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



Peacehaven has been hit with a spate of crime again, which the town council, like residents, finds really disappointing. Town Manager Claire Lacey said it was a shame a small minority of youths in the town felt it was appropriate to do damage in the parks, to throw stones at the war memorial, to destroy memorial benches and attempt to damage cars on the A259.

The council has been supported by the town's new MP, Lloyd Russell-Moyle. He has listened to the council's views and its plans for the future and concerns of residents.

Said Miss Lacey: "He has gone to the Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne and already taken action to ensure all the authorities are working together in the best interests of our town.

"We want residents to feel safe. We have no tolerance of crime in this area. We have the police to support us and we hope that by providing them with office space, working with community groups and running our youth groups, we are able to provide what the community needs."

The council urged residents to click on this internet link to see Mr Russell-Moyle talking about how police cuts have affected Peacehaven:

[youtube.com/watch?v=8U\\_18NveHq0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8U_18NveHq0)

In a statement Sussex police said some of the night-time break-ins on the South Coast Road were likely to have been done by the same individual or individuals but not necessarily all of them.

"We know there is often a call for CCTV but even if there was CCTV in the locality, it would not

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necessarily have prevented the crimes.

"Some businesses have their own CCTV systems yet were still attacked. A number of private premises nearby also do and these are being checked."

The police have visited premises, conducted a CCTV trawl and made house-to-house enquiries.

The council asks people to report all crime to the police by phone on 101 or 999 in an emergency. Crime can be reported online at:

[www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/](http://www.sussex.police.uk/contact-us/report-online/)

AP Security (APS) has been awarded the contract to run security at the Meridian Shopping Centre. CCTV has been improved and the guards are getting to know locals and building up older residents' confidence.

AP Security is providing front-line security protection with a 24-hour control room.

Since the shopping centre was attacked by youths a few weeks ago, the council has met with police and is sharing intelligence to bring the perpetrators to justice.

The council is aware it is frightening for residents to witness incidents of violence and to have to walk past damaged amenities in the street.

It is not fair that those who contribute through taxes and volunteering their time, should suffer from the acts of a few offensive individuals. The war memorial and its gardens are being restored, another cost to taxpayers.

The council's caretaking staff are working closely with the police and APS. Our Page One picture shows a Meridian Shopping Centre security officer on patrol with caretaker Michael Ripley.

## Police 'hot desk' set up

A police "hot desk" has been set up inside the Meridian Centre. It will have a computer for police officers and Police Community Support Officers and will be used by them as a drop-in facility.

PCSO Chris Marchant said: "This position is not permanently staffed and if you require the police, you should call 999 for emergencies or 101 for other police-related non-emergencies."

The police are working closely with the town council to resolve the problem of youths on motorbikes in the parks. Anyone with information, including photos and videos, is asked to call the police on the 101 number.

PCSO Marchant said the new security guards at the Meridian Centre seemed to have a professional approach to dealing with issues.

"I'm pleased to see they have body-worn cameras, which are already having a positive impact on the anti-social behaviour of some youths.

"Police are happy to support their efforts but it is the security's responsibility to manage the public use of the site."





## Ready to rumble like it's the **USA**

American Rumble Wrestling is returning to the Meridian Centre on October 7. The big Saturday-night spectacular will also feature the first Peacehaven appearance of one of the ring's most controversial characters, Dean Ayass, plus top international women's wrestling, tag team action and an "over the top rope, last man standing" finale.

Ayass, known as "The Twisted Genius" and the manager from hell, has demanded the promoters book him for the Meridian show because he hails from Saltdean and says he hates everything to do with Peacehaven!

Ayass, who has previously led WWE grappler Martin Stone and Danny Garnell to championship glory, is teaming up with No.1 women's wrestler Amazon for the occasion and has thrown down a challenge to all-comers to take on the giant Jamaican star.

"I don't care who the promoters produce. Amazon will tear them apart. With me in her corner, it will be murder!"

Ayass's boast may just come back to haunt



Challenge: Zoe Lucas will face Amazon

him because top UK matchmakers Premier Promotions have lined up as Amazon's opponent Zoe Lucas, who has toured Japan and wrestled WWE superstar Mickie James.

The show, in aid of the Mayor's charities, is being sponsored by Aquarius Solutions and Future Guarding Solutions. Tickets are available from the Information Office at £10 for adults and £9 for concessions. A family ticket for two adults and two children costs £36. Telephone enquiries on 01273 585493.



Relax with tea or coffee and cake at Memory Moments Café every Friday at the Meridian Centre from

9.30am to 12.30pm. The informal café provides a chance to chat with other people with dementia and their family or carer plus fun and laughter with games, talks, music and dance. It costs £1 a person each session and booking is not necessary. More information on 01273 494300, email at [info@knowdementia.co.uk](mailto:info@knowdementia.co.uk) or visit [www.knowdementia.co.uk](http://www.knowdementia.co.uk)

## TASK FORCE

The Task Force will deal with overgrown paths causing obstructions if it can when residents tell the town council about them.

The team will be continuing work on the Community Garden at The Oval with regular volunteer sessions on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm.

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



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.



Showing at the town council's cinema at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, September 20, at 7.30pm will be the comedy-drama Their Finest (12A), a sharp war-time romance.



Cash prize bingo will be at the Meridian Centre on Wednesday, September 20, at 2pm and Friday, September 22, at 7pm.



## Buy a bit extra for the food bank

The town council is supporting the Food 4 Seahaven food bank. Sussex Community Development Association runs the bank and it supplies food packages to individuals, families and homeless people in the Havens who have been referred either through SCDA's information service or the NHS.

The council has placed a donation basket in the foyer of Community House at the Meridian Centre.

Mayor Cllr Brian Gosling said: "Following a visit to the food bank in Newhaven it was evident more food is needed regularly to make up parcels to supply those in particular need."

The bank particularly needs jars

of pasta sauce, dried pasta and rice, hot and cold drinks, breakfast cereal, biscuits, toilet rolls, shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste and tin openers. The bank opened in September 2013 with funding from East Sussex County Council. Sally Foote, who manages the bank, emphasised it was a referral-only system and people were entitled to up to six food parcels, adequate in most cases.

If their circumstances were unresolved at the end of this period,



First donation: Sandra and Brian

another referral form would be issued. During the last four years the bank has become increasingly busy, moving from Newhaven High Street to Denton Island Community Centre, and now opens four mornings a week. There are also donation bins at Sainsbury's and other businesses in Newhaven.

## FROM THE MAYOR



It has been a busy month. I appreciated the warm welcome to the fiftieth anniversary of Dorothy House care home and met many residents.

My wife Sandra and I attended the seventy-fifth anniversary commemorations of the Dieppe Raid in which 4,000 Canadians were killed alongside many soldiers from other countries.

It was a moving and humbling experience made more poignant when one woman veteran who was 102 laid a wreath and another elderly veteran, despite his failing health, also laid a wreath. The applause for both was deafening.

Because of the age of veterans this was the last official anniversary but Newhaven, point of departure for so many of the soldiers, has promised to

continue to respect and uphold this tradition on a smaller scale,

Our race night was a huge success and raised £548 for my charities.

September is going to be a busy month so please support me when I do an abseil at Friars' Bay for the NSPCC Angels Walk on Sunday, September 3, at 10am.

We are supporting the Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning in the foyer of Community House on Thursday, September 14, from 9am.

Visitors can have a piece of cake and a coffee for £1 donation. Residents can also enter a cake competition for the best plain and best dressed cake for the event. All money raised will be donated to the cancer charity.

Our quiz night will be at Community House on Friday, September 29, at

7pm. Sandra and I appreciate the support we get from residents and hope this will continue.

As you will read on this page and elsewhere in E-News Sandra and I visited the Sussex Community Development Association food bank in Newhaven and have set up a donation basket at Community House and we judged the town council's scarecrow competition, won by Butterfly Nursery.

Finally, remember to get your tickets for our autumn wrestling spectacular at the Meridian Centre on Saturday, October 7.

*Brian Gosling*  
Mayor of Peacehaven



## MEET THE BEES

Bees are important to us all and the town council hopes to reintroduce them to Centenary Park. It wants to play its part in creating bee-friendly spaces all over the country.

To help people learn how important bees are it is asking experts to teach us how we can look after them.

Brighton and Lewes Bee Keeping Association will be coming to the Meridian Centre every Saturday until the colder weather sets in towards the end of this month.

Everyone is welcome to come and see a virtual hive, photos, books, flowers, wax products and

lots of honey. Meet the Bees Days will start at 11am and run until about 1pm.

No one, especially children, will be at risk of being stung because the bees will be sealed in their virtual world.

The bee is an integral part of our food system. Two-thirds of the world's crops are pollinated by animals, and bees are the most prevalent and important pollinator.

Sadly, our bees are dying out fast and one major reason is the loss of their natural habitat. In the past 60 years 97 per cent of bees' grassland has gone.

# New campaigns to fight

Peacehaven Focus Group, formed by members of the successful Save Peacehaven Car Parks campaign group, is looking for volunteers. It is hoping community-minded people with some time to spare will step forward to join its latest campaigns to make Peacehaven better for everyone.

Committee member Mike Gatti said: "We want to put the knowledge gained in the

battle to halt building on the car parks to good use in addressing issues and concerns of residents now and in the future.

"We care about our town and want it to be successful and while, of course, we recognise the need for new homes, we care about the quality of life of the people who live here.

"We don't want huge numbers of new homes until the issues of A259 traffic and

pollution and the lack of doctors and school places are resolved."

The focus group is campaigning on several fronts. Most important to the group is the proposal to build 450 homes at Lower Hoddern Farm. It wants this put on hold until the infrastructure problems are addressed.

The focus group has distributed more than 6,000 leaflets outlining its views.

Other issues of concern are coastal erosion, the unauthorised heavy lorries using the town as a through route, road and car park repairs and the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan

Find out more by emailing [peacehavenfocus@hotmail.com](mailto:peacehavenfocus@hotmail.com) or by going to [www.peacehavenfocusgroup.co.uk](http://www.peacehavenfocusgroup.co.uk) or the Facebook page Peacehaven Focus Group

People are more likely to lose money from "phantom goods" than any other scam. Fraudsters will pretend to sell a range of goods, from jewellery and cameras to musical instruments and driving lessons.

Last year national trading standards identified and suspended more than 500 Twitter accounts and 140 websites linked to scams, leading to hundreds of arrests. You can get advice if you have been scammed from the Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 040506.

Report scams or suspected scams to Action Fraud on 00 123 2040 or at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk)

## SOUND ADVICE

citizens advice

When buying financial products check if the company is on the Financial Conduct Authority's register of approved businesses

Never pay by bank transfer, always use a credit card, debit card or PayPal to pay for items bought online.

For package holidays, check the tour operator is ATOL protected.

With used cars, always look at the vehicle and paperwork in person.

Do a domain check. Type in the trader's web address to [whois.com](http://whois.com) so you know it is genuine. Make sure its full address and contact details are listed.

When buying online look for the padlock sign in the url bar on the payment page so you know the website is secure.

The web address should also start with "https://" and part of the wording may turn green too.

For more advice contact your local Citizens Advice on 03444 111444. Or drop in. The details of opening times are on the website [www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk](http://www.lewesdistrictcab.org.uk)



## So much natural beauty to enjoy



Clifftop delight: Dell repairs are completed

Many people know little of Peacehaven beyond the South Coast Road and pass through without realising just how beautiful it is.

This year the town council's grounds team, led by Kevin Bray, has worked hard to produce the open spaces so many in the town enjoy, from the rugged cliffs to the south and the beautiful open space of The Oval to the north.

Centenary Park is especially popular with younger residents and The Dell has facilities for residents with mobility restrictions.

Many trails start in Centenary Park and lead up into the South Downs National Park. These can be enjoyed on foot or on a bicycle, though a mountain bike is needed on the more rugged sections.

Repairs are now completed at The Dell and the Community Garden is in full bloom. Gary Johnson and his Task Force team are starting to reap the rewards of their hard work. Huge pumpkins and squash are almost ready to harvest and beefsteak tomatoes are hanging heavy and juicy on their vines.

The Task Force has also worked hard to clean, clear, plant and cultivate trees, bushes and plants around the town.

The grounds team has produced first-class football pitches and a high-class bowling green.

The town council is encouraging people to get out and about in the parks and open areas to enjoy the natural beauty and appreciate the efforts of the grounds team.

## Resting on our laurels? No chance!

By Jez Avens  
Chairman,  
Peacehaven & Telscombe FC

I am sure like me you have desperately been waiting for the new season to kick off! The board has not been resting on its laurels and has been getting ready for the new season in earnest.

Manager Mark Shutt has been assembling his squad, Clive Blunt has set up the new under-21 team and Barry South the under-18s. And the second and third teams are headed up respectively by Max Morgan and Rob Thomsett. Main board member and youth chairman Steve Davies has been organising coaches and volunteers for the club's lifeblood, our youth teams.



At the end of season 2015-16 the club had a debt of £75,000. A concerted campaign saw us raise £45,000 in just two months. Throughout last season, many debts have been paid or converted to shares. The bank overdraft of £10,000 has been cleared.

The balance on the stand has been reduced to £6,500 with a repayment plan in place to be repaid by next April. And an outstanding debt to the electricity company will also be cleared in the same timescale. Our business plan said we wanted to be debt free in three years. The good news is we might be debt free next year.

Home games for September are: 2nd - Littlehampton Town; 16th - Arundel; 30th - Eastbourne Town. Kick-offs 3pm.

You can hire the clubhouse from £150 by calling 01273 582471.

Find out more and keep in touch at [www.peacehavenfc.co.uk](http://www.peacehavenfc.co.uk) and on Twitter and Facebook.

**Butterfly Nursery won the town council's scarecrow competition for youngsters judged by the Mayor, Cllr Brian Gosling, and his wife Sandra.**

The straw people will be displayed on the roof of the Meridian Centre to "scare" away seagulls causing a nuisance.





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