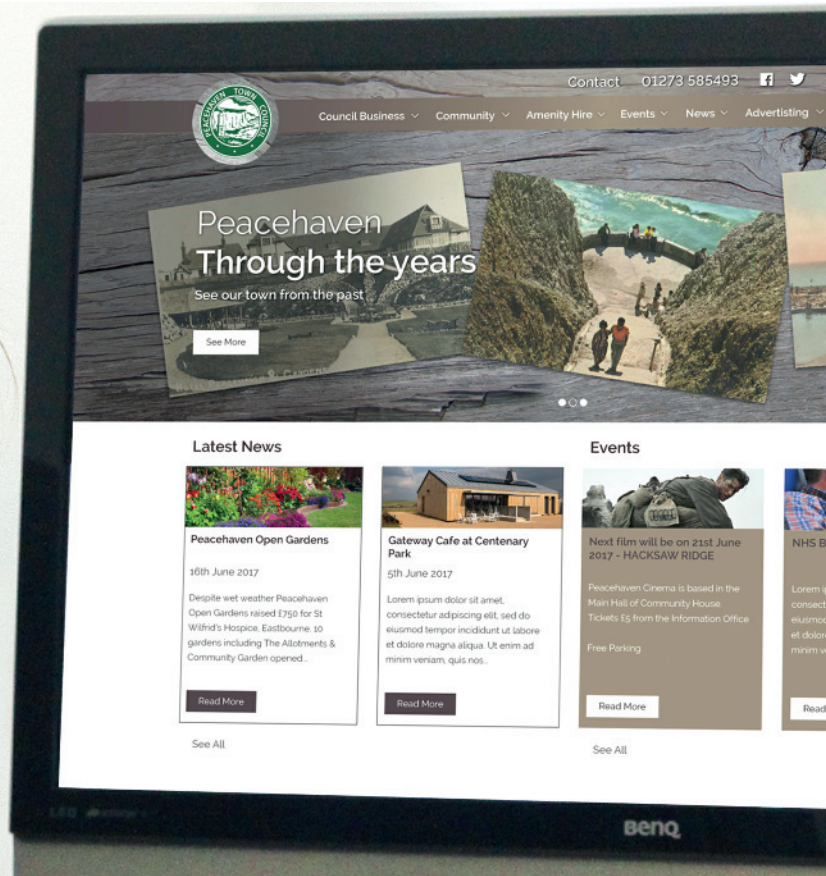


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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



Website even better after major redesign

A major redesign of the town council's website will make it more interactive and informative.

The change follows new Government legislation so the opportunity has been taken to make improvements and to take on board a new requirement for a .gov suffix on all councillors' and officers' emails. You will find the new email addresses on Page 6 of this issue of E-News.

The redesign has been project managed by the council's Civic & Marketing Officer, Deborah Donovan, assisted by the council's apprentice, Chloe Reader,

who is pictured on the front page. The website address has also changed, as you can see from the foot of this page.

Since April the council has been working closely with Peacehaven-based specialists Madison Solutions to develop the new design.

A driftwood image has been added to reflect the coastline and the same motif will appear on signs at Community House at the Meridian Centre and also features in the new page design in E-News.

New accessible headers and menus on the website with page links will make it

easier to see what's on in the town and to enquire about booking the council's facilities.

One of the new features includes a ward map to help residents contact their councillor. It also gives details of what committees each councillor sits on and the organisations with which they are associated.

A similar link lets you contact the council's officers and shows their roles and responsibilities.

Visitors to the website will now find it easier to navigate on all devices.

FROM THE MAYOR



My wife Sandra and I would like to thank all the staff and volunteers who organised and helped at the Family Fun Day at Centenary Park and its associated food and drink festival. We promised something different and judging by the great response we achieved just that. We raised £2,746 for my four nominated charities, so thank you to everyone who supported the event.

We attended the Meridian Primary School fair where we watched several displays by the children and also attended the Harlequin School of Dance and Drama presentation evening where I distributed awards. These children, aged from three to 17, have amazing talent.

It was also an honour to attend a lunch organised by the Rotary Club of Newhaven, Peacehaven and Telscombe at Blind Veterans UK at Ovingdean. Although I have lived in Peacehaven for many years, I had not realised the building is shaped like a Spitfire fighter plane to honour all who have

served our country. It was a humbling experience during a guided tour to see the talent achieved by these veterans.

We also attended Peacehaven and Telscombe Scouts' barbecue and awards presentation.

This month we shall be attending a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Dieppe Raid and I will be holding a cream tea to thank the volunteers who constantly help to support my events.

Please continue to support these events, especially the Race Night at Community House on Friday, August 4, at 7pm and the bingo sessions on Wednesday, August 9, and Friday, August 18. For further details please contact the Civic & Marketing Officer on 01273 585493, option 4.

Brian Gosling
Mayor of Peacehaven



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.

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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 councillor on East Sussex County Council: Nigel Enever, 01273 580399.



A race night at the Meridian Centre on Friday, August 4, at 7pm will raise funds for the Mayor's charities. Tickets are £2 each from the Information Office.



Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, August 9, at 2pm and Friday, August 18, at 7pm.



Councillor echoes GPs' concern over homes

A town councillor is backing doctors who are concerned about the impact of house building in the town.

Cllr Ann Harrison, who represents North ward and is a member of Rowe Avenue Surgery Patient Participation Group, shares GPs' fears there will not be enough doctors for all the people who will be coming to live here and health services will be dangerously overstretched.

She said: "I was aware of the difficulties faced in recruiting new doctors and other health professionals. With the closure of two surgeries in the town the burden on our existing services has increased significantly.

"However, it is the prospect of 1,000-plus new patients that prompted an extremely strongly worded letter to Lewes District Council from eight GPs at the two remaining surgeries."

The doctors are suggesting development should not take place until there are sufficient medical professionals.

Cllr Harrison added: "I spoke to Dr Ron White, a GP partner at Meridian Surgery at the Anchor Health Centre, and he stressed that current and future patients' health care needs must be addressed when new housing is being considered.

"He also pointed to the high levels of obesity in our town and the need for outside space and recreational facilities."

Cllr Harrison said residents had become more concerned about deteriorating air quality because of the increase in traffic during the last couple of years and about the impact this could be having on health.

She said: "Hopefully the district council will react positively to our concerns. It is a difficult balancing act given the need for housing but some would say that not enough has been done to protect the quality of life for those who have chosen to make Peacehaven their home."



Gary Johnson and his wife Tania

TASK FORCE

The Community Garden at The Oval is growing from strength to strength. Many of you have been along to help Gary Johnson and his team. The fruit trees are growing well and other plants and flowers are flourishing

The Task Force is taking on the difficult task of Howard Park, which is in an unusual position close to the clifftop south of the South Coast Road.

It has a harsh environment and young plants find it difficult to survive against the sun, wind and salt. The team has identified plants that can withstand this environment and that are not too tasty for the rabbit population.

Raised beds are being installed and the team is looking for volunteers over the next few weeks. If you are able to help, please come along.

To find out more about joining the Task Force call Campbell McBryer at the town council on 01273 585493.

Busy days of summer

Priorities for the town council this month are to support the Planning and Highways and Leisure and Amenities committees, ensuring they have all the information to make decisions on matters which support the growth of infrastructure in the town.

Priorities for Town Manager Claire Lacey also include working more closely with the district commander of Sussex Police and the managing agents of the Meridian Shopping Centre to ensure everyone is updated about issues of antisocial behaviour and criminal damage.

She said: "This will allow us to work more effectively with the emergency services.

"Also, August may be a traditionally quiet month for councillors due to holidays but for officers it is our busiest time of year.

"We cost and write reports for future projects and begin to collate our figures, as well as holding drop-in sessions for residents."

The town council welcomes ideas to improve the town which can be discussed by councillors.

Claire said: "Please do make sure you communicate those to us and we look forward to hearing from you."

You can email her at townmanager@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk



The town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre is taking a summer break and will return on Wednesday, September 20, at 7.30pm with the comedy-drama *Their Finest* (12A), a sharp war-time romance.



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Big top-up at the park

The ground maintenance team has been busy keeping the parks tidy, litter-picking, cutting, strimming and hedge-cutting all around the town. The bowls season is under way with the green needing attention daily because of the extreme weather so lots of watering is required.

The football season has started. Peacehaven FC have had their first home friendly so the ground staff are busy marking out the pitches.

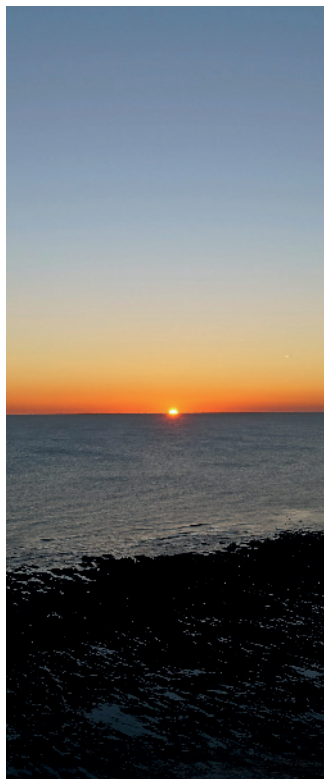
Centenary Park is becoming a busy place and the play areas are proving really popular. The team is topping up sandpits in all play areas. Thirty tonnes of sand so far and another 30 to complete the job.

Society's show

Peacehaven Horticultural Society will hold its annual show at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, August 12, from 10.30am.

Entry to the show is £1 or free if you have a schedule. There will be refreshments, plant sales and tombola.

Details from Alison Standing on 01273 589502.



The town council is producing a 2018 calendar and wants your scenic photos. If you would like your pictures to be considered, send images to marketingassistant@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

Please ensure that every picture is captioned with its exact location, the month it was taken and the photographer's contact details. T and Cs apply.

'Business as usual' pledge on policing

Sussex Police are reassuring people it is business as usual in Peacehaven as work gets well under way on the development of the old Police Box site at The Dell roundabout on the South Coast Road.

Said Police Community Support Officer Chris Marchant: "Our response officers will still get to 999 calls as quickly and safely as they can. That hasn't changed but the role of the PCSO has.

"I know when I walk through the Meridian Centre I am often stopped by people who remark that they don't see me as much as they used to."

He said this was because the PCSOs from the coastal towns have now been centralised in Lewes and they cover the whole district as opposed to just one town.

"This now involves us driving to our various jobs

and although that particular job gets done, we don't get to interact with the public so much. We do now have an area at the town council offices at the Meridian Centre and have a computer there. We will endeavour to spend time liaising with our partners regarding issues that affect the local residents.

"The office space is only a drop-in facility, so please continue calling the 101 number or 999."

Count on us

The town council has signed the Military Covenant, making Peacehaven a town that actively supports serving and retired service personnel.

At a presentation at Community House Captain Jonathan Darrington-Slegg presented Peacehaven with its copy of the covenant.

Neighbourhood Plan moving to the next stage

Progress is being made on developing a Neighbourhood Plan.

The steering group has invited three consultants to tender to be the actual consultant on the project and after it has scored them the preferred option will be put to councillors next month for final

approval. Costs so far from the £500 allocated to fund the plan are £128 for a website and A1-sized plans.

The aim and objectives for the plan, which covers Peacehaven and Telscombe, include creating a vision for sustainable development and growth and conserving and enhancing historic

settings including open green spaces and upper and lower coastal promenades.

The plan also aims to support business expansion and to optimise the employment skills pool and resources. It will identify potential improvements to the transport infrastructure and identify social

infrastructure needs for the increasing population of the two towns.

Part of the chosen consultant's role will be to apply for a pot of £9,000 from the Government to help to prepare plans. At this stage there are no financial implications for either town council.



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