

Our Hailsham

TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2025

Town Council Agrees to Adopt Land in North Hailsham



The Town Council is moving forward with plans to adopt land adjacent to the James West Community Centre in north Hailsham, following discussions by councillors at a meeting held on Wednesday 24th September.

At the meeting, members considered a range of options regarding the future of the Welbury Meadows land and resolved that the land be formally adopted by the Town Council. The recommendation is conditional on the successful transfer of the land from developers Taylor Wimpey and receipt of a commuted sum payment, as set out in the Section 106 agreement, within three months.

Once complete, the Town Council will launch a public consultation to gather views from residents on how the space should be used. Councillors have already begun preliminary discussions on the potential future uses of the land and are committed to working closely with the community to determine the best outcome for residents.

Assets Management Committee Chair, Cllr Mary Laxton, said: "This is a significant step forward and shows the Council's commitment to securing valuable assets for the long-term benefit of the community. Once the land transfer is finalised, we will be in a strong position to work with residents to shape a space that truly meets local needs."



Meeting Rooms Available for the Community to Hire



Residents and community groups are reminded that the Town Council building in Market Street houses two meeting spaces available for hire: the Fleur de Lys Meeting Room and the Members' Room.

Both rooms can be booked for regular activities or one-off occasions, providing flexible facilities to suit a range of needs.

Operations and Facilities Manager Tony Lee commented: "Both meeting rooms are centrally located and affordable, serving as welcoming venues for local groups and public sector bodies."

To book, call 01323 841702 or email enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

Updated Opening Hours for Vicarage Field Public Toilets



The opening hours for the Vicarage Field public toilet facility have recently changed to:

- **Monday to Saturday:** 8am-4pm
- **Sunday:** 10am-4pm

The Council continues to provide modern, fully accessible and free-to-use facilities following the recent reopening, which included repairs and the installation of replacement doors to address previous vandalism and damage.

First opened in March 2024 and funded through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions, the

facility represents a significant investment in the town centre. Key features include two modular public conveniences open to all users and a Changing Places facility for people with multiple or complex disabilities - equipped with an electronic hoist, rise-and-fall changing table, shower, toilet and accessible wash basin (RADAR key required).

Residents have already praised the toilets for their cleanliness, accessibility, and modern design. One local resident said: "The new facilities are spotless, spacious, warm and inviting. I've never seen such clean and spacious public toilets on my travels – a massive well done and thank you. The Council should be proud of this excellent facility, which is a real investment in Hailsham."

The Council reminds the public that incidents of vandalism and damage - including broken fixtures - have occurred in recent months, but these issues have now been resolved. Visitors are encouraged to report any further damage to help maintain the toilets to the highest standards by calling 01323 841702 or emailing damage@hailsham-tc.gov.uk



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Community Use Drives Success of James West Centre



The Town Council is pleased to highlight the rising popularity of the James West Community Centre, driven by a growing number of regular users and a series of recent facility upgrades that have further enhanced its appeal to residents and community groups.

Situated in Brunel Drive in north Hailsham, the Centre has seen a significant increase in bookings from a range of individuals, clubs and organisations.

Operations & Facilities Manager Colin Lee commented: "Since its opening, the James West Community Centre has quickly become an important venue for residents, fostering

a strong sense of community and providing space for a diverse mix of activities. It's great to see the facility so well used and appreciated."

The Centre features a spacious 18m x 11.7m hall, two fully equipped meeting rooms, a modern kitchen, storage areas, changing rooms, toilets and a built-in PA system. It is ideally suited for everything from fitness classes, toddler groups and craft fairs to private parties, community events and business meetings.

For more information or to enquire about bookings, please contact the Town Council on 01323 841702 or email jameswestcentre@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.



Further Plans for Magical Christmas Events in Hailsham



Following the overwhelming success of last year's Christmas celebrations, the Town Council is excited to announce the return of the town's much-loved Christmas Lights Switch-On and Christmas Market for 2025, promising even more festive cheer and community spirit.

This year's festivities begin with the Christmas Lights Switch-On event on Friday 28 November (from 2pm onwards), featuring festive market stalls, carol singing and Santa (from 4.30pm) - leading up to the official lights switch-on at 6pm (*See page 8 for advert/full event details*).

Hailsham High Street will be closed to traffic from approximately 4pm to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees.

The celebrations continue with the Hailsham Christmas Market on Saturday 13 December, taking place in Vicarage Field from 9am to 2.30pm. The market will feature a selection of seasonal market stalls, live entertainment from The Sussex Stompers and The Jackettes, carol singing, Santa & His Sleigh and will Hailsham FM broadcasting live (*See page 14 for advert/full event details*).

Cllr Anne Marie Ricketts, Chair of the Communities Committee, said: "Our Christmas events are a highlight of the year in Hailsham, a time when families, shoppers and visitors come together to celebrate. The Lights Switch-On and Christmas Market are more than just festive fun - they're a true reflection of our community spirit."

We warmly invite everyone to join us and help make this Christmas in Hailsham the most magical yet."

HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR

Buildings & Premises Managed

Inglenook & Fleur de Lys • James West Community Centre • 1 Market Square • 3 Market Street • Cemetery buildings (including lodge and chapels) • Union Corner Hall and car park • Maurice Thornton Pavilion • Grovelands Barn

Parks & Gardens

Hailsham Country Park • Common Pond • Dennis King Memorial Sensory Garden

Cemetery Land

Cemetery site at Ersham Road

Hailsham Youth Service

The Station Youth Centre, Western Road

Recreation Grounds, Outdoor Gyms & Play Areas

Western Road Recreation Ground • Beaconsfield • Tennis courts • Maurice Thornton Playing Fields • Battle Road, Stroma Gardens, Western Road, Quinnell Drive and Maurice Thornton children’s play areas • Western Road and Maurice Thornton outdoor gyms

Public Open Spaces

Land at: Butts Field; rear of retail park (Diplocks Way); Arlington Road East; Blacksmiths Copse; west side of Solway; south of Quinnell Drive; Cameron Close; Carpenters Way; adjacent to Grovelands Barn • Orchard Park

Post Office

10 High Street

Public Toilets

Vicarage Field

Allotment Sites

Battle Rd; Station Rd; Harold Ave

War Memorial

Vicarage Field

Street Lights

Repairs - East Sussex CC

WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

BINS, RECYCLING & RUBBISH COLLECTION • BUSINESS RATES COUNCIL TAX • PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL • HOUSING LITTER (High Street and streets) ROAD SWEEPING • CAR PARKING (off-street) • TOURISM & WELLBEING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION • SOCIAL SERVICES ESTATES • HAILSHAM LIBRARY

EAST SUSSEX HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS • POTHOLES • PARKING ON STREET & YELLOW LINES • PAVEMENT GULLEY CLEARING • OVERGROWN HEDGES ROADSIDE TREES • WEEDS IN ROAD

Sponsorship Programme to Help Local Young People



Hailsham Youth Service, dedicated to enriching the lives of young people through accessible and engaging activities, is inviting local businesses to join its corporate sponsorship programme. The initiative aims to strengthen community ties while ensuring the continuation of vital youth services in the town.

One of the Service's key initiatives - the Friday Night Project - has provided a safe, fun and stimulating environment for young people on Friday evenings, with sessions eagerly anticipated by young people and designed to inspire, engage and support their development.

To expand these offerings and meet growing demand, Hailsham Youth Service is seeking corporate sponsors to support the Friday Night Project and similar programmes.

Kerrie Potter, Youth Work Lead, commented: "With support from local businesses, we can keep these services accessible to all. Sponsoring the Friday Night Project isn't just about funding activities - it's about creating a brighter, safer future for our youth."

To learn more about sponsorship opportunities, please contact Hailsham Youth Service on 01323 841702.



Town Council Launches Online Graffiti Reporting System



The Town Council is strengthening its campaign against graffiti and vandalism and is calling on residents to play a proactive role in keeping the town's public spaces clean, safe and welcoming. Residents are now being encouraged to report incidents promptly and directly to Sussex Police, as well as notify the Council itself.

While the Town Council's maintenance team responds quickly to remove graffiti and repair damage, by reporting problems as soon as they happen, residents can make a vital difference in preventing further damage and holding offenders to account.

To simplify the reporting process, the Council has set up an online form where residents can submit details of graffiti, vandalism, or other damage to council property. The information gathered will help the Council coordinate swift responses and work more effectively with Sussex Police to deter further incidents.

QR code stickers have been placed on Town Council property - including bus shelters, noticeboards and community buildings - giving residents quick access to the reporting form via their mobile phones.

Assets Management Committee Chair, Cllr Mary Laxton said: "We are appalled by the recent vandalism at facilities maintained for residents. These spaces are used daily by our community, and such anti-social behaviour and criminal damage is completely unacceptable. If anyone has information about recent or future incidents - or witnesses any suspicious activity on Town Council land - we urge them to contact Sussex Police without delay."

Further Improvements in Progress at Hailsham Cemetery



The latest phase of improvements is underway at Hailsham Cemetery in Ersham Road, building on a series of significant upgrades carried out in recent years.

Works include the installation of a Book of Remembrance inside the cemetery chapel, the conversion of an existing building into a waiting room for visitors, and the display of the historic chapel bell in a custom-made glass cabinet.

Earlier this year, the Council completed resurfacing all footpaths at the cemetery, significantly improving safety and accessibility for visitors. Additionally, the public toilet facility on site underwent a comprehensive refurbishment,

which included internal upgrades, tile repairs and the replacement of soffits, gutters and downpipes. The updated toilet is now fully accessible, ensuring that all visitors have access to clean and suitable facilities.

In addition to these upgrades, grass cutting at the cemetery has been brought in-house, with Council staff handling the work previously done by external contractors. This change provides long-term cost savings while ensuring consistent standards of care.

"We are thrilled to continue enhancing Hailsham Cemetery with these upcoming improvements," said Cllr Mary Laxton, Chair of the Assets Management Committee. "The footpath resurfacing, along with the refurbishment of the public toilet, has already made a big difference to the site. Now, we're focusing on adding more meaningful and practical upgrades. The Book of Remembrance, waiting room and bell display will not only preserve the cemetery's history but will also offer a more respectful and comfortable space for those visiting their loved ones."

EVERYDAY SERVICES

Letters and parcels • Collect and return • Car tax • Driving licence forms • Bill payments • Utility and mobile top-up • Passport check and send

10 High Street
Mondays to Fridays 9am-5pm | Saturdays 9am-1pm

HELLINGLY YOUTH HUB
in association with Hellingly Parish Council

Cooking • Crafts • Games • Activities
Table Tennis • Badminton • Pool
and much more!

WEDNESDAYS
6.15pm-7.30pm (Yrs 6-8) | 7.45pm-9pm (Yrs 9-11)
HELLINGLY COMMUNITY HUB
hailshamyouthservice.org

Further Upgrades at the Maurice Thornton Playing Field



The Town Council has carried out a series of major access and facility improvements at the Maurice Thornton Playing Field, reinforcing its commitment to maintaining public recreational areas to the highest standard for residents, local sports clubs and the wider community.

Recently completed works have included the creation of a new vehicle crossover on Marshfoot Lane and installation of a vehicle access gate, designed to improve entry to the site for both maintenance purposes and community use.

In addition, the Council has continued its programme of playground upgrades and further investment has been

made at the Tony Tack Memorial Skate Park, where the Town Council has extended sections of the facility, repaired concrete surfaces and enhanced overall safety and usability for both skaters and BMX riders.

Assets Management Committee Chair, Cllr Mary Laxton said: "The Maurice Thornton Playing Field is a vital recreational hub for our town, and the Council is proud to have delivered such a wide range of improvements for residents and local sports clubs. From new playground equipment to skate park upgrades and the most recently completed access improvements, these investments reflect our commitment to providing safe, modern and enjoyable spaces that benefit the whole community."



Pride Taken in Maintaining Hailsham Country Park



The Town Council is committed to ensuring that the Hailsham Country Park, a cherished green space located off Gleneagles Drive, remains a well-maintained, safe and accessible area for the entire community.

Covering approximately 22 acres, the park features a combination of woodland, recreational grass areas, two ponds and a lake. It also boasts a watercourse that borders the open field area, as well as a network of all-weather footpaths designed to encourage outdoor activity for people of all ages.

With this commitment in mind, the Town Council is pleased to announce that it has recently carried out much-needed fence repairs

around the park. This essential work will help maintain the park's integrity and safety, ensuring that both residents and visitors can continue to enjoy this peaceful green space without concern.

"We maintain several acres of public space across Hailsham, which includes everything from formal parks and recreation grounds to areas of grass, ponds and lakes," said Operations & Facilities Manager, Tony Lee. "It is our priority to provide the community with a clean and safe environment to enjoy, and we are pleased to have carried out the necessary fence repairs - continuing to provide a safe and accessible space for everyone to enjoy."

For more information or to report any issues, please email enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk or call 01323 841702.

Hailsham **Christmas Lights** *Switch-on*

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
2pm-7pm | Town Centre

MARKET STALLS • FESTIVE GIFTS
SANTA/SLEIGH (Rotary Club; 4.30pm)
CAROL SINGING (Local school pupils)
CANDY FLOSS & MULLED WINE (Hailsham Lions)
FESTIVE TUNES (Hailsham FM)

**LIGHTS SWITCH
ON AT 6PM**

Free hot chocolate and
marshmallows at
Hailsham Parish Church
for visitors after the switch-on...

Council Offices Refreshed as Refurbishment Continues



The Town Council is delighted to announce the completion of the latest stage of improvement works to its Market Street office building, The Inglenook, with the repainting of the front exterior now finished.

The work included painting and tidying the frontage, including window frames, and has given the historic Grade II listed building a refreshed and welcoming appearance.

This follows on from a major programme of refurbishment and electrical works over the past year, with the offices reopening to the public in June, marking the completion of a significant project that began in July 2024.

Town Clerk John Harrison commented: "We're thrilled with the transformation of the Town Council offices over the past year. The improvements have greatly enhanced the working environment and help us to serve the public more efficiently in a comfortable and professional setting."

"With the recent repainting of the frontage, the building is looking better than ever and as further exterior works progress, we will continue to make improvements that both serve the community and honour the historic character of The Inglenook."

The Town Council's public reception continues to house its resident and visitor information point, which offers a wide selection of leaflets, brochures and guides. These cover local events, nearby attractions, council and community services, safety advice, consumer information and public transport – including bus timetables. The reception also features a new digital display screen showcasing local events and community notices.

The RAILWAY CLUB
OPEN TO ANYONE AGED 55 OR OVER

Lower Floor, **Station Youth Centre**
 Western Road, Hailsham

WEDNESDAYS
 10am-1pm

**FREE ENTRY • TEA, COFFEE & BISCUITS
 CHAT & MAKE NEW FRIENDS • GAMES
 & ACTIVITIES • FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE
 GUEST SPEAKERS • DISABLED ACCESS**

A haven and warm location for people to come and sit, have a hot drink and chat to other people...

Hailsham TOWN COUNCIL

FNP ★
THE FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

GET INVOLVED!

Fun-packed activities and opportunities for young people aged 11-16 (years 6-11).

10-PIN BOWLING • SKI LESSONS • TRAMPOLINING • LASERQUEST • RINGO TOBOGGANING • POTTERY GLAZING • OPEN SKIING • SPORTS & GAMES • OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES • INDOOR ACTIVITIES • BARBECUES • YOUTH NIGHTS • ZIP WIRE • GIANT PILLOW AND MUCH MORE!

FOR FURTHER DETAILS AND ACTIVITIES PROGRAMME VISIT
hailshamyouthservice.org

Residents Invited to Attend Town Council Meetings



As part of its commitment to listening to the views of the public and taking these into account in its decision-making processes, the Town Council is issuing information on public attendance at meetings.

Members of the public and the press are welcome to observe the Council's meetings (including those of individual committees), with the exception of individual items of confidential business, meetings held to discuss matters of a confidential nature and informal workshops.

At all public meetings, members of the public are invited to address councillors during the 15 minutes set aside for this

purpose at the start of each meeting. Questions may be asked without notice prior to any meeting but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question should be delivered either in writing (Hailsham Town Council, Inglenook, Market Street, BN27 2AE) or by email to the Town Clerk (john.harrison@hailsham-tc.gov.uk) no later than two working days before the meeting. Questions must give the name and address of the questioner.

A full schedule of Committee meetings, in addition to bi-monthly meetings of Full Council, is available to view on the Town Council website: hailsham-tc.gov.uk, A copy of the agenda for these meetings is displayed on the noticeboard outside the Town Council offices, as well as on the Council's website.

Town Clerk John Harrison commented: "Local government needs local people. The Town Council is determined to make Hailsham a great place to live, work and learn and residents can get involved by attending, observing, making an enquiry or raising an issue relating to Town Council services at our regular meetings."

MYH
monday youth hub

Years 6-11

5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL • GAMES
BASKETBALL • BADMINTON
AND MUCH MORE!

MONDAYS • 6.30PM-8.30PM
James West Community Centre • Brunel Drive
hailshamyouthservice.org

HAILSHAM YOUTH SERVICE

PGL

Activity Weekend

FRIDAY 10TH - SUNDAY 12TH APRIL 2026
(for years 6-11)

PGL ACTIVITY CENTRE, WINDMILL HILL

ZIP WIRE • CLIMBING • ABSEILING
GIANT SWING • TEAM BUILDING
PROBLEM-SOLVING and MORE!

£139 per person (including activities/accommodation/meals)
Book via hailsham-youth-service.sumupstore.com/

'The Hive' Event Stage Purchased for Community Events



The Town Council has agreed to purchase 'The Hive', a 'pre-loved', versatile mobile stage that will be used at a wide range of future town events and council-run activities.

The stage will play a central role at popular events such as the annual Christmas Lights Switch-On, event markets and other town centre celebrations, as well as public consultations.

It will also be used to support Hailsham Youth Service activities, bringing greater opportunities for local young people to showcase their talents, as well as enhancing the experience at community events throughout the year.

Cllr Anne Marie Ricketts, Chair of the Communities Committee, commented: "This is more than a piece of equipment - it's an investment in the social life of Hailsham."

"The stage will help create a lively atmosphere at our events, encourage participation and make it easier for groups to put on performances that bring joy and strengthen community spirit."

"I am confident that the Hive stage will become a well-loved feature of our town events, helping us to grow our reputation as a place where community, creativity, and celebration thrive."



Registration Open for 2026 Hailsham Community Run



Following the success of this year's Hailsham Community Run, which was part-sponsored by the Town Council, organisers are pleased to announce that registration for the 2026 event is now officially open.

The run, which takes place on Sunday 17th May 2026, is set to be bigger than ever, welcoming runners and walkers of all ages and abilities.

The registration link can be accessed by accessing the following link: register.enthuse.com/ps/event/HailshamCommunityRun2026/

Building on the momentum of 2025's record-breaking event - which saw over 1,000 participants across the 10k, 5k, 3k and fully inclusive 1-

mile routes - organisers are now aiming for 1,200 entries. With the popularity of the run growing every year, early registration is strongly advised to avoid disappointment. Inclusivity remains at the heart of the event, with routes designed to ensure that everyone can take part - from seasoned athletes to first-timers, families and those with additional needs.

"Last year, places sold out early, leaving many people disappointed," said project lead Mary Laxton. "We've increased capacity for 2026 to 1,200 runners, but we expect demand to be even higher."

"This run has become such an important fixture on the local calendar, not only for elite athletes but also for families, schools, youth groups and charities who use it as a way to come together and celebrate what makes Hailsham such a special community."

Commitment to Safe, Well-Maintained Play Areas



The Town Council is pleased to provide an update on the ongoing maintenance, safety and recent improvements made to local playgrounds, ensuring they remain a safe and enjoyable space for children across the town.

The Council currently maintains children's play areas in Battle Road, Stroma Gardens, Quinnell Drive, South Road and at the Maurice Thornton Playing Field.

In line with stringent health and safety standards, all equipment in Council-maintained play areas undergoes

regular inspections by the outdoor works team. These checks ensure that the equipment is safe for use, complies with relevant safety guidelines and is free from damage caused by vandalism or natural wear and tear.

Every aspect of the play areas, from the equipment to the surrounding infrastructure, is closely monitored.

Repairs are swiftly undertaken when needed, either by the in-house team or trusted contractors, ensuring that any issues are addressed without delay.

The Town Council encourages residents to report any damage or vandalism to the play equipment by calling 01323 841702 (Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm) or emailing enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.



'Prom in the Park': A New Celebration for 2026



The Town Council is delighted to announce a brand-new summer event, 'Prom in the Park', set to take place on Sunday 7th June 2026 (3pm to 6pm) at the Western Road Recreation Ground.

Residents are invited to mark the date in their diaries and bring their own picnics, rugs and chairs to enjoy an afternoon of entertainment.

The programme will feature a performance by the Warbleton Brass Band, accompanied by children's attractions, balloon-modelling and a classic Punch and Judy show. Hailsham FM will also be in attendance.

The event forms part of Hailsham Town Council's ongoing commitment to delivering a diverse calendar of activities for the local community and, by hosting events like Prom in the Park, the Council aims to enhance community wellbeing, support local causes and encourage residents to make the most of Hailsham's public spaces. Such gatherings not only provide entertainment but also help strengthen the town's sense of identity.

Town councillor Mary Laxton added: "This inaugural event reflects our commitment to creating vibrant, inclusive community experiences. It will be great to have families gathering on the Recreation Ground, enjoying good music, entertainment and community spirit - all while raising funds for St Wilfrid's Hospice."

"Events like this give residents the opportunity to connect, share experiences and create lasting memories. I truly hope this will be the start of a much-loved annual fixture in Hailsham's events calendar."

More details will be announced in the coming months via the Council's publicity channels.



BOOK OUR CENTRE TODAY!



FACILITIES AT THE CENTRE...

We offer excellent facilities for people who wish to hire a suitable local venue for community events, sports, business meetings, youth activities and other social events, as well as private function hire. Our hall and meeting rooms have Wi-fi and superfast broadband access.

Main Hall

Modern and well-equipped, the main hall is 18m x 11.7m, with a capacity of 200 seated. The hall is ideal for sports events and activities, meetings and conferences, toddler play sessions, youth activities and much more.

Meeting Rooms

The Centre includes two meeting rooms (10 and 16 seated-person capacity), both of which are regularly available and ideal for meetings, training sessions, seminars and conferences.

Other Facilities

Kitchen facilities include cups, saucers, plates and cutlery. The Centre also includes store rooms, toilets, changing rooms, a P.A. system and ample on-site parking.

BOOKING CONTACTS



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Hailsham, East Sussex
BN27 2AE



01323 841702

(Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm)



jameswestcentre@hailsham-tc.gov.uk

www.jameswestcommunitycentre.org



HAILSHAM **CHRISTMAS** MARKETS




SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER

Vicarage Field | 9am-2.30pm

CHRISTMAS GIFT STALLS (Hailsham Street Market) ● **FESTIVE FOOD & REFRESHMENTS** ● **SANTA & HIS SLEIGH** (Hailsham Rotary Club) ● **CHRISTMAS PRODUCE & CRAFTS** ● **LIVE MUSIC** (The Sussex Stompers and The Jackettes) ● **CHRISTMAS TUNES** (Hailsham FM) ● **TOMBOLA** (Hailsham Lions)

Cattle Market site | 9am-12.30pm

MARKET STALLS (Farmers' Market) ● CHRISTMAS TUNES (Hailsham FM)



Parish Church | 2.30pm
WEALDEN BRASS
CONCERT (Free entry)



New Clubs Thriving at the Station Youth Centre



Hailsham Youth Service, managed and funded by the Town Council, is delighted to report strong attendance and engagement across several new youth clubs recently launched at The Station Youth Centre in Western Road.

Since opening its doors, the new sessions have offered diverse activities tailored to meet the interests and needs of young people aged 10 to 25 from the local area.

'The Lounge' – a lively atmosphere with board games, team challenges, strategy games, snacks and refreshments.

Fusion' - focusing on creative arts, including music, drama, film, multimedia and jam sessions.

'Network@The Underground' – a safe, social space with pool, air hockey, console games, food and refreshments.

'On Track Hailsham' – activities and social skills for young people with special educational needs.

Deputy Youth Service Manager, Joel Cottingham said: "The Station Youth Centre provides a safe and inspiring environment where young people can grow, learn new skills, and build lasting friendships."

"These new clubs are already making a positive difference by offering a range of activities that reflect the interests and needs of our community's young people."



Town Crier Team to Attend National Championships



Hailsham's Town Crier Team, Bruce Pont and Chris Giles, will represent the town at the National Town Criers' Championship, taking place in the historic Gun Gardens in Rye this month!

Hosted against the backdrop of Rye Castle and overlooking the River Rother, the Championship is one of the most prestigious events in the crier calendar. It attracts competitors from across the United Kingdom, all vying for the title of National Champion.

Bruce Pont commented: "It is a huge honour to represent Hailsham at such a prestigious event. Rye is the perfect setting for a competition steeped in history, and I look forward to standing alongside criers from

across the country to celebrate a tradition that continues to thrive. For me, being Town Crier is about community, heritage and giving voice to the town I love."

Chris Giles added: "Working with Bruce and representing Hailsham at the Championship is a privilege. The Town Crier roles may be ceremonial today, but it still plays an important part in connecting people and adding a sense of occasion to community life. I'm excited to take part and proud to help put Hailsham in the spotlight."

The Town Crier team is available to 'shout' at a variety of events, from official shop openings and school fetes to charity fundraisers, local festivals and processions. For enquiries and booking requests, please contact David Saxby (Hailsham Town Council) on 01323 841702 or email david.saxby@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

Contact Your Hailsham Town/Ward Councillors

Further information on individual town councillors is available on our website: hailsham-tc.gov.uk

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