

# E-NEWS

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**CHRISTMAS APPEAL SUCCESS-  
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*Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit*





## From The Mayor

Cllr Claude Cheta



Thank you Peacehaven!

#nochildshouldgowithout campaign

On 8th November I launched an appeal for gifts for children who would not necessarily have many toys or gifts on Christmas Day. I expressed the need for donations and hoped the love within the community would help to fulfil the appeal.

It certainly did!

Peacehaven Town Council were absolutely amazed with the response, we were inundated with toys, toiletries and other gifts. A big THANK YOU! to everyone who donated and a massive THANK YOU! to those of you who have volunteered to sort and wrap the gifts into boxes. The gifts will be ready for distribution by the Lions Club on 14th December.

We would now like to receive handmade Christmas decorations to display on the three trees currently on view in the shop next to Community House, there will be a prize for the winning entry.

At the end of November our Officers met with representatives from the Sussex Health Care partnership and other professional leaders working on the Covid-19 Vaccination Programme to see if it would be feasible for our building (Community House) to be used as a facility to deliver the vaccine to our residents. At the time of writing this we are still waiting for confirmation from project leaders, hopefully PTC are successful and can be one of the first organisations to support this most important programme. I wish all of our residents all the very best for the Christmas season and New Year period.

Please keep safe and well.

Your Mayor

Claude Cheta



## FROM THE MP- LLOYD RUSSELL-MOYLE



I am thrilled to announce some good news, after being contact by a number of constituents in Peacehaven about the Meridian and Rowe Avenue GP Practices I contacted the NHS asking for them to investigate the service provision.

I am pleased to report that the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group have acted and are supporting the GP Practice to improve the service. Some of the changes include:

- Five new additional receptionists have been recruited. A sixth receptionist is to be recruited, specifically to help with prescription queries.
- Five new additional GPs have been recruited to increase the number of appointments able to be offered.
- A new digital phone system for both practices to improve the management of inbound and outbound calls is scheduled to be fully in place by the end of December.
- A reception team at the Rowe Avenue site is to be reinstated to receive phone calls direct with two new phone lines installed to enable receptionists to answer calls, in addition to those also answering calls at the Anchor Health Centre site – scheduled to be in place by end of December.

This is a great result. I am pleased that such comprehensive action has been taken and I hope we will start to notice the difference soon.

# **JANUARY SALE**

## **HALF PRICE AD SALE**

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## From the Town Clerk



From the desk of the Town Clerk.....

Well, who would have thought back in March that our lives would still be so much affected by Coronavirus? As you read this we will be coming out of a second lockdown into some more uncertainty and more hope as the news of effective vaccines increases every day now.

Looking back over the year, particularly since March, I am lucky to be able to say that, with some necessary adjustments, I have been able to adapt and carry on serving as your Town Clerk. Working a lot from home is still a bit strange and I have had to be quite disciplined in taking breaks and personal time. No doubt there is a psychological effect to be considered as well, but I'll chew that one over along with my Christmas Dinner.

The Council team has worked brilliantly and adapted very well to the changes we have all had to encounter this year. Council staff have been superb, hard working and dedicated and continued to deliver the Council's services and support in some very creative ways. Councillors have been very supportive and themselves have worked hard in the community to find many ways of helping our residents in need during these strange times.

The Coronavirus has brought us all closer together and has certainly given the Council a greater understanding of its residents, their needs, and a sharper focus for its efforts going forward.

I send you Season's Greetings and the very best for the New Year.

### COUNCIL MEETING'S THIS MONTH



**TUESDAY 1ST BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & E-COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE 7.30PM**

**TUESDAY 8TH PLANNING & HIGHWAYS 7.30PM**

**TUESDAY 15TH LEISURE, AMENITIES & ENVIRONMENT 7.30PM**

All Council meetings are open for public to attend and watch.

If you would like to attend a virtual meeting please email: [townclerk@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk)



## HAVENS COMMUNITY HUB RECOGNISED ON NATIONAL ROLL OF HONOUR

Havens Community Hub CIC has been recognised on the UK Social Enterprise Roll of Honour for their work supporting people throughout the pandemic

The outstanding work of the Hub and its projects over the course of the year has been recognised at a special event bringing together the UK's business community.

The Roll of Honour was announced at Social Enterprise Futures which took place on the 25th November and saw nearly 1000 attendees come together to celebrate the heroes of the last year.

The Havens Community Hub has adapted its services and community work and has run a food waste and insecurity prevention coop, social clubs for older people and home welfare support during the lockdowns and supported the launch of the only volunteer driver scheme in the Lewes District - Havens Community Cars.

At the Social Enterprise Futures event, the Havens Community Hub was celebrated along with others on the Social Enterprise Roll of Honour, by a session hosted by actor, comedian and director, Chris Addison. The Roll of Honour acknowledges those individuals and businesses which, over the course of an extremely challenging year, have demonstrated the strength, passion and resilience which is so characteristic of the social enterprise sector.

Commenting on being named as part of the Roll of Honour, Hub founder, Paula Woolven said:

"Social Enterprises are always at the heart of their communities and during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been doing all we can to pivot our business model to keep supporting those who need it most. We feel honoured to have been recognised in this way."

Speakers at Social Enterprise Futures included former Prime Minister Gordon Brown, who commented on the success and strength of the UK's social enterprise movement, stating that "there is no route to the future that does not have social enterprise at its centre".

Other speakers included leaders of big business such as former CEO of Unilever, Paul Polman and economist, Kate Raworth who stressed the sheer extent to which business needs to change to build a fairer and more sustainable economy.

The event was organised by Social Enterprise UK, in partnership with social enterprise trade bodies across the home nations – Social Enterprise Northern Ireland, Social Enterprise Scotland and the Wales Co-operative Centre.



This certificate is awarded to:

**HAVENS COMMUNITY HUB**

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## EIGHT WAYS TO KEEP THE HEAT IN THIS WINTER

### 1. Wrap up warm

Dress in layers and wear a hat, gloves and scarf. Clothes made from wool, cotton or fleecy fabrics are warmest. When you're indoors, wear warm socks and slippers to keep your feet cosy.

### 2. Keep the cold out

Close doors and use a keyhole cover to block draughts. Buy thermal linings for curtains to keep the heat in.

### 3. Don't use alcohol to keep warm

Avoid drinking alcohol before going, or when, outside. It makes you feel warm because blood vessels in the skin expand, but this draws heat away from your vital organs.

### 4. Check your heating

Have your heating system serviced regularly to make sure it works well.

### 5. Have warming food & drinks

Have regular hot drinks and food such as porridge, soups and stews

### 6. Maintain the temperature

Keep your main living room at 18–21°C (64–70°F) and the rest of your house at 16°C (61°F) at least. If you can't heat all the rooms you use, heat the living room during the day and the bedroom just before you go to sleep. In bed, use either a hot water bottle or an electric blanket.

### 7. Stay active

Keep as active as possible to boost your circulation. Move around at least once an hour and avoid sitting still for long periods. Even light exercise will help keep you warm. When you do sit down, put your feet up as it's coldest nearest the ground.

### 8. Check what support you can get

Don't miss out on benefits. Depending on your circumstances you may get the Winter Fuel or Cold Weather Payments automatically. If you don't, visit [gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment](http://gov.uk/winter-fuel-payment) or call 03459 15 15 15 to see if you're eligible.

You may also be entitled to claim an Affordable Warmth Grant, which could help with heating and insulation improvements. For more information, call the Energy Saving Advice Service on 0300 123 1234 or visit [gov.uk/energy-company-obligation](http://gov.uk/energy-company-obligation).







# CHRISTMAS DECORATION COMPETITION

We are holding a competition to design and make the best Christmas decoration which is open to all ages.

Please bring completed Christmas Decorations to the Information Office by Monday 5th December

Entry: A contribution to the food bank

A prize will be awarded to the best entry!

The Decorations will be displayed on Christmas trees in one of units in the Meridian Centre throughout the month of December

For More Information please call: 01273 585493



## FROM PCSO- CHRIS MARCHANT



You may have noticed on Social Media and similar that there has been a spate of burglaries across Peacehaven over the past few weeks. These have predominantly been carried out by young teenagers, between 12 and 16 and are opportunistic. If late at night they try 100 doors, they may get lucky with at least one and sadly that is all it takes. On the good news front, these youths that we know of have been arrested. Unfortunately there is a hierarchy and young youths are being drawn into what could be criminal activity.

Are you as a parent aware of what your teenage child is doing? Have you noticed a behavioural or change in attitude recently? That maybe an indicator of something going on in the background for them. But with Xmas on the horizon, please ensure that you lock doors and windows, shut away car keys, remove alcohol from garages if possible and do not give opportunistic possibilities to prying eyes. Remember to Socially Distance, wash your hands and follow the current Government Guidelines and we can all look forward to Christmas and the New Year, however that may manifest itself.

Please contact me via:

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### **VOLUNTEER TO HELP FIND THE VACCINE FOR COVID-19**

Join the national effort and sign up for the [NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry](#). Be part of the fightback against the virus by volunteering to be contacted by researchers to take part in COVID-19 vaccine research.

There are a number of vaccines being identified, but only large-scale studies can give researchers the information needed about how effective they are.

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is working with the NHS and aims to recruit as many people as possible onto the registry, which will allow people to be put in touch with the vaccine studies in the coming months.

Researchers are looking for people from all backgrounds, ages and parts of the UK - including both people with or without existing health conditions - to take part in vaccine studies, to make sure that any vaccines developed will work for everyone.

The service is available to anyone aged 18 or over, living in the UK. There is no obligation to join in any study, if you are contacted. But by taking part, you could help researchers find vaccines to protect us all more quickly - which in turn could help the NHS and save lives.

[Sign up today!](#)





## PLEASE CHOOSE THE FOOTBALL CLUB WHEN YOU CO-OP SHOP

**BY PITCHSIDE VIEW**



PEACEHAVEN & TELSCOMBE FC has been selected to go through to the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund scheme.

The Co-op Local Community Fund supports projects across the UK that Co-op members care about.

Every time a Co-op member buys selected Co-op branded products and services, the Co-op will give local causes a helping hand and Peacehaven & Telscombe FC has been selected as a Co-op good cause.

For the football club to benefit from your support you need to be a Co-op member. You then need to select the football club as your good cause. The more members who select the football club, the more funds will be raised for the club.

To become a Co-op member you can join online at [www.coop.co.uk/membership](http://www.coop.co.uk/membership)

What is the Co-op Local Community Fund?

It provides funding for projects which benefit local communities which are centred around Co-op food stores and funeral homes.

In the tradition of their founders, Co-operative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Peacehaven & Telscombe FC club provides football for everyone and currently fields 23 boys and girls teams at youth level as well as four men's teams. The football club is a community owned football club with one member one vote.

Please support your local football club when you shop at the Co-op.

If the club's fixtures continue in December as planned, here are the home games: December 12, Steyning Town kick-off 3pm. December 26, Newhaven, kick-off 11am. To find out more go to the club's website.

Entry to first team games is £7 adults, £5 concessions and for under 18s its £1. If your youngster is a club member they will get in for free.



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