

PROGRESS

Littlehampton Town Council's Newsletter



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Museum



Allotments



Youth Services



Grants



Street Scene & Graffiti Removal



Rosemead Park



Venues for Hire



Southfields Community Centre

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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

SOUTHFIELDS JUBILEE CENTRE



TWO HALLS

KITCHEN

FREE CAR PARK

INTERNAL

COURTYARD GARDEN



NOW OPEN!

*SESSIONS PERMITTED UNDER GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE

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Mayor's Message

My year as Mayor has certainly been different. Challenging, satisfying and mentally exhausting at times, (as the past year has been for everyone), I have nevertheless been extremely proud and honoured to be the Mayor of Littlehampton through these troubled times.

Whilst being Deputy Mayor I started making plans for 2020. Obviously with the COVID-19 pandemic all those plans had to change and I had to think of innovative ways to raise funds for my charities. At the time of writing I had raised £5,000. Under the circumstances I am quite satisfied with this achievement and thank everyone for their help in realising this total. My fundraising efforts included two online auctions, two cake sales and two sponsored walks that were the equivalent to the Three Peaks Challenge on a treadmill.

I have also had the pleasure of awarding the Mayor's Discretionary funds of £1,000 which was shared between five different local groups delivering local services.

I am eternally grateful for the tremendous support the Deputy Mayor Michelle Molloy has given me in the past year. I know that Littlehampton will be in capable hands in her Mayoral year.

My year as Town Mayor will be memorable for many reasons, but not least for all the community achievements in such challenging times. I feel immensely proud of all that has been accomplished.

With all good wishes,

Councillor David Chace, Town Mayor



Littlehampton has a new Mayor

Councillor Michelle Molloy, who represents the River Ward, became First Citizen on the 13th May 2021. The Deputy Mayor and Mayor-Elect is Councillor Jill Long representing Courtwick with Toddington Ward.



Following the election on 6th May the Town Council welcomed three new Councillors; Bob Woodman representing Beach Ward, William Tilbrook representing River Ward and Alan Butcher representing Wickbourne Ward. A message from the new Town Mayor will feature in the next issue of Progress along with more details of the Council's new Councillors.

Contact the Mayor

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Latest News

- Sussex based company contracted to deliver Public Realm Improvement works. Visit www.arun.gov.uk/la-public-realm for timetable
- Littlehampton Museum plans to open on 17th May (subject to Government Guidance). Go to www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk to book your visit.
- A section of Pier Road will be temporarily closed between end of May and end of September to allow social distancing. More details www.arun.gov.uk/news-archive/pier-road-in-littlehampton-to-close-to-traffic-again-this-summer-3228

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



Sign up for eProgress and Win!

New subscribers will have the option to enter a prize draw which will see a lucky winner receive £150 before Christmas. Entry is free and open to Littlehampton residents aged 18 or over. Closing date 1st December 2021.



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

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Keystone Youth Centre a step closer to opening

The recent rubber stamping of revised design plans for a new building to replace the Keystone Youth Centre in Eldon Way was met by a collective sigh of relief. The team managing the Town Council's project had battled valiantly in the face of delays and problems triggered by the Pandemic, but rising costs meant it was time to bring in specialists and review the scheme. Appointing a subcommittee of Councillors to drive this, the result was a brave decision to change the design.

Speaking about the project, Chair of the Community Centres Sub-Committee, Councillor Freddie Tandy, said: "The revised design, drafted by principal architects Heyler Davies, retains the key features of the original building in a single storey concept. The project team are now focussed on preparing the planning application, hoping to submit it by the end of June, with approval given by the Autumn. The process of commissioning a builder will also get underway, with a view to construction commencing in 2022."



Given the ongoing uncertainty created by COVID-19 this is an ambitious timeframe, but the Town Council will be working closely with Arun District Council, the project's partners, to deliver not only a new centre, but also to make much-needed improvements to the site's outdoor facilities.

i For more information and to view the design plans:
www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/keystone



Curation success for Littlehampton Museum



In 2019, led by Museum Curator Charlotte Burford, an ambitious project to complete a full inventory of the Museum's collection began. Deciding it was time to make the leap into the digital world and to create a digital database, Councillors made a commitment to invest in the monumental task.

Speaking about the Project, Charlotte said: "The majority of the items we needed to catalogue were kept in store and are rarely seen by the public, so going through the process of cataloguing has been a little bit like treasure hunting but in March we celebrated cataloguing our 30,000th item and with that the project came to a close."

Agreeing that cataloguing during the past year has had its challenges, Charlotte told Progress how while cataloguing is usually done with the objects in front of you, COVID-19 meant that the Museum's team had to work remotely, using scanned documents and photographs.

"The pandemic forced us to try something new and, thanks to the work done by volunteers, we finished the project on time and met our targets," said Charlotte.

For an extended version of this feature, including details of some of the rediscovered treasures unearthed during the process, please visit www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk.co.uk/documentationproject

i Discover Littlehampton Museum
www.littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk



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Community Wardens



The Town Council is pleased to announce the appointment of three Community Wardens, Mick Kendall (Senior Warden) and JJ Mootealoo and Jamie Riggs who took up their roles in April.

Funded by the Town Council and the Safer Arun Partnership, and working in partnership with Arun District Council, the trio is currently making their way around Littlehampton, getting to know the community.

Speaking about the initiative, Chair of the Policy & Finance Committee, Councillor Dr James Walsh KStJ, said: "Your community wardens are here to help. They will provide support to help identify and reduce place-based nuisance behaviour, offer crime prevention and safety advice, and maintain strong working links with community groups and local agencies to promote the interests and concerns of local people. They are keen to engage with residents, visitors, and businesses alike so if you see them out and about in your community, please say hello. Working together we can bring about positive changes to our town."



Look out for the Autumn Progress issue where we will feature an interview with our new Community Wardens

What's On!

After more than a year without events the Town Council is delighted to report that some of the Town's best-loved favourites will return for 2021.

Screen of the Green, the Sandcastle Competition and the launch of the Love Local Arts programme in the High Street will all happen, providing family-friendly fun for residents and tourists alike. Also look out for some entertainment along Pier Road. Event details available on www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk

Highlights

Thursday 12 August



FREE

**Littlehampton
Sandcastle Competition**

10am - 1pm

Stage-by-the-Sea, Littlehampton
Seafront

[visitlittlehampton](https://www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk)

01903 732063

Saturday 14 August



FREE

Screen on the Green

8.45pm - 11pm

East Green, BN17 5GB

[visitlittlehampton](https://www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk)

01903 732063

Littlehampton Arts Festival

July 3 - July 24

[LOCALittlehamptonArts](https://www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk)

loca@wotab.co.uk

Saturday 3

FREE

Littlehampton Walk and Shoot

11.30am - 3.30pm

North along the River Arun

Saturday 17

Share the Love Mini Procession

11am - 1pm

Littlehampton High Street

Saturday 24

FREE

Littlehampton Sketch Crawl

11am - 3pm

All Throughout Littlehampton

AUGUST

**Monday 2 - Tuesday 11
September**

Littlehampton Arts Trail

All throughout Littlehampton

[LOCALittlehamptonArts](https://www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk)

loca@wotab.co.uk

AUGUST

LOVE LOCAL - High Street Arts Programme

This summer Littlehampton Town Council, Arun District Council and national youth charity Artswork will be working together to present a series of surprising Saturdays on Littlehampton High Street.

Starting on Saturday 31st July, every Saturday of the summer holidays pop into town to experience an array of free high quality, fun arts events suitable for all the family. Featuring fantastic pop up performance and installations, walkabout artists, live music, exhibitions and the chance to try your hand at some brilliant new arts and crafts including photography, street art and music making, alongside enjoying the work of local young people from the Littlehampton Academy and Sussex Steel.

Follow updates on the full programme here:

www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk/whats-on/love-local-arts



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

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



Town Council set priorities for the future



Tree planting, a new youth centre (page 3) and Community Wardens (page 4) are three key priorities detailed in the Town Council’s corporate plan.

In addition to existing services such as allotments, graffiti removal, roundabout maintenance and community events, the Town Council has also committed to a number of projects; some of which will be delivered in the next couple of years with others, including a new community centre once the development in North Littlehampton has been completed, being longer term.

In reviewing the new Fitzalan Road link to the A259, which is on course for completion in 2022, coupled with issues posed by the existing trees at Rosemead Park, the Council has confirmed it will create a tree planting scheme on the western boundary of Rosemead Park replacing existing trees with sustainable varieties. To tackle declining pollinator insects (while enhancing the environment for everyone), a plan to introduce wildflower meadows at locations such as Town Centre roundabouts is being outlined. An initial trial will be carried out in the rear garden at the Manor House and, if successful, discussions with West Sussex Highways will be opened.

**More about the Council Priorities**
www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/councilpriorities

Dead Stupid

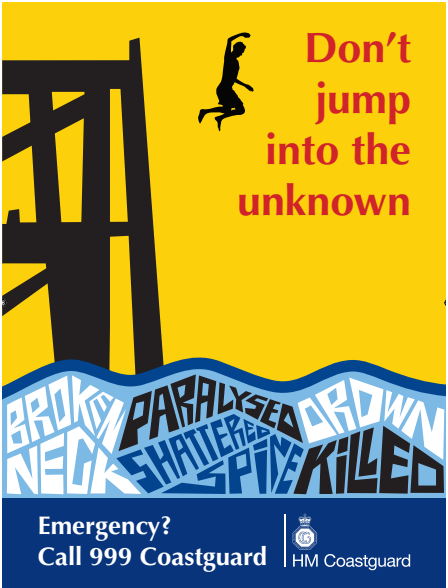
Unaware of the hidden dangers beneath the water that could leave them paralysed, with a broken back or neck or even claiming their life, youngsters who are tempted to take part in what is known as ‘Tombstoning’ are being warned not to jump into the unknown.

Working in partnership, Littlehampton Town Council, Arun District Council, Littlehampton Harbour Master, and the Littlehampton Coastguard Rescue Team are collectively warning of the dangers of jumping into, or attempting to swim across, the River Arun. With the depth of the water often deceiving (due to the varying tides and the shallower areas at the rivers’ edge), hidden dangers

beneath the water line include rocks, debris and abandoned equipment. The impact caused by landing on any of these could prove fatal, while the effect of cold-water shock, even on warmer days, can make it difficult to breathe and swim. The notoriously strong tidal current of the River Arun can quickly sweep people out to sea, delaying rescue with potentially deadly consequences. Stupid and with a possibly fatal outcome (Tombstoning is responsible for 20 deaths since 2004), the message to parents is unequivocal: talk to your children and make them aware that a moment of daring could result in their death.

In the event of a coastal emergency, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard

To explore the RNLI’s educational water safety resources visit <https://rnli.org/youth-education/education-resources/videos/safe-near-the-water>



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Meeting Dates

June - August 2021

June

Mon 7	Property & Personnel Advisory Group
Thu 10	Community Resources Advisory Group
Mon 14	Policy & Finance Advisory Group
Mon 21	Planning & Transportation Advisory Group
Thu 24	Full Council

July

Tue 6	Governance & Audit Committee
Mon 12	Policy & Finance Committee*
Mon 19	Planning & Transportation Committee
Thu 22	Community Resources Committee*

August

Mon 16	Planning & Transportation Committee
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*Provisional

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

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

