

PROGRESS

LITTLEHAMPTON TOWN COUNCIL'S NEWSLETTER



- A Strategy for our Town Centre
- Council's four-year plan for the Town

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

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 loan sharks – 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.



WIN £500 IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Collect a sticker each time you spend £5 or more in one of Littlehampton's participating Town Centre businesses.

When you have collected five stickers, drop your card into the Manor House and you'll have a chance to win £500 in cash in both November and December.

DID YOU KNOW?

If each Littlehampton resident spent an extra £5 per week in a town centre shop, this would bring an extra £7.8 million into the town's economy. Please support your local traders by shopping in Littlehampton.

CLOSING DATES:

November Draw: Thursday 30 November
December Draw: Sunday 17 December



www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk/shopping/love-local-prize-draw

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

What an incredible summer it was! It was brilliant to see so many of you at our events, including Armed Forces Day, our Sandcastle Competition, Screen on the Green and topping it all off at the Town Show and Family Fun Day at Rosemead! A particular thank you to everyone who contributed at these to my charity collection for a local men's mental health group - this has always been a cause close to my heart, now more than ever before!

Of course, not everything has gone our way, particularly with the devastating fire at the Windmill-Harvester site, but the community spirit it unleashed was phenomenal! If you were involved in any way - whether donating to the support groups for those residents above the restaurant, providing refreshments on the day to our wonderful Fire Service, or just supporting the community in coming to terms with what had happened, a massive and heartfelt thank you.

Our Town Centre continues to need support, and I was delighted to Chair the inaugural meeting of our new Town Centre Action Group



in September, bringing together councillors, council officers, the police, business owners, landlords and others who can bring about direct change. There's more about our work in and around the Town Centre elsewhere in this edition of Progress.

Looking ahead we will come together in November to mark Remembrance Sunday, before the festive spirit hits with our High Street Christmas Lights Switch On, which will take place on 18 November. I'll definitely need help to switch all those lights on, so do look out for a competition for young people very soon!

With very best wishes,

Councillor Freddie Tandy,
Town Mayor

Contact the Mayor

✉ mayor@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

📘 [littlehamptonmayor](https://www.littlehampton.gov.uk)



Dove Lodge, Beach Road

I was delighted to be able to visit Dove Lodge during the summer and to have a look around. It's a building I suspect many of us pass regularly on our way towards the beach, but seeing the range of opportunities and services available to those who call the building home was amazing! Long-term residents include Arun Community Transport and Arun Counselling Centre.

🌐 www.dove-lodge.org.uk

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

LATEST NEWS

A new Community Centre is coming to Hampton Park. Find out more on our website www.littlehampton.gov.uk/community-facility-hampton-park

MEETING DATES DECEMBER 2023 – MAY 2024

DECEMBER

Monday 4

Planning and
Transportation

Thursday 7

Community Resources

Tuesday 18

Policy and Finance

JANUARY

Tuesday 9*

Planning and
Transportation

Thursday 11*

Community Resources

Monday 15*

Property and Personnel

Tuesday 16*

Policy and Finance

Thursday 25

Full Council

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 6

Governance and Audit

Thursday 15

Community Resources

Monday 26

Planning and
Transportation

MARCH

Monday 11

Policy and Finance

Thursday 14

Community Resources

Monday 18

Property and Personnel

Thursday 18

Full Council

Monday 26

Planning and
Transportation

APRIL

Thursday 18*

Community Resources

Thursday 25

Annual Town Meeting

Monday 29

Planning and
Transportation

*Reserved only held if meeting is required

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

For agendas and minutes visit

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

Cover image: Multi-agency pop-up stall

WE MEAN BUSINESS: New councillors announce four-year plan for the Town.



Following the May 2023 elections and the formation of a new council, councillors have now undertaken an extensive induction programme and created a comprehensive list of actions.

Comprising seven returning and eight new councillors (of which nine represent the Labour Party and six the Liberal Democrats), all fifteen councillors have received the appropriate training, as well as participated in a far-reaching planning session for the four-year term. The resulting Business Plan has now been drawn up, encapsulating not just objectives, but also outlines for their delivery.

Confirming a collective will to work collaboratively with the public and partners to ensure better outcomes for all, the new council's mission statement promises to

The council also confirmed that they intend to be reliable, publicly accountable and resourceful.

Looking to develop a multi-centred sustainable town, with safe vibrant places for people to come together, aims include the completion of the new K2 Community Centre, and also commencing work on a similar centre in the development North of Littlehampton.

Championing community engagement and a culture of mutual support for all, plans also include the exploration of opportunities for enhanced accessibility, such as coordinating a multiagency community stall once a month at the Friday market. Keen also to ensure that accessible environmentally-friendly services are wide-reaching, the council has committed to 'Improving Littlehampton, strengthening and empowering the community'.

To find out more about how the council aims to improve the town and the quality of life for residents, read the full Business Plan:

 www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/policies-and-strategic-documents

“**Listen, represent and lead the town by actively encouraging engagement, community and tourism.**”

FEBRUARY Charity Pancake Olympics



APRIL Easter Out and About



APRIL Merit Awards





AUGUST Sandcastle Competition



AUGUST Love Local Summer Events





SEPTEMBER Town Show and Family Fun Day



A Force for Good

Having been in Littlehampton as a PCSO for the last six weeks, Martyn Robinson says that he loves being out on patrol and meeting people.

“It was the community aspect that drew me to the role in the first place, and I do get to meet members of the community; from members of the public to those working in the businesses on the High Street. It’s important to understand people’s views and concerns, so I’m always happy to have a chat and to see if we can help.”

Stressing the importance of reporting issues, Martyn added:

“Reporting is really important. Sometimes we may need to build up a picture or a pattern of an ongoing issue, so even if it is something that has been reported previously, we do ask that people continue to report. It can really help.”

Highlighting recent incidents of street drinking (and the subsequent antisocial behaviour), Martyn explained that PCSOs aim to work not just with those whose behaviour raises concern, but also with those retailers that might be selling alcohol to those already visibly under the influence.



“The High Street should be a space that everyone can enjoy and working together gives us the best chance of making sure that it is.”

And in the coming months the number of PCSOs in our town will increase, as newly trained recruits join the ranks. Providing a reassuring presence on the local streets, Officers will continue to be on patrol regularly and are, says Martyn, very approachable.

“Do come and say hello to us if you see us out and about. You don’t have to have something to report – we want, and enjoy, getting to know the community.”

Report a serious offence in progress 999
Report a non-emergency incident 101 or
www.sussex.police.uk
Anti-social behaviour through Arun District Council
0808 141 2800

COMPLETING K2

A brand new facility for the local community, construction of the new K2 centre is nearing completion. The scaffolding has been removed, with the focus now on the internal aspects of the project.

Instrumental in guiding some of the decisions about the creation of K2, Arun Youth Projects have helped to ensure the space will not only offer young people the best possible resources, but that the building will also meet their aspirations and needs.

Work is scheduled for completion by the end of the year, with interest from potential hirers already being generated.



To find out more about K2’s hiring opportunities, please contact the Town Council’s Administration Team:
Bookings@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk Tel: 01903 732063
To see the masterplan for the new centre visit littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/keystone

A Strategy for Our Town Centre

Littlehampton Town Centre provides residents and visitors with essential retail outlets, public and private services and leisure space. But regeneration is key to ensuring that this core aspect of our Town continues to improve and thrive.

Working in partnership on a Strategy for the Town Centre for the past year, Littlehampton Town Council consulted with the public, seeking their views on the regeneration of the town. Resulting in an Action Plan, the Town Council will now lead a newly-formed Town Centre Action Group (TCAG), made up of Town, District and County Council councillors and staff, the Police, business and landlord representatives, in delivering this.

You can view the full Strategy and Action Plan at www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/town-centre-action-group



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The Strategy's key objectives are to ensure that Littlehampton Town Centre is a safe, accessible, and thriving centre, offering a range of shops, leisure facilities, office premises, residential opportunities, as well as a full range of services to attract the local and wider community and visitors. We have identified five strategic objectives which are outlined below.

Councillor Alan Butcher, Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee

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THE FIVE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1	<p>To work in partnership to formulate an action plan that encourages an attractive, welcoming, and thriving town centre for our businesses, community, and visitors.</p> <p>Example of an Action: Utilise a grant from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to appoint an experienced company to link the business community and local authorities strengthening the role that each can play to achieve a thriving town centre.</p>
2	<p>To ensure that the town centre has a welcoming, safe, and attractive physical environment that supports the needs of both businesses and town centre users, enables delivery of a range of events and activities and provides a focus for a healthy and thriving community.</p> <p>Example of an Action: To encourage and facilitate a range of activities and events to be held in the Town Centre.</p>
3	<p>To improve the commercial viability of the town centre for existing and potential new businesses.</p> <p>Example of an Action: To bring more leisure and hotel facilities into the town and encourage restaurants to open in the town centre.</p>
4	<p>To ensure that town centre accessibility is inclusive, supports all modes of transport and meets the needs of all users.</p> <p>Example of an Action: Review the disc parking scheme and improve transport links to and from the Town Centre and wider town.</p>
5	<p>To improve interconnectivity between the Town Centre, seafront, riverside and wider town, making access to business areas and tourist attractions much easier.</p> <p>Example of an Action: Look to improve the offer of information for visitors to the Town Centre and to attract those using other facilities in the area to visit.</p>

Town Centre businesses are invited to join a mailing list to receive regular updates.
To join, please email towncentrestrategy@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk

Strike a Light!

The Town Council reveals that residents can expect something a bit different in Littlehampton this festive season...

Promising a completely new illuminated scheme, the much-loved seasonal lights will not only deliver on 'WOW!' factor, but they will boast eco-friendly credentials too.



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We were keen to bring festive cheer to Littlehampton whilst ensuring that the financial implications were considered carefully in light of the ongoing cost of living crisis.

The new scheme was selected for its sustainability with LED lights and eco-friendly options where possible. We have replaced the real Christmas tree with an artificial tree made up entirely of lights, we have added two hanging motifs that will welcome visitors to the High Street and one decoration that will see people walk through it. In addition there will be motifs on lampposts and lights hanging across the pedestrianised precinct. It will be fantastic to see a whole new set of illuminations this year.

Councillor Sean Lee,
Chair of the Community Resources Committee.



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Switched on at the annual Late Night Shopping event on Saturday 18 November, there will also be family-friendly live performances, children's rides and activities, Santa's Grotto, street food vendors, artisan traders, face painting and much more! Many retailers will remain open until late, so get ready to support your local traders by choosing your gifts. Maybe then you can call it a 'wrap' by December 1st!

View the full programme of Christmas events at www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk

Grant aid: The results are in!

Twenty-seven local organisations benefitted from this year's Town Council Grant Aid awards scheme.

Supporting a broad range of services and activities, all aimed at helping local residents, a total pot of £15,000 was shared amongst the beneficiaries. These included homeless charity Turning Tides, which was awarded £925 to purchase raised beds and gardening tools.

Elise Cooper, Employment and Skills Worker at Turning Tides said:

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“The funding we received from Littlehampton Town Council has enabled us to develop an underused space into a mini allotment for our community. We have been able to buy tools and equipment to meet the diverse needs of our service users making it accessible for everyone to take part in and enjoy!”

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Other beneficiaries include Arun Counselling Centre (to provide free counselling sessions to residents), Lifecentre (for support sessions for male survivors in Littlehampton) and Littlehampton Football Club (for the purchase of new kit for the under 18s girls team).

Find out about the organisations that benefitted from Grant Aid: www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/grant-aid



Saturday 18 November 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 ranging from children's ride, Santa, live entertainment, family activities, stalls and more. Plus many local businesses will be staying open late.

T 01903 732063
W visitlittlehampton.co.uk



Tuesday 2 April to 13 April Family Fun Easter Crafts **FREE**

9:00 – 16:30 Mon to Fri,
10:30 – 16:30 Saturday
Littlehampton Museum,
BN17 5EW

Pop in and 'have a go' at the Museum's Easter crafts in the Butterworth Gallery.

T 01903 738100
W littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

November

Saturday 11 November to Friday 16 February Open Art Exhibition – Plastic **FREE**

9:00 – 16:30 Mon to Fri,
10:30 – 16:30 Saturday
Littlehampton Museum, BN17 5EW

The hugely popular annual exhibition is now returning for its 10th show. An exciting exhibition from amateurs and professional artists from the Sussex area on this year's topic: Plastic.

T 01903 732063
W littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

Sunday 12 Remembrance Sunday

11:00 – 13:00
Littlehampton War Memorial,
Beach Road, BN17 5HJ

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
W visitlittlehampton.co.uk

Saturday 25 Wick's Christmas Lights Switch on

17:00 – 19:00
Wick Hall, BN17 7JS

Organised by All Saints Church and the Wick Action Group, the event will have many exciting activities including a 'Bethlehem Market', children's crafts, inflatables and a Santa's Grotto in Going Spare.

W allsaintswick.org.uk

December

Sunday 3 Christmas Market

12:00 – 20:00
The Beach Café, Littlehampton,
BN16 2NA

Local crafters bring you handmade gifts and crafts accompanied by the sound of Carol singers at 18:30. Why not enjoy hot food and festive drinks including mulled wine or a deluxe hot choc.

E thebeachlittlehampton@gmail.com
W thebeachlittlehampton.co.uk

Saturday 9 Littlehampton Concert Band Christmas Concert

14:30 – 17:00
St Catherine's Church,
44 Beach Road, BN17 5JH

An afternoon of Christmas music to get you into the Christmas Spirit! Tickets cost £7.50 each and include a hot drink and mince pie. Tickets can be purchased from band members.

E enquiries@littlehampton-concertband.co.uk
W littlehampton-concertband.co.uk

Thursday 21 Wick Flicks – The Star

Doors – 13:00, Film Starts 13:30
Wick Hall, BN17 7JS

Brought to you by the Wick Action Group. 50p admission with FREE popcorn and drink.

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February

Saturday 10 to Saturday 17 February Event – The Bunny Trail **FREE**

9:00 – 16:30 Mon to Fri,
10:30 – 16:30 Saturday
Littlehampton Museum, BN17 5EW

During February Half-term visit the Museum to find the cheeky bunnies, Bunty and Marmaduke and claim your bunny sticker!

T 01903 738100
W littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

March

Saturday 2 March to Friday 28 June Exhibition – Menagerie **FREE**

9:00 – 16:30 Mon to Fri,
10:30 – 16:30 Saturday
Littlehampton Museum, BN17 5EW

From Donkeys to Dinosaurs, come and explore this fun, family friendly exhibition showcasing the animals in our collections.

T 01903 738100
W littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

Saturday 2 March to Friday 10 May Exhibition – Images of Littlehampton, Melanie Antoniades **FREE**

9:00 – 16:30 Mon to Fri,
10:30 – 16:30 Saturday
Littlehampton Museum, BN17 5EW

Images of Littlehampton by local photographer Melanie Antoniades.

T 01903 732063
W littlehamptonmuseum.co.uk

April

Wednesday 17 April to Saturday 20 April The Pajama Game

Wed to Sat 19:30 – 22:15, Sat 14:30
Windmill Theatre, BN17 5LH
(venue may be subject to change)

Littlehampton Players Operatic Society is proud to present its musical production – The Pajama Game, filled with fantastic musical theatre classics. Tickets cost £14 (standard) and £12 (concessions). Bookings must be made in advance.

E enquiries@lpos.org
W lpos.org

Multi-Agency Pop-up Stall

Have your say about local matters

Speak to your local Councillors,
PCSOs and Community Safety Team



Find us at the Friday
Market by Sainsbury's
on
Friday 3 November
Friday 1 December

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.