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Littlehampton Town Council's Newsletter



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? WHICH COUNCIL DOES WHAT?

Confused by the 3 tiers of local government providing services in Littlehampton?
Here is a guide to each Council's responsibilities



Museum



Allotments



Youth Services



Grants



Street Scene & Graffiti Removal



Rosemead Park



Venues for Hire



Southfields Community Centre

littlehampton-tc.gov.uk 01903 732063



Housing



Dog Offences



Council Tax



Environmental Health



Planning



Public Conveniences



Visitor Information



Waste



Beaches



Car Parks

arun.gov.uk 01903 737500



Births, Marriages & Death



Roads & Travel



Health & Social Care



Education, children & families



Waste



Libraries



Streetlights



Fire & Rescue Service

westsussex.gov.uk 01243 777100

Weddings

at The Manor House
Littlehampton



Grade II Listed Building
Grand Setting

01903 732063

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

Covid-secure
measures in place

SOUTHFIELDS JUBILEE CENTRE

NOW OPEN!

TWO HALLS

KITCHEN

FREE CAR PARK

INTERNAL

COURTYARD GARDEN



BOOKINGS@LITTLEHAMPTON-TC.GOV.UK
WWW.LITTLEHAMPTON-TC.GOV.UK



Mayor's Message

As the seasons changed we came out of lockdown. There were changes in government guidance – changes that were put in place to help us stay as safe possible as the world deals with the ongoing Covid-19 crisis.

I am very pleased that despite all the challenges our community has worked together to support one another, and has not let the virus affect our spirit and determination.

It was great to see the younger generation return to their education and to much-needed structure. I commend all parents for rising to the challenges of home schooling and supporting their children through such uncertain times.

Over the summer we were very blessed with the prolonged period of lovely weather, which made living with government restrictions much more bearable. I was pleased to see people enjoying the Giant Observation Wheel on the seafront and all the great outdoor attractions our Town has to offer. Hopefully when life goes back to 'normal' people will remember how enjoyable our open spaces were and will continue to support the local economy.

With Christmas around the corner we all have to think differently about the big family gatherings, so let's all enjoy the festivities safely by spreading out seeing friends and family over a few days. What matters the most is being there for each other.

A big shout-out goes to all the key workers in our community, and to all the volunteers who have worked tirelessly to keep everything going for the benefit of everyone. Many of these people will be working through the festive period. Thank you very much.

I wish you a safe Christmas and health and happiness for 2021.

Keep well, keep safe and be kind.

With warmest regards,

Councillor David Chace, Town Mayor

Contact the Mayor

✉ mayor@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

Regular News including the Mayor's Vlogs

📺 @littlehamptonmayor



The Mayor's SHOUT-OUT

Turning Tides has now taken a 10-year lease on the United Church Hall and the house in the Church grounds as a base for their new community hub. Supporting the less fortunate in our local community, the house is used as a six-bedroomed low support accommodation. This runs alongside two other Littlehampton properties run by the charity. The community hub offers a breakfast drop-in, offering hot food, showers, clothes, laundry facilities and much-needed advice and support on matters like housing to anyone with no fixed address.

Service users can self-present or be referred by any professional. The hub also offers help and advice to anyone with addiction issues, including those in addiction recovery.

The opening hours are Mon 9am - 10.30am and Tues- Fri 9am - 11am.

☎ 01903 680740 ext 239

🏠 www.turning-tides.org.uk/what-we-do/community-hubs/littlehampton-community-hub



Latest News

Enter the Mayor's Christmas Card design competition to be in with a chance of winning a Nintendo Switch Lite.

🏠 www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/mayorxmas



#RememberAtHome – for those of you who will receive this newsletter before Remembrance Sunday on 8th November head to our website to download a poppy to display in your window.

🏠 www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/remembrance

Our reception is now open!

Visit our website for details about visiting The Manor House.

Sign up for the digital version of Progress for more in depth stories and additional news as it breaks.



www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/progress-newsletter

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High Street hosts ocean-inspired 3D artwork

Members of the public couldn't believe their eyes when two pieces of 3D artwork were unveiled in Littlehampton High Street in October as part of the Town Council and District Council's jointly funded Town Centre events initiative.

Uplifting the Town Centre and encouraging increased footfall in the High Street, the art offers shoppers something fun and exciting to look at as they shop.

Created by renowned artist Jon Hicks, the pieces depict an underwater setting and are located in the precinct. Inviting members of the public to balance on an object overlooking an underwater setting (including some local references), Jon Hicks explained:

"Optical illusions that work from one particular standpoint have become popular over the years. These pictures make it appear that there is a hole in the floor, looking down on underwater scenes."

The artwork will remain in the High Street over the festive period, allowing passers-by to snap photos.



Chair of LTC's Policy & Finance Committee,

Councillor Dr James Walsh KStJ said:

"I am delighted with the artwork and the superb illusion it creates. I particularly like the way Jon incorporated local references which I am sure local residents will enjoy spotting."



Vice Chair of LTC's Policy & Finance Committee,

Councillor Jill Long added: "The artwork is very Instagrammable and work well in a photo which will certainly add a 'WOW!' factor to your feed, so be sure to use hashtag #La3Dart."



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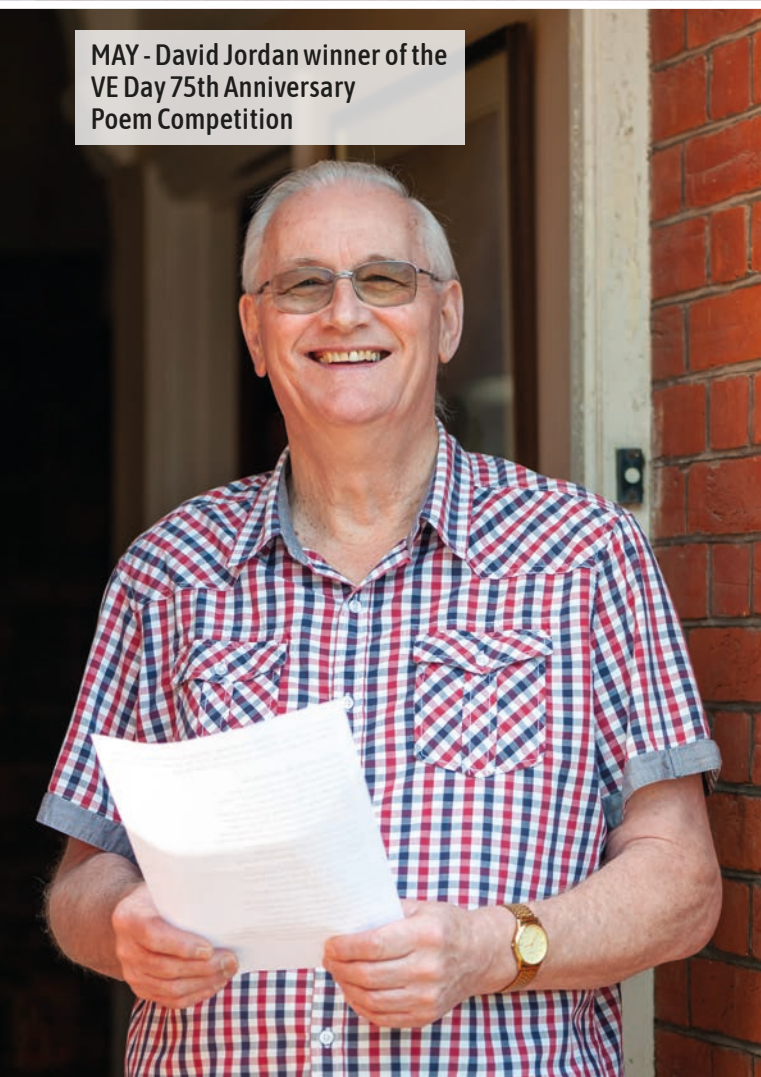
Year in Pictures Special!



MAY - VE Day 75th Anniversary
Town Mayor Councillor David Chace
and Leader of Arun District Council
Councillor Dr James Walsh KtSJ



MAY - David Jordan winner of the
VE Day 75th Anniversary
Poem Competition



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JUNE - High Street Reopening



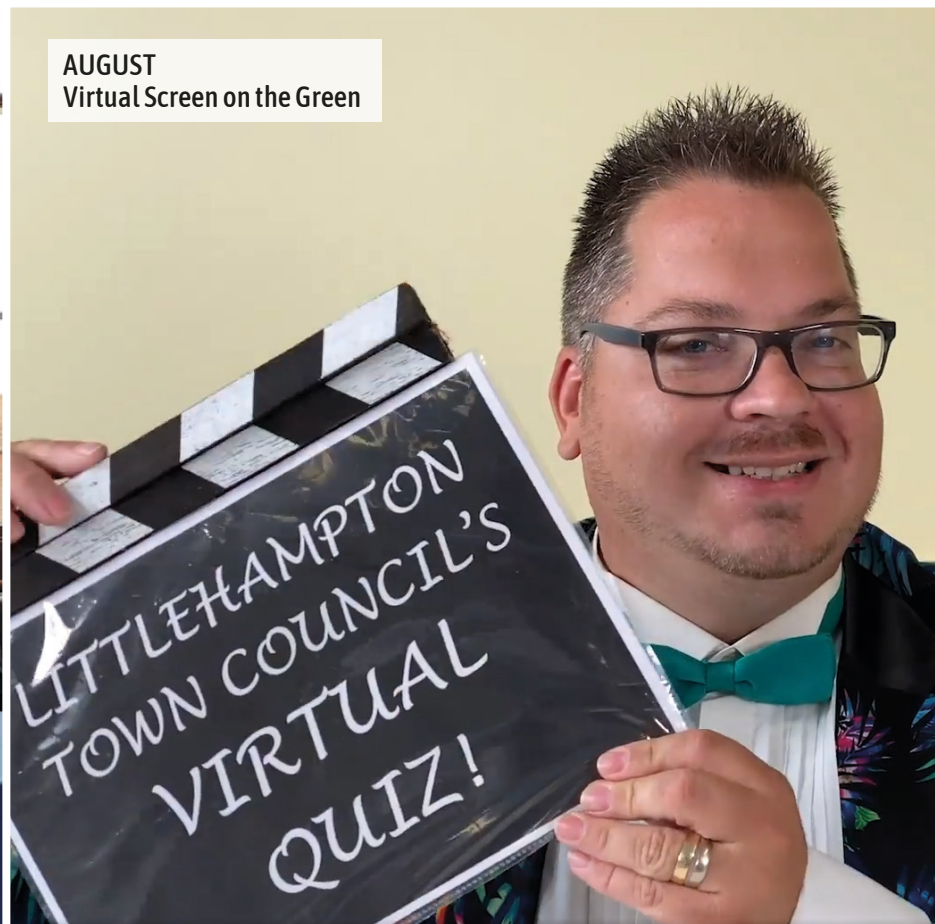


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JUNE
Sussex Day Photography Competition
Winning Entry from Hattie Keeffe-Magan



JULY
First wedding at the
Manor House since Lockdown
Mr and Mrs Bickers



AUGUST
Virtual Screen on the Green



AUGUST
Virtual Sandcastle Competition



Kinetic sand - Bonnie - runner up



Sand Art - Tom Carter - winner



Sand Art - Jacob Sked - runner up

Giant Observation Wheel



SEPTEMBER
Virtual Town Show & Family Fun Day

Children's Lockdown Drawing
Winner Miss R Shepherd



#LittlehamptonTownShow

In the Lockdown Garden
Winner Ms M Tomaszewska



#LittlehamptonTownShow

In the Lockdown Kitchen
Winner Ms K Forgacz



#LittlehamptonTownShow

Lockdown Photography
Winner Ms L Wantuch-Michalska



#LittlehamptonTownShow





Love Local to win cash for Christmas!



Mr Thomas Cooper (September prize draw winner) with Town Mayor Councillor David Chace

Having already awarded the £250.00 cash prize to its first winner in September, the Littlehampton Love Local Prize Draw will continue to reward lucky shoppers.

Created to attract shoppers and to provide much-needed support to local businesses in the run up to Christmas, the joint initiative between Arun District Council, Littlehampton Town Council and Littlehampton Traders Partnership. Offering a monthly cash prize of £250, the Love Local Prize Draw will also offer a 'Christmas Special' in December, upping the prize to £500.

Thomas Cooper of Littlehampton was the first winner in September and is putting the money towards a holiday.

The December card is included in this newsletter and, as a bonus for being a newsletter reader, we have given you the first sticker FREE!



To see the full list of participating businesses please visit:

www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk

The activities, projects and initiatives mentioned in this issue are all subject to change to reflect latest Government Guidelines on Covid-19.



Allotments thriving in Littlehampton

Have you been meaning to sign up for a new allotment or to complete the renewal for your existing plot? LTC is advising you to get your skates on or risk losing out!

Home growing produce in gardens and allotments has boomed since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, driving up demand for allotments. For the first time in many years LTC has a waiting list, with new plots due to be created during the North Littlehampton development.

Encouraging green-fingered residents to also sign up for the Town Council's allotment newsletter, which will give recipients regular updates about maintenance activities and the development of new sites, Chair of the Allotments Working Group Councillor Billy Blanchard-Cooper said:



We are working with the Littlehampton Allotments and Gardens Association and our site representatives to bring you relevant news to help you have a successful growing season. We hope that you enjoy reading the newsletter and tell your fellow plot holders all about it so they too can subscribe.



Including occasional news and ideas from organisations such as the National Allotments Association, LTC is keen to hear from plot holders, outlining what else might the newsletter usefully include.

For those residents who renew online and who have changed their email address, please contact LTC immediately to secure your plot.

A great way of growing your own food, keeping fit and boosting mental health, anyone interested in being added to the allotment waiting list is advised to contact the Town Council



www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/allotments
admin@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk



Merry & Bright

Marking a 'first' for Littlehampton, on Friday 20th November residents are invited to participate in a virtual switching on of the Christmas lights.

Taking place at 6pm in the High Street and transforming the Town into a winter wonderland, returning for another year is the Littlehampton branch of the National Elf Service (NES). Everyone is encouraged to take an 'elfie selfie' with their favourite elf and to share their snaps on social media with #LAelfie.

Chair of LTC's Community Resources Committee and self-proclaimed Mr Christmas, Councillor Billy Blanchard-Cooper said: "Although the usual festivities cannot take place, there will be plenty of virtual activities taking place on the LTC Facebook page, as well as entertainment for families to enjoy. Children can hunt for all Santa's reindeer, which will be hidden in Town Centre shop windows, and youngsters are also encouraged to enter the Mayor's Christmas card competition – with the chance to win a very special prize!"

Details for all the activities will be announced very soon.



www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk/christmas2020

Coronavirus

Visit our website for details of organisations able to assist you and your family during the Covid-19 pandemic.

www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/coronavirus



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

What's On at The Windmill?

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

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



We must keep on protecting each other.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

STAY ALERT • CONTROL THE VIRUS • SAVE LIVES





Emma Biffi, Youth Service Manager

In spite of the constraints of Covid-19, Emma Biffi and her team at Arun Youth Projects (AYP) have been busy. Adamant that young people should be supported during the pandemic, Emma knew that creative thinking was called for.

"We closed the whole project down in March, unsure if we could still engage with young people. But I developed the online AYP service from scratch, creating different virtual sessions for different nights. Including quizzes, mental health support, baking and games, we also created digital drop-in sessions on Zoom. It was uncharted territory, but we have been a consistent positive influence in these young people's lives and we wanted to

Youth service goes above and beyond

keep that going, especially at such a scary time. We had a quiz night live on Instagram for 16 weeks and this turned into a family quiz, which was lovely. It was also a way for us to engage with parents too, which we wouldn't ordinarily get to do. It was a really special time."

Receiving great feedback from parents and youngsters alike, Emma is proud of all that she and her team achieved.

"I am super-proud of my team. They have been so flexible and

supportive. Because of that we have been able to continue to provide a service."

At the time of going to press AYP sessions, which are supported by LTC, were just about to recommence.

All sessions are currently delivered from The Keystone Centre

Tuesday Year 8-9 – 7-8:30pm

Wednesday Year 10+ – 7-8:30pm

Thursday Juniors (Year 4-6) – 4-5:30PM

Year 7 Only –

7-8:30pm

Friday Year 8-9 – 7-8:30pm

i Young people must book online at www.linktr.ee/arunyouthprojects

“ Chair of the Keystone Management Committee and Town Councillor Mike Northeast said: "It is great to see the centre back in use by young people. The Committee commissioned a local specialist company to undertake a deep clean and sanitise all areas, fixtures and fittings before the centre reopened. It was important for us the Centre remains Covid-secure which now includes hand sanitisers in several areas. We urge everyone to follow the changes as they evolve."



Christmas comes early

Youngsters in Littlehampton will be getting a big Christmas present this year from LTC when the old playground at Rosemead Park is replaced with a fully-accessible play area including a sensory path, kitted out with modern equipment that is suitable for all abilities.

Sutcliffe Play were the chosen contractors to carry out the upgrade and plan to start works at the beginning of November and complete by Christmas (subject to weather conditions and Government guidelines).



“ Speaking about the project, Chair of LTC's Community Resources Committee, Councillor Billy Blanchard-Cooper said: Thanks to residents who responded to last year's community engagement events the Council was able to put together a plan to replace the existing playground with a facility that will encourage safe and fun play for children of all abilities.



i See the plans www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/rosemead



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Meeting Dates



December - February 2021

December

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

January

Mon 4	Planning & Transportation
Tue 5	Property & Personnel
Thu 7	Community Resources
Mon 11	Policy & Finance
Thu 21	Full Council

February

Mon 1	Planning & Transportation
Tue 9	Governance & Audit
Thu 18	Community Resources

For details on how these meetings will be held (remotely or in person) see

🏠 www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/committee-meetings