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Mayor's message



As my second term as Mayor comes to an end I have many 'thank yous' to extend. As well as being grateful to fellow Town Councillors for electing me to serve again, I am also indebted to the previous Mayors who have guided, supported and inspired me. I wish my successor all the best for their Mayoral year.

Big thanks to the amazing team at the Town Council and also to my friends and family. Both have given me endless support, especially in my fund raising efforts. Particular thanks go to my husband Chris who has had to put up with me – not an easy task!

Above all I thank the people, groups, businesses and organisations of our town for their hard work, dedication and spirit in continuing to drive Littlehampton forwards. I urge you all to get involved with the many clubs, organisations and events Littlehampton has to offer. Whether volunteering or simply attending, there really is a wealth of fun, friendship and fascination just waiting for you to tap into.

I close with what seems like a very pertinent quote from 'Wicked!' which is one of my favourite musicals and sums up what I will take away from the experience: "So much of me is made from what I learned from you. You'll be with me like a handprint on my heart."

With warm regards,

Cllr. Billy Blanchard-Cooper, Town Mayor

Doing, Doing, Done!

Littlehampton Town Council is delighted with the progress and results of some of its current projects...



Doing

Keystone Centre Consultation: Have your say



Cllrs Tracey Baker, Mike Northeast and Ian Buckland outside the Keystone Centre

LTC and Arun District Council are preparing to replace the existing Keystone Centre, Eldon Way, Wick, with a brand-new youth centre. Speaking about the initiative, Chair of the Property & Personnel Committee, Councillor Tracey Baker said: "The partnership between the two Councils aims to improve facilities by providing a modern and versatile space, with an enhanced outdoor recreation area, the proposed location is almost opposite the existing Centre. We want the new space to be available to the whole community."

Councillor Ian Buckland, Chair of the Community Resources Committee added: "We are pleased that youngsters and many residents have been closely involved from the start of the consultation. I urge people to visit our website and share their views by completing the online survey at littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/keystone. You have until Friday 8th March to do so. An update will be available in April on the LTC website."

Councillor Mike Northeast said

"These are very exciting times for the Keystone Centre and it is something the management committee have been pursuing for years. The present building is in desperate need of repair and modernisation so hopefully the proposed new build will deliver a youth facility that is much needed and we can all be proud of."

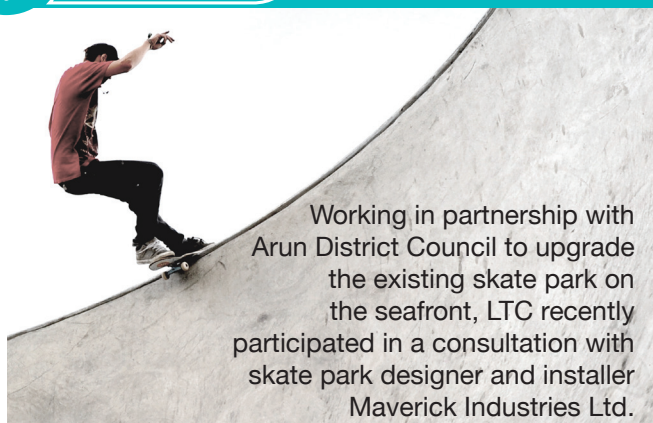


Proposed Location for new Centre



Doing

Sea Road Skate Park



Working in partnership with Arun District Council to upgrade the existing skate park on the seafront, LTC recently participated in a consultation with skate park designer and installer Maverick Industries Ltd.

Maverick has provided a concept design for the skate park and users were invited to share their views. Suggested amendments are being costed and, if structurally achievable, will be re-imagined in a 3D visual for both Councils to agree, with a project completion date being tipped for late Spring/early Summer.



Done!

Town's First Accessible Allotments



Julian Hodder Managing Director Barratts Southern Counties, allotment holders and Town Mayor Cllr Billy Blanchard-Cooper.

A partnership between LTC and housebuilder Barratt Homes, with support from Tesco's Bags of Help Scheme, has seen the Town's first accessible allotments being rented out. Testimony to the Town Council's commitment to ensuring that community facilities are created as the town grows, the new allotments at the Kingley Gate Housing Development were developed with the entire community in mind. Inspired by the need for more accessible public spaces, the design includes raised beds and flat pathways, ensuring that occupants with reduced physical abilities have all-weather access and a consistently stable surface. There are also wheelchair-accessible picnic benches. Further accessible plots are planned in the future as part of the Worthing Road site.

Allotment rental enquiries: littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/allotments

Residents are welcome to attend the Annual Town Meeting on Thursday 21st March to hear about these and other initiatives. See 'What's On' page for details.



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Feel involved. Be involved. Contact YOUR Town Council.

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

visit: www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk



Balancing the books: Our Budget 2019/20

The Town Council has agreed its Budget for the forthcoming year and in doing so has protected key services such as allotments, events and grants, whilst also allowing new facilities and services to be brought forward. Key elements of the budget include increased support for the Town Centre retail offer; new allotments; delivering the proposed Keystone Youth Centre facility and supporting a major piece of work to address a backlog in the documentation of the Museum collection.



The Council has agreed a 3% increase in Council Tax for a Band D Council Tax payer. This represents an additional £3.54 per annum and an annual charge of £121.45. Details of the budget are online littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/how-we-spend

Councillor Dr James Walsh KStJ
Chair of the Policy & Finance Committee

Total Budgeted Revenue Expenditure	£1,350,492
Total Budgeted Income	£116,203
Net Budgeted Revenue Expenditure	£1,234,290

Financed By	
Precept	£1,197,150
Reserves	£37,140
Total	£1,234,290

Band D Council Tax 2019/20	£121.45
Increase in Band D tax	3.00%

Expenditure Breakdown



Democratic Representation & Management
17.45%



Town Management
8.15%



Community Grants & Partnership Initiatives
5.49%



Planning & Transportation
2.25%



Manor House Room Hire
0.18%



Corporate Management
14.77%



Street Lighting
0.11%



Community
15.84%



Southfields Jubilee Centre
4.64%



Parks & Open Spaces
6.42%



Youth Provision
5.72%



Museum
14.32%



Allotments
4.65%

BIG News for YOUR Town

Award winning events



In November 2018 LTC was presented with the Sussex by the Sea Tourism Award. Sponsored by Woods Travel Ltd at the Arun Business Partnership Awards, the award was given in recognition of the Town Council's events programme. LTC thanks all the local organisations and businesses that help make our events a success, as well as the Littlehampton community who provide excellent support by attending our events. Whatever the weather residents never fail to turn out and to extend heartfelt hospitality and community spirit to visitors to the town. From lining the parade route for the Grenadier Guards Band to ensuring a record turnout for Screen on the Green, 2018 was a winning year all round!

Town Council's efficiency drive is just the ticket

Constantly striving to run its services and manage the daily workload as efficiently as possible, LTC has made two new additions to the Amenity Team's resources: a new electric van and an electronic job ticket system. The new van, complete with livery, will be seen out and about as the Amenity Team carries out many of its duties, including buildings and green space maintenance, event support and graffiti removal.



Amenity Team Manager David Batchelor (in the van), Cllr Tracey Baker and Town Mayor Billy Blanchard-Cooper

The new electronic job ticket system is helping the Team schedule outdoor inspections, carry out preventative maintenance and deal with reactive outdoor jobs in a more efficient way. The Team was previously using a combination of paper forms, whiteboards and liaising by telephone to plan their work. The new mobile system allows them to spend more time on the job.

Speaking about the new van Councillor Tracey Baker, Chair of the Property & Personnel Committee, said: "We all want to live in a greener and healthier environment and introducing an electric vehicle is one of a variety of ways we can achieve this aim. When one of our existing vehicles started to come to the end of its life we discussed options for its replacement and choosing a greener vehicle seemed like the best choice."

Grants for local groups

Do you know a local group that would benefit from a cash boost? If you do, be sure to remind them to apply to LTC's 2019 Grant Aid fund. Continuing to support the Town's local groups and charities, the annual scheme offers funding from a pot of £20,000. Opening the application process on 1st April (closing date is Friday 10th May) Grant Aid awards are made to charitable or not-for-profit clubs, groups or organisations in Littlehampton. Applicants need to demonstrate that their group benefits members of the community by offering cultural enrichment, advice or support, or by providing sporting activities. All applications are considered on the basis of merit, aims and objectives.



Application details, along with full criteria, can be found online at littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/grants. Successful applicants will be notified by early July.

MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A LOCAL COUNCILLOR



**IF YOU CARE ABOUT
WHERE YOU LIVE AND ARE
PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
COMMUNITY, WE NEED YOU**

JOIN US AND MAKE A LOCAL CHANGE
Find out more about how to
become a Councillor
online: beacouncillor.co.uk

Local elections are taking
place on 2nd May

Tell us your business!

Want to highlight your business to a wider audience?

From as little as just £50 LTC offers some fantastic sponsorship opportunities, including exposure in this newsletter, packages for our large events and roadside planter sponsorship.

Don't miss out – CONTACT US today! littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/sponsorship-opportunities

What's On!



Designed to offer a range of entertainment, information and culture for the whole family, Littlehampton's springtime events include stage shows, children's workshops and much more! Make sure you grab a free copy of our What's on Guide out in March at selected outlets.

MARCH

Book Day Workshop

Thursday 7th, 3.30pm – 5pm

Littlehampton Museum BN17 5EW

In a special free workshop for children led by professional illustrator Aaron Blecha, come along in costume after school and learn how children's books and characters are created. Ages 8 – 12 years old. Pre-booking required.
t: 01903 738100
w: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

The Mayor of Littlehampton's Charity Gala Performance Curtain Up - The Sequel!

Saturday 9th, 2.30pm and 7.30pm

The Windmill Theatre BN17 5LH

An evening of entertainment in aid of the Mayor's Charity, Arun Youth Projects Arts and Social Club Bursary featuring dance, song and music from talented local groups including the Edwin James Festival Choir, Musical Comedy Society, Dance Industry Studios and more!

Tickets £15 from 01903 730775.

Board on Friday

Second Friday of each month, 7.30pm – 10.30pm

Wickbourne Centre, Clun Road BN17 7DZ

If you enjoy board games then come and join us! Whether you play to win or simply for fun, games are provided but feel free to bring your own. Minimum age 16. Nominal charge of 50p. No booking required.

f / 'Board on Friday'

Make & Create for Mum

Saturday 16th, 12 – 4pm

Evans Gardens Courtyard, Arcade Road BN17 5AP

A fun filled afternoon with activities for children of all ages to make, create and take away something handmade for Mother's Day. There is a nominal charge for this activity.

f /LOCALLittlehamptonArts

Annual Town Meeting

Thursday 21st, 6pm

The New Millennium Chamber, Manor House BN17 5EW

A meeting for residents, facilitated by the Town Council, members of the public are invited to voice their thoughts on local matters. Agenda and notes for the meeting will be available one week before from the LTC website.

t: 01903 732063

w: littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/committees/annual-town-meeting

Exhibition - Aliens, Zombies & Monsters!

Saturday 12th January to

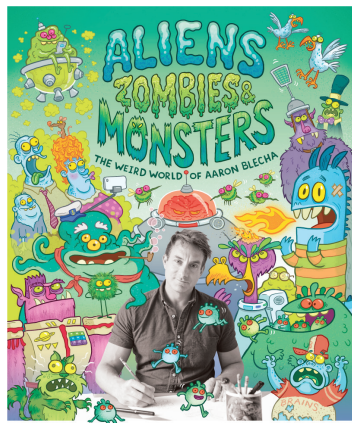
Friday 15th March

9am - 4.30pm Mon to Fri, 10.30am - 4.30pm Saturday

Littlehampton Museum, BN17 5EW

An interactive and immersive exploration of how children's characters and books are created led by professional illustrator Aaron Blecha.

t: 01903 738100 w: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk



The Great British Spring Clean: Wick Village

Friday 22nd, 10am – 12pm

Meet at Wick Information Centre, BN17 7JS

Part of a national initiative, come along and help tidy up your neighbourhood. Equipment provided. Please contact Julie at the Information Centre to let her know if you want to join in.

t: 01903 734759

f /wickvillagetraders

Exhibition - Lifecycles

Saturday 23rd March to

Friday 31st May

9am - 4.30pm Mon to Fri

10.30am - 4.30pm Saturday

Littlehampton Museum BN17 5EW

Exploring the circle of life as told using items from the museum collections, this interactive object-based exhibition will look at birth, death and the significant events in between.

t: 01903 738100

w: littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

APRIL

Artisan Market - Spring into Life

Saturday 6th, 10am – 4pm, High Street

A vibrant street market combining live entertainment with the offer of local produce, art, crafts and antiques.

f /LittlehamptonArtisan

Wick Village Easter Egg Competition

Monday 8th - Thursday 18th,

Wick Street

Easter-themed shop window dressing competition, pick up forms from the Wick Information Centre or the Flower Shop. Return forms to either venue by 18th.

t: 01903 734759

f /wickvillagetraders

Easter Out & About

Wednesday 10th, 10am – 12pm,

Mewbrook Park

Wednesday 17th, 10am – 12pm,

Southfields Park

FREE Easter fun in the park with a bunny hunt, magic show and Freedom Leisure games. All ages welcome, although activities are aimed at ages 2 - 11.

t: 01903 732063

w: visitlittlehampton.co.uk

Edwin James Festival Choir - Their Scarves Were Red

Friday 12th 7pm &

Saturday 13th 3pm

St James the Great Church BN17 7AN

A musical by Darren Vallier, this is a thought provoking and moving tribute to those who died in the Hillsborough disaster of 1989. Adults £10, children £4.

t: 01243 582330

f /edwinjamesfestivalchoir

Easter Out & About

Friday 12th, 10am - 12pm,

Rosemead Park

Join the Freedom Leisure team for outdoor games, activities and inflatable fun (weather permitting).

The Easter Story - Open-Air Theatre

Friday 19th, 10.15am

Littlehampton High Street

Join Littlehampton Churches Together for an open-air performance of the Easter Story. Starting 10.15am near the Arcade and culminating at the Clock Tower, refreshments afterwards at the United Church (1 High Street).

t: 01903 782744 w: arunchurch.com

Create an Eggcellent Easter

Friday 19th, 12pm- 4pm

Evans Gardens Courtyard,

Arcade Road BN17 5AP

The Easter Bunny will be visiting the courtyard and helping out on the Easter Egg Hunt! Under 10s only for the hunt (commencing at 12 noon), there will be creative crafts for all ages. There is a nominal charge for this activity.

f /LOCALLittlehamptonArts

Edwin James Festival Choir - Good Friday Concert Faure's Requiem

Friday 19th, 7.30pm

St James the Great

Church BN17 7AN

The performance is free, but donations can be made to St Wilfrid's, St Barnabas & Chestnut Tree House hospices – the three charities supported by the choir – at the end of the performance. Doors open at 6.45pm

t: 01243 582330

f /edwinjamesfestivalchoir

Easter Sunday

Sunday 21st, 10.30am – 12pm

The Littlehampton Academy BN17 6FE

An informal service celebrating the message of Easter through music, video, drama and dance! Suitable for all ages.

t: 01903 782744 w: arunchurch.com

Easter Fun Day

Sunday 21st, 10am – 5pm

Mewsbrook Park, Littlehampton Seafront BN16 2LX

Fun for all the family with children's rides, inflatables, craft stalls and an Easter bonnet competition.

e: hey.amigogroup@gmail.com

f /mewsbrookparkcafe



MAY

Artisan Market - May the fourth be with you!

Saturday 4th, 10am - 4pm, High Street

A vibrant street market combining live entertainment with the offer of local produce, art, crafts and antiques.

f /LittlehamptonArtisan

Arts in the Courtyard

Saturday 18th, 12pm -5pm

Evans Gardens Courtyard, Arcade Road, BN17 5AP

Accompanied by live music, watch South Coast artists at work with an opportunity to ask questions about technique, materials and 'how to'. Free art activities for all ages and abilities.

f /LOCALLittlehamptonArts

Discover Southfields Jubilee Centre

The newest community centre in Town has lots to offer. There are dance classes for children and adults, sports including yoga and martial arts and even social clubs. The centre is also available for hire for group sessions, children's parties and more.

t: 01903 732063

w: littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/southfields-jubilee-centre

Age UK Clubs

Join a Littlehampton Club and have fun with friends, keep active and enjoy a range of activities and classes! Age UK has an exciting programme of activities including Arts and Crafts, Music Makers Choir, Creative Writing, Gentle Yoga, Sit to get Fit, Strength and Balance, Cribbage, Dominoes and a whole lot more!

t: 01903 792050 e: littlehamptonclubs@ageukwestsussex.org.uk

What's On at The Windmill?

A landmark building in our Town, The Windmill offers a busy film schedule and live performance.

w: freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/the-windmill-entertainment-centre

Arun Youth Projects – Littlehampton

Five youth club sessions offering activities including games consoles, sports competitions, creative arts, cooking projects and trips. Young people help plan the sessions so that they are relevant and engaging.

Tuesdays

Southfields Youth (11-18's) Southfields Jubilee Centre, 7.30pm-9pm

Wednesdays

Keystone Youth (13-18's) The Keystone Centre, 7pm-9pm

Thursdays

Keystone Juniors (8-11's) The Keystone Centre, 4pm-5.30pm

Keystone Youth (11-18's) The Keystone Centre, 7pm-9pm

Fridays

Keystone Youth (11-18's) The Keystone Centre, 3.30pm-5.30pm

Entry: 50p per session f /arunyouthprojects



Weddings
at The Manor House
Littlehampton

01903 732063
littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/weddings
weddings@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

Event Organisers:

See our help page on littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/support-local-event-organisers

List your Littlehampton event for free
events@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

Find these events and more at
visitlittlehampton.co.uk



Come and Make History

A cultural service provided by Littlehampton Town Council, Littlehampton Museum has some exciting projects lined up and is seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help them make – and preserve – local history.

Since January the Museum's Butterworth gallery has been turned into a hub for the documentation of the Museum's fascinating and extensive collection. Comprising more than 30,000 items, the project will involve examining the artefacts, creating a complete inventory of the collection, finding suitable display and storage. Allowing the Museum Team to locate objects immediately, assess their condition, and select new items for

public display, this vital work will also ensure that a wealth of local knowledge from days gone by is available to future generations.

Updates on the work will be shared at the Museum, via the Museum's website and social media channels, but if you would like to get up close and personal with the captivating collection and you have some time to spare, the Team would love to hear from you. Visit the Littlehampton Museum website and complete a volunteer application form (found under 'Collections') or email museum@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk Visitors are welcome to view the Team's ongoing work and to learn more about the processes.

Specialist to advise Museum on Insect, butterfly and moth collection

From Spring this year the Museum team will be using funding secured from the Royal Society's 'Places of Science' Grant Scheme to enlist the help from an external Entomological expert who will provide advice on the care of the Museum's extensive collection of butterfly, moth and insect specimens.

Workshops will run from the Butterworth Gallery involving museum visitors and there will be a series of fun workshops for children during the October Half Term, along with a new temporary display highlighting the Project.

 For more information please contact the Museum team at museum@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

The Mayor's Shout-out

Arun Youth Projects



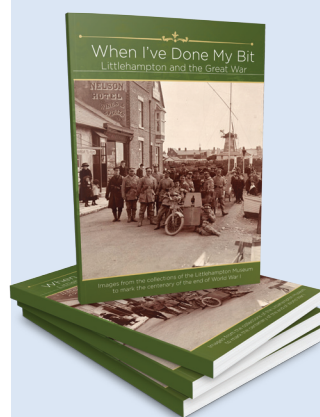
Keystone Youth Drop-in

Mayor Councillor Billy Blanchard-Cooper has been raising funds for Arun Youth Projects (AYP) during his term, specifically for the organisation's two bursaries that provide financial support to young people in Sports, Creative Arts or Social Clubs.

AYP Bursaries offer small sums of money to allow disadvantaged young people to pursue their interests. The bursaries are open to all young local residents aged 11-18 and young people can complete a simple application outlining why they need the bursary and what they would invest it in. Applications are approved by a panel of young advisors selected by democratic process from our youth service.

 For more information:
t: 01903 782744
e: ayp@arunchurch.com
w: arunchurch.com/ayp

Littlehampton's popular page-turner



Residents turned out in droves to attend and participate in a series of community initiatives held to commemorate the First World War Centenary.

The Remembrance Day Parade and Service held at the War Memorial was reported to be one of the busiest in recent years and, despite the wet and windy weather, hundreds of people attended the special 'Beacons of Light' event on the seafront the same evening.

Also, well received was the LTC installation of nine transparent silhouettes of fallen First World War soldiers in St Mary's Church, which sat alongside a poppy display organised by Derek Moore MBE of the Littlehampton RBL Poppy Appeal.

A special centenary stone was installed at the heart of the Kingley Gate development as a permanent reminder of those who lost their lives in the Great War.



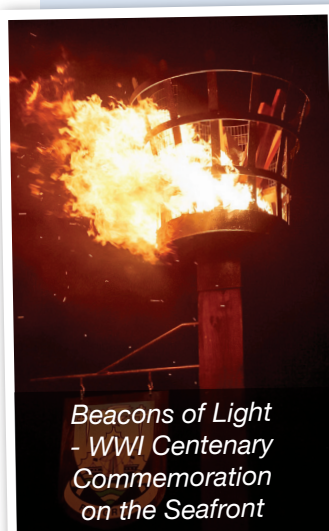
Councillor Mike Northeast said,

"I'm doubly proud, seeing my idea of the commemorative stones installed and, on the day, seeing my 97-year-old Dad, ex D-Day veteran Stan Northeast unveiling them with the Mayor in the First World War's centenary year.



D-Day Veteran Stan Northeast unveiling Kingley Gate Centenary stone

In addition, a Town Council-funded commemorative book was launched. 'When I Have Done My Bit – Littlehampton and the Great War,' is proving to be a popular title and contains sixty-seven pages of images from the collections of the Littlehampton Museum. Copies are available at Littlehampton Museum priced at £3. Profits will be donated to the SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity formerly known as Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association.



Beacons of Light - WWI Centenary Commemoration on the Seafront

What's your scene for

SCREEN ON THE GREEN

Once again, we are inviting the people of Littlehampton to select the film that will be shown at the original Screen on the Green, which this year takes place on Saturday 17th August, LTC is asking residents to choose from the following:



- ★ 1. Hairspray (2007, PG) ☐
- ★ 2. Back to the Future (1985, PG) ☐
- ★ 3. Paddington (2014, U) ☐

Votes can be cast at littlehampton-tc.gov.uk, via our facebook page [/littlehamptontc](https://www.facebook.com/littlehamptontc) or you can mark your selection above, cut out this section and post it to Littlehampton Town Council, Manor House, Church Street, Littlehampton BN17 5EW. Voting will close on Friday 12th April and the film with the most votes will be revealed in the Summer edition of Progress.

What's pick of the pics?
YOU DECIDE!

Discover our family-friendly Museum
located in the heart of the town



Offering an exciting exhibitions programme, including work by local artists and displays showcasing the museums collection. Find out more at www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk. And remember! With the Museum's free admission policy it doesn't cost a penny to take a trip down memory lane.