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Littlehampton Town Council's Newsletter



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Weddings at the Manor House

In July we were delighted to have hosted one of the first weddings in West Sussex since lockdown. The happy couple exchanged their vows in front of a small group of close friends and family in our Grade II Listed building, the Manor House.

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Bickers



The Manor House is in the heart of Littlehampton which offers the perfect location for your special day. We are able to provide Covid secure measures to make your day stress-free and truly enjoyable.



For more information call 01903 732063 or visit

www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/weddings



Mayor's Message

Councillor David Chace represents the Brookfield Ward. He became First Citizen following the first-ever remote Annual Meeting of Littlehampton Town Council on the 14th May 2020.

Having only been an elected Councillor since 2019 I was delighted to be chosen by my fellow Councillors as Mayor for 2020/21.

My first two months were a baptism of fire! A busy committee schedule, which due to social distancing measures has been conducted remotely, was initially daunting. However, my fellow Councillors and I got to grips with the new technology and I urge you to watch our live meetings, if you can.

I am so proud to be a part of our wonderful community and to have witnessed first-hand the way our local groups, businesses and people have pulled together to help others during these challenging months. The work isn't over; we must continue to support our local businesses and community groups in the months ahead. You can read about some of those who have worked so hard to support the Littlehampton Community in this issue of PROGRESS.

We all have had to adapt to new ways of doing things. For me, this has included remote meetings and hosting videos showcasing the fabulous variety of businesses our Town has to offer. My fundraising plans for my mayoral year also began online with an auction. I am delighted to report that this raised £1,000.

I am pleased I have been able to attend a number of engagements, including meeting the Community Fridge group and St Barnabas in Wick. I look forward to meeting many more groups in the coming months.

Keep well, keep safe and be kind.

With warmest regards,

Councillor David Chace, Town Mayor

Contact the Mayor

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Regular News including the Mayor's Vlogs

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The Mayor's SHOUT-OUT

The Mayor's Charities are the Creative Heart Community Hub, Sea Cadets Littlehampton, the 1087 Squadron Air Training Corps and 4th Littlehampton Scouts.

Creative Heart Community Hub, in Beach Road, is being transformed into a vibrant community arts and crafts café and will be providing much needed facilities for the community in months to come. All the chosen charities share the commonality of offering important services to our community.



Latest News

WIN



Win £250!

Monthly Love Local Prize Draw launching in September for Town Centre shoppers.
More details at www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/lovelocal



Remembrance Sunday 8 November

Find out this year's plans on
www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/remembrance

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Design of proposed new youth facility in its new location opposite existing centre

Investing in our young residents

With the design concept approved earlier this year, a much-needed youth facility in Littlehampton is another step closer to fruition.

Subject to planning permission, the existing Keystone Centre in Eldon Way, Wick, will be replaced with a brand-new youth centre, with architects Heyler Davies briefed to focus on sustainability as part of their innovative design. Meanwhile Arun District Council, which owns the land, is exploring ways to improve the outdoor facilities.

Recognising the advantages of providing a facility where the Town's young people can socialise, learn new skills and access support, the centre will be funded chiefly by Littlehampton Town Council, using monies from the Morrison's Supermarket and Kingley Gate developments and Arun District Council.

i View updates for the new centre here:
www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/keystone



Town Councillor and Keystone Management Committee

Member Mike Northeast said:

"It's exciting that after representing the ward for over 30 years this dream is finally becoming a reality and the Keystone Management Team are helping determine, in consultation with young people, the internal design and fit out. Modern Youth clubs are not just about pool tables and computer games, they should offer a safe modern environment where the kids feel a sense of ownership which is what the new centre will offer. It will be a valuable resource for young people helping them on life's journey to be young responsible adults but in a relaxed fun way. You only get one chance to help young people mature into good citizens, hopefully with this new centre we can give them that chance."



Playground gets exciting makeover



The much-loved Rosemead Play Area is set to receive a top-of-the-class upgrade.

LTC has chosen Sutcliffe Play to carry out the improvements. Based on LTC's specification and outcomes from public consultation Sutcliffe Play have designed a themed play area suitable for children up to the age of 14 years and includes specific features to ensure that all children can fulfil their play needs irrespective of their perceived ability.

i View the plans for the upgraded play area
www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/rosemead

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Chair of the community resources committee, Councillor Billy Blanchard-Cooper said: “I am delighted that the Town Council is replacing the play equipment at the well-used Rosemead play area. I thank everyone who has been involved in selecting the new plans for this area and see this as a great investment for local families to enjoy. I am particularly pleased that all involved have tried to make the selection of equipment as inclusive for all as possible.”



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 KITCHEN
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LITTLEhampton's BIG heart

Covid-19 has undoubtedly presented challenges. But amid the fear, anxiety and confusion, pockets of goodness have been the pandemic's silver linings. In Littlehampton the sense of community has been an especially bright light, with many groups and individuals offering support and encouragement to those in need.

Helen Bradshaw, Team Leader for Free Cakes for Kids set up the Littlehampton's Coronavirus Support Group on Facebook. A community resource centre, the group also offered morale-boosting initiatives such as Baking Day and Book Club Day, as well as organising a free bread stall in the High Street and collections of food, nappies and sanitary products to pass on to those in need.

"It built up really quickly and we had 1000+ members within a couple of weeks. There were lots of community groups doing great work, but we but we wanted to offer something that was specific to the Covid-19 crisis. From details of which pharmacies were open to which shops had certain items, people were also able to ask for help and advice - those who were self-isolating were able to find volunteers to help with shopping, for instance," explained Helen, page Admin.

Professional psychotherapist Steve McKeown also joined the group and was quickly inducted as page Admin. Offering his expertise and experience free of charge, he provided vital mental health support for group members.



Councillor Freddie Tandy,
Paul Sanderson and volunteers



Helen Bradshaw and Steve McKeown

"I run a clinic in St Albans and during lockdown I couldn't go to work, but I wanted to support the community. I talked to people on the phone, made and posted videos for the group and asked everyone how they were doing every day. I was trying to get people to escape their own minds," said Steve, who like Helen hopes that the group will continue as a support group for the Town, even after Covid-19.

You won't find 'food parcels' anywhere on the timetable, but that didn't stop teacher at Littlehampton Academy and LTC Councillor Freddie Tandy and the School's Chaplain Paul Sanderson setting up a service for their students. Recognising that some pupils and their families might appreciate a helping hand, the pair, supported by Sam Coppard, Aaron Perry and around 50 volunteers drawn from School staff, they set about providing weekly food parcels.

"Morrison's offered us access to stock every week and we were able to provide a food and essentials box to children in need. We did this right up to the first week of the summer holidays. Local charities and individuals have helped by chipping in with money and food donations - everyone has come together," Freddie told Progress, going on to explain that in delivering parcels he and his fellow volunteers were sometimes the only people from outside their homes that the children saw. "The food was a bonus, but the value of seeing and engaging with someone was really important to them. Schools are often stereotyped as exam factories, but we're part of the community and this was a chance to prove that."

To all of the wonderful volunteers in our town; whether you made scrubs, donated money, helped charities, checked on neighbours, ran groups or provided services during these difficult times, THANK YOU! We salute you all.

i See a list of organisations that can help you during the pandemic on www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/coronavirus






Their sessions have gone virtual via their social media.

Make sure you follow them on Instagram and facebook for news on quizzes and Zoom sessions.

 @arunyouthprojects

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We are now open!

To book your visit call

01903 738100

Covid secure measures in place including mandatory wearing of face coverings.

Head over to our new website to see online galleries and download children's resources.

littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

A sad farewell to two standing Town Councillors

In recent months the Town has lost four of its finest sons and daughters: Freda Hughes, who was president of the Littlehampton Carnival Association and had been an active member for 44 years; Rosemary Orpin, who served on the Town Council and was twice Mayor; former Mayor and Councillor for 40 years Tony Squires; Town and District Councillor Chris Blanchard-Cooper.

Freda, Rosemary, Tony and Chris gave huge amounts of time, energy and enthusiasm to the Town and, following their passing, the dedication of the four magnificent stalwarts was confirmed by the copious and fulsome tributes that poured in.

Selflessly giving of themselves, and known throughout the Town for their wisdom, kindness and service, we honour each of them. As a Town Council we have been blessed to know them and to have worked alongside them.

May they rest in peace.



For full tributes see

www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/sadfarewell



Councillor Chris Blanchard-Cooper



Councillor Tony Squires

Holding out for YOUR heroes nominate Littlehampton's superstars!

Marking a 'first' for the Town's prestigious Merit Awards, residents can make their own nominations for the awards which have been postponed until Spring 2021.

Previously Merit Award nominations were made by LTC members, but on this occasion it has been decided to widen the process. The Town Council is now asking residents of the town to nominate those individuals and groups who make significant contributions to the community.



For details including criteria and nominations form see

www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/merit-awards

LOVE LOCAL – PRIZE DRAW



WIN up to £500 when you SHOP LOCAL

Simply spend **£5** in five Littlehampton shops and restaurants each month for your chance to win.

A monthly prize of **£250** is available in September, October and November, with a whopping **£500** up for grabs in December 2020.

Littlehampton Prize Draw

- ♥ Pick up a Love Local Prize Draw loyalty card from any participating Littlehampton shop, restaurant, bar or café.
- ♥ Each time you spend £5, collect a sticker.
- ♥ When you have collected five stickers, fill in your details and leave the card at one of the Love Local Prize Draw collection points.

Full details and list of participating outlets www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/lovelocal



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Meeting Dates



September – December 2020

September

Mon 7	Property & Personnel
Thu 10	Community Resources
Mon 14	Planning & Transportation
Mon 21	Policy & Finance

October

Mon 12	Planning & Transportation
Thu 15	Full Council
Thu 22	Community Resources
Mon 26	Policy & Finance

November

Mon 9	Planning & Transportation
Thu 19	Full Council

All meetings will be held remotely for the foreseeable future. Links will be published online at least 3 working days before the meeting, see www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/committee-meetings