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Mayor's message

Well, thank goodness for that! After a damp start Summer eventually saw the sun putting its hat on and coming out to play in Littlehampton!

Since becoming Mayor in May I have been kept on my toes, with lots of engagements and events to attend from Armed Forces Day to Brit...ish (Mayor's event held on Caffyns Field), the Sandcastle Competition and Screen on the Green, both of which saw record numbers in attendance! It has been great to meet and greet so many of you and I am very grateful to the many people, from near and far, for attending the events that have been held around Littlehampton. Without such enthusiasm and civic pride these events would not be so successful, so a heartfelt thank you to all those who came along, as well as to the organisations that invited me to join them. These include Littlehampton Concert Band, Sussex Tornados, LOCA, Littlehampton Carnival, Sussex Steel, Jamie's Wish, The Edwin James Festival Choir & Orchestra and many more.

I also need to say big congratulations to Mr Gary Smart for being awarded the BEM. What a great achievement for a family who are part of Littlehampton's heritage. I also want to extend my sincere thanks to my fellow Councillor Joan Rickeard for having her head shaved for charity after recovering from cancer. Raising £650, which is going towards Coastal West Sussex Mind, my charity for the year, Joan is an inspiration to us all.

Finally, I wish to pay tribute to Mrs Freda Hughes, our First Lady of the Littlehampton Carnival. After 42 years at the helm Freda is stepping down and I know I speak for so many when I thank her for everything she has done and achieved for our Town. It has been a privilege and an honour to know you, Freda, and I wish you all the very best for the future. Make sure you put Saturday 10th December in your diary to join the Carnival team in their last ever event, the Christmas Family Fun Day in the High Street.

With warm regards,

**Cllr Ian Buckland,
Town Mayor**



Let's go to TOWN!



The Silhouette Show will be performing music from the 1900's through to the 1960's

Alexis Twine will be performing at this year's Town Show

One of the biggest community celebrations in the town's calendar, the 2016 Town Show and Family Fun Day marks the Show's 14th anniversary – and it looks set to be an absolute corker!

► Featuring the traditional crafts, horticulture and produce show, as well as a host of local charity and community stalls, there will be no shortage of first-class entertainment either, as we welcome a host of home-grown talent to the main stage.

A superb upbeat female vocal trio, The Silhouette Show will perform music from 1900s through to 1960s, complemented by The Edwin James Festival Choir and songbird Alexis Twine.

Food from local caterers, games, a dog show and lots more, LTC's Town Show & Family Fun Day takes place on Saturday 10th September at Rosemead Park. A list of categories and entry forms for the Show's Horticultural and Craft competition is available from the Town Council Offices and programmes will be available on the LTC website or at www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk

See full details of events for this Autumn inside!

LTC's Grant Aid: Round 2

Aimed at supporting charities and not-for-profit clubs, groups and organisations in the Town, the first round of Grant Aid helped twenty-one organisations, with £10,080 shared between them.

Round 2 of applications is now open. The Grants, of up to £1,200 per application, are available to any charitable or not-for-profit club, group or organisation in Littlehampton. Applicants need to demonstrate that their group benefits members of the community by offering cultural enrichment, social activities, advice or support, or by providing sporting activities. All applications are considered on the basis of merit, aims and objectives.

Recipients of the first round included local steel band Sussex Steel. The band used their grant to buy a gazebo and the Littlehampton Blind Club used

theirs to help fund transport costs for an older person's drop in. Another beneficiary included the Littlehampton District Men's Shed Project, which used funds towards the purchase of DIY equipment and materials.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 7th October**. Application details, along with full criteria, can be found at www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk. Successful applicants will be notified by early November.



Sussex Steel performing in Amsterdam.

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David Heads Up THE A TEAM

Following restructuring, there's a new face at LTC's A-Team (Amenity Team) and we are pleased to formally welcome David Batchelor as the new Co-ordinator.

▶ David moved to Littlehampton in 1982 and took up the post of Technical Manager at Littlehampton Swimming Centre ahead of its opening to the public, going on to become manager. Notching up several awards and accolades during his twenty-three years in the post, David was also a retained fire fighter and a volunteer with the Fire Fighters Charity.

Asked what attracted him to the A-Team Co-ordinator position David told Progress:

"I enjoy being hands-on and I can draw on my previous experience in the roles of technical management, property management, sales, events, facilities management and grounds maintenance to add to the extensive expertise shared amongst the existing team."



David Batchelor

Instrumental in carrying out many of the tasks visible to the public, The A-Team's regular jobs include litter picking, allotment maintenance, planting the roundabouts and Manor House gardens and maintenance of verge trees planted by LTC. The A-Team also supports events such as the Charity Pancake Olympics, Armed Forces Day, Littlehampton Carnival and the Bonfire Celebrations.

"In addition to routine work we are contracted to remove graffiti throughout the district and we have a long-term programme to preserve street furniture such as the ship's wheel and iron benches in the High Street. Additionally, we spruce up the Manor House gardens ahead of weddings," said David, adding:

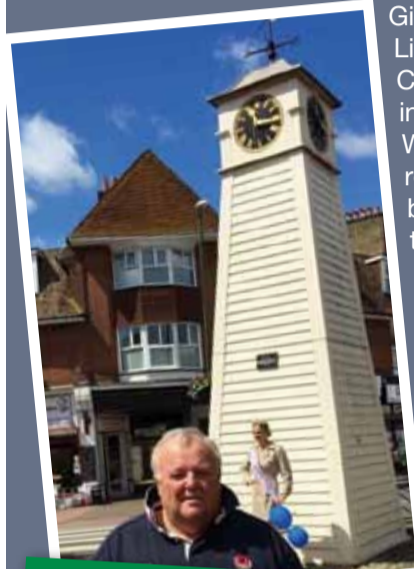
"I enjoy the fact that no two days are the same and it's great to have the opportunity to meet the public when we are working outdoors."



David carrying out daily tasks outside the Manor House

Pendulum Swings in favour of Town Clock

Big Ben, the clock at Waterloo Station, The Prague astronomical clock, Chichester's Market Cross clock – such timepieces have inspired romance, tourism and even works of art and literature. But initial suggestions from consultants appointed by Arun District Council included the removal of Littlehampton's town centre clock as part of a regeneration proposal. In the face of vigorous protest from LTC, however, the suggestion has been withdrawn and the clock, a focal point that is well-known and well-loved by residents, will remain.



Councillor Mike Northeast by the Clock Tower in the High Street

Gifted to Littlehampton by the City of Portsmouth in the wake of WW2, having been recovered from a bombed church, the Town clock was only installed in 2000 on account of having such a long pendulum that no suitable place, prior to this point, could be found for it. But then the Mayor of the day, Cllr. Mike Northeast,

realised that the clock could be used to complement the maritime theme being reflected in new street furniture and it was duly erected as part of the precinct makeover.

"When I chaired the Town Centre Action Group I had an idea to replicate a design based on the old pepper pot light house we had on the pier prior to the present Art Deco one," explained Mike, adding: *"LTC chose marine-inspired street furniture and paving to reflect the Town's unique position as both a river and seaside location. The clock is a tribute to Littlehampton's heritage and also, as a literal symbol of time passing, of the Town's modernity. We don't have the industry that we used to have on the river but the nautical theme of our town centre is a celebration of our rich history."*

Funded through grants and donations, Mr John Cole, a local horologist, installed the clock in its bespoke tower. Mr Cole and his works partner Mr Holebone still maintain the clock and wind it every week.

"We are not afraid of innovation or development; we have always embraced change in Littlehampton, so long as decisions are right for the Town. If, however, plans include ripping out character in favour of a more homogenous look then we will continue to protest robustly against such suggestions," said Mike.



Arguably one of the best ever, the Town's Summer events programme was a fantastic success, thanks to enthusiastic attendance by residents and visitors. Once again our annual Sandcastle Competition was a great success with nearly 400 children creating a sandy gallery of sculptures and castles. Prizes were donated by the Windmill Harvester, Harbour Park and Hook a Fish of Pier Road.

We are especially delighted that our wonderful Armed Forces Day attracted thousands of visitors and that over £6,000 was raised for charity at the event by local uniformed groups.

More than 4,000 people turned out to have the time of their life at our Screen on the Green film, Dirty Dancing. The weather was kind and everyone sang, danced and enjoyed themselves. Tyndall Jones organised a bucket collection which saw generous movie-goers contributing with a record of £973 to the Mayor's Charity, Coastal West Sussex Mind.



Thousands enjoy Dirty Dancing at the Screen on the Green



A family enjoying the Sandcastle Competition

Wick Week was another highlight. A fantastic community festival, Project 82, Arun Community Church, Wick Information Centre, New Highfields Residents Group and the Wickbourne Children and Family Centre collectively worked to offer a stupendous range of events and activities, including a hugely successful Soccer School, a family film night, Bingo, a Summer market and much more.

Littlehampton Museum also had a busy Summer, with smuggler themed events and fabulous exhibitions drawing large crowds.

Don't miss the photo spread of all the Town's 2016 highlights in the next issue of Progress!

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What's On!



From fireworks to festive fun and plenty more besides, there's no shortage of things to do, see, explore and enjoy in the months ahead.

SEPTEMBER

Town Show & Family Fun Day

Saturday 10th September, 12 – 5pm, Rosemead Park
Littlehampton's biggest community celebration; fun and entertainment for all.



Littlehampton OPEN

Saturday 17th September – Friday 11th November, Littlehampton Museum
Our popular OPEN exhibition returns for its 5th year as the Museum displays work submitted by Sussex based artists on this year's theme 'Atmosphere'.

Family History Day

Saturday 24th September, 10.30am – 4pm, Littlehampton Museum
The experts from the Sussex Family History Group return to help with all your genealogy questions. Visitors can also access their unique databases and find out more about the group and how to join. Free drop-in.

OCTOBER

Artisan Market

Saturday 1st October 10am – 4pm, Unique gifts, local produce, live music, arts & crafts and more.
Facebook: /LittlehamptonArtisan

The Big Draw

Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th and Friday 28th October, Littlehampton Museum
Part of the nationwide Big Draw campaign, join the Museum Team in creating artwork for a special online exhibition on the Museum's website. Free drop-in.

Littlehampton Bonfire Society Celebrations

Saturday 29th October
Our world famous torchlight procession, mammoth bonfire and fireworks display.



NOVEMBER

Artisan Market

Saturday 5th November 10am-4pm
Unique gifts, local produce, live music, arts & crafts and more.
Facebook: /LittlehamptonArtisan

Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade

Sunday 13th November, High Street and War Memorial.
Parade starts at 10.30am from the High Street to reach the War Memorial for 11am.



The Unique Joy of Block Prints

Wednesday 16th November – Friday 23rd December Littlehampton Museum
Local print-maker John Cassford displays his work in this exhibition, which focuses on aircraft and images of the seaside, with particular attention paid to movement and texture in the sea and sky.

Stage, Screen and Trench: A Sussex Story of WW1

Saturday 19th November – Friday 23rd December Littlehampton Museum
An exciting touring exhibition supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund showcasing the largely forgotten story of Sussex's role in the film and entertainment industry during the First World War.

Littlehampton Museum Film Nights

During the Museum's exhibition 'Stage, Screen and Trench' in November and December, the Team will bring you special screenings of the 1916 documentary 'The Battle of the Somme', and the classic 1969 film 'Oh! What a Lovely War'. Please check www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk for more details.

Christmas Lights Switch on & Late night Shopping

Friday 25th November, 5 – 8pm
Hit the High Street and join in the seasonal celebrations and entertainment for all.

DECEMBER

Artisan Market

Saturday 3rd December 10am – 4pm
Unique gifts, local produce, live music, arts & crafts and more.
Facebook: /LittlehamptonArtisan

Wickmas

Saturday 10th December Wick Hall
Annual Christmas fun for families including competitions and lots of entertainment.
www.wickvillage.com

Christmas Capers

Saturday 10th December, 2-4pm Littlehampton Museum
Join the Museum team to make beautiful Christmas cards and dazzling decorations to give to your loved ones this festive season. Free drop-in.

Carnival Christmas Fun Day

Saturday 10th December High Street
Annual family fun with a Santa's Grotto, stalls and lots of entertainment.
More information 01903 716634.



Community Market Stall

The Littlehampton Market Community Stall is a great resource for local community groups and organisations, providing them with the opportunity to raise funds and awareness right in the heart of Littlehampton. The incredibly popular stall is available every Friday throughout the year as part of the weekly general market in the High Street. To book please contact the Town Council.

Littlehampton Museum

Bursting with treasures and fascinating discoveries, our family-friendly Museum, located in the heart of the town, also sells an excellent range of local books and a hand-picked selection of gifts and goodies. Boasting an exciting exhibitions programme, including local artists and local history, find out more at **www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk** And don't forget that admission to the Museum and shop is **free!**

Discover what's on at Southfields Jubilee Centre

From dance and sports to clothes sales and social clubs, for full details of what's on when visit **www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk**

Are you a savvy sponsor?

If you run a local business and are looking to expand your customer base then LTC can help. Offering some fantastic sponsorship opportunities, including getting details of your business through every letter box in Town, we have packages starting from as little as just £50. Strictly limited, be a savvy sponsor and **call us today on 01903 732063** and find out more

What's On at The Windmill?

An iconic building in our town, The Windmill offers a busy film schedule as well as panto and other live performance. If you haven't visited recently why not take a look at forthcoming films and events? **Find out more at www.inspireleisure.co.uk/the-windmill**

Say 'I do' in the Millennium Chamber

With the beautifully restored Grade II listed building also incorporating modern facilities such as disabled access, parking, a small garden and a Town-centre location, weddings in the Town Council's New Millennium Chamber are increasingly popular. An ideal venue for nuptials, vow renewals and also naming ceremonies, **for more details visit www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk or call 01903 732063**

PROJECT 82

Offering friendship, fun, activities, advice and support, P82 has plenty for young people in Littlehampton. **Check out the different session times below and come and see us soon!**

Tuesday's @ Southfields Jubilee Centre, Southfields Road, Littlehampton
Year 7 – 11, 7-9pm

Wednesday's @ Flintstone Centre, East Street, Littlehampton
Year 10+, 8-9.30pm

All sessions 50p

Email project82@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk • Twitter @Project_82 • Tel 01903 739250

Thursday's @ The Keystone Centre, Eldon Way, Littlehampton
Year 7 – 11, 6 – 7.30pm

Friday's @ The Keystone Centre, Eldon Way, Littlehampton
Year 4 – 6, 4 – 5.30pm



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The 'case' continues: Museum on display

Creating an opportunity to showcase artefacts that are normally under lock and key in the Museum's stores, Littlehampton Museum staff have installed a new display case.

Located at the entrance of the archaeology gallery, the new case contains a rare Anglo-Saxon hanging bowl mount, found by local metal detectorist Tyndall Jones. In addition to this latest star object, the new display will feature a changing array of objects unearthed during Littlehampton Museum's current project to better catalogue and get to know all of the Museum's collections. Each display will have a theme relating to the hanging bowl mount – such as the first set of objects which highlight people's fascination with drawing and collecting animals, since the bowl mount features an elaborate animal shaped hook and animals were popular in Anglo-Saxon art.



Hanging Bowl Mount

For the autumn season the theme will be objects related to travel and migration. Our Anglo-Saxon ancestors migrated to South-East England from what is now Germany and were influenced in their designs by trading with other peoples from around Europe. As a shipping town, people from Littlehampton sailed all over the world and Littlehampton Museum boasts some surprisingly exotic artefacts in its collections.

Winning in the Rain



Angela Tester from the Littlehampton Civic Society with volunteers and contractors

Back in 2014 LTC and the local Flood Action Group began to explore ways to deal more effectively with heavy rainfall. A winning solution was found in the form of a rain garden and the project was duly taken on by local charity Littlehampton Civic Society, with the support of the Arc Project, West Downs Neighbourhood Watch Task Force and West Sussex County Council.

Selecting a site on the area opposite the Civic Centre in Maltravers Road, a spot that is prone to large puddles spreading across the road, the new feature slows the flow of water, aiding drainage and reducing the risk of flooding. Consisting of ferns, English Ivy, Dogweed, Snowball trees and other small flowering plants, with layers of gravel on the base and a layer of easy-drain soil on top, the water is temporarily stored, cleaned and slowly released back into the drainage.

Planted on 7th July, with the support of Littlehampton Academy pupils and firefighters from the West Sussex Fire &

Rescue Service, the garden will be maintained by volunteers from the Littlehampton Civic Society and watered by LTC.

Talking to Progress about the innovative project, Littlehampton Civic Society Secretary Angela Tester said: "We thought this rain garden was a great idea. It will hold surplus water in Maltravers Road, and we will be adding wild flowers as a haven for insects, bugs and birds."

Anyone who wants to be involved, or know more, please contact us, or download the Rain Garden guide on <http://raingardens.info>

New Opening Hours for Household Waste Recycling Site

Following a four-week public consultation West Sussex County Council has decided to change the current opening hours of the Town's Household Waste Recycling Site, with the new opening hours coming into effect from 1st October. The new opening hours are:

Summer 10am – 7pm;

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
(Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

Winter 10am – 5pm;

Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday
(Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays)

Find detailed information on the changes, including a complete list of chargeable and non-chargeable non-household waste items, at www.recycleforwestsussex.org or follow @westsussexwaste on Facebook and Twitter. There will also be leaflets available at every Household Waste Recycling Site.

Investing in our sporting superstars

Up to £2,000 in grants is once again being made available to sportspeople in Littlehampton, courtesy of the Town Council.

Together with Littlehampton Sports Forum the Town Council honours an ongoing commitment to give financial support to local sportspeople, helping them to achieve sporting excellence and possibly, one day, be part of Team GB who have had one of most successful overseas Olympics.

Open to Littlehampton residents who require additional financial support towards training, competition fees, transport, accommodation and equipment, the Financial Awards for Sporting Excellence are aimed at those already playing or competing at county level, enabling individuals to develop their potential in their chosen sport.

With no age restriction, awards of up to £1,000 will be available to each recipient, but applications should be made for as little as needed to allow more people to benefit.

Cllr Billy Blanchard-Cooper, Chair of the Sports Forum said:



Triathlete Daphne Belt

"Assisting local sporting talent is a significant aspect of the Council's work in the community and these grants often mean that sportspeople can continue to excel in their chosen sport and fly the flag for Littlehampton."

Last year's recipients include 77-year-old triathlete Daphne Belt, who won the World Championships for her age group in Chicago, and also dancer Jessica Baker who has been given a scholarship at the Bird College of Performing Arts in London.

Applications can be made online from the 1st October 2016 at www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk or obtained from the Littlehampton Town Council offices, Manor House, Church Street. Closing date for applications is **Friday 11th November 2016**.

TOWN TRIVIA

During the 1830s and 40s, Horse races were occasionally held on the sand, with the Duke of Norfolk awarding subscription cups to the winners. By the 1850s, a racecourse was marked out on the Green for an annual event which attracted around 10,000 people in 1858!

The town held an annual amateur athletics competition which was held on the August Bank Holiday during the 1880s and it was amongst the most popular events of their kind held in the south of England. By the 1930s, these annual meetings were still being held on a playing field north of Selbourne Road, but they were shared with the cycling club.

Like many sports in Littlehampton, Golf was said to have been played on the Green in the 1860s (which must have been very exciting/difficult on horse racing days). A club was formed in 1889 and a nine hole course laid out on the west side of the river. It was soon enlarged into an eighteen hole one, which was described by many to be the best in England in 1908.



Speak up!

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