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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



From The Mayor

Cllr Claude Cheta



Dear Peacehaven residents,

This morning, I took some time to reflect on our community life, and to think about the main events that happened to our Town this year.

As the rest of the country, we struggled to cope with Covid19. I tried my best to stay away from the virus, but the virus found me at the end. Thanks to your prayers and well wishes, I recovered well. In the community, we prematurely lost loved ones and local businesses took a hit.

But this is not the full picture. Looking more closely, I see an extra ordinary display of love, solidarity and resilience in the community.

At Peacehaven Town Council, we learned to adapt and to work together remotely. We listened to you and explored ways to better support local communities and rescue struggling businesses. To all Peacehaven Town Councillor and staff who worked so hard in such a difficult time I want to say: Thank you and well done.

I was especially touched and humbled by the community response in Peacehaven. I saw volunteers taking incredible risks to drive around during lockdown to bring food to the most vulnerable. I saw you drive local residents to the vaccination appointments. Together, we raised money for the foodbank and the Mayor Christmas appeal. We started new initiatives to address critical needs of Peacehaven residents and each time, you responded very generously.

We were able to bring love, light and hope to fellow residents facing tough time.

At the end, we will not be defined! Peacehaven by what happened to us, the hard time and the challenges, but by how we responded to those challenges: When I open my eyes I see courage, solidarity, love.... And much more. This is how I'd define Peacehaven. To all volunteers and community members who responded so generously with love during our time of difficulty, I want to say: Thank you.

Now that we are getting out of lockdown, I'll say that we are entering a new season: A season of hope, joy and recovery. We are grateful for the blessings from the past, and hopeful that tomorrow will definitely be better than today.

As always, take extra care of yourself and be kind to others.

Claude Cheta,
Your Mayor



MAYOR VISITS PEACEHAVEN COMMUNITY SUPERMARKET

Volunteers at Peacehaven Community Supermarket welcomed Mayor Claude Cheta Cllr this week, who was keen to learn more about the principles of a pay as you feel shop and how it is helping to connect local residents, whilst reducing food waste.

Community Supermarkets are an increasingly popular solution to food insecurity, which provide a long term, community led approach, reducing the need for foodbank use.

Seahaven Community Food coordinator Stef Lake, shared her answers to some of the most commonly asked questions about this exciting new project.

Is it a foodbank?

Peacehaven Community Supermarket is not a foodbank. Once you are a member you can come as often as you like, for as long as you like and we work really hard on reducing stigma – we want it to be a positive welcoming space, something that people look forward to each week. The main difference between a community supermarket and a foodbank is that our members can choose from a range of food and other items, so that they get the food their family enjoy most.

Where does the food come from?

Most of our food is 'surplus', which means it would otherwise have been wasted, but it's still great quality. We source food through FareShare and are building connections with local food businesses. We encourage local residents to share their own surplus food with us, so that nothing goes to waste. We have a really nice mix, from fresh fruit and veg to cupboard staples such as pasta, as well a freezer stocked with meals cooked in our kitchen at Denton Island, which are very popular.

How much does it cost?

Members are asked to contribute on a pay as you feel basis—this means that they can decide what to pay, based on what they feel able to contribute—and we understand that sometimes that might be nothing at all. Some weeks people might pay more, and some weeks they might pay less, and that's fine. All of the contributions go back into the project.

Do you just stock food?

Our main focus is on providing healthy & delicious food, but members also have access to toiletries, sanitary products, as well as some cleaning, washing products and toilet roll. Our selection varies each week, depending on what we've been given, but if people tell us that there is something in particular they need, we do our best to get it for them.

Anything else?

Kempton House Day Centre are looking forward to offering tea and coffee alongside the community supermarket, so as things start to open up, people can stay for a cuppa and a chat as well. Social interactions are a key part of what we do – we want everyone to feel welcome and supported. It's about getting food onto people's tables, but it's so much more than that as well.

Anybody interested in getting involved with Peacehaven Community Supermarket should email food@sussexcommunity.org.uk or if you would like to sign up as a member please call 01273 516032





From the Town Clerk



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

One of the lessons from the last three Covid lockdowns has been to find better and more innovative ways of communicating with residents, businesses and visitors.

The world of Zoom is now a second home for me and even the technophobes have got on board with meeting in the virtual world. There are a number of benefits from this way of working including reduced travelling, ease of getting people together for meetings and other time and cost savings.

That is not to say that in future all meetings will be in the interweb and in fact by Law (in normal times) certain Council meetings must be held physically in public, although under the Government's temporary Covid Law things are unnecessarily muddled at the moment.

Perhaps the best option is to have 'hybrid' meetings whereby people can attend physically or on line? This would involve investing in the equipment necessary to do this.

Outside of meetings quite a number of ways that the Council and its staff work can and will change, producing efficiency and cost savings.

The Council is committed to transparency in the way it operates and in involving its residents fully, whether in person or in The Matrix.

COUNCIL MEETING'S THIS MONTH



TUESDAY 4TH ANNUAL COUNCIL 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 5TH PLANNING & HIGHWAYS 7.30PM

FRIDAY 7TH LEISURE, AMENITIES & ENVIRONMENT 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 12TH ANNUAL TOWN ASSEMBLY 7.00PM

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



FREE BUSINESS SUPPORT FULLY FUNDED BY LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL



Edeal is a local independent Enterprise Agency providing business support at all stages of business development and growth. Small businesses are the lifeblood of the economy, Edeal together with Lewes District Council want to encourage more people to discover their entrepreneurial spirit and start a new business.

Fully funded by Lewes District Council, Edeal delivers regular one day Business Start-Up Workshops, these are FREE to local residents. The one-day workshops cover all the basic elements required to set up and run a business.

Edeal also offers free 1-2-1 advice available from our extensive range of specialist business advisors to businesses at any stage of their life from start up to established, so if require advice/support with any aspect of your business please get in touch.

For more information visit www.edealgroup.org or email info@edeal.org.uk

FROM PCSO- CHRIS MARCHANT



We are all glad no doubt that the Lockdown is being eased.

Along with that come the individual responsibility for how we behave going forward.

Sussex Police have seen a slight rise in alcohol related incidents in the few days that the pubs have been open. So please drink responsibly and DO NOT drive if you have consumed alcohol.

Sussex Police have recently been to the Big Park with a state of the art surveillance Drone, with HD cameras and audio capability.

The reason was to both record and deter motor Bikes. Unfortunately no one was there during our operation, but this will no doubt be one of many of these over the coming months.

It's a shame some people still deem this as acceptable behaviour.

I have recently issued Banning Notices two young females being a nuisance at the Meridian Centre for a total of 6 months each.

If you are a parent are you aware of what your children are doing when they are out?

There are consequences for people's actions, so please speak with your children and explain what is and is not acceptable.

Please feel free to contact me via my email at: christopher.marchant@sussex.pnn.police.uk



MEET YOUR LOCAL WARD COUNCILLOR

North Ward

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My name is Emilia Simmons, and I am a North Peacehaven Town Councillor.

I am married with three children my hobbies are reading, walking dancing, singing, listen to classical musical, I am also interested in current political affairs; as A Christian I am involved in Justice and Peace organization which is an Interfaith one.

I first became a Councillor in 2007, I served for eight years, then I took a break and I went back in 2019. My reasons I became a Councillor is because I care for my town and the residents as I have lived here since 1981.

I am also the Chair of The Bricky and Cinque Foil tenants and residents Association which is affiliate to Lewes District Council and together with Cllr. Veck, we try to improve the Tenants and Residents lives.

I enjoy working with Peacehaven Town Council, I am happy to try my best to make a difference, the Town Clerk, all the staff, and town Councillor's care about our community and although they are very busy, they are very professional, approachable, and helpful.

I am very proud to be part of such a Council and I am looking forward to continuing to support the residents of Peacehaven with the help of my fellow Councillors and Officers at PTC.

GARDENING TIPS FOR MAY



What lovely weather we have had to start getting the garden ready for the year, but watch out for late frosts.

Don't be afraid to prune the deciduous shrubs. You should start with dead, dying & diseased wood, take out all the thin shoots and older branches , this will ease congestion in the plant and the shrub will keep healthy.

If you are a fan of buddleias you can trim them in early spring and autumn. In spring cut back all shoots to leave two buds above the older growth, and in autumn remove the tips of the stems that flowered in early autumn.

Plant out summer bedding plants nearer to the end of May (but watch out for frosts).

You can also plant out sweetpeas, they will withstand a good degree of cold but they must be hardened off before planting.



*Piece from;
Alison Standing
Peacehaven Horticultural Society*





THE 'VISION' FOR THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Peacehaven and Telscombe Towns to be sustainable with clean air and in an environment which provides a good quality of life for all inhabitants.

The beginning of 2021 has been dominated by consideration of the Meridian Site which is to be redeveloped by its owners Co-op Property.

The consultants (AECOM) produced a concept Masterplan for the site which the Steering Group sought feedback on across the two towns.



From the survey results we learnt that there were concerns about the scale of housing for the site and the reduction in the retail offer. There was support for new streets and public squares. The full results can be **found on the website.**

The preferred developer Henry Davidson Developments (HDD) will be publishing the results of their pre-application survey. We understand they received some 1300 responses.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan is a document concerning land use, that means not only land allocation for housing but also protecting and maintaining Local Green Spaces and Pocket Parks, creating a Green Infrastructure Plan.

Working in co-operation with the two Town Councils, Peacehaven and Telscombe, the Steering Group is working on a number of projects and plans to benefit residents and the environment.

An incredible amount of professionally produced evidence reports have been produced and can be found in the **documents site** of the Steering Group website.

There is now a Communications Team and we will be producing more information for residents and we thank you all for your many comments which are all valued.

With continuing support from all the 'Vision' can be achieved.

Cathy Gallagher, Chair of Steering Group

www.peacehaven-and-telscombe-neighbourhood-plan-steering-group.co.uk/

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DOES THIS SOUND FAMILIAR?

citizens
advice

My energy bill really shot up. I've tried to contact my energy supplier for support, but no one ever seems to answer the phone or respond to my emails.

It's normal for your energy bills to change throughout the year depending on how much gas and electricity you're using. But if your bills seem strangely high, it's important to investigate why. Firstly, check your meter is working properly and your usage has definitely not gone up. Check when you're using night storage or immersion heaters, these can cause very high bills if used incorrectly. It could be that your bill is an estimate, you might need to give your supplier a new meter reading.

Check your last meter reading to see if it matches the one on your bill. If you still don't have an answer, your supplier might have raised their prices.

Customer Service varies between suppliers; we hear of many bad experiences. If you're struggling to get through to them, make a formal complaint. We offer advice on how to do this.

We publish a comparison table every three months which rates suppliers' customer service, based on things like telephone wait time, email response time and the accuracy of their bills.

If you'd like to talk it through with someone contact your nearest Citizens Advice for support or the consumer helpline.

CARETAKER REQUIRED



Peacehaven Town Council require a part-time caretaker to work a minimum of 25 hours with the potential to increase to 37 hours per week, initially over 5 days.

Closing Date: for applications 12.00 noon on Friday 14th May 2021.

Interviews will take place during 25th – 28th May 2021.

For more information please follow the link below:
<https://bit.ly/Caretaker-required>

CARBOOT SALES RETURN TO THE DELL



The only Saturday carboot/market around returns on Saturday 1st May and will take place every weekend (weather permitting)

Sellers arrive at 8am
All pitches £10 if you have a car or van
Buyers arrive at 9am
Free entry
Free parking
Covid safe rules apply



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