

# E-NEWS



Peacehaven Town Council

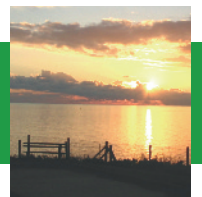
## Fresh shoots

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*Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit*





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## Track stars

Peacehaven Youth Club is up and running, has been working hard and has built a pump track for scooters and skaters.

Youngsters from all over the town have been working together under the guidance of experienced skater and track builder Grant Winter.

The club runs at the Meridian Centre every Monday from 5pm. If you are interested in skating, scooting, learning how to build your own track or want to learn carpentry skills, then just come along.



## Get in the swing of things at playtime

Peacehaven will be one of only a few towns across the country to provide a wheelchair swing for its disabled younger residents. The swing will be installed at The Dell in a project to build an inclusive play area.

The existing area is being redesigned to make sure all children can enjoy it. Building work will start in the next few weeks and in addition to the swing a trampoline and a storytelling area will be created.

The area will also have benches and tables suitable for wheelchair users. The Dell is a beautiful area looking out across the cliffs and the town council hopes young and old, able and disabled will be able to enjoy it for picnics, to play or simply to meet friends.

## Welcome to the town meeting

Peacehaven Town Council will hold its annual town meeting in the Anzac Room at the Meridian Centre on Tuesday, May 9, at 6pm. The annual report will be issued prior to this meeting and all residents are welcome to attend. The Mayor, Cllr Jean Farmiloe, will present awards to residents who have made valuable contributions to the town.



Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, April 12, at 7.30pm will be *Lion* (PG). The true story of a founding Indian boy who gets lost in Calcutta, is adopted by a couple in Australia and locates his mother years later. Tickets are £5 from the Information Office.

▶ Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Friday, April 7, at 7pm and Wednesday, April 12, at 2pm. Eight games for £4 plus a snowball and flyer game.

# Rosemary

In folklore, rosemary has a long association with aiding memory. The herb grows wild on the Gallipoli peninsula and sprigs of rosemary are used as a symbol on Remembrance Day in both Australia and New Zealand to remember the heavy losses of Anzac soldiers at Gallipoli. The Rosemary Tearoom was the first cafe to open in Peacehaven, named because of the town's Anzac connection. Originally, the town was called New Anzac-on-Sea.

## In Remembrance

We are asking Peacehaven residents to plant rosemary in their gardens, in memory of all soldiers lost at Gallipoli.

Paradise Park in Newhaven has an offer of 4 for £12 or individually £3.49.



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Peacehaven Plodders walking group complements the work of the Sussex Coast Development Association's Green Open Spaces for Health project.

The group meets monthly during the winter and weekly from the end of March to October.

The group is suitable for all levels. It is not just about how

far or how fast but, more importantly, about appreciation of the countryside and to build confidence using local routes to enable individuals to go it alone between scheduled walks.

The walks are led by experienced, qualified leaders with current first aid certificates.

Find out more by emailing [dawn.paul99@btopenworld.com](mailto:dawn.paul99@btopenworld.com)



## By bus to the food festival

Organising is well under way for Peacehaven's food and drink festival at Centenary Park on Saturday, July 15.

And CTLA community transport will be supporting the event by arranging a shuttle bus service to the park from the Meridian Centre during the festival times.

The town council is encouraging businesses to sponsor the event and is taking bookings for stalls from commercial and charitable organisations. For further information email [deborah.donovan@peacehavencouncil.co.uk](mailto:deborah.donovan@peacehavencouncil.co.uk)

## 105 trees planted

Peacehaven Task Force has been busy and Gary Johnson and his team have been paying particular attention to Howard Park.

The park is being improved and it is hoped to clear the bushes to the north of the park to improve its look.

In one recent weekend the team planted 105 trees.

The force has plans to help out all around the town this month. There is still much to be completed at Howard

Park and it is hoped to create a community garden, to be maintained by the force, later this year.

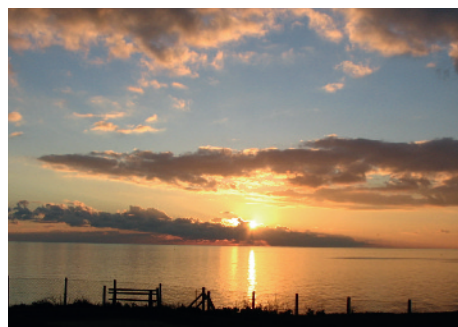
The team needs as many volunteers as it can get so please come along and join in. More tree planting is planned at Howard Park, flowers at Centenary Park need maintaining and other projects are in the pipeline.

Find out more by calling 01273 585493.



Photographers are being urged to send their scenic pictures of Peacehaven to the town council for a 2018 calendar it is planning. Please ensure that every picture is captioned with its exact location, the month it was taken and the photographer's contact details.

Email photos to [chloereader@peacehavencouncil.co.uk](mailto:chloereader@peacehavencouncil.co.uk) or take either a high-quality print or pictures on a USB stick to the Information Office at the Meridian Centre.



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## District councillors

Peacehaven's councillors on Lewes District Council:

**North ward:** Andy Loraine, 01273 580919, and Elayne Merry, 01273 580732.

**East ward:** Nigel Enever, 01273 580399, and Jackie Harrison-Hicks, 01273 589430.

**West ward:** Dave Neave, 01273 586381, and Robert Robertson, 01273 517069.

Peacehaven's councillors on East Sussex County Council: Ian Buchanan, 07754 749372, and Phil Howson, 01273 581612.





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## Council meetings

The public may attend any council or committee meeting. Each meeting is normally held at the Meridian Centre and starts at 7.30pm unless stated.

### April

- 4 Planning and Highways
- 25 Audit 7pm
- 25 Policy and Finance

### May

- 2 Planning and Highways
- 9 Annual town meeting (6pm)
- 16 Annual council
- 23 Planning and Highways
- 30 Leisure and Amenities

## Rev up in the right place

Spring is here and green lanes are opening up for riders of motocross bikes. Some of the large open areas and parks in Peacehaven look ideal for a ride but none is suitable for powered bikes. These areas are used by mountain bikers, dog walkers and families.

While clutching up a second-gear wheelie somewhere suitable can be impressive and great fun, the town council is reminding riders its parks and open spaces are not the places to do it.

An ideal place for off-road riding is Southease motocross and pitbike track at South Farm at nearby Rodmell. You can find directions at [www.facebook.com/SoutheaseMX/posts/957392891016940:0](http://www.facebook.com/SoutheaseMX/posts/957392891016940:0). The exact GPS coordinates are 50.825037, 0.002729.



## FROM THE HOUSE

I am a great supporter of the many small businesses in Peacehaven and I am looking forward to speaking at the Peacehaven & District Chamber of Commerce breakfast club later this month. I am pleased the Government has announced business rate measures that will provide additional support for local businesses.

A £435 million package was announced at the Budget, meaning businesses coming out of Small Business Relief will have increases capped at £50 a month in 2017-18 and local authorities will receive a further £300 million to target individual hard cases in their areas. Lewes District Council is likely to receive approximately £400,000 of this. Another business rate measure announced is a new relief for pubs. This will provide a flat £1,000 discount in 2017-18 on bills for all pubs with a rateable value below £100,000.

Many people have contacted me about huge increases to business rates and there seems to have been much confusion about calculations. If businesses are unsure, I would advise them to use the calculator on [www.gov.uk/introduction-to-business-rates](http://www.gov.uk/introduction-to-business-rates)

Businesses can also consider appealing the new rateable value. The valuation and appeal process are both independent. I am happy to provide a letter of support if it is appropriate in individual cases.



## SOUND ADVICE

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Citizens Advice says a Government crackdown on so-called subscription traps will help to stop consumers from unwittingly losing hundreds of pounds from their bank accounts.

A report from CA last year found as many as two million people struggle to cancel continuous payments — often for buying products online.

Four out of five people had issues cancelling after being signed up without their knowledge.

The Government's plan to make sure people are told if a payment is due to be taken will give them the opportunity to put a stop to it so they can make sure their money stays in their bank accounts.

Subscription traps are one of the many nasty surprises that can be hidden in the small print.

CA has been calling for action, recommending that customers are notified when a recurring payment is taken.

If you are experiencing problems with cancelling your subscriptions, drop into one of CA's local offices with the relevant paperwork or call 03444 111 444.

Further details of opening times are on the CA website at [www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk](http://www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk)

Most CA staff are trained volunteers. The advice provided by the service is free, independent, confidential and impartial and is available to everyone.



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