

# Our Hailsham

**FEBRUARY 2020**

## TOWN COUNCIL SETS BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

**Hailsham Town Council agreed its budget for the next financial year at the meeting of Full Council held last month.**

The Council voted by a majority to accept the budget recommendations put forward by the Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee which included day-to-day running costs of the Council's assets and services, in addition to capital funding for special projects.

In setting the budget for the next financial year, the Council has agreed a precept of £1,092,828, which translates to a 14p per week increase (from £138.55 to £146.17) per Band D household for the Town Council's share of the council tax, with a £1,499.80 draw from reserves.

In making the recommendations for the budget, the Town Council has taken into account the human error made by Wealden District Council in the calculation of last financial year's (2019/2020) tax base, which has resulted in the 2020/2021 tax base being reduced by 172.9 homes – a shortfall of precept income of £23,955.

This has had a significant impact on the Town Council's budget setting for 2020/2021 and, following discussions with district council officers as to whether there was any resolution to the impact on the budget, the Town Council has been advised that legally there is no possibility of covering/compensation the additional losses to the Town Council.



The Council accepted the increase in the budget reflecting the above error and in order to maintain its assets and amenities for the benefit of the town to provide a clean and vibrant environment for residents, visitors and workers.

Councillor Gavin Blake-Coggins, chairman of the Finance, Budget, Resources & Staffing Committee, explained the rationale behind the decision to increase the Town Council's share of the council tax: "Our budget for the 2020/21 financial year has been carefully reviewed and the significant effect of the human error by Wealden District Council taken into account."



"Furthermore, the Town Council has taken some proactive decisions and has been faced with increasing costs for the services it maintains, services of which we have a responsibility to ensure are retained and supported, with value for money improvements carried out where possible."

Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook commented: "In order for us to continue to provide valuable services and to cover the shortfall in finances brought about by Wealden District Council's human error, this increase in our share of the council tax bill is necessary. I understand raising taxes may be a sensitive issue, but we have to think about this in a logical fashion and do what is best for the town and the local community overall."

Council taxpayers should be aware that only a small percentage of the council tax demand goes to Hailsham Town Council - the remaining percentage goes to Wealden District Council, East Sussex County Council, the Police Authority and the Fire Service for the services they provide.

Locally, the Town Council is committed to supporting community-based initiatives and voluntary organisations, and throughout the next 12 months, will continue to work hard and drive forward initiatives to promote the town as a key location to live, work and visit, helping to boost the local economy.

**If you require any further information on the Town Council budget for 2020/21 please contact  
John Harrison (Town Clerk) on 01323 841702  
or by email: [john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk).**



# Positive Feedback on POST OFFICE

Hailsham's much-needed post office, which opened its doors in the town centre last summer, 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.

It is believed that the post office located at 10 High Street 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 to save this essential community facility," said Hailsham Mayor and Chairman, 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



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## 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.

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# 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/SafeHub/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)

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

# Have Your Say at Annual Town Meeting

The Town Council invites residents to attend the next Annual Town Meeting which takes place at the Hailsham Civic Community Hall in Vicarage Lane on Wednesday 1st April.

The main part of the meeting will start at 7.30pm and will be presided over by the Town Mayor and Chairman, Councillor Paul Holbrook.

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 organisations from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

Encouraging residents to attend the Annual Town Meeting, Councillor Holbrook said: "The Annual Town Meeting gives you the public an opportunity to put forward your views on what you like and dislike about the town as well as to put forward ideas on things that could be done to improve the town for everyone."



"This is your meeting, at which your needs and concerns are addressed, so please do come along and make your comments and suggestions. Your town councillors will be there to listen and help."

**If members of the public wish to submit a question for discussion, 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 Friday 20th March 2020.**

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# HAILSHAM YOUTH SERVICE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS



Hailsham's most widely used youth facility and its associated projects celebrated 20 years of dedicated service to local young people at a special event held earlier this month.

Youth project staff joined town councillors and other invited guests at the Square Youth Café, where they marked Hailsham Youth Service's achievements with a presentation and tour of the facility, outlining the various projects undertaken during the past two decades.

Guests at the 20th Anniversary event included representatives from local schools, youth organisations and businesses, as well as the Mayor of Hailsham, Councillor Paul Holbrook and local councillors.

The Mayor of Hailsham, Cllr Paul Holbrook said: "Hailsham Youth Service aims to provide activities - which are both leisure and issue based - and meet the multitude of needs that the young people put forward us on a regular basis. The 20th anniversary of the youth project marks two decades of hard work and solid achievement of these aims."



## 20th Anniversary of Services to Young People! 2000-2020



MANAGED BY:  
**Hailsham**  
TOWN COUNCIL



Town Clerk John Harrison commented: "The development of the Town Council's youth projects over the last twenty years proves that there are ample opportunities for developing partnerships with other agencies to provide innovative work with individuals or groups of young people."

"The 20th anniversary celebratory event was a good opportunity for people to see how successful the introduction of this youth facility has been."

Youth project coordinator Andy Joyes, who has been part of the team since the very beginning said: "The 1 Market Square project exists for youth workers to support young people through their experience of social education and in their transition from childhood to adulthood."

"We have had great support from the Town Council, who have backed us all the way, and the various projects we have undertaken in partnership with other youth agencies have been particularly enjoyable too."

"I hope that young people will continue to enjoy everything the centre has to offer in years to come."

**For more information on the various youth projects carried out by the Town Council's youth project team, visit [www.hailshamyouthservice.org](http://www.hailshamyouthservice.org) or contact Andy Joyes on 01323 841702.**



Here to support a safer night



Officially opened in January 2000, the 1 Market Square project was set up by the Town Council to improve the quality of life for young people aged 14 to 25 years in Hailsham and surrounding rural villages. Such benefits are achieved through the integrated provision of recreation, opportunities for personal and social development, information and advice.

The 1 Market Square building accommodates The Square Youth Café (a café-style meeting place) and Safe-hub (a drop-in facility set up recently to accommodate vulnerable young people on a Friday evening). Coordinated by Hailsham Town Council, the project has links with other agencies, including Hailsham community College and the Safer Wealden Partnership.

Hailsham Youth Service also offers a Sexual Health advice and support drop-in facility for 11 to 25 year olds and a community minibus available for local youth groups to hire, in addition to organised recreational outings on Friday evenings as part of the Friday Night Project and sports activities on Monday evenings at the James West Community Centre.

We want to hear your views as they are important to us...

# HAILSHAM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This is your meeting, at which your needs and concerns are addressed, so please do come along and make your comments and suggestions. Your town councillors will be there to listen and help.

WHEN:  
**Wednesday 1st April 2020**

WHERE:  
Civic Community Hall, Vicarage Lane

There will be information stands from local organisations from 6.30pm. The main part of the meeting starts at 7.30pm and will be chaired by the Town Mayor, Cllr Paul Holbrook

### Want to submit a question?

To ask a question in advance, please write to:  
The Town Clerk, Inglenook, Market Street, BN27 2AE.

The deadline for submission of questions is **Friday 20th March**. Residents can also turn up and ask questions on the night.





## HAILSHAM HERO AWARD: FINAL CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know someone working for the benefit of the Hailsham community, who has committed an outstanding act of community service and should be considered a 'community champion'? Why not show your appreciation and nominate them for the Hailsham Hero Community Award?

Hailsham Town Council is calling on the people across town to put forward nominations for the award and want you to provide information on someone in the community who has provided an outstanding service to the people of Hailsham or selflessness worthy of public recognition.

**For more details or a copy of the nomination form, please visit reception at the Town Council offices in Market Street. Alternatively, phone 01323 841702, email [enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk) or download a form from our website: [www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk).**

The deadline for applications is 4pm on Friday 20th March 2020. The recipient will be given their Award at the Annual Town Meeting being held at the Hailsham Civic Community Hall on Wednesday 29th April.

Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook said: "This award is a fantastic way to commend and celebrate all those individuals who selflessly work to help others in the community."

"Such individuals are the sort of people who, often quietly, make their contribution within the town and benefiting others and it's important that we pay tribute to them for their achievements and the role they play in helping to make our town a great place to live, learn and work."

## RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS

The Town Mayor has launched another initiative in partnership with Hailsham Active to encourage local residents to take advantage of the many recreational and sports opportunities offered within the town.

"Participate in local sports, stay active and share your sporting interests," said Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook, who encourages residents to maintain an active and healthy lifestyle and get involved in a specific sport by joining one of the many clubs which operate locally.

"Hailsham has a thriving sports community and is home to numerous clubs and groups suitable for people of all ages, each offering different ways to become more active and engage in activities with family members, friends, neighbours

## Hailsham Street Market Update

Hailsham Street Market stalls are setting up pitch in Vicarage Field from 8.30am to 1.30pm every Saturday from 4th January and items on sale include fresh fruit and vegetables, sausages, crafts and jewellery, jams and chutneys, confectionary and more.

The operation of the Hailsham Street Market, which was launched in August 2013, is just one of many projects being carried out by the Town Council's Communities Committee, aimed at improving retail opportunities locally and increasing footfall within the town.

"I'm delighted that the street market is now open for 2020," said Deputy Town Clerk & Business Enterprise Manager Mickey Cairra. "By supporting local producers, growers, suppliers and offering them the opportunity to sell locally markets are an ideal way of showcasing the diverse range of products available in Hailsham and I'd encourage people to come down to Vicarage Field and support independent trade."

"We welcome back all returning traders and would like to hear from anyone interested in becoming a market stall trader at Hailsham Street Market."

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**To book a stall please call 01323 841702, email [nikita.clarke-cox@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:nikita.clarke-cox@hailsham-tc.gov.uk) or visit [www.hailshamstreetmarket.org](http://www.hailshamstreetmarket.org) for more information and to access the market trader application forms.**



and co-workers, whilst supporting the local sports community at the same time."

"Many of Hailsham's sports clubs offer sessions for complete beginners as well as more experienced participants and will look after all ages and abilities. Therefore, you don't have to be experienced in a particular sport to get involved and become a member."

Details of sports clubs in Hailsham are available on the Town Council website:

**[hailsham-tc.gov.uk/community-residents/clubs](http://hailsham-tc.gov.uk/community-residents/clubs)**  
and on the Hailsham Active Facebook page:  
**[facebook.com/hailshamactive/](https://facebook.com/hailshamactive/)**



# Perimeter Path for Recreation Ground

The Western Recreation Ground in Hailsham is set to benefit from a major improvement that will make the popular park even more appealing to people of all ages.

Town councillors considered a draft specification at their meeting held on 29th January for a project to build an all-weather perimeter path at the recreation ground and agreed to allocate £137,511 to the scheme, which will come from Section 106 developer contributions for leisure facilities in Hailsham.

The path will cover the perimeter of the recreation ground and it is hoped that a hard-standing area will be introduced in the future to allow physical activity to take place when the ground may be too wet or soft, together with a scheme of lighting around the path.

The works will commence within the next two to three months, with the aim to complete the improvements by September.

"The Western Road Recreation Ground is a much-loved community site and provides local users with many opportunities to enjoy the vibrant open space for sport, leisure and other activities," said Town Mayor Councillor Paul Holbrook.

"Local residents and sports groups have stressed the need to improve accessibility at the Western Road Recreation Ground. We've listened and I'm delighted to see the perimeter path construction project has been agreed and will go ahead soon."

Councillor Richard Grocock, chairman of the Town Council's Assets Management Committee said: "We hold great pride in our flagship open space and work hard work to ensure that the high standards expected from users of the facility are met. We endeavour to undertake necessary maintenance, repairs, restoration and improvement of the recreation ground and make it as accessible as possible for members of the local community."

**For further information about the Western Road Recreation Ground, contact Hailsham Town Council on 01323 841702 or email [enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk).**



## SCHEDULE OF FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

**TOWN COUNCIL (FULL):** Wednesday 25 March; Wednesday 20 May (Annual Meeting) (meetings start at 7.30pm)

**FINANCE, BUDGET, RESOURCES & STAFFING COMMITTEE:** Wednesday 22 April (meeting starts at 7pm)

**ASSETS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:** Wednesday 18 March; Wednesday 15 April; Wednesday 13 May (meetings start at 7pm)

**COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE:** Monday 2 March; Monday 6 April; Monday 11 May; Monday 8 June (meetings start at 6pm)

**STRATEGY COMMITTEE:** Monday 30 March (meeting starts at 7pm)

**PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:** Tuesday 10 March; Tuesday 31 March; Tuesday 21 April; Tuesday 12 May; Tuesday 2 June (meetings start at 7pm)

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

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING:** Wednesday 1 April (7.30pm – Civic Community Hall (Vicarage Lane) – information stands from 6.30pm)

\*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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# 75th Anniversary of VE Day to be Celebrated in Hailsham

**The end of World War Two will be commemorated in Hailsham at a free event to mark the 75th anniversary of the cessation of hostilities.**

Hailsham News, in partnership with the Town Council and local community groups, will be holding a commemoration event for VE Day – entitled 'Hailsham Live' - on Friday 8th May (bank holiday), involving local schools, military organisations, bands and choirs.

The day-long event, which takes place from 12pm to 10pm in the Wealden District Council car park located off Vicarage Lane, will also include a 60-minute section set aside to commemorate VE Day, and an evening programme of entertainment is scheduled to be organised for the event.

A working group has been set up to coordinate and plan celebrations in Hailsham. Full details of the Hailsham Live event will be announced in the coming weeks.



Encouraging people to mark the Friday 8th May Hailsham Live event in their diaries, Town Mayor Cllr Paul Holbrook said: "Whilst VE Day - or Victory in Europe Day – was one of celebration marking the end of hostilities in Europe during World War Two, VE Day was also a moment of great sadness and reflection, as many people had lost their lives in the conflict with a great deal of individuals continuing to fight in other conflicts."

Cllr Holbrook added: "Planning for this important event is still being carried out and we will endeavor to let residents know exactly what will be on site once the entertainment and other details are confirmed."

Full details of the event are available at [www.hailsham.live](http://www.hailsham.live). People who wish to attend the event must obtain tickets for entry via the website

## Improvement Works Under Way at Hailsham Cemetery



Additional improvements and repair works are scheduled to take place at Hailsham Cemetery in Ersham Road over the course of the next few months.

The improvements will see a refurbishment of the New Garden of Remembrance section of the cemetery, which will involve the re-laying of paving slabs, installation of a new weed membrane and larger 20mm gravel.

Work is also due to be carried out on the old chapel, with a full re-roof incorporating new slate tiles, guttering and leadwork. The chapel doors are scheduled for repair and repainting, which should be completed by the summer.

Furthermore, some ground has been cleared and reclaimed at the south end of the cemetery.

"Hailsham Cemetery is a quiet, secluded burial ground run by the Town Council and maintained for maximum peace for those visiting loved ones," said Councillor Richard Grocock, chairman of the Town Council's Asset Management Committee.

"We want to ensure that our cemetery provides a fitting and appropriate place for people to visit their loved ones which is why we continue make improvements by carrying out any upgrades and repair work necessary on site. By doing this, we can ensure that the cemetery remains a place the community can be truly proud of."