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PROGRESS

LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL'S NEWSLETTER



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WHERE TO ACCESS FREE OR LOW-COST FOOD IN LITTLEHAMPTON

Littlehampton Foodbank

Referral needed call 0344 477 1171 to speak to Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice, about getting a voucher.

Tuesdays and Fridays 13:00 – 15:00.

Rear Hall, Littlehampton United Church, 1 High Street.

Littlehampton Community Fridge

St. James' Church Hall, 1 East Ham Road.

Community Fridge on Tour **Wednesdays 13:30 @**

Chilgrove House, Wick, BN17 7JD. Search 'Littlehampton Community Fridge' on Facebook for opening hours.

Wickbourne Centre

Monday to Friday 9:15 – 17:00. Clun Road, BN17 7DZ.

Creative Heart Community Cafe

Cafe is open Tuesday to Saturday 9:30 – 16:00.

42 Beach Road, BN17 5HT.

Turning Tides Community Hub

For people experiencing homelessness.

Open Monday to Friday 9:00 – 11:00.

Littlehampton United Church, 1 High Street.

West Sussex Community Hub

If you are going to run out of food, medicine or essential supplies within the next three days, please phone 033 022 27980 to get the help you need.



citizens advice

Arun & Chichester

Further support through Citizens Advice

COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

If you need a Foodbank voucher call Help Through Hardship helpline free on **0808 208 2138** (Mon-Fri 9:00 – 17:00)

For support with energy bills call **01243 974063** Mon-Fri 10:00 – 16:00 (local call rates apply)

For benefits support call the Help to Claim team on **0800 144 8 444** Mon-Fri 8:00 – 18:00

FURTHER SUPPORT

For general advice call the **FREE** Adviceline on **0808 278 7969** Mon-Fri 10:00 – 16:30

DROP-INS

Littlehampton Library Wednesdays 10:00 – 13:00

Wick Surgery Fridays 10:00 – 13:00



Summer High Street Family Events

This Summer visit Littlehampton High Street to enjoy FREE high-quality, fun events suitable for the whole family.



Wednesday 2 August Kids Fun Day

Free rides, Art workshop with Artwork, live performances and more!



Wednesday 16 August Kids Fun Day

Live entertainment, music, arts and crafts, and more!



Wednesday 23 August Sustainability Day

A special performance from the 'Devious Dolphins', art workshops, eco-friendly stalls, a silent disco and more!



Wednesday 30 August End of School Holidays Party

Free rides, live music, face-painting, a music workshop, and more!

Plus, each week we will be joined by Littlehampton Museum, stallholders and caterers!

COST OF LIVING TIPS

REMEMBER:

- DON'T suffer alone
- DON'T ignore the bills
- DON'T be ashamed to ask for and to accept help
- DON'T get conned by the loansharks - they will NOT help

BUT!

- DO seek help and advice.

Talk to the Council, talk to Citizens Advice or even talk to your councillor; we are all here to offer non-judgemental help.



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



It is an honour and privilege to have been elected as Littlehampton's new Town Mayor following the local election and annual council meeting in May.

As a Littlehampton boy born and bred, it is a responsibility that I take on with an equal mix of humility and excitement. My aim will be unashamedly simple: to promote our brilliant Town and to work tirelessly with anyone and everyone to make it even better.

As a teacher at The Littlehampton Academy, and a trustee of The Keystone Centre in Wick, I am particularly passionate about making the Town welcoming, supportive and aspirational for our young people. The Town Council's partnership investment for the new K2 Centre in Wick, which is well underway, is something I am really excited to see come to fruition during my term of office.

With a majority of the Town Council newly elected for the first time in the recent local elections, I know there is a real keenness to hear your views as local residents, and to have the Town Council listening to and responding to these. We have our excellent range of town events coming up over the summer season, starting with Armed Forces Day on Saturday 24 June. This is followed by our fantastic sandcastle competition

and Screen on the Green in August, the Town Show at Rosemead in September and, concluding the events calendar, our traditional Remembrance Sunday parade and our Christmas Lights Switch on in the Town Centre in November. You'll be able to meet many of your Town Councillors at these events, as well as at other events around the Town. And your views are the most important thing for us to hear!

As Mayor, I would love to come along and support any and all events that are happening in the Town in whatever way I can – please do get in touch! I will also be using my mayoral year to raise awareness and money for local groups that support men's mental health. This is a topic that is dear to my heart and based on both personal experience and that of people close to me. Again, if you run any group or organisation that supports in this area, or that might even benefit from some additional funding, please do get in touch!

I look forward to meeting as many of you as I can across the Town in the coming 12 months.

With very best wishes,

Councillor Freddie Tandy, Town Mayor

Contact the Mayor

✉ mayor@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

📘 [littlehamptonmayor](https://www.littlehamptonmayor.com)



Chilgrove House is located in the heart of Wick, within the Highfield Flats Complex at the top of Clun Road.

A fantastic space for the community to gather and get help, the Centre hosts many activities, including a School Uniform exchange run by Morrisons and the Wick Action Group once a month, a visit by the Community Fridge every Wednesday, weekly kids clubs and garden groups, as well as just being somewhere you can pop in for a chat if you're feeling vulnerable and lonely.

📘 **Chilgrove House Community Centre**

SOUTHFIELDS JUBILEE CENTRE

Southfields is a versatile, **affordable** and well-equipped venue with availability 7 days a week including evenings – ideal for classes and groups.

Prices start at **£12 per hour**.

Contact us now to check availability and **book a tour**.

Check out our website for a **What's on Guide**.

Find out more
www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

MEETING DATES JUNE TO NOVEMBER 2023

JUNE

Monday 5
Property and Personnel

Thursday 8
Community Resources

Monday 12
Policy and Finance

Monday 19
Planning and Transportation

Thursday 22
Full Council

JULY

Tuesday 4
Governance and Audit

Monday 10
Policy and Finance*

Monday 17
Planning and Transportation

Thursday 20
Community Resources*

*Reserved date.
Held only if required

AUGUST

Monday 14
Planning and Transportation

SEPTEMBER

Monday 4
Property and Personnel

Thursday 7
Community Resources

Monday 11
Planning and Transportation

Monday 18
Policy and Finance

OCTOBER

Monday 9
Planning and Transportation

Thursday 12
Full Council

Thursday 19
Community Resources

Monday 23
Policy and Finance

All meetings held at 18.30pm at the Manor House, Church Street, BN17 5EW.

For agendas and minutes visit

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

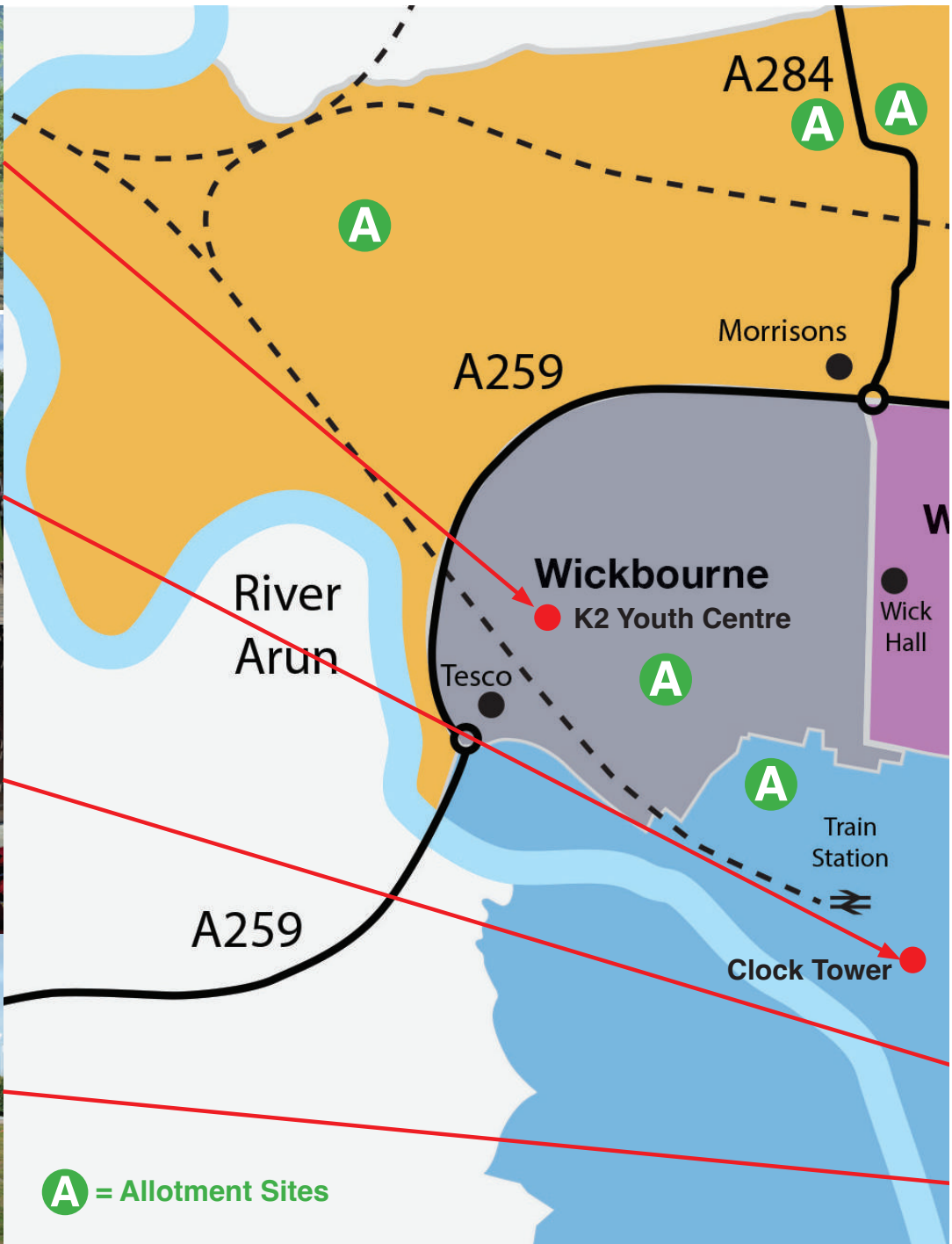
NOVEMBER

Monday 6
Planning and Transportation

Monday 20
Property and Personnel

Thursday 23
Full Council

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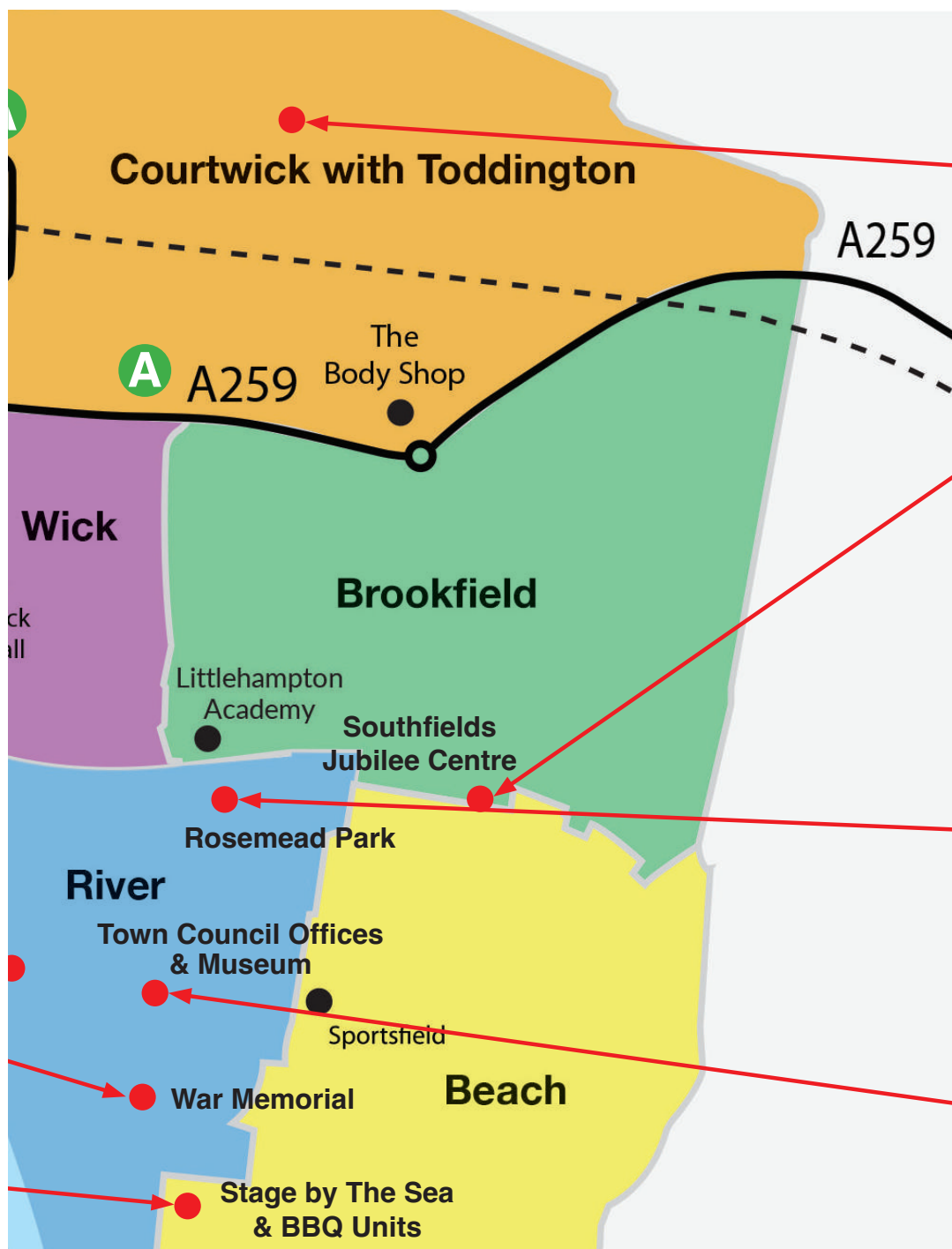


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Introducing our new Councillors, who, collectively as Littlehampton Town Council, are responsible for the allotment sites, public spaces and community and youth centres listed (including one community centre that is being built as part of a new development).

Visit our website to find out more about your councillors including which committees they sit on and if they are District and County councillors www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/councillors



New Community Centre to be constructed in Hampton Park in the coming years



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Meet our New Town Clerk Laura Chrysostomou



Progress: Congratulations on your appointment as Town Clerk. Will you tell us a bit about your background and career path?

Laura: I was born and raised in London but have lived in Sussex since 2004 and love its historic towns, rolling downs and coast. I attended high school in Wimbledon and did my work experience as a Wimbledon ball girl. The training was tough, but I was honoured to have been chosen for such a prestigious position.

I started my career working as a manager in Library Services. Inspired by the positive impact libraries can make to a local community I took the opportunity to study and achieve a qualification in management which enabled me to further my career into senior management. One of my proudest achievements was working with the local communities and staff to design fantastic new libraries.

My background in strategic leadership, managing budgets, human resources, community assets and buildings coupled with a passion for improving the quality of life for local communities meant a change of career to working for a Town Council was a natural fit. In 2016 I joined Littlehampton Town Council as the Deputy Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and enjoyed five years of working with a committed team of staff and councillors delivering a wide range of services to the community. In 2021 I left Littlehampton to become a Town Clerk in East Sussex. When the opportunity arose to return to

Littlehampton Town Council as the Town Clerk I was very excited and I'm pleased to be back here in Littlehampton working for such a forward thinking, positive and community focussed Council.

Progress: In a nutshell, what does the role of Town Clerk entail?

Laura: The role of Town Clerk is incredibly varied, which is why it appeals to me. The Clerk is the 'proper officer' of the council in law and can be likened to the role of CEO. The Clerk is responsible for advising and supporting councillors in decision making and then taking actions to implement those decisions. This is done through the team of staff employed by the Council, all of whom are managed by the Clerk.

Progress: What elements of the job are you most looking forward to getting to work on?

Laura: We have a great team here at Littlehampton and are lucky to have lots of great new staff recently join us. I am looking forward to working with the staff and the 15 newly elected councillors over the next four years to shape and deliver the Council's priorities. There are lots of exciting projects and initiatives such as the new K2 community centre, a new community centre in Hampton Park and delivery of the Town Centre Strategy. All of these involve collaborative working, not only between the Town Councillors and staff, but also residents, community groups and other organisations such as the District and County Councils. I believe that with such committed people, who care about our beautiful town, the future aspirations for Littlehampton will continue to make a positive difference.

Progress: What does down time consist of for you?

Laura: My hobby is participating in dog obedience competitions. I train and compete with my German Shepherd dogs and am a Kennel Club qualified judge for such events. It is an unusual sport but training the dogs is so rewarding and keeps me fit. I also love walking on the downs or along the seafront. And in the autumn after a cold walk my guilty pleasure is sitting down in front of the TV with a glass of wine and watching Strictly Come Dancing.

To contact Laura email lrc@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

Future Progress: changes to this newsletter

A key part of the Town Council's communication with residents for more than 20 years, the award-winning Progress newsletter covers everything from local news to local events. Originally supplemented by press releases and notice boards, today communication mediums have changed significantly: in 2023 the Town Council website, social media and the e-progress newsletter convey most of the council's messages. This mirrors the experience of mainstream print media, with both local and national newspapers and magazines producing fewer hard copies and increasingly moving their content to virtual platforms.

Following a survey about this newsletter in 2021, in which a questionnaire was distributed with some 14,000 copies of Progress. The return figure was so low that it was statistically almost insignificant. Conversely, the Council had over 10,000 page views of its website, with its Facebook page reaching 26,900 people (with 6,300 'engagements').

And while there have previously been concerns about whether or not the elderly can access media digitally, the research proved that the over 65s are one of the groups that is most connected to the Council's virtual platforms.

Print media is expensive to produce and distribute and creates a huge amount of paper that needs to be recycled. Given the cost of living crisis, which has impacted the Town Council's budget significantly, coupled with a drive to go paperless, it was necessary to explore alternatives – which included ceasing production completely. After careful consideration councillors opted for a reduction in the number of issues (from quarterly to twice-yearly; summer and winter) and replacing the door-to-door distribution with an increased drop-off to public places. Progress will also still be available to view online.



This issue will therefore be the last newsletter to be delivered through letterboxes. In the future, Progress will be at: Town Council Offices, Arun District Council, Littlehampton Library, Wickbourne Centre and Wick Information Centre.

A view of K2



Construction work has begun on a brand-new youth centre on Eldon Way. Named K2 (as a nod to its forerunner The Keystone Centre, so Keystone version 2) contractor Mountjoy is working to a planned completion date of November 2023, with the new facility scheduled to open soon after.

Welcoming use by community groups, the primary focus of the centre will be on local youth provision. Valuing the input of those who will use K2, young leaders from Arun Youth Projects visited the site recently to view the work in progress. Observing the steel frame and initial brickwork in place, alongside a completed 448 sqm multi-use games area, the youngsters also spent time with Gareth Jenkins of Studio Four Architects. Mr Jenkins presented the plans for the interior and encouraged feedback from the young people on layout and colour schemes. The youth leaders also offered invaluable insight into the way in which the space might be utilised, which led to a selection of practical changes within the interior architectural plan.

A partnership project by Littlehampton Town Council and Arun District Council, K2 includes a new 338 sqm playground and will benefit from improvements to the surrounding green space and current BMX track.

To see the masterplan for the new centre visit
www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/keystone

Arun Youth Projects Littlehampton



Offering club sessions including games consoles, sports competitions, creative arts, cooking projects and trips for young people. Search Arun Youth Projects on Instagram and Facebook.

Entry 50p per session

[f /arunyoungprojects](https://www.facebook.com/arunyoungprojects)

No Mr T, but the **A-TEAM'S** in town!

If you're old enough to have been a viewer of TV in the 1980s you'll surely remember the smash-hit series The A-Team – "If you have a problem, if no one else can help..."

Here in Littlehampton we have our very own A-Team. Standing for 'Amenity Team', this dedicated workforce undertakes a wide variety of tasks across Littlehampton, supporting the many services overseen by the Town Council and covering four main categories: buildings maintenance, horticulture, events and general community assistance.

With no two days ever being the same, building maintenance spans the Grade II Listed Manor House to the modern purpose built community centre at Southfields Road. Grounds maintenance duties include responsibility for the Town Council's six Allotment sites, Rosemead Park and the various Town Council Venues for hire. Also supporting the Events Team for occasions such as the Town Show and Family Fun Day and Armed Forces Day, the summer months for the A-Team can be especially busy.



Working in partnership with the County Council, through the Street Scene Enhancement Scheme, the A-Team ensures the ongoing attractiveness of the Town and other Parishes in the Eastern Arun area, making sure that unsightly graffiti and fly-posting is swiftly removed. The team also undertakes the painting of street furniture and other work to visually enhance our Town.

So while there's less high-octane adventure than the TV series of the same name, Littlehampton's A-Team remains a force for good – and a force to be reckoned with!

Reporting Graffiti

T 01903 732063

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What's on

SUMMER & AUTUMN HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday 24 June

Armed Forces Day FREE

10:30 – 17:00, East Green

A free action-packed event celebrating the Armed Forces. Aerial and high-octane arena displays, charity fair, family entertainment and more. Sponsored by Harbour Park.



T 01903 732063 **W** visitlittlehampton.co.uk

Saturday 19 August

Screen on the Green FREE

19:00 – 23:00, East Green

Bring a blanket, pick your spot and joins us to watch Roald Dahl's 'Matilda' the Musical on the giant 40ft screen. Caterers on site. Proudly supported by Cuff Miller.

T 01903 732063 **W** visitlittlehampton.co.uk

Saturday 9 September

Littlehampton Town Show and Family Fun Day FREE

12:00 – 17:00, Rosemead Park, BN17 6UH

A celebration of the vibrant Littlehampton community including live performances, food court, dog show, inflatables, craft and horticultural show and more!

Plus a chance to get to know Littlehampton's voluntary groups in the Community Marquee.

T 01903 732063 **W** visitlittlehampton.co.uk



Saturday 28 October

Littlehampton Torchlight Procession, Bonfire and Fireworks FREE

19:30 – 23:00, Littlehampton Seafront, BN17 5LL

A torch lit costumed procession passes through the town and down to the Green where the bonfire will be lit and a spectacular fireworks display will take place. Coles Funfair will be operating rides on the prom and bringing an array of food stalls. A programme with full details will be available before the event.

W littlehamptonbonfiresociety.co.uk

June

Monday 5 –

Saturday 28 October

Romans Exhibition FREE

09:00 – 16:30 Mon to Fri,
10:30 – 16:20 Saturday,
Littlehampton Museum,
Manor House, BN17 5EW

A brand-new Roman exhibition exploring how the Romans lived over 2000 years ago.

T 01903 738100

W littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

Friday 9 – Sunday 11

IK and Tonic Demo Day

10:00 – 22:00, The Beach
Littlehampton, BN17 2NA

A weekend for the diary as Kite surfers, Wingers and the industry meet up at The Beach for a weekend of kitesurfing, live music and more.

W thebeachlittlehampton.co.uk

July

Saturday 8

**Prom Concert for NHS by
Edwin James Festival Choir**

19:30 – 22:00,
1 High Street, Littlehampton, BN17 5EG

This Prom Concert celebrates 75 years of the NHS together with all the traditional Prom favourites. Tickets cost £10 on the door. Raising funds for Air Ambulance Kent Surrey & Sussex.

T 01243 582330

W edwinjamesfestivalchoir.co.uk

Saturday 22 and Sunday 23

Littlehampton Waterfront

Festival FREE

12:00 – 18:00,
Littlehampton Harbour, BN17 5LG

An annual two-day free event showcasing different nautical activities on the River Arun.

T 01903 721215

W littlehampton.org.uk

August

Tuesday 8 August

Littlehampton Sandcastle

Competition FREE

10:00 – 13:00, Stage by the Sea,
Littlehampton Seafront

Bring your buckets and spades to compete for victory in our annual sandcastle competition.

T 01903 732063

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Wednesday 9 to Saturday 12

The Wedding Singer

19:30 – 22:00,
Windmill Theatre, BN17 5LH

Join the Littlehampton Musical Comedy Society as they perform this lively musical based around the 1998 film of the same name.

T 01903 730775

W lmcs.productions

September

Saturday 16

**Anniversary Concert "Magic
of the Musicals"**

19:30 – 22:00, 1 High Street, BN17
5EG

Join Edwin James Festival Choir in their 25th anniversary celebration with their Magic of the Musicals concert with choir and orchestra. Tickets £10 on the door. Raising funds for Prostate Cancer UK.

T 01243 582330

W edwinjamesfestivalchoir.co.uk

October

Thursday 26

Arun Kids Light Party

17:30 – 19:30,
The Wickbourne Centre, BN17 7DZ

A fun evening of games for 2 to 11 year olds as an alternative to Halloween! Prizes will be awarded for best costumes but as the theme is LIGHT please no ghosts, witches, scary characters etc.

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E hello@arunchurch.com

November

Saturday 11 to

Saturday 17 February

Open Art Plastic FREE

9:30 – 16:30 Mon to Fri, 10:30 – 16:30
Saturday, Littlehampton Museum,
BN17 5EW

An exciting exhibition from amateurs and professional artists, of all ages, from the Sussex area on this year's topic: Plastic.

T 01903 738100

W littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

Sunday 12

Remembrance Sunday FREE

11:00 – 13:00,
Littlehampton War Memorial

Join us in remembering and honouring those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. Veterans are welcome to march in the parade, more information and parade orders will be released closer to the event.

T 01903 732063

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Saturday 18

**Christmas Lights Switch
On and Late Night Shopping**

FREE

15:00 – 20:00,
Littlehampton High Street
Join us in starting the festive season in Littlehampton. The High Street will be packed with festive cheer and lots of local retailers will be staying open late, so you can snap up your Christmas gifts.

T 01903 732063

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**What's On at
The Windmill?**

W www.windmillcinema.co.uk

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

These plus many more events
can be found on our website
www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk

We offer free listings on our
website to event organisers.

Just email
events@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk
for more details.