



CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

"Throughout 2013, it has been a privilege for me to serve as the Mayor of Hailsham. I have attended a number of engagements with community groups, local charities, voluntary organisations and businesses in and around the town and local area.

From these engagements, I have learned about the tremendous amount of work done by them to support the people of Hailsham, and the help and encouragement given by them to help the young and not so young residents of our town.

They all deserve our support, which I have been happy to give this past year and I would personally like to thank them all for the extraordinary welcomes I received at their events and meetings.

I recognise that this past year has held many challenges for all of us. This said, your Town Council has been working hard with East Sussex County Council, Wealden District Council, Hailsham Forward and our other project partners to plan for the town's future, help revitalise our town centre and attract inward investment to Hailsham. But as



these proposed developments come forward, the Town Council will be asking for your views.

We are proud of our unique town and your Council is pleased to be able to support Christmas festivities and markets in the town over the festive season. I do hope that you all enjoy visiting the town.

But let us not forget to care for those who are less fortunate than ourselves including the elderly, the infirm and the bereaved, and all the vulnerable people in our town.

Also, we should give our gratitude to those who over the Christmas Holiday will be working, such as the hospitals, doctors, emergency staff and those who give their time to help the homeless over the festive season.

On behalf of all the town councillors and staff at Hailsham Town Council, the Deputy Town Mayor, my husband and Consort Bill and myself would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and hope that 2014 will be prosperous and healthy for us all."

Councillor Jo Bentley

Town Mayor & Chairman, Hailsham Town Council

TOWN READY TO LIGHT UP FOR CHRISTMAS FUN

Planning is in the final stages for the Hailsham Christmas Extravaganza which takes place in the town centre on Saturday 14th December from 9 am to 4 pm.

Start the festive season with a really enjoyable Christmas shopping visit to the town centre and stock up on Christmas presents and decorations, while enjoying plenty of festive cheer including great food and drink and entertainment on the day!

Organised by the Town Council in partnership with Hailsham Forward and the Hailsham & District Chamber of Commerce the Christmas Extravaganza is set to bring energy and a festive atmosphere to the town centre, guaranteeing fun for all the family.

The town centre will be home to 60+ market stalls selling a wide range of local and regional fine food, Christmas gifts, decorations, cards, cakes, jewellery and other items. A mouth-watering hog roast, roasted chestnuts and mulled wine are also highlights of the event, along with a skate rink from 10am to dusk.

The Christmas Extravaganza will feature a live compère and a wide range of festive entertainment for all the family including special performances from the Jazz Caverners, South of Saturn and the Kingfisher Marching Band.

There will also be Father Christmas and his Sleigh in the High Street on the day for the children courtesy of Hailsham Rotary Club, a Reindeer Rodeo (10am-4pm), face painting (10am-4pm) and Punch & Judy (10am-1.30pm), as well as a children's pottery workshop (9am-4pm) and balloon modelling and magic (1.30pm-4pm).

"We look forward to welcoming you all to the Hailsham Christmas Extravaganza, a festive event celebrating all that's Christmas in our beautiful and vibrant town," said Town Mayor Councillor Jo Bentley, who is also chairman of the Town Council's Festivities & Events Committee.

"The Town Council's Christmas events are becoming increasingly popular each year as people from all over the town and neighbouring areas come to get their Christmas shopping, enjoy the festive celebrations and support local charities with donations.

"My colleagues and I have been working hard for months to make this Christmas in Hailsham one to remember. Everything is now in place for a wonderful start to the festive season – all it needs is that final magic ingredient, the Hailsham public to turn out and support us."

MAYOR WELCOMES NEW BUSINESSES IN TOWN

Hailsham is experiencing a business boom with several shops and other businesses opening in the town in recent months.

More than ten new businesses have opened in the town this year including Screwfix Direct (Diplocks Way), Quality Solicitors Barwells (Market Square) and Fidelis Floral Art (St Mary's Walk), as well as Hot Dogs Grooming, Valentia Bridal Boutique and Hailsham Pet Supplies in George Street. Additional businesses opened during 2013 include Neptune Design Centre, North Street Café, the Lions Boship Farm Hotel in Lower Dicker and more recently, Millies gift shop in the High Street.

"Hailsham is progressing and it's good to see more businesses opening up," said Town Mayor Councillor Jo Bentley, who presented the new businesses with welcome certificates. "The opening of new shops and other businesses in Hailsham is a welcome improvement for the town and shows us that the town continues to become an attractive proposition, despite the slow recovery from the economic downturn.

"The Town Council will continue to work with its partners on ways we can improve the area and help boost trade even further in the foreseeable future.

"I am delighted that more new businesses have set up shop in Hailsham and wish them all the best for the future."





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SUCCESS STORY FOR HAILSHAM STREET MARKET



A new street market in Hailsham is exceeding all expectations – only three months after it was launched in August.

"From 16th January, around 30 stalls will trade in Vicarage Field every Saturday of the month (between 9.30am and 3pm), except for the second Saturday when the Hailsham Farmers' Market will be trading from Market Street.



A wide range of local quality produce are sold at the street market including fruit and vegetables, clothing, handbags and accessories, pet supplies, crafts, jewellery, natural beauty products, gifts, vinegars and oils, preserves and cakes.



"The market is growing in stature and is attracting people who haven't been to Hailsham for some time as well as first time visitors," said co-organiser and Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Cairn.

"It has also helped to boost trade in the independent shops in the town centre and we plan to further expand the range of products in the coming months to increase the choice on offer even further to the public."

Hailsham Street Market has a flexible structure in place to offer opportunities to stallholders who are unable to commit to hiring a stall at every market event. Please contact the Hailsham Forward team on 841702 or via www.hailshamforward.co.uk for more details.



GOOD PROGRESS ON HAILSHAM AND HELLINGLY TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS



Since the end of 2012 the MASHH (Movement and Access Strategy for Hailsham and Hellingly) Steering Group made up of County, District Town and Parish Council Members and officers, has been working together to deliver transport improvements for the Hailsham and Hellingly area.

At recent meetings the Steering Group has been encouraged by the progress made on a number of transport schemes. The Group has also been shown initial options for further transport improvements in the town centre.

A number of schemes funded from developments at Hellingly Hospital (Roebuck Park), Welbury Farm (Welbury Meadows) and Battle Road (Willow Gardens) have now been completed and include:

- a new roundabout, improved junction and signals on the A271 at Hawks Rd and Park Road
- improvements to the A22/ Hempstead Lane and Upper Horsebridge/ London road junctions,
- realignment of New road, Hellingly and
- installation of a roundabout at the junction of Battle Road and the A271 – under construction

(These schemes total over £2 million pounds of transport improvements).

Further pedestrian and public transport improvements have been delivered through enhanced bus service provision from the Hellingly site into Hailsham/Eastbourne (£600,000) and major cycle-way and pedestrian improvements along Battle Road into Hailsham town centre (£250,000).



Overall these schemes have delivered over £3 million of transport and traffic safety and improvements for Hailsham/ Hellingly but more is required for a growing town.

Along with the new schemes, the developments have contributed towards a "pot" from which the County Council will deliver further improvements to improve access in and around the town centre. The Steering Group has recently identified their transport priorities and are considering design options that use the development funds to greatest effect.

The schemes being worked up include pedestrian and parking improvements in the High Street, changing flow to one-way in Vicarage Lane and improvements in George Street.

County and town councillor Bill Bentley, member of the MASHH Steering Group said: "I'm really

pleased to see that in partnership with councils recent developments in the town have contributed to and delivered much needed improvements – all designed to mitigate the transport impact of that development.

"I look forward to working as part of the Steering Group and with officers from all councils to deliver further schemes over the coming year."

It is hoped that the preliminary designs for the will be shared with the public at exhibitions in spring 2014. Further information will be available in the March edition. The County Council also has plans for a loading area for the Post Office in North Street that should be installed before Christmas.

FIRST GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE JOIN HAILSHAM WORKS!

30th September saw the doors open to the first group of young people to join the Tomorrows People Hailsham Works! project running in the town for 16-24 year olds.

The group will undertake a large variety of employment focused, confidence building and motivational activities during the 10-week course and will also get involved in various community projects, undertaking a variety of work placement and training days.

Carolyn Fogg, Community Liaison Coordinator said: "We have been delighted with the welcome we are receiving within the town, with offers of work placements, support, donations and general interest.

"In order to ensure the best possible outcomes for all the young people on the project it is essential that the local community engage on an ongoing basis to help change lives. We need as many businesses as possible to offer the opportunity of work experience, apprenticeships and jobs or to volunteer to support or share motivational stories.

"Our aim is to enlist the support of at least 100 individuals or organisations who will in turn join our Hailsham 100 Hall of Fame for supporters."

Project Leader Shaun Cox commented: "It is wonderful to see the changes in the group already after only three weeks, which demonstrates that if you spend quality time and give quality input, you can support young people to realise their ambitions



and improve their self confidence and self belief."

CAN YOU HELP US CHANGE LIVES??
Please contact Carolyn Fogg on 07741 272013 or email cfogg@tomorrows-people.co.uk. To join our next group of 16-24 year olds contact Shaun or Kayley on 01323 441194 or send an email to scox@tomorrows-people.co.uk



INTRODUCING THE HAILSHAM TRUST

The Hailsham Trust is being re-launched under new management to provide much needed support to the local community.

The Trust's Mission is to achieve "community regeneration through integrated voluntary sector action". It aims to provide support services in seven core areas: Children and Families, Young People, Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities, Employability and Training, Healthy Lifestyles, Wellbeing, and Community Activities.

The Trust is busy maximising the use of its Community Centre 'Prospects House' in George Street.

A recent grant awarded by Sussex Community Foundation will fund an 'urban garden' to promote wildlife, healthy lifestyles and sustainable use of water. It will include edible window boxes and hanging baskets, water saving devices and homes for wildlife. "We are delighted to receive this support," said Jenny Leon, Hailsham Trust Development Worker. "It means we can create a resource for future community gardening and healthy eating projects and inspire local people with simple, affordable ideas for gardening in small spaces with little or no actual garden."

The Hailsham Trust encourages all local people to tell us what they think are the needs in Hailsham and what activities and services are required to address these.

You can do this by visiting the website www.hailshamtrust.org.uk, calling 01273-519106 or emailing info@hailshamtrust.org.uk



EAST SUSSEX CREDIT UNION

A local community based cooperative which aims to combat poverty and provide credit at reasonable rates has been commended by the Town Council, having successfully operated from its Hailsham branch at the Town Council offices for two years to date.

East Sussex Credit Union offers a loans and savings service to people living and working in Hailsham, with the aim of tackling financial exclusion in the community. Every investor or borrower becomes a member of the Credit Union and a share of all the profits made is divided amongst its members in the form of an annual dividend.

Town Clerk John Harrison said the union is an attractive alternative to high street banks for the financially excluded: "East Sussex Credit Union is run by its members as a safe alternative to unscrupulous lenders who prey on the poor, including payday loan companies.

"The presence of the East Sussex Credit Union in Hailsham offers a vital source of affordable credit in our community and the Town Council is pleased to support it by providing suitable offices as part of our effort to tackle financial exclusion in the town."

The Hailsham branch is open from 12 noon to 2pm every Wednesday. Everyone is welcome to join. For further information on the benefits of joining East Sussex Credit Union, send an email to marta@credit-union.org.uk



NEW YOUTH COUNCIL FOR HAILSHAM

Hailsham Youth Council, which gives a voice for 11-19 year olds from Hailsham and surrounding villages, enables local young people to raise issues and concerns with the Town Council and strengthen their leadership skills in the process.

Since its re-launch in September 2009, HYC has contributed towards the request to construct a skate park on the Maurice Thornton Playing Field and supported proposals for the outdoor gym which was installed last year at Western Road Recreation Ground.



Following a vote Naomi Waters, aged 16, was elected HYC Chair, while Nadia Rahman, Amber Ball, Jake Holmes and Jack Izzard were elected Vice-Chair, Secretary, Vice-Secretary and Treasurer respectively. The Youth Mayor, Musta Rahman will continue to serve as a Committee member.

Speaking after being elected HYC Chair, Naomi said: "The last year has been incredibly successful for the Youth Council. This next year, we hope to achieve even more and will see important work being done to represent young people in Hailsham and continue to build on the strong links made with local community organisations."





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MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Sussex Police has recently launched 'Operation Magpie' – an initiative formed to tackle burglary in the county.



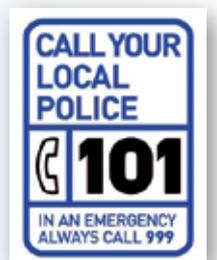
The first phase of this Operation sees us denying the use of the roads to burglars. Officers will carry out spot checks on cars and vans at various locations with the aim of catching burglars in the act and also preventing offences too. Teams will be based at strategic points around the county in a robust and ongoing series of operations. Burglars will not know when or where the next spot check will appear.

The teams will use technology and local intelligence reports to stop any vehicles that are highlighted as being driven illegally – such as those without MOT or insurance – or those which are linked to burglary.

- If you leave your house empty – even when you are in the back garden – lock all the doors and windows and make sure fanlight windows are closed. Be especially careful about those on the ground floor and above flat roof areas.



- Put your garden tools and any ladders away into a secure garage or shed after using them, they could be used to break into your home, or your neighbours'.
- Double check fences and boundaries to make sure they keep burglars out.
- When you leave a room unattended, close and lock windows and doors – especially on the ground floor.
- If you want to leave windows open while you sleep, fit window restrictors so they cannot be fully opened, or make sure they are not large enough to allow access to a burglar.
- Keep all wallets, purses, credit cards, car keys and other valuables out of sight.
- Consider fitting outside security lighting or a visible alarm to help deter burglars.





SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

TOWN COUNCIL (& TRUSTS): Wednesday 15 January (council tax setting); Wednesday 29 January (meetings start at 7.30 pm)

FINANCE & BUDGET OVERSIGHT: Wednesday 18 December; Wednesday 22 January; Wednesday 26 February (meetings start at 7.30 pm)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT: Tuesday 10 December; Tuesday 7 January; Tuesday 28 January; Tuesday 18 February (meetings start at 7 pm)

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE: Thursday 16 January (meeting starts at 7.30 pm)

HAILSHAM IN BLOOM: Wednesday 19 February (meeting starts at 7.30 pm)

FESTIVITIES & EVENTS: Monday 13 January; Monday 3 February; Monday 3 March (meetings start at 6 pm)

STAFF ADMINISTRATION PANEL: Monday 20 January (meeting starts at 7.30 pm)

[All meetings are held in the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room/Council Chamber and are open to the press and public, unless otherwise stated.]



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Political Party Key: CON: Conservative; HI: Hailsham Independents; LD: Liberal Democrat; NP: Non-Party
* Postal addresses of councillors are available at the Town Council Offices or via www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk

OFFICE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

The Town Council Offices will close for the Christmas holidays on **Tuesday 24th December at 1pm**, and re-open at **9am on Monday 6th January 2014**.

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