



## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Hailsham Town Council Annual Town Meeting will be held on **Thursday 24th April** at the Civic Community Hall in Vicarage Lane, with the **main part of the meeting commencing at 7.30 pm**, including a presentation and review of the past year by the Town Mayor and Chairman, Councillor Jo Bentley.

Prior to the main residents' meeting there will be an opportunity for you to view information stands from local groups and talk to representatives of those organizations from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

The Annual Town Meeting will be an opportunity for residents to participate in a discussion on some very interesting and ambitious projects the Town Council and its project partners have for the future development of Hailsham, raise questions on matters affecting the parish of Hailsham and hold your local council to account. It also allows us to update you all on our achievements over the last twelve months.



Mayor Jo Bentley

Town Mayor Councillor Jo Bentley said: "I'd like to encourage as many people as possible to attend the meeting, not only to comment on the achievements of the Town Council and see for yourselves what we are doing on your behalf, but to put across your views on important services and facilities.

"I'd like to stress that this is a *residents'* meeting, whereby *residents'* needs and concerns are addressed; it's not about politics. This is your meeting and your opportunity to discuss issues regarding Hailsham which concern you."

If members of the public wish to submit a question or item for the Agenda, please advise the Town Clerk in writing (Town Council Offices, Market Street, Hailsham, BN27 2AE) or email [john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk) by no later than Thursday 17th April 2014.



# DESIGNS FOR TOWN CENTRE IMPROVEMENTS: PUBLIC CONSULTATION



**Over the autumn and winter period, 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 up preliminary designs for the town centre improvements in readiness for public consultation, improvements that are needed to support the recent residential development in the area.**

The schemes currently focus on the High Street, Vicarage Lane, Vicarage Road and George Street and will concentrate on improving the town centre for pedestrians, bus users, taxis and delivery vehicles. Some amendments to the parking provision in the High Street are also proposed to ensure that shoppers have access to short-term parking spaces.

The works in the town centre form part of a wider package of transport improvements for Hailsham and Hellingly to improve access and connectivity.

The Steering Group held a "pre-consultation" meeting in January with local stakeholders from the Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses, residents' groups, taxi companies etc, who gave the Steering Group valuable feedback and have helped to take the designs forward.

In partnership with Wealden District Council, Hailsham Town Council and Hellingly Parish Council, East Sussex County Council intends to hold a public consultation event in the town centre on the Friday 25th and Saturday 26th



April. All residents and businesses in the area are urged to visit the exhibition and provide their views on proposals to allow completion of the detailed design.

County and town councillor Bill Bentley, member of the MASHH Steering Group said "I am very pleased with progress to date and the partnership working between all the councils. The proposed draft schemes will make a real difference to Hailsham town centre for residents and businesses alike. I would encourage all to look out for details of the forthcoming public consultation event and to come along to give their views."

Along with the Battle Road cycleway, new bus services between Hellingly and Eastbourne, and changes to several junctions, other recent works within Hailsham that are required to support development include the completion of a roundabout at the northern end of Battle Road and the Post Office loading area in North Street.

Commencement of works for the loading area is programmed for April 2014. These works have been slightly delayed due to the essential programming of statutory undertakers' works. The County Council is keen to get these works completed, as it is recognised that the town has been waiting some time.



## PUBLIC TOILET PROJECT DUE TO START

**The Town Council is happy to announce that building work on the long awaited public toilets project is due to commence in April.**

The build is currently out to tender with local building companies vying for the contract. A decision will be made in early April and work commences later in the month.

The toilets will be built into the red brick building at 2 North Street, Hailsham (also known as the 'Cortlandt former stable block') which is currently housing the successful Hailsham Works! project. The



toilets will consist of two cubicles, one of which will have full disabled access and include baby changing facilities. The facilities will be constructed from the latest modern and hard-wearing materials.

Town Clerk John Harrison said: "I am delighted that the start of this building project is imminent. It has taken a long time to find the right building and to put everything in place necessary to provide Hailsham with this much needed facility in the centre of town."

## VENDORS SAY STREET MARKET IS A BIG SUCCESS



According to local traders and the Town Council, Hailsham Street Market has been a resounding success since opening to the public in August last year.

Around 30 stalls sell a range of locally produced items and unique gifts in Vicarage Field from 9.30am to 3pm every Saturday except the Farmers' Market Saturday (which is the 2nd of the month) when it will fall on the Thursday.

Stalls selling everything from fresh fruit, vegetables, pies, pet supplies, crafts, jewellery and cards to clothing, plants, flowers, beauty products, vinegars, preserves and smoked fish have been drawing bargain hunters into the town and proved a hit with shoppers.



fantastic way to encourage people into Hailsham and I have heard so much positive feedback from customers and the local community."

Alison Benson, who sells baby gifts on a regular basis at the market said: "I've found the street market to be very successful for my business and it definitely brings a lot of new people into the town centre. Also, it's nice to have Hailsham back as a true market town."

"It's great news to hear that traders – and indeed the public – are happy with the Hailsham Street Market, for which the Town Council has provided funding and manpower support for since its launch," said Deputy Town Clerk and Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Caira.

"If you have a good selection of stalls selling high quality locally produced items, people come time and time again. Many thanks to the residents and visitors who continue to support the market and make it the success it is today."

The Town Mayor Cllr Jo Bentley has also congratulated the Hailsham Forward team on their achievements and for making the market the success it is today.

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 call (01323) 841702 or email [michelle.hagger@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.hagger@hailsham-tc.gov.uk) for more details.



Stallholders are happy with the busy High Street location and retailers benefit from the increased number of people visiting when the market is busy. Furthermore, the number of stallholders has increased since last year with around ten new traders setting up pitch in 2014.

A number of local producers operating at the new market already sell goods in other local markets such as the Hailsham Farmers' Market which takes place on a monthly basis.

Alison Ridley, who has a stall selling dog biscuits said: "Hailsham Street Market is blossoming well and I have many regular customers, two and four-legged, who visit my stall for their dog biscuits. As a regular stallholder, I enjoy every market day and feel part of a friendly community. It's a

## TOWN COUNCIL EXPANDS SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HAILSHAM

The Town Council has recently expanded its support for young people in the town by opening a new youth facility – the Eastside Youth Café – which operates from the Maurice Thornton Pavilion in Orion Close on Monday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm.

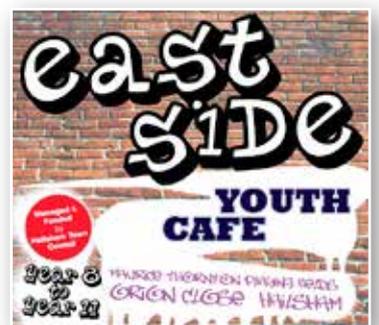
Town councillors agreed to take over management of what was formerly the Young Farmers' Youth Club and giving it a new name. The same service as that which was provided by previous organisers the Town Farm Residents' Association will be offered however, but using Town Council staff and volunteers to run the facility.

The Eastside Youth Café is open to those aged 12 (year 8) to 16 (year 11), adds to the existing services provided at the Square Youth Café in Market Square, the Town Council's flagship centre for young people which opened in November 1999.

"Youth service provision is within easy reach for the majority of young people in Hailsham and we hope that the Eastside Youth Café will be well used," said Richard Grocock, joint oversight councillor for Youth Projects.

"The Town Council is proud to have worked jointly with residents' associations to set up the Young Farmers' Youth Club in 2010 by providing the venue for this important project and will enjoy continued use of the Maurice Thornton Pavilion for the newly branded Eastside Youth Cafe."

Eastside Youth Café will be holding an open morning on Saturday 26th April from 11am to 1pm.



# HAILSHAM WORKS! NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES



**After an exciting start in September last year followed by a wonderful Graduation Event at the Civic Community Hall for Tomorrow's People's very first Hailsham Works! group, work began during December to find more local young people to join in 2014.**

Their current group has been undertaking lots of training and activities to help them focus on and achieve their goals and to break down the barriers that prevent them from doing so. Several of the group has already taken next steps into employment, education and training, and those who haven't are working hard to ensure their move forward.

The aim of *Hailsham Works!* is to help young people to develop the sense of responsibility and self-discipline they need to help them deal with the barriers that prevent them from getting a job. One of the biggest issues we face with these young people is not their determination to move forward with their lives but the barriers they come up against as they try to do so.

Below are some examples of ways in which we work with individuals and how local organisations and businesses play a vital role in these success stories:

*Hailsham Works!* coordinator Carolyn Fogg commented:

"We continue to be overwhelmed with the support and enthusiasm that this project has received from local employers. This proves that employers are keen to invest their time and money in projects that support the training and development of their future employees.

"The programme that we deliver will be constantly reviewed to ensure that it meets the individual needs of each participant with core subjects at its centre."

Town councillor Amanda O'Rawe said: "It's been an absolute pleasure to work with the *Hailsham Works!* team and meet some of the young people who are making a positive difference to their lives with this employment training scheme.

"Some young people are facing such tough challenges when it comes to looking for employment and also the preparation that is needed to apply for a job and hopefully attend an interview, also to find a company that will take them on as an apprentice. But with the dedicated team at the *Hailsham Works!* project, I feel confident that they will learn the skills to move forward and succeed.

"I would urge our local businesses to partner with *Hailsham Works!* and take advantage of the opportunity to find potential keen and engaged young people."

**Aimee** joined our September group, unsure of what she wanted to do and not as confident about her abilities as she deserved to be. We felt that finding Aimee an opportunity in an environment where she would thrive and feel supported was imperative.

Hailsham Town Council had already agreed to offer Work Placements for our group members so we arranged for Aimee to join them on Placement as Receptionist. They were so impressed with Aimee that they have now offered her a 13-month apprenticeship with them and created an Apprenticeship so that she will achieve more qualifications whilst working.



Graduate Aimee Falcone with Town Clerk John Harrison

**Deanna** had been struggling to find an opportunity in retail. In the past she had applied for several jobs without being shortlisted for interview. Working closely with Deanna, *Hailsham Works!* identified that her Maths and English grades and lack of retail experience were causing most potential employers to reject her application immediately.

The *Hailsham Works!* team worked with Deanna to find a suitable college course that would not only help her attain higher grades but also give her experience in the retail sector. Deanna started her course at Sussex Downs College at the beginning of February and is having a great time whilst learning lots of new skills.



Graduate Deanna

**Ashley** joined the January group having completed a one-year apprenticeship with an IT company in Eastbourne, who despite offering him a job at the end of the year, refused to provide an employment contract. The great news for Ashley is that an Eastbourne-based jewellers have created a higher level apprenticeship for him with great terms and conditions! Ashley has just started working for them on a full-time basis.

The *Hailsham Works!* team keeps in touch with its young people for at least a year after they leave the scheme so they make sure that their journey into work or training continues to run smoothly.



Graduate Ashley

## ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HAILSHAM A PRIORITY FOR REMAINDER OF 2014



The Town Council's youth services continue to go from strength to strength, providing a range of opportunities and activities for young people in Hailsham between the ages of 12-17.

A variety of unique and carefully planned activities for young people have been planned for the Friday Night Project, including windsurfing and sailing at Spray Water Sports Centre, ten-pin bowling at Freedom Leisure Centre, snowboarding and dry-slope skiing at Knockhatch Centre, LaserQuest at the David Lloyd Centre, ice skating at the Guildford Spectrum and roller skating at Skate World.

The Friday Night Project (FNP), which is funded by The Safer Wealden Partnership and Hailsham Town Council, works in partnership with Targeted Youth Support and Hailsham Community College to help create alternative recreational activities for young people on Friday evenings, will also continue to be a feature in young people's social events calendar this spring and summer.



"Leisure activities organised by the Town Council and its partners offer young people the chance to take part in a diverse range of recreational activities" said Andy Joyes, Youth Project Coordinator at Hailsham Town Council.

"The Friday Night Project in particular is a classic example of partnership in the community working at its best and I'd like to express my gratitude to all project partners, in addition to the Safer Wealden Partnership for their funding."

All young people in Hailsham and surrounding areas aged 11 to 17 are welcome to attend outings organised for the Friday Night Project. Further details, including bookings and programmes/activity schedules can be obtained by contacting Andy Joyes on 01323 841702 or by email: [andy.joyes@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:andy.joyes@hailsham-tc.gov.uk). Alternatively, visit [www.squareyouthcafe.com](http://www.squareyouthcafe.com) or [www.hailshamyc.org](http://www.hailshamyc.org) for more information.



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## Hailsham Town Council ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Will take place on **THURSDAY 24TH APRIL 2014**  
at the Civic Community Hall, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham

DOORS OPEN 6.30PM FOR EXHIBITION STANDS  
**FORMAL MEETING STARTS 7.30PM**

# L'AGE D'OR – THE GOLDEN AGE



## A message from Geoff Rowe, President of Hailsham & District Age Concern.

"In France the older generation belong to the Age d'or. If you are lucky enough to be a retired person you may be looking for something worthwhile to do, make new friends or learn a new skill.

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Beryl comes to the Centre at 10.30am each day for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit for 50p to meet old friends and have a go at putting the world to rights. Pearl only comes in on a Wednesday for coffee and then stays for lunch and in the afternoon for music to movement (great fun and a good laugh). Jean, a volunteer in the small charity shop, with her team, enjoys arranging and selling clothes, books and jewellery.

Volunteers are responsible for preparing the lunches and serving them. The Menu is published each week and you



can choose which day(s) to stay. At £4.25 they are superb value for two courses. Outings and holidays for Members are arranged throughout the year.

You can come and do as little or as much as you like, stay for lunch, use the very good toilets, visit the shop, have your toe nails cut, join a computing course or come just for a cup of tea/coffee. You can even get your hair done by the talented hairdresser on Tuesdays.

So that you are not buying a "pig in a poke", we are offering you a FREE one month's Membership starting when you like. We hope you will take advantage of this offer. If you like, please telephone me, Geoff Rowe on 01323 841847, Dorothy Cottrell on 01323 841879 or Dave Snoxell, the Centre Manager, on 01323 844398.

Annual Membership is currently only £10 (January-December), so please feel free to call in to the Centre and speak to Dave on weekday mornings or visit [ageconcernhailsham.org.uk](http://ageconcernhailsham.org.uk)"

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## SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS



- ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** Thursday 24 April (Hailsham Civic Community Hall, Vicarage Lane)
- TOWN COUNCIL (& TRUSTS):** Wednesday 28 May (AGM) (meeting starts at 7.30pm)
- FINANCE & BUDGET OVERSIGHT:** Wednesday 7 May (meeting starts at 7.30pm)
- PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:** Tuesday 1 April; Tuesday 22 April; Tuesday 13 May (meetings start at 7pm)
- BUSINESS ENTERPRISE:** Thursday 8 May (meeting starts at 7.30pm)

**FESTIVITIES & EVENTS:** Monday 7 April; Monday 12 May; Monday 2 June (meetings start at 6pm)

**STAFF ADMINISTRATION PANEL:** Monday 28 April (meeting starts at 7.30pm)

[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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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM



There has been a significant reduction in the theft of garden equipment from sheds, garages and outbuildings. However, we are still seeing breaks to these buildings all over Wealden.



Items that seem to be targeted more include branded chainsaws and hedge cutters. The Neighbourhood Police Team do offer free property marking for all residents, however we would always urge anyone to seriously look at their security and make significant improvements. Your local PCSO will be more than happy to discuss crime prevention with you further if you wish.

Once again, we are seeing the theft of heating oil. Last year we were fitting alarms to a number of tanks to try to reduce this crime. We would ask anyone to be extremely vigilant where these tanks are located. If you notice any suspicious activity, please contact us immediately with any information you have. If you own one of these oil tanks please contact your local officer for crime prevention advice.

Finally, don't forget about Operation Blitz. This is the van of officers that work over the weekend dealing with antisocial behaviour across Wealden.

You can be emailed weekly telling you the direct telephone number to the van so you can report antisocial behaviour directly. This can provide a much faster response time to an issue that causes so many people sleepless nights. To join the scheme please email your name, address and email address to [district.wealden@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:district.wealden@sussex.pnn.police.uk).

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### IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM MIKE WELLER, CHAIRMAN ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HAILSHAM & DISTRICT BRANCH

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The people of Hailsham and Hellingly are very generous to our Poppy Appeal. While our static collection points are the mainstay of our fundraising campaign, our house-to-house collections could, I am sure, generate more revenue for the Poppy Appeal.

At the moment, we only have six collectors for the house-to-house collections and, with all the new development in the area, it would be greatly appreciated by us and those that the money helps if we could increase that number. If you can spare an hour or so, it is surprising how generous you will find those that you call on.

Our other shortfall is the Friday prior to the Remembrance Service, as we only have two or three collectors for the street in the town. The two cadet units in Hailsham provide very good cover for us on the Saturday before Remembrance Sunday.

Locally, we have raised £18,000 and £19,000 in subsequent years and our total at the moment is £17,500. If you can help, we will be very grateful.

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