

Our Hailsham

OCTOBER 2019

HAILSHAM ENTERS FINAL STAGES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN PROCESS

The final steps towards the publication of a Neighbourhood Plan for Hailsham are coming ever closer, following the assessment of the final Plan draft by an Independent Planning Inspector.

The Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan, written by a group made up of members from the community and from Hailsham Town Council, proposes a number of policies relating to what infrastructure and development is needed to sustain future housing growth in the Hailsham area, taking into consideration local environment and sustainability, design, housing type, traffic and transport, economy, services and facilities.

The Town Council's Neighbourhood Planning Committee has responded to comments and feedback received by an Independent Planning Inspector on the final Plan document and liaised with Wealden District Council regarding any issues and representations put forward.



It is the responsibility of Wealden District Council to collect all comments and representations, which will then be submitted to an independent examiner for inspection of the Plan documents before proceeding to referendum in the coming months.

"It's been a long process to get this far with the development of a neighbourhood plan for Hailsham," said Councillor Mary Laxton, chairman of the Neighbourhood Planning Committee. "Nevertheless, I'm really pleased for the local community after the amount of work they have contributed to get to this stage in the process."

"Despite the delays to progress earlier this year, I'm delighted that things are moving forward again with the next stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process."

"Once the referendum has taken place and you, the residents, have chosen to endorse the Plan and it is subsequently adopted by Wealden District Council, the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan must be given due weight and consideration in future planning applications."

Further information on the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan, including important announcements, can be found online at www.hailshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk or www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning/



POSITIVE FEEDBACK ON NEW POST OFFICE

Hailsham's much-needed post office, which opened its doors in the town centre in June, has received lots of positive feedback from residents.

The Hailsham community has reacted in an appreciative manner to the Town Council's taking over of the franchise and for saving the town's post office earlier this year.

It is believed that the new post office located at 10 High Street, which was officially opened by the Mayor of Hailsham on Friday 12th July, is the first post office in the UK to be operated by a Town Council.

"I'm delighted that the public have commended the Town Council and are appreciative of our efforts over the past year to save this essential community facility," said Hailsham Mayor and Chairman of the Town Council, Councillor Paul Holbrook.

"I can see that customers are very appreciative to have a post office in the town centre again. It's wonderful that there is a conveniently located post office nearby for local businesses and residents, especially the elderly who often rely heavily on ease of access to local post office services."

Operating 51 hours of post office service a week, the modern, open-plan premises provides all the standard counter services and offers four serving positions: two full-screened and two open plan serving positions along the retail counter.

The same wide range of Post Office products and services are available as before and banking services for personal customers and small businesses are also provided.

The post office opening hours are Monday to Saturday, from 9am to 5.30pm.





GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS

Grant application forms are available for non-profit organisations, registered charities or other agencies in Hailsham intending to request funding for new or improved facilities, activities or projects from Hailsham Town Council's 2020/21 grants budget.

Councillor Gavin Blake-Coggins, chairman of the Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee, said: "The Town Council is pleased to accept applications for grant funding from local groups and organisations in Hailsham and offer small-scale support to help them with their projects, events and other valuable work in the community."

Application forms and grant award criteria are available to download from the Town Council website (www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk). The deadline for applications will be the end of January 2020.



Hailsham TOWN COUNCIL

Tea with the Mayor



Cllr Paul Holbrook

Drop in to see the Mayor & Chairman for information and advice, to make an enquiry about the services the Town Council provides, or discuss local issues and items of concern.

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
9AM-11AM | MAYOR'S PARLOUR
(Council Offices, Market Street)

SURGERIES OPERATE ON A DROP-IN BASIS - NO APPOINTMENT REQUIRED.
EVERYONE WELCOME!

MEETING ROOM HIRE

Ideal for group meetings and training sessions

Fleur de Lys Meeting Room



£10 per hour
for commercial and private hire

from £20 per session for community groups and voluntary organisations

Includes access to small kitchen, use of garden and free Wi-fi facility

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01323 841702
enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk



Town Council Backs Plastic-Free Hailsham Vision

A network of water stations has popped up in Hailsham as part of a major campaign to cut reduce plastic water bottle pollution.

The 'Refill Hailsham' scheme was officially launched in August – an initiative which encourages people to refill existing bottles of water at participating business premises and public outlets rather than buy new plastic bottles.

Local businesses and community groups have joined the Town Council and taken the next step towards helping Hailsham become 'plastic-free'. Refill stations in Hailsham and surrounding villages which people can now use for free include:

- **Bebble's Langos** (George Street)
- **Buckler's** (St Mary's Walk)
- **Callender's Restaurant** (High Street)
- **Costa Coffee** (High Street)
- **Crane & Co Estate Agents** (High Street)
- **Dippy Doodahs** (High Street)
- **Frame Works** (High Street)
- **Gregg's** (Boship Roundabout)
- **Hailsham Jewellers** (High Street)
- **Hot-Dogs Grooming** (George Street)
- **Portman Smile Clinic** (High Street)
- **Ribs & Co** (George Street)
- **Scolfes** (Boreham Street)
- **Starbucks** (Boship Roundabout)
- **Tatty Matts** (Lansdowne Crescent)
- **The Deli** (St Mary's Walk)
- **The George Hotel – Wetherspoon's** (George Street)
- **The Little Bake Shop** (Herstmonceux)
- **The Snug** (High Street)
- **The White Hart** (Horsebridge)
- **Wealden District Council Offices** (Vicarage Lane)



People can also use the 'Refill App' on their smartphones, which enables them to locate nearby water stations, not just in Hailsham but around the country. The app can be downloaded via GooglePlay and AppStore.

"The Refill Hailsham launch event brought people together to raise awareness of what we can do to cut back on single-use plastics," said Cllr Mary Laxton. "By pledging our support for Hailsham becoming a plastic-free town, the Town Council plans to lead by example by removing or replacing single-use plastic on our premises and help to promote the campaign and supporting events."

"It's wonderful to see so many local businesses already supporting Refill Hailsham by signing up to provide free refills, and we hope people use these refill stations as much as possible."

Hailsham Town Council is aiming to become a 'single-use' plastic-free council itself and staff at the Council offices in Market Street will gradually be phasing out the use of unrecyclable single-use plastic products at all Council-supported activities and premises.

For more information on the national Refill Scheme visit
<https://refill.org.uk/>





NEWEST COMMUNITY HALL IN HAILSHAM ALREADY PLAYING A VITAL ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY

Bookings from residents and local community groups are being taken for the hire of the James West Community Centre – which is located off Brunel Drive in the north of the town.

The Centre, named after the founder and Chairman of the Hailsham & District Sports Alliance - James West, who passed away in November 2016 - consists of an 18m x 11.7m hall, able to accommodate an audience of around 200 seated for public performances.

The building also includes two meeting rooms (10 and 16 person capacity), a large kitchen, storage rooms, toilets, changing rooms and a P.A. system.

The provision of a community hall and sports facility was made as part of the initial planning agreement between Wealden District Council and Welbury Farm developer, Taylor Wimpey.

The facility can be hired for community events, sports, business meetings, memorial services, youth groups and other social events, as well as private function hire.

"We're very excited about the James West Centre" said Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook. "Not only has this new space expanded our opportunity for community and local sports activities in Hailsham since it opened its doors last year, but it has also met the growing need for community hall hire space in the area."

"Our hope is to continue to offer community and sporting groups low cost hire space, along with providing a quality and accessible modern venue option for wedding receptions and other private function hires."

For further information about the James West Community Centre, or to make a booking, call 01323 841702 or email enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk



TRADE AT HAILSHAM STREET MARKET!

The HAILSHAM STREET MARKET
EST. 2013

EVERY SATURDAY
VICARAGE FIELD
8.30am-3.00pm

Locally sourced food - crafts
unique gifts - accessories
and much more...
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Only £25 for a 3x3m gazebo
FIRST 2 MARKETS FREE FOR NEW TRADERS!

NEW & RETURNING TRADERS WELCOME **BUY LOCAL BUY FRESH!**

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An initiative by **HAILSHAM FORWARD**

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

WELBURY FARM DEVELOPER

MAYOR VISITS HAROLD AVENUE ALLOTMENTS

Town Mayor Cllr Paul Holbrook was shown around the newest allotment site in Hailsham, which celebrated its 2-year anniversary last month.

The allotment site located off Harold Avenue, one of three owned by the Town Council, contains 23 small plots which were allocated to tenants on the allotment waiting list from September 2017.

Plans for the allotment site were given the thumbs up by the Town Council several years ago, resulting from an offer by developer Redrow Homes of an allotment site within their development for 128 dwellings on the land east of Battle Road.

Commenting on the provision of allotments as a vital service offered to the local community, Cllr Holbrook said: "It is often overlooked that there are three different allotment sites in Hailsham maintained by the Town Council, and we should celebrate them all as they are a way for people to keep fit and active and grow their own healthy food."

"I'm really pleased to have visited the Harold Avenue allotment site and I speak on behalf of our proud tenants that having an allotment instils a genuine sense of pride in the community."

At present, the Council manages 96 plots on three sites: Battle Road (57 plots) Station Road (13 plots) and Harold Avenue (27 plots). Standard plots are 3 or 5 rods in size.

Rental costs are £23.10 per annum for 3-rod size and £39.60 per annum for 5-rod size. A £50 deposit is requested for newly registering plot-holders.

To request being added to the allotment rental waiting list, please contact Karen Giddings (Environment & Planning Officer) on 01323 841702 or email karen.giddings@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.



**HAILSHAM
FARMERS' MARKET**
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SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FARMERS & CRAFTSPEOPLE

MEATS FRUIT & VEG PLANTS CRAFTS CAKES HANDMADE CARDS HONEY AND MORE!

Every second Saturday
of the month
9AM - 12.30PM

Cattle Market Site
(Market Street)
FREE ON-SITE PARKING

www.hailshamfarmersmarket.co.uk | Facebook: 'HailshamFarmersMarket'

LAND & PROPERTY

MANAGED/MAINTAINED BY HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL



PUBLIC OPEN SPACES & PARKS

Land at Butts Field; Land at rear of Retail Park (Diplocks Way); Land at Arlington Road East; Land at Blacksmith's Copse; Common Pond; Land at Ersham Road Triangle; Land on west side of Solway; Land to the south side of Quinnell Drive; Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden; Cameron Close public open space; Orchard Park and land adjacent to Grovelands Barn

RECREATION LAND & PLAY AREAS

Hailsham Country Park (including lake and ponds); Western Road Recreation Ground (including Beaconsfield and tennis courts); Maurice Thornton Playing Fields; Carpenters Way play area; Stroma Gardens play area; Battle Road play area; Maurice Thornton play area; Quinnell Drive play area; Maurice Thornton skate park

ALLOTMENT SITES

Station Road; Battle Road; Harold Avenue

CEMETERY LAND

Cemetery site at Ersham Road

PREMISES MANAGED

1 Market Square (Square Youth Cafe/Infopoint/The Foyer); Cemetery Lodge (Ersham Road); Cemetery buildings inc. chapel; 3 Market Street; Inglenook & Fleur de Lys (Market Street); 4 Market Street; James West Community Centre; Union Corner Hall and car park; Maurice Thornton Pavilion, Grovelands Barn; 2 North Street building (inc. public toilets)

OTHER

War Memorial (Vicarage Field); Victoria Gate (High Street) and adjacent parish church land

FOR A MORE DETAILED LIST OF LAND & PROPERTIES MANAGED BY HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL, PLEASE CALL 01323 841702.

Hailsham Christmas Markets

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER | 9am-3pm | VICARAGE FIELD & CATTLE MKT SITE

FOOD & CHRISTMAS GIFT STALLS

FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS | CAROL SINGING BY HAILSHAM VOICES (11.30am-Noon)

LIVE MUSIC FROM THE PETER WILLSON QUARTET (9.30am-10.15am / 10.30am-11.15am) and SUSSEX STOMPERS (12.30pm-1.15pm / 1.30pm-2.15pm)

CONCERT OF CAROLS & CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY WEALDEN BRASS
- HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH (2.30pm - free entry)

SANTA & HIS SLEIGH - FREE SWEETS FOR CHILDREN

POPULAR CHRISTMAS TUNES FROM HAILSHAM FM

BEST DRESSED ELF COMPETITION FOR CHILDREN
(JUDGING BY 'MRS CLAUS' AT MIDDAY (CATTLE MARKET SITE))

HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH OPEN TO WELCOME VISITORS
SERVING FREE HOT DRINKS (11am -12.30pm)

FIND-THE-ELF GAME & MUCH MORE!

HAILSHAM FARMERS' MARKET

Cattle Market Site, Market Street: 9am-3pm

LOCAL, QUALITY, TRACEABLE PRODUCE & CRAFTS |
FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS | MRS CLAUS WILL BE THERE!



TOWN COUNCIL ADDRESSES AIR POLLUTION IN HAILSHAM

Hailsham Town Council has requested that Wealden District Council undertakes additional air quality monitoring in the town, amid concerns about increasingly high levels of traffic pollution.

A motion concerning air pollution submitted by town councillor and former mayor Nigel Coltman, was considered at a meeting of Full Council held in July, acknowledging the increasing health danger of poor air quality in Hailsham, especially to younger residents.

Councillor Nigel Coltman commented; "The Town Council is fully committed to and will strive to work with local authorities to improve the air quality in Hailsham and its environs. The request for suitable monitoring of air pollution levels in Hailsham is just an initial step in tackling this important environmental issue."

"A leading cause of air pollution is emissions from road traffic. Hailsham town centre is already affected by high levels of through traffic and the resultant impact on air quality in our town needs to be addressed and monitored further.



"The current predicament with air quality will likely be exacerbated by housing development in the future, hence the need for in-depth monitoring and the production of updated air quality assessments for Hailsham."

It is also anticipated that the Town Council will review its environmental policy in the future and consider replacing its vehicle fleet with appropriate green vehicles as part of its contract renewal process.

MEET HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL'S TREE WARDEN

Have you noticed any dead, diseased or dangerous trees in Hailsham's public open spaces? Do you wish to report damage or vandalism to protected trees in your neighbourhood?

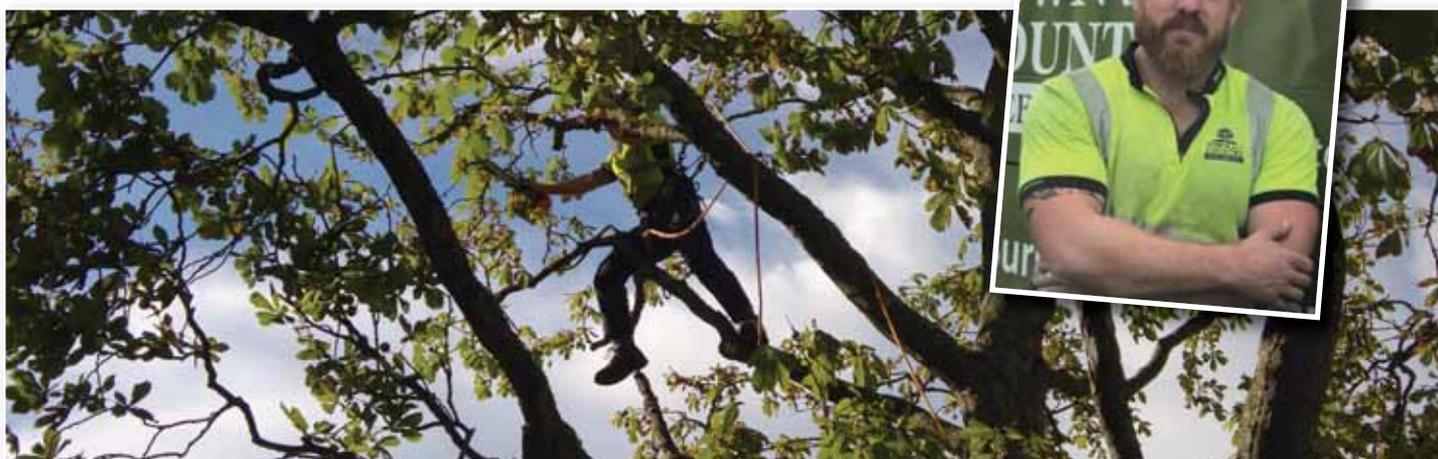
Making sure trees on public property remain beautiful and don't become safety hazards falls into the hands of Hailsham's Tree Warden, Sam Spiers, appointed by the Town Council.

Sam Spiers, an experienced arboriculturalist who owns and operates a tree surgery company based in Hailsham, is responsible for notifying the Town Council of threats to trees such as illegal building works, diseases and vandalism and advising the Council on various tree matters including those relating to tree policies and preservation orders.

Sam said he took the job because caring for trees can do many good things for the town: "Trees add to an environment, and they need to be taken care of. As Hailsham's Tree Warden, it is my responsibility to make sure the town's trees are in good health and safe to the public."

He added, "Local residents can often spot problems with trees before council officials or landowners, and I am on hand to tell your local council of threats to trees or any tree work that needs undertaking, thus ensuring compliance with tree preservation orders and planning consents."

To report damage to or potential safety issues concerning trees in public areas within Hailsham, contact Sam Spiers on 07812 910957 or email townandcountrytrees@hotmail.co.uk.



SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

TOWN COUNCIL (FULL): Wednesday 20 November; Wednesday 29 January (meetings start at 7.30pm)

FINANCE, BUDGET, RESOURCES & STAFFING COMMITTEE: Wednesday 30 October; Wednesday 4 December; Wednesday 22 January (meetings start at 7pm)

ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: Wednesday 13 November; Wednesday 11 December; Wednesday 15 January; Wednesday 12 February (meetings start at 7pm)

COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE: Monday 4 November; Monday 2 December; Monday 6 January; Monday 3 February (meetings start at 6pm)

STRATEGY COMMITTEE: Monday 20 January (meeting starts at 7pm)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Tuesday 29 October; Tuesday 19 November; Tuesday 10 December; Tuesday 17 December; Tuesday 14 January; Tuesday 28 January; Tuesday 18 February (meetings start at 7pm)

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING COMMITTEE: (meeting dates to be determined as required)

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

**ACTIVITIES
GAMES &
SPORTS**

**FREE
ENTRY
FREE
WIFI**

**MONDAY
YOUTH
CLUB** 18.30-20.00
SCHOOL YEARS 7-11
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COMMUNITY CENTRE
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**THE
SQUARE
YOUTH CAFE**

Activities

- **FREE ENTRY!**
- TVs, Internet & Wi-fi
- Games & Cooking
- Karaoke & Movie Nights
- Pool & Table Football
- Console & Video Games

Open Times

- **AFTERNOONS**
- Mon-Fri | 3.15pm-5pm (Years 7-8)
- **EVENINGS**
- Mon-Fri | 6.45pm-9pm (Years 9-12)

A SAFE, SUPPORTIVE AND FUN PLACE TO BE!

1 Market Square - Hailsham

www.hailshamyouthservice.org/square.html

FNP
THE
FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT



Organised outings on Friday evenings for 12-17s... (yrs 7-12)

**GO-KARTING | CANOEING & SAILING | BUNGEE TRAMPOLINES
ZORB FOOTBALL | ICE SKATING | WAVE RUNNER | TEN-PIN BOWLING**

For further details, including bookings and programmes, call 01323 841702.

Alternatively, visit www.hailshamyouthservice.org

Hailsham Christmas Lights

Switch-on

Friday 29th November

Vicarage Field | from 4pm

CHRISTMAS CAROLS by Hailsham Community College
and Grovelands Community Primary School pupils

SANTA & HIS SLEIGH handing out free sweets to children!
Candy floss | **CHRISTMAS MUSIC** courtesy of Hailsham FM
Roasted chestnuts!

HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH OPEN TO WARMLY WELCOME VISITORS AFTER THE
LIGHTS SWITCH-ON, SERVING FREE HOT CHOCOLATE AND MARSHMALLOWS!

LIGHTS SWITCH-ON AT 6PM

AUTUMN AND WINTER ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HAILSHAM

Hailsham Youth Service continues to benefit young people aged 12 to 17, providing them with access to a wide range of opportunities and activities throughout the year.

The Friday Night Project (FNP), which is funded by the Town Council and the Safer Wealden Partnership, works in partnership with organisations such as Hailsham Community College and Knockhatch to create fun recreational activities for young people on Friday evenings and will continue to be a feature on their social events calendar during the autumn and winter months.

A variety of activities have been planned from October through to March next year including dry-slope skiing and Ringo Run at Knockhatch Ski Centre (with skiing lessons for available for beginners), as well as ten-pin bowling at Freedom Leisure Centre, trampolining at Urban Jump in Heathfield, and a variety of other activities.

Andy Joyes, Youth Project Coordinator at Hailsham Town Council said: "The Friday Night Project outings are organised to help prevent and reduce antisocial behaviour and boredom and give young people opportunities for achievement. They're guaranteed to have fun and there's bound to be something for everyone."

"Through organising such activities, young people are provided with opportunities to make new friends and develop a broad range of team-building skills that will help create a strong foundation for their future. I would encourage them to take advantage of the outings that are available to them and get involved."

For further details, including bookings and programmes, visit www.hailshamyouthservice.org.



HISTORY OF TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE BUILDING REVEALED

Local historian David Dyer has researched the fascinating history of 'Fleur de Lys', sometimes referred to as 'Inglenook', currently occupied by the Hailsham Town Council in Market Street.

This Tudor building, which started life in 1540, is reputedly the second oldest house in the town making it nearly 500 years old.

It was originally a country inn in an agricultural community of around 220 people. Increased trade led to an enlargement of the building to accommodate the coaching business. Around 1760, the inn ceased trading and was bought up for the town's poorhouse. Later, it was transformed into a workhouse and remained as such until the union workhouse was opened in Hawks Road in 1836.



'Fleur de Lys' was then used as an infirmary for the elderly poor but was closed 18 years later and split into leased business units. A devastating fire in 1889 destroyed one third of the building and this

section was rebuilt as the town's fire station, now trading as 'Kemer Kebab'.

The book details the history of this important Tudor building including innkeepers, workhouse masters and stories involved with it. It also includes details of the union workhouse plus the story behind the cobbled walls in Stoney Lane.

Entitled Fleur de Lys, Hailsham - From Country Inn to Town Council Hall, it is priced at £10 and available either direct from the author (01323 381228), the Hailsham Town Council offices (Market Street), The Link Coffee Shop (Market Square), Hailsham Camera Centre (53 High Street), as well as Hailsham Heritage Centre (Blackman's Yard).

Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook states that the book achieves its aim of raising the profile of the Fleur de Lys and Inglenook dwelling as the second oldest in the town of Hailsham: "In this new publication, which outlines the varied and eventful history of this magnificent Tudor building, David has studied every inch of the building and the fully illustrated publication covers almost 500 years of its use."

"Thank you for enlightening us David - and for producing yet another brilliant book covering the history of our wonderful market town."