth Centre BN9 9BA
Contact: youth@sussexcommunity.org.uk

NIPPERS Kids
After school club.
Mon-Fri. £10 per session
Fridays (Little Nippers)10am-12:00, £1 each
East Side Social Centre BN9 0TB
Contact: nippers1973@outlook.com / 07564452837

Wellbeing

Stay Active Longer Adults
Exercises for healthier ageing.
Thu: 11am-12:00, Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH
Tues: 10am-11:00, Old Parcel Room Bishopstone Station BN25 2RB
Contact Mary: 07773022429 / marymovesit@gmail.com / facebook.com/MaryMovesIt

Zara Yoga and Pilates Adults
Mon 11am: Mencap BN9 9BP, Body Control Pilates
Wed10am: Piddinghoe Hall BN9 9AP, Body Control Pilates
5:50pm Mencap, Hatha Yoga
7:00pm Mencap, Body Control Pilates
9:30am Mencap, Body Control Pilates
10:45am Mencap, Yin Yoga
Zara: 07532418542
zarano1@msn.com

Yoga with Sue Adults
Thu 9:45am-11:15
Denton & Mount Pleasant Social Hall BN9 0PX
Contact: 07721611314

Slimming World Adults
Sat 7:30am & 9:00am
Newhaven Day Club BN9 9BP
Michelle: 07539818965
Thu 5:30pm-7:00pm Denton & Mount Pleasant Social Hall BN9 0PX
Tracey 07736047196

Pilates Classes Adults
Tue: 11:30am-12:30pm
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH
Contact Tash: 07831120600

Music, Dance & Drama

Ballroom Dancing with Studio Tempo Adults
Fri 6:30pm-8:00
Fri (Private Dance): 10:00am-12:30pm
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH. Book: 01273 476565

Haven Harmonies Community Choir Adults
Mon 7:00-8:30pm
Hilcrest Centre BN9 9LH
Contact: marianstanley43@gmail.com

Newhaven Ukulele Group Adults
Beginners welcome
Mon 7:00-9:00pm
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH
Peter: peter1805@gmail.com

Haven Young Creatives Kids
Drama Sessions. (term time).
Tues (8-12yrs) 4-5:30pm
Tues(13-18yrs)5:45-7:45pm.
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH

Singing Mamas Adults
Singing for wellbeing group for all women, not just mums. No experience needed.
Fridays.
Sarah: 07540833183
svp01@hotmail.com

Norcross Dance Centre Kids
Ballet, Tap, Contemporary, Acro, Disco, Musical Theatre, Street, Commercial, Drama, Group Singing, Baby & Sensory.
Alison: 07789963560
norcrossdancecentre@gmail.com

Ouse Valley Morris Dancers Adults
ousevalleymorris.co.uk. Also interested in recruiting musicians.

Private Dance with Studio Tempo Adults
Fri 10:30-12:30
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH
Contact: 01273476565

Sports

Savage Martial Arts Adults Kids
Hybrid/Muay Thai, Krav Maga and Jiu Jitsu
Wednesdays.
Littles (4-7yrs) 4:15-5pm
Juniors (8-12yrs) 5:15-6:15pm
Adults (18+) 6:30-7:30pm
Nikki: 07920755388 / nikkifair125@gmail.com

Newhaven Bowling Club Adults
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Mon 5:30pm
Weds & Sat 10am
Newhaven Bowls Club.
Jose: 0754260830
Jan 07766601125
nbowlssocialmedia@gmail.com
newhavenbowlingclub.weebly.com
Fort Road Recreation Ground BN9 9DU

Denton & South Heighton Junior Football Club Kids
Saturdays 9am-12 (Age group training times vary)
The Hollow, South Heighton, BN9 0TP
Contact: dashchairman@gmail.com

Newhaven & Seaford Sailing Club Adults Kids
sailinginsussex.org / info@nssc.org.uk

Harbourside Gymnastics Adults Kids
Harboursidegymnasticsacademy.co.uk
07395307616

Yang Tai Chi & Dragon Kung Fu Adults
Thu: 6-7:30pm & 7:30-9pm
Fort Road BN9 9DU
Jon: 07715664228
dmaa.co.uk

Hillcrest Boxing Adults
hillcrestboxinggym.co.uk
hillcrestboxingclub@gmail.com

Newhaven Tennis Club Adults Kids
newhaventennisclub.co.uk/
Contact: John, 07988638438

Newhaven Yacht Club Adults Kids
newhavenyc.co.uk

Denton Island Indoor Bowls Club Adults
dentonislandbowls.co.uk
01273514664

Crossfit Chimera Kids
5-17yrs. crossfitchimera.co.uk

Newhaven Archery Club Adults Kids
A friendly club offering courses and social activities.
newhavenarcheryclub.co.uk
newhaven_archery@yahoo.co.uk

Newhaven Cricket Club Adults Kids
newhaven.play-cricket.com/aboutus

Denton Table Tennis Club Adults Kids
Denton Church Hall
Wed: 7-9pm
Fri: 10am - 12:00
Rosemary: 07999 860333

Interest Groups

Petanque with Newhaven Twinning Association Adults
Sundays, Opposite the Hope Inn BN9 9DN
Spare Boules available.
Norman: 01273 588193
hopson@btinternet.com

Newhaven and Peacehaven Bridge Club Adults
Trevor: 07817567825 /
trevorsmart56@hotmail.co.uk

Newhaven & District Model Railway Club Adults Kids
Social, craft and skills activities.
Weds: 7:30-10pm
Heatherside Business Park, BN9 0BZ
newhavenandmrclub@gmail.com
07563840687
newhavendmrc.com

Castle Hill Group Adults
1st Sunday each month, 10am, scrub management & more
seahavenpr@aol.com
Graham 01273514942

Friends of Tidemills Adults
3rd Sunday each month, 9-11am, Litter pick & conservation tasks
brianjimskinner@gmail.com

Guesthouse Storytellers Adults Kids
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH
guesthousestorytellers.com
xanthe.gresham@gmail.com
07812181545

Newhaven Historical Society & Museum Adults
Talks, research and general enquiries
newhavenhistoricalsociety.org.uk
07831900130

Newhaven Green Centre Adults Kids
Reducing Waste, Library of Things, Bring and Take Table.
Thu: 10am-12
Newhaven Library BN9 9PD

Social

U3a Adults
Offers a range of groups and events at various venues
Anne: 07711512524
newhaven-peacehaven.u3asite.uk

Denton Fellowship Adults
Every 4th Tues, 2:00pm
Aileen 07756035454

Newhaven Day Club Adults
Variety of fun & activities
Tue/Thu/Fri
West Quay BN9 9BP
Tony 01273513189

Newhaven Peacehaven & Seaford Lions Adults
npslions.co.uk

Rotary Club of Newhaven Coast West Adults
Fund-raising.
Tues lunchtimes
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH
whiteleyjacqui@gmail.com
Iris: 07852673169

Blue Veterans Breakfast Club Adults
2nd Sunday monthly 9-11am
Please contact for location.
edafvbc.sf@yahoo.com

Support Groups

AA Meetings
Helpline: 01622 751842
Thurs 7:00 - 8:45pm
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH

Nebula
Free peer led mental health support group.
Mon: 2:00-3:00pm.
Hillcrest Centre BN9 9LH

Carers Cafe
Activities for carers and the people they look after.
Every 1st Tuesday monthly, 11am-1pm
Newhaven Enterprise Centre BN9 9BA
info@associationofcarers.org.uk

Childline
childline.org.uk / 0800 11 11

Warm Spaces Directory
lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/article/1280/welcome-spaces
Contact Newhaven Town Council on 01273 516100

Bereaved by Suicide: East Sussex
Please contact the Sussex Suicide Bereavement Support Team on 07376616628
sussexbereavedbysuicide@cruse.org.uk

Samaritans
116 123 / samaritans.org

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