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Mayor's message



As you may have already heard, I will be continuing as Mayor of Littlehampton for a second consecutive year. Councillor Dr Walsh was due to take on the role, however, due to forthcoming orthopaedic surgery he took the difficult decision to step aside as he was concerned that he would not be able to fulfil the commitment as comprehensively as

he would wish. I thank my fellow Councillors for entrusting me with this role for a further term and I will continue to serve Littlehampton to the very best of my abilities. I also thank Cllr Dr Walsh for his support. I know that he did not want to let down the community he has always served so faithfully and I am sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy and full recovery.

During my previous term I raised money to help the Littlehampton Heritage Railway Association and the Friends of Mewsbrook Park. A wonderful total of £10,524.08 was raised and then split equally between the two groups. This year I am raising money for the Arun Youth Projects (AYP) who have set up a Littlehampton Creative Arts and Social Clubs Bursary to complement their Sports Bursary. The idea came about after Ben Young (AYP Service Manager) and Jon Jolly (Arun Church Business Manager) spoke so passionately at the last Town Meeting, voicing the thoughts of the majority of young people in the town centre in the wake of a spate of localised antisocial behaviour earlier this year. Creating awareness of the different groups and activities in the town and encouraging young people to get involved, my hope is to create a funding stream that is achieved by the community for the community, enabling AYP to support youngsters by nurturing and developing interests and talents. The bursary will be accessible to young people needing financial support in Performing Arts, Visual Art, and Architecture, or to pay for the costs associated with joining a social club such as Scouts or Girlguiding or theatre, dance or cheerleading groups. See separate article for more details.

I am working on many fundraising projects for the year ahead and I do hope you will support me in my efforts. As you may have come to know, I will bring my own sense of style and flair to this role, but my passion for the Town I have called 'home' for the past 25 years remains undimmed. It is a unique seaside resort with so much to offer, not least its residents. It is you who help make our town special and I look forward to meeting you at some of our Town's many events during the coming year.

With kind regards,

Cllr. Billy Blanchard-Cooper, Town Mayor



LTC is pleased to report that teamwork really is making the dream work when it comes to young people in our town. Partnering with Arun Church to create Arun Youth Projects – a decision that is already reaping extremely positive rewards – excellent work with local youngsters is being led by new Service Manager Ben Young. All projects are overseen by Ben but many are devised and run by the young people themselves; encouraging independence, maturity and life skills.

Talking to Progress, Ben said: "Arun Youth Projects has been running since October 2017 and gone from strength to strength. We engage with hundreds of young people every month via schools, youth clubs and outreach in the community to help them be happy, safe, and recognise their potential. The team of dedicated youth workers provide opportunities for young

people including sports competitions, creative arts, cooking projects and trips. We also run a weekly football programme, a young leader programme, and offer two different bursaries that help to financially support young people in either Sports or Creative Arts & Social Clubs. Mayor Billy Blanchard-Cooper recently chose AYP to be his mayoral charity for this year and all money raised will go towards supporting local young people in our Creative Arts and Social Club Bursary."

Financially contributing to the running of the project, LTC remains committed to supporting Littlehampton's young people in providing them with affordable and constructive social activities and skill-building opportunities.

For information: www.arun.church/ayp; Instagram/ Facebook: @arunyouthprojects. See the What's on page for session times.

Town Council's biggest-ever community grant giveaway

Aimed at supporting charities and not-for-profit clubs, groups and organisations in the Town, this year's Grant Aid helped a record-breaking forty-six organisations, with £19,756.45 shared between them. The total amount available was £20,000 – the biggest ever Aid budget to date. Successful applicants were required 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 were considered on the basis of merit, aims and objectives.

Recipients include Howard Lawn Tennis (purchasing new furniture for their Clubhouse) and Littlehampton Musical Comedy Society (funding going towards chaperone training, thus enabling more young people to participate in productions). Another beneficiary was the Littlehampton Fort



Restoration Project which will fund a touchscreen interactive display at the Look & Sea Centre to raise awareness of the project.

For a full list of this year's recipients and to find out more about other available grants including funds for sports, arts and floral initiatives visit www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/grants



LEST WE FORGET...



ONE HUNDRED YEARS SINCE WWI ENDED, LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL MARKS THE OCCASION WITH THIS SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE FEATURE

**“You silent tents of green, We deck with fragrant flowers;
Yours has the suffering been, The memory shall be ours”**

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

In this centenary year LTC is taking time to reflect on the past through the presentation of several Council and community initiatives. Many local groups have been working on special events to observe this significant anniversary and we have listed as many of them as possible on the next page.

The Town Council is also organising a Remembrance Day Parade and Service at the War Memorial on the morning of the 11th November and, later that evening, the seafront beacon will be lit as part of a national event. One of thousands of beacons that will be ignited across the country, the night sky will be illuminated to honour the fallen and to symbolise the light of hope that emerged from the darkness of war. We must never forget the enormity of the sacrifice.



BEACONS OF LIGHT

WWI Beacons of Light is a national commemoration being held on the 11th November to mark the end of the First World War. The Littlehampton event will begin at 6pm with a band performance on the Stage by the Sea and continue with the reading of the names of the fallen from the Littlehampton and Wick War Memorials. The seafront beacon will be lit at 7pm providing a focal point for reflection and remembrance. This will be your chance to pay your personal and community tribute to those millions that gave their lives for their country during the dreadful darkness of four years of War 1914 – 1918.

HEROES SET IN STONE

Commemorating 100 years since the end of WWI and honouring local war heroes, a special centenary stone is to be installed at the heart of the Kingley Gate development thanks to the work of Ham Ward Town Councillor Mike Northeast. Cllr. Northeast said, “I was concerned that new residents would not know the roads on the site are named after some of the Town’s war dead. I came up with the idea of a centenary stone to commemorate the lives lost during the Great War and to help residents understand the connection. I’m grateful to Barratt Homes for designing and funding the stones”.

Scheduled for 11am on Friday 9th November, Mayor Billy Blanchard-Cooper and Cllr. Mike Northeast’s father Stanley Northeast, a WWII D-Day Veteran, will unveil the stone, which comprises engraved granite plaques and stone circles featuring the names of fallen soldiers and a verse from the famous poem ‘For the Fallen’. Also other materials being used is restored flint and brick, which were repurposed from a former dovecote discovered at the development. The final design was chosen by Progress readers in 2015.

Lynnette St Quintin, Sales and Marketing Director for Barratt Southern Counties, said: “We are proud to pay tribute to those who laid down their lives 100 years ago. Events such as these help to bring the community together.”

Cllr. Northeast said: “The stone will stand as a perfect reminder to those in the Town who gave their lives in the Great War and provide a place for quiet contemplation and reflection. Lest we forget.”

THERE BUT NOT THERE

The Town Council is participating in the nationwide “There But Not There” campaign and will oversee the installation of 9 transparent silhouettes of fallen WWI soldiers on the pews of St Mary’s Church in Church Street.

This charitable project aims to Commemorate, Educate and Heal.

Commemorate those who died in the First World War through installations of silhouettes wherever there is a Roll of Honour.

To Educate all generations, particularly today’s younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WWI, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.

Heal today’s veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds of their service by raising substantial funds through sales of the transparent figures. The charities supported include:

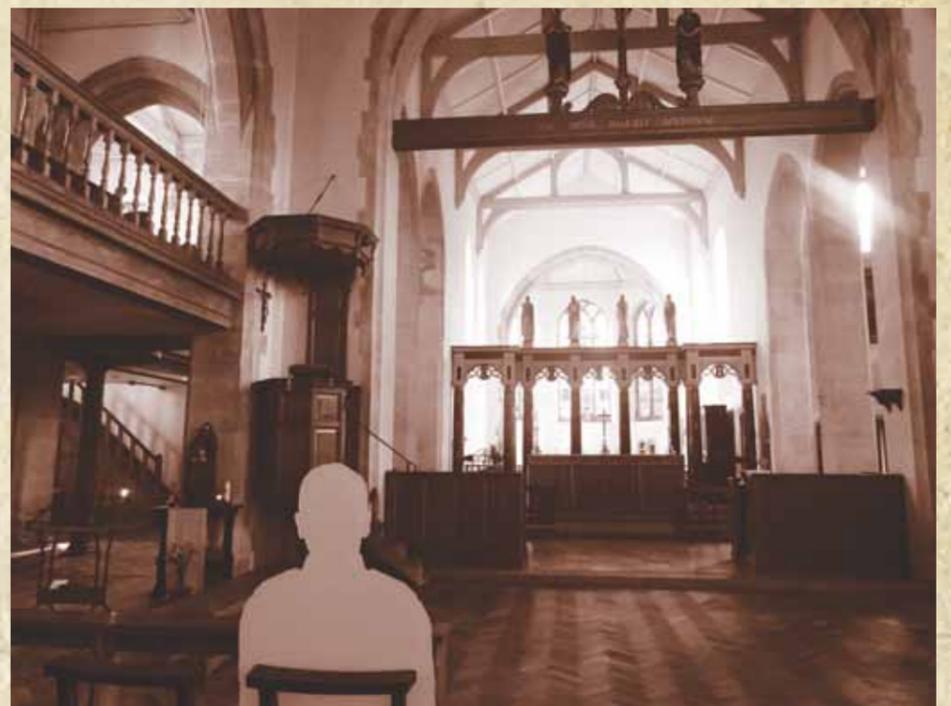
The Royal Foundation – Changing the national conversation on mental health and wellbeing

The Commonwealth War Graves Foundation – highlighting the work of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, funding education and activities to capture the public imagination and commemorating the sacrifices made

Walking With The Wounded – Supporting a pathway for vulnerable veterans



THERE BUT NOT THERE
COMMEMORATING THE GREAT WAR



“There but not there statue” in St Mary’s Church

to re-integrate back into society and sustain their independence. The heart of this journey is employment and mental well-being.

Combat Stress – treating Veterans suffering from PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Depression and Anxiety

Help for Heroes – Supporting those affected by their time in the Armed Forces and their loved ones, to help them reach their potential and live fulfilling lives

Project Equinox: Housing Veterans and Medical Students – Plymouth

University project to create sheltered housing for 40 single veterans

The installation can be visited from Sunday 28th October to Sunday 11th November.

Information about the “There But Not There” campaign can be found at www.therebutnotthere.org.uk.

There will also be a cascading display of knitted and felt poppies at St Mary’s Church, a project supported by volunteers and organised by Derek Moore of the Littlehampton RBL Poppy Appeal.

Commemorating our Heroes of the Great War

When I Have Done My Bit...
Littlehampton Remembered in Pictures
1914-1921

‘When you go home, tell them of us and say,
for their tomorrow we gave our today.’

John Maxwell Edmonds



VTA Arundel at Pier Road (Mussel Row)

Marking the centenary of the end of World War I and acknowledging the enormity of the sacrifice made by the people of Littlehampton in the Great War, the Town Council has funded a commemorative book. Entitled *When I Have Done My Bit... Littlehampton Remembered in Pictures 1914-1921*, the images were drawn from the collections of the Littlehampton Museum. Selected researched and edited by volunteers David Twinn and Dr. Peter Walton and curated by Alexander Woodward, Jill Belchamber assisted in the verification of the pictures. Taking readers on a fascinating pictorial journey around Littlehampton from the outbreak of war in 1914 through to the unveiling of the Town’s War Memorial in 1921, the cruel losses and

effects of the Great War were unprecedented – never before had warfare been so vast and resulted in such bloodshed. Men flocked to volunteer in 1914, believing the war would be over in a few weeks, but many were killed or wounded. A poignant reminder of the cost to our town is etched on the Littlehampton war memorial, which bears the names of 236 brave men.

Did You Know

A Red Cross hospital was established in Littlehampton’s Fitzalan Road to cater for wounded military who had been treated in Chichester and a volunteer force made bandages and slings in Winterton Lodge.

Commercial shipping was re-directed from Newhaven to Littlehampton and eventually the Admiralty took control of the harbour for military purposes.

The book will be available from the Littlehampton Museum shop from 1st November, priced at £3. All profits from the sale of the book will be donated to Veteran’s Charities.

What's On!



As Autumn rolls in, discover a host of things to do, see and learn right on your doorstep...

SEPTEMBER

Artisan Market Back to School

Saturday 1st, 10am - 4pm
High Street

Unique gifts, local produce, live music, arts and crafts and more.

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Littlehampton Town Show & Family Fun Day

Saturday 8th, 12pm - 5pm
Rosemead Park

A celebration of the vibrant Littlehampton community including live performances, charity fair, food court, inflatables, dog show and craft and horticultural show.

t: 01903 732063
w: visitlittlehampton.co.uk

The Edwin James Festival Choir and Orchestra 21st Prom Concert- Magical Musical Memories

Saturday 15th, 7.30pm - 9.30pm
(Doors open 6.45pm)

St James the Great Church,
BN17 7AN

The Choir and Orchestra present a concert in support of the charities St Wilfrid's, St Barnabas & Chestnut Tree House Hospices. Adults £10, Children £4.

t: 01243 582330
w: edwinjamesfestivalchoir.co.uk

Exhibition – Littlehampton Open: Movement

Saturday 22nd September to
Friday 26th October,
9am – 4.30pm Mon to Fri,
10.30am – 4.30pm Saturday

Littlehampton Museum,
BN17 5EW

See exciting new work including photographs and sculptures created by Sussex based artists in the 7th annual Open exhibition.

T: 01903 731800
w: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

Events at the Look & Sea! Visitor Centre

Monday 10th -
Lecture Lunch -
Shackleton The Man &
The Myth

Wednesday 12th -
Quiz Night

Wednesday 19th -
Tea & Talk

Friday 28th -
Lecture Lunch - Great
War West Sussex
1914-18: the Home Front,
Littlehampton Area

Booking essential.
t: 01903 718984
www.lookandsea.co.uk

Family History Day

Saturday 29th, 10.30am – 4pm
Littlehampton Museum,
BN17 5EW

The experts from the Sussex Family History Group are back to help you with your genealogy questions. Open to all ages.

T: 01903 731800
w: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

OCTOBER

Artisan Market - Day of the Dead

Saturday 6th, 10am - 4pm
High Street

Unique gifts, local produce, live music, arts and crafts and more.

/LittlehamptonArtisan

Events at the Look & Sea! Visitor Centre

Monday 8th - Lecture
"Mission to Seafarers"

Wednesday 17th
Illustrated talk on Ghosts

Murder & Mysteries of
Old Arundel

Wednesday 17th
Quiz Night

Friday 26th
Lecture
"Royal Sussex Regiment"

Booking essential.
t: 01903 718984
w: lookandsea.co.uk

A Night At The Musicals

Thursday 18th to
Saturday 20th, 7.30pm
The Windmill Theatre,
BN17 5LM

An evening of songs from your favourite musicals.

t: 01903 721860
w: lpos.org/www.lmcs.
productions

October Half-Term Craft

Tuesday 23rd to
Friday 26th, 2pm – 3.30pm
Littlehampton Museum,
BN17 5EW

Join the Museum Team in making autumnal inspired crafts. No booking required and free to children aged 5 and over. Parents must accompany children.

T: 01903 731800
w: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

Littlehampton Traditional Bonfire Night Celebrations

Saturday 27th, 7pm - 10pm
Littlehampton Seafront

Traditional torchlight parade culminating in a mammoth bonfire and spectacular fireworks.

Programmes with detailed timings and route can be purchased in the weeks leading up to the event from shops throughout Littlehampton.

e: littlehamptonbonfiresociety@hotmail.co.uk
w: littlehamptonbonfiresociety.co.uk

Exhibition – Jill Nolan: Exhibition of Paintings

Saturday 31st October to
Saturday 22nd December,
9am – 4.30pm Mon to Fri,
10.30am – 4.30pm Saturday
Littlehampton Museum,
BN17 5EW

Local artist Jill Nolan will be bringing her varied and bright paintings to the Museum to help counter the winter blues.

T: 01903 731800
w: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

NOVEMBER

Exhibition – When I Have Done My Bit

Saturday 3rd November
to Saturday 22nd December,
9am – 4.30pm Mon to Fri,
10.30am – 4.30pm Saturday
Littlehampton Museum,
BN17 5EW

As part of the nationwide commemoration of the end of the First World War, the Museum will be exploring how Littlehampton celebrated peace and how the town's residents fared in the years following the conflict.

T: 01903 731800
w: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

Artisan Market – Centenary Special

Saturday 3rd,
10am - 4pm

High Street

Unique gifts, local produce, live music, arts and crafts and more.

/LittlehamptonArtisan

Curator's Talk: When I Have Done My Bit – Littlehampton after the Great War

Saturday 10th, 11am
Littlehampton Museum,
BN17 5EW

Join the Museum for a talk exploring how Littlehampton and its residents recovered in the years following the Great War.

T: 01903 731800
w: www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk



We run 5 youth club sessions every week across Littlehampton which run all year including half-terms and summer holidays. There are lots of activities on offer including games consoles, sports competitions, creative arts, cooking projects and trips. Young people are given regular opportunities to be involved in the planning of future sessions, so they stay relevant and engaging.

Entry is 50p per session

Events at the Look & Sea! Visitor Centre

Monday 5th - Lecture
Lunch - Passion for Piers
by Jackie Marsh Hobbs

Friday 9th - Silk Road
Writers "Words of War"

Wednesday 14th - Quiz

Wednesday 14th - Talk
- WW1 Romance Intrigue
Betrayal

Saturday 17th &
Sunday 18th - 'A night
to remember them'
music performances

Friday 23rd & Saturday
24th - Domino Theatre
Company - War Word

Friday 30th - Lecture
Lunch - The role of dogs
at war in WW1

Booking essential.
t: 01903 718984
w: lookandsea.co.uk



WWI Beacons of Light

Sunday 11th,
6pm - 7.15pm

Littlehampton Seafront
Beacon and Stage by the Sea

Performances, and ceremony to commemorate the end of the first World War including the reading of names from the Littlehampton and Wick War memorials. The Seafront Beacon will be lit at 7pm with a thousand others across the country in this national celebration.

t: 01903 732063
w: visitlittlehampton.co.uk

Christmas Light Switch On

Friday 30th, 5pm - 8pm
Littlehampton High Street

Annual festive fun in Littlehampton High Street with live entertainment, stalls, Father Christmas and more! The lights will be switched on at 7.15pm.

t: 01903 732063
w: visitlittlehampton.co.uk

What's On at The Windmill?

Offering a busy film schedule as well as panto and other live performance, if you haven't visited The Windmill for a while then do take a look at forthcoming films and events. Find out more at www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/thewindmill-entertainment-centre

Discover what's on at Southfields Jubilee Centre

From dance, sports, clothes sales and social clubs to hiring the Centre for your group, celebration or exhibition. For details visit www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/southfields



The Mayor's Shout-out



Mayor with Littlehampton Twinning Association

The Littlehampton Twinning Association is a voluntary organisation run by local people. Formed in 1982, our first twinning was with the French town of Chennevieres-sur-Marne. In 1988 a second twinning was established, this time with Durmersheim, Germany. The key aim of the Association is to promote the continuing development of community friendships, enabling Littlehampton individuals or groups to enjoy exchange visits with our twin towns. The sharing of cultures, hospitality and friendship is an annual event, with hosts in each town accommodating guests in their homes. Subscriptions and fundraising activities cover the costs of hosting our 'twin' visitors, with travel costs met in full by those individuals making the trips. A varied programme of social and fundraising events takes place bi-monthly and the Twinning Association regularly attends town events including the Town Show and Remembrance Day. If you are interested in linking with our twin towns, either as an individual or as a family, club or school, please contact **Chairman David Twinn on 01903 715975 or twinn@btinternet.com**

IT'S SHOWTIME!

Bigger and better than ever before, the annual Town Show and Family Fun Day is back for 2018!

Taking place on **Saturday 8 September at Rosemead Park from noon to 5pm**, join in the fun and festivities of Littlehampton's most joyous community celebration, which includes favourites such as the traditional crafts, horticulture and produce show, as well as providing a platform for local charity and community stalls.



Entertainment comes in the shape of The Gangsters; an exceptionally talented SKA band from Worthing. There will also be arena attractions from local community groups, a food court area with the Lions Beer Tent, children's rides and inflatables and, thanks to Arun Youth Projects, activities for teens.

Topped off with a dog show and much more, a list of categories and entry forms for the Show's Horticultural and Craft competition is available from the Town Council Offices – if you have never entered before then do make your debut in 2018! Programmes will be available on the LTC website or at www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk. **See full details of events for this Autumn inside!**

LTC champions local apprenticeships

Keen to encourage local employers to follow its example, LTC is delighted to be working with an apprentice - a scheme that is also increasing in popularity nationally. Working with Chichester College to recruit an apprentice for the role of Committee and Business Administration Support has proved to be such a success that the Town Council sought a second apprentice for a role within the Amenity Team, this time in partnership with Northbrook College. Progress caught up with 17-year-old Committee and Business Administration Support Apprentice Rebekah Newsom to find out about her role and how being an apprentice has helped both this resident and LTC.

What does your role involve?

My role involves compiling, publishing and arranging the distribution of Committee agendas and meetings papers to both Councillors and external recipients. I also assist the Administration Team, Assistant Town Clerk and the Communications Manager on a variety of tasks from entering data and recording updates for planning applications to helping monitor and document information for Grant Applications.

What do you feel you are gaining from your apprenticeship?

I have been able to further develop my skills on the use of software. I have been able to do this through seeing how software is used in the office to make work easier and more efficient, attending training sessions for Excel that have been provided to me and working on the Content Management System (CMS) for the new Littlehampton Town Council website.

I have also gained experience of working in a new environment, which has allowed for me to become more knowledgeable of the requirements of working in an office. Alongside this, I have become more comfortable

and confident with terminology that relates to local authority work.

What are the advantages of taking an apprenticeship locally?

I feel that taking an apprenticeship locally allows for you to be an active part of the Town. This apprenticeship in particular has enabled me to understand the Town Council's services and become aware of just how much goes on behind the scenes.

Is this experience giving you insight into the day-to-day running of a professional workplace?

Yes, at the Town Council the team is really close and help each other when needed and I have been able to gain an insight as to how the whole team contribute to delivering services to the community.

What do you hope to do in the future?

In the future I would either like to continue in a similar role or utilise what I have learned and gained from working here in a similar workplace.

Would you recommend apprenticeships?

I would recommend an apprenticeship because it can help you gain experience whilst learning on the job. Championing apprenticeships for the great benefits to all parties, LTC is encouraging local employers to find out more about our two college partners. For more details: Chichester College on 01243 786321 or email info@chichester.ac.uk; The Greater Brighton Metropolitan College (Brighton and Worthing college combined) on 0845 155 60 60 or email enquiries-worthing@gbmc.ac.uk



Meet our Local Heroes Merit Award Winners Announced

From support for the visually impaired to decades of dedication to the Brownies, glasses were raised to some of our community's best-loved and most steadfast residents at this year's Merit Awards.

The roll of honour

Mrs. Sue West: in recognition of over 40 years of dedication to the 5th Littlehampton Brownies and Guides groups. Volunteering with the Guides from the age of 16 years and recognised with a Duke of Edinburgh Award with the 1st Wick Guides, Sue continues to inspire, nurture and encourage young people.



Mrs. Daphne Snowden: in recognition of more than 60 years of service to the Royal British Legion and for support to many other charities. Selling Poppies from childhood, Daphne has received a certificate for 65 Years' Service from the Royal British Legion and was presented with a 60-year Service Bar and the Poppy Workers Merit Badge and has raised thousands of pounds for charity.



Mr. Martin Tillman: in recognition of his 37 years of dedication to the Littlehampton Red Cross and for long standing support to groups in Littlehampton. On leaving the Royal Navy Martin joined the Littlehampton British

Legion and was twice Chairman. A former member of the Sea Scouts and the Red Cross, he has attended hundreds of events as a volunteer First Aider and has been an Events Volunteer for the Wick Information Centre, as well as a long-standing volunteer with the Littlehampton Bonfire Society.



Littlehampton Shopmobility:

for over 20 years of service to residents and visitors to the town. Running in the Town since 1996, Shopmobility has expanded to provide more people with scooters, wheelchair and mobility aids, as well as setting up a pit stop service. A key player in the National Registration of motor scooters, the service has regularly reached the final five in the prestigious Tom Hillier Award.



Sussex Coast Talking News: for over 40 years of recorded newspapers service to those who are blind or visually impaired. Formed by the members of the Rotary Club of Littlehampton in 1975, initially producing fortnightly editions, The Voice of Progress for Littlehampton was one of the earliest talking newspapers in the country. Recently rebranded as the Sussex Talking News, the organisation continues to provide fortnightly recorded newspapers that are then distributed free of charge to those who are blind or visually impaired.



BIG News for YOUR Town

'Wheely' exciting news for skate park users

In partnership with Arun District Council, the Town Council is exploring options for a new and improved wheeled sports facility in Littlehampton. Managed by Arun District Council, the existing skate park has been in situ on Sea Road since 2001. Used by thousands of wheeled sports enthusiasts over the years, as the popularity of skateboarding and scooting continues to grow, both Councils recognise the potential to create a modern facility, providing a wider variety of obstacles for all abilities. Having recently conducted an online survey amongst local skate park users it is clear that local people are keen to see the project realised. Watch this space for more 'wheely' exciting updates!



Girls and boys come out to play!

The play area at Southfields Recreation Ground has been given a much-needed renovation thanks to a partnership between Arun District Council and Littlehampton Town Council. New play equipment has been installed, replacing several outdated items with new swings and climbing units, as well as improved pathways and surfacing for greater accessibility.

Castle-themed and painted in bright colours, the new equipment has given the play area a new lease of life, much to the delight of the area's young visitors who now love to come out to play!



www.facebook.com/littlehamptontc

Feel involved. Be involved. Contact YOUR Town Council.

email: lrc@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk telephone: 01903 732063

visit: www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

