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Making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit



From The Mayor

Cllr Isobel Sharkey



I hope that many of you have seen the wild flowers growing in the area in The Dell that we seeded around Easter time. They're doing very well, unfortunately, so are the weeds in my garden!

The town council has bigger planting plans now as we are taking part in the national event called The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) which is being organised to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

The idea is to encourage sustainable tree planting across the country as a way to recognise this important anniversary and also as a legacy for future generations.

Plans are at an early stage still here in Peacehaven but as October to March is the official planning season, this summer is the time to start thinking about it. We hope that local groups from schools to the Horticultural Society will join us in this endeavour. The act of planting and caring for a new tree is an excellent way to educate young people about stewardship and the need for trees to help counter climate change.

As Mayor, I will planting a tree near to the 6th of February 2002 (the 70th Anniversary of the Queen's Ascension) and events will continue culminating around the bank holiday weekend in June which is the Anniversary of the Coronation.

If you are a leader of a group, a business who would like to sponsor a tree, or simply a member of the public who plans to plant a tree in your own garden, please get in touch to find out more.



V J DAY 2021



Whilst VE Day (Victory in Europe) marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still engaged in bitter fighting in the Far East.

Victory over Japan would come at a heavy price, and Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the day Japan surrendered on the 15 August 1945, which in effect ended the Second World War. Fighting in the Asia-Pacific took place from Hawaii to North East India. Britain and the Commonwealth's principle fighting force, the Fourteenth Army, was one of the most diverse in history – more than 40 languages were spoken, and all the world's major religions represented.

The descendants of many of the Commonwealth veterans of that army are today part of multicultural communities around the world, a lasting legacy to the success and comradeship of those who fought in the Asia-Pacific. Veterans of the Far East campaign will be at the heart of the commemorations as the nation thanks them for their service and sacrifice. We will remember them.

THE MAYOR OPENS NEW DISABILITY SWING



Late last month the Mayor of Peacehaven, Cllr Sharkey opened a new disability swing in the Big Park.

Hear what local residents and parents, Jo Spear and Rebecca Riley had to say about the new swing below:
"For parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEN) in a small town, the ability to just pop to the park is no easy task.

We find ourselves constantly having to travel to bigger towns and often the nearest city centre to find inclusive play equipment and facilities for our children.

After many deflating conversations we decided we shouldn't have to travel for our children to have the same basic amenities that everyone else has access to.

We started a social media group to meet other local families in our community going through the same thing. We then extended the conversation to our Town Council and in turn set up a fundraiser for inclusive play equipment and dedicated changing spaces for all ages that require adapted facilities.

It is so important for us to have our community understand and become invested in making our Town inclusive for all! We hope that in opening up the conversation and bringing in new equipment like the swing which was installed yesterday, we can create a town that we are proud of because it is inclusive for all!

We now have a dedicated swing in arguably the busiest park in Peacehaven and hope that existing equipment can be made to be more inclusive in future and that working with the Council we can extend this ambition to other parks too."

From the Town Clerk



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

Within the Council team we are still managing Covid, despite hearing about “freedom” and “returning to normal”. We have had staff self-isolating and my apologies if you have experienced a delay with some of our services.

Despite this, we are managing to get some of our hirers back into our buildings and to look at getting some seasonal events planned. It’s great to see these activities resuming, but there’s a way to go before things are “normal” again. Our prime concern continues to be the safety of our users and staff.

Council and Committee meetings have now returned to being held in person at Community House; please see the timetable on our web site, or call us for details. It is interesting and inspiring to see the large range of items that are dealt with at these meetings and the Council is always seeking ways to improve the Town and its facilities for its residents.

This can be frustrating at times as, of course, funding has to be found and the Town Council has to rely on the cooperation of the District and County Councils to help us get things done. But, some funding is being found and wins for the Town are being achieved. We won’t be found wanting for trying!

DO YOU HAVE A FOOD STORY TO TELL?

Maybe it’s a recipe for jam tarts handed down from your Grandma, or a fish pie your Dad taught you to make. Perhaps you own a small food business and would like to showcase your signature dish, or maybe you are passionate about reducing food waste and would like to share a recipe that uses up leftovers.



Whatever your food story, Sussex Community Development Association (SCDA) would like to help you tell it.

It’s not about celebrating the most daring dishes or professional looking bakes, just things that are cooked from the heart, with a story behind them.

SCDA will be inviting the best ten entries along to Denton Island Community Kitchen to cook their dishes and share their stories, which will be turned into a video series, showcasing the food stories from our community, as well as a set of recipe cards to share at their Community Supermarkets.

If you would like to get involved just email food@sussexcommunity.org.uk with your favourite recipe (attaching a picture if you like) and the story behind it.

For more information or to view the latest Community Food Stories visit:

<https://sussexcommunity.org.uk/our-services/community-food/community-food-stories/>



Rampion Expansion Public Consultation

We have produced draft proposals for a development to expand the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm.

This could generate clean, green electricity for the equivalent of over 1 million homes and offset around 1.8 million tonnes of CO₂ every year, in addition to what Rampion already provides.

We want to hear from you

To view our proposals & environmental information and to have your say, please visit:

Rampion2.com

14 July to 16 September 2021



Rampion 2 is the only wind farm proposal off the UK's south coast and can make a significant contribution to tackle climate change and meet Government targets to quadruple offshore wind capacity by the end of the decade.

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BACK TO THE WORKPLACE: YOUR RIGHTS IF YOU'VE BEEN WORKING FROM HOME

With guidance to work from home set to end from 19 July, Citizens Advice sets out information if you're asked to return to your normal workplace.

I've been working from home, can my employer ask me to return to my normal workplace?

Yes, when you enter into a contract to work for an employer you have to comply with 'reasonable management requests'. That means your employer can ask you to return to your normal workplace if your original contract specified that you would be office-based or based elsewhere.

In practice, many employers are looking into a blended working model - some time at home - some time in the office/workplace.

You can ask to keep working from home, but that doesn't mean your employer has to agree. Have an open conversation with your employer about your wishes, and consider making a flexible working request, which is a legal right all employees have.

What to do if you're worried about safety measures at work?

While wearing a mask in an enclosed space will no longer be mandatory, employers will be free to set their own policies requiring workers or customers to wear masks.

Your employer has a legal duty under both the law and your contract, to ensure that your workplace does not pose a risk to your health and safety. If you are concerned after speaking to your employer the Health and Safety Executive will provide guidance.

COMMUNITY HUB LAUNCHES CAT CAMPAIGN

On Thursday 8th July, Havens Community Hub donated over £100 worth of cat food to Denton Cat Rescue. The Denton Cat Rescue now has 11 new kittens to feed as well as 17 adult cats who are seeking their forever homes.



Working with a local member pioneer for the Peacehaven Co-op Food store, Havens Community Hub secured premium feline food to donate to the rescue. In addition to this, there is also a collection basket in the exit foyer of the Sainsburys store in Newhaven.

Denton Cat Rescue are a small independent Cattery that is located on the outskirts of Newhaven. Their aim is to provide rescued kittens and cats with a home before they are rehomed to their forever family.

With the new additions, Denton Cat Rescue is asking the general public to help support with the initial and ongoing vet bills as they can amount to over £1,500 per treatment depending on the health of the cat when they arrive at the rescue as some of the animals have been abused, neglected, or were made homeless due to ill health or their owner's death.

To donate to the appeal, go to: <https://localgiving.org/appeal/catrescue/>



FROM PCSO- CHRIS MARCHANT



We are experiencing more and more Fraud across the District at this time.

People can be very convincing and this becomes problematical for the elderly or those on the cusp of dementia.

Please remember the Bank will never contact you requesting PIN numbers or personal details.

Receiving /Paying in Amazon Vouchers for any item will set any alarm bells off.

Phone Scams telling you that you have won a prize or requesting that you "Follow a link" should be avoided at all costs

And if you do buy via the Internet, please use your Credit Card as it offers more protection if trying to reclaim monies that have gone adrift mysteriously!!

Remember that people going "Door to Door" may not necessarily be who they say they are. Check first and if you are not expecting anyone, don't let them in.

I think most importantly, look out for people who cannot look after themselves, whether it be a family member or the vulnerable pensioner living alone down the road.

These are the people who get targeted as they are easily confused and can be tricked easily into signing up for something they are not aware of or understand.

Please lookout for them.

ASSISTANT CARETAKER REQUIRED

Peacehaven Town Council require a part-time caretaker to work a minimum of 25 hours, to include some evenings and Saturdays.

Based at the Council Building, Community House, you will also be required to operate from all PTC facilities. You will work within a team so a flexible approach to work is required as there will be a need to cover any sickness and holidays for colleagues. The nature of the work requires flexibility in outlook and approach to the work and the allocated shifts across the whole day.

A full driving licence is a requirement.

The Council offers 22 days Annual Leave.

Local Government Pension Scheme.

Salary scale will be SCP5 – SCP8.

The Closing date for this job is the 11th August.

For further information or to request an application form please contact us on 01273 585493 or by email at civicanmarketing@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk



MEET YOUR LOCAL WARD COUNCILLOR

Conservative Cllr- West Ward

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My name is Katie Sanderson and I am a local resident living with my family and rescue dog, Toby. I had the honour of being elected to Peacehaven Town Council in July 2021.

I am already really enjoying being more involved in the community, whilst meeting and helping residents. Like most, I want Peacehaven to have improved infrastructure, a buzzing community centre, and high street that we can all be proud of and continue improving whilst bringing investment to the area.

After leaving school, I started working in Cyber Security for 6 years with central government helping protect individuals from fraud and providing training to Sussex and Surrey Police.

I recently shifted my career focus and am now working for local MP, Maria Caulfield, helping constituents with their concerns on a daily basis from homelessness, road issues, immigration and more. I am very passionate about helping others which is why I am also studying towards a degree in Psychology where I hope to help individuals with their mental health.

In my spare time I love kayaking as it's such a tranquil sport and really helps to clear your head after a busy day. I also enjoy baking and walking Toby in Howard Peace Park down to the beach as the views and sunsets are incredible!

I look forward to working with the team and making Peacehaven a better place to live, work and visit for all.

COUNCIL MEETING'S THIS MONTH



TUESDAY 3RD PLANNING & HIGHWAYS 7.30PM

TUESDAY 10TH PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 7.30PM

TUESDAY 17TH POLICY & FINANCE 7.30PM

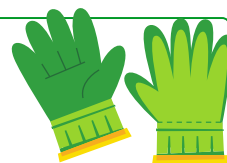
TUESDAY 24TH PLANNING & HIGHWAYS 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNICATIONS 7.30PM

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

If you would like to find out more about our meetings please email: admin@peacehaventowncouncil.gov.uk

GARDENING TIPS FOR AUGUST



Apparently August is usually one of the hottest months of the year, (we can only hope), making watering essential, especially containers and new plants.

Don't forget to top up ponds and bird baths regularly.

If you have a wisteria it's now time to prune it by removing all the whippy side shoots from the main branch framework to about 20cm from the base, along with summer-flowering shrubs such as lavender once they have finished flowering.

Deadhead flowering plants regularly.

Collect seeds from garden plants.

Don't forget to keep on top of the weeds.

You can cut back faded perennials to keep borders tidy.

If you grow herbs you can now cut them back to encourage new tasty leaves you can harvest before the frost.

Take cuttings of pelargoniums and fuschia now to propagate them for next year.

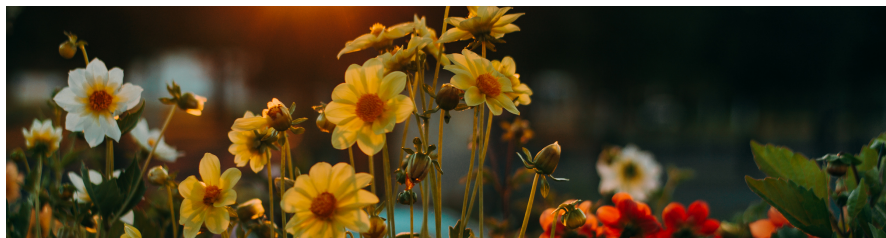
Now is the time to prune climbing roses and rambling roses once they have finished flowering, unless they are repeat flowers in which case don't touch them!

Stake tall or top heavy dahlias or lilies to prevent wind damage.

If you have fruit plants in containers make sure you give them a high potash liquid feed to keep them productive and healthy.

Don't forget to keep the birds off the berries with netting or you can use old net curtains!
You can tidy up your strawberry plants now along with pruning your blackcurrants and harvesting the fruit trees like cherries and plums. Early varieties of apple trees should be ready towards the end of the month.

Happy Gardening!



*Piece from;
Alison Standing
Peacehaven Horticultural Society*



**IN AID OF THE MAYOR'S
CHARITIES**

**Wednesday 15th
September**

BINGO

**Main Hall, Meridian
Centre, Peacehaven**

**8 games for £4
CASH prizes**



2.00PM START



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