

Our Hailsham

TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2026

Public Consultation on Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan



The Town Council has recently launched a Regulation 14 consultation for the updated Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan. The 6-week consultation, running until 14th February, marks a key step in shaping the future of Hailsham.

After extensive community engagement, expert input and careful revision, the revised Neighbourhood Plan builds upon the foundations of the original version of the Plan, which was adopted in 2021. It reflects significant updates to local priorities, national planning policies and the evolving development landscape. The Plan sets out a clear, community-led vision for how Hailsham should grow over

the next decade and beyond, addressing key issues such as housing, transport, green infrastructure, heritage, climate change and local services.

A notable addition to the updated Plan is the new Design Guide & Code, created to ensure that all new developments in Hailsham respect the town's character, contribute to local identity and promote sustainability.

Cllr [Mary Laxton](#), Chair of the [Neighbourhood Planning Committee](#), commented: "The Neighbourhood Plan has been created for the community by the community. It will enable us to help shape future development in Hailsham and will be used to determine planning applications in the area. Many thanks to all who provided ideas for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. We have used those ideas to prepare a draft Plan and are now seeking your feedback on this."

Cllr Laxton added: "Our updated Neighbourhood Plan has been shaped through detailed research and valuable contributions from local people. It sets out a clear vision and a set of policies to guide Hailsham's future development - supporting enhancements to our town centre, local facilities, infrastructure and the overall wellbeing of our community."

"I encourage all residents to take part in the consultation and share their thoughts. Your feedback is essential in making sure the final Neighbourhood Plan truly represents the priorities, hopes and ambitions of everyone who lives and works in Hailsham."

"This is your opportunity to help influence the town's future - so please get involved and make your voice heard!"

FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE CONSULTATION, INCLUDING HOW TO ACCESS THE ONLINE SURVEY AND DROP-IN EVENT DATES, VIEW THE ADVERTISEMENT ON PAGE 8 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.



Town Mayor's New Year Message to Residents



"As we begin a new year, many of us are still feeling the strain of the cost of living. Even so, this is a natural moment to look ahead with hope and consider the positive changes that 2026 may bring to our lives.

The New Year marks a fresh start and an opportunity to aim higher. For me, it is an exciting time as I look forward with real optimism for what the coming months will bring for our wonderful town.

As Town Mayor, I am honoured to serve and represent the people of Hailsham. I look forward to being out in the community and meeting as many of you as possible at the events planned for the months ahead. Every conversation and every visit helps shape our

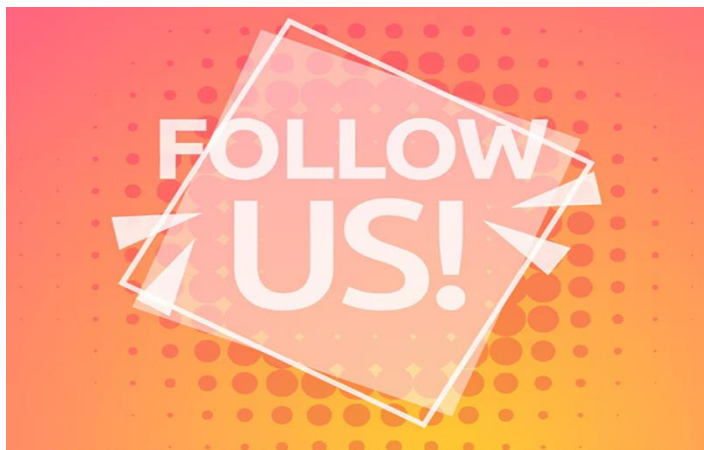
town's future and reminds me of the strength and spirit that make Hailsham such a special place to live.

I will continue to visit local charities, community groups and voluntary organisations that work tirelessly to support others and brighten the lives of many. Their dedication is inspiring and their work often goes unseen, but it is vital in helping individuals and families through difficult times. I am confident that the warm-hearted people of Hailsham will continue to stand together and support those who need help most throughout 2026.

The Town Council is working hard to ensure its frontline operations remain efficient and effective. Like many councils across the country, we are committed to providing value for money. Our way of working will continue to evolve to meet these demands, and we will always strive to safeguard the services that matter to you.

Whatever the future brings, we will continue to listen, respond and act in the best interests of our town.

Cllr Chris Bryant, Town Mayor & Chair



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Another Busy Year Ahead at the James West Centre



The James West Community Centre is set for another busy year, with increasing demand and further improvements planned to enhance this much valued community facility.

The Town Council is encouraging residents, clubs, businesses and organisations to make full use of the Centre, located in Brunel Drive, which has benefited from a programme of recent improvements - ensuring that the Centre remains modern, accessible and suitable for a variety of activities.

Tony Lee, Operations and Facilities Manager at Hailsham Town Council, commented: "The James West Community

Centre is an ideal venue for anyone wishing to run a class, establish a community group or host a private event. It is extremely encouraging to see high levels of use, and we would welcome enquiries from new groups and individuals who may wish to explore what the Centre has to offer."

The Centre comprises a main hall (18 metres x 11.7 metres), two fully equipped meeting rooms, modern kitchen, storage facilities, changing rooms, toilet facilities, built-in PA system and on-site parking.

For further information or to make a booking, please contact Hailsham Town Council on 01323 841702 or email jameswestcentre@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.



Pond Warden Honoured for 30 Years of Service



Hailsham Town Council is pleased to announce that Phil Hobden, Warden for the Common Pond in Bellbanks Road, has been formally recognised for 30 years of outstanding service to the community.

At a presentation held recently, Mr Hobden received a Certificate of Long Service along with an accompanying gift from the Council (a Wileco Stationary Steam Engine from Forest Classics), marking three decades of commitment under the Council's employ.

Mr Hobden has served as Pond Warden since the mid-1990s, undertaking vital duties to ensure the environmental health, safety and long-term sustainability of one of Hailsham's most valued natural landmarks. His work

includes pond maintenance, wildlife monitoring and supporting conservation improvements throughout the site.

Over the past year, Mr Hobden has worked with colleagues and project partners on several important projects at the Common Pond, including improvements to water quality and bankside vegetation. His knowledge and hands-on approach have been instrumental in maintaining the pond as a cherished local amenity in recent decades.

Reflecting on his 30-year milestone, Phil Hobden said: "I've always taken great pride in looking after the Common Pond and ensuring it remains a place the whole community can enjoy. It's been a privilege to work here for so many years, and I'm grateful for the recognition. I look forward to continuing the work we've started and supporting the pond's future."

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

Post Office

10 High Street

Public Toilets

Vicarage Field

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

Allotment Sites

Battle Rd; Station Rd; Harold Ave

War Memorial

Vicarage Field

Street Lights

Repairs - East Sussex CC

WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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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

Hailsham Youth Service: Sessions and Opening Times



As the New Year begins, Hailsham Youth Service continues to provide a wide range of after-school and evening activity sessions for young people, following a recent expansion of its programmes and service provision.

The Service delivers activities, support and development opportunities for young people across the local area. Its main base of operations is The Station Youth Centre in Western Road, which hosts a variety of sessions on the lower-floor space known as *The Underground*. In addition, the Service operates the Hellingly Youth Hub and Monday Youth Hub during the week.

Further provision is offered through the *Friday Night Project*, which organises a programme of free and low-cost activities on Friday evenings, at various locations.

Youth Service Manager, Andy Joyes commented: "Our clubs, centres and activities provide young people with opportunities to build friendships, develop confidence and promote wellbeing. Young people look forward to the sessions and are keen to take advantage of the wide range of activities offered by our dedicated youth worker team."

For opening times, please visit hailshamyouthservice.org.



Further Market Trials to Take Place This Spring



The Town Council's Communities Committee has confirmed that a further series of Friday trial markets for Hailsham Street Market will take place at Blackmans Yard this spring - beginning on Friday 20 March and continuing for five additional dates across a ten-week period.

The latest trial phase ended in October, aimed at testing Blackmans Yard as a long-term venue and evaluating the impact of moving the market to Fridays. Throughout the trial period, visitor attendance, trader responses and levels of community engagement were closely monitored.

Previously held on Saturdays in Vicarage Field, the market was relocated to Blackmans Yard in July. This site, situated directly behind the Town

Council offices in Market Street, provides a flexible space under Town Council ownership and allows a wider variety of products to be sold, due to fewer restrictions in place.

The trial formed part of a broader initiative to refresh Hailsham Street Market, widen the range of stalls and strengthen its role as a focal point for the community. Recent events showcased local produce, artisan foods, handmade crafts and clothing among other goods.

Communities Committee Chair, Councillor Anne Marie Ricketts said: " We are committed to ensuring the market remains relevant to local needs and continues to contribute positively to the town centre. The series of trials commencing in March will enable us to build on what we have learned so far and to examine further ways of strengthening the appeal and long-term sustainability of the market."

Council's Commitment to Local Recreation Grounds



The Town Council is reinforcing its dedication to enhancing the town's much-loved recreation grounds, with a series of major improvement projects completed and more in the pipeline across key community spaces.

From the historic Western Road Recreation Ground to the vibrant Maurice Thornton Playing Field, the Council is taking significant steps to ensure these vital open spaces remain accessible, inclusive and well-equipped for residents of all ages.

With the completion of extensive drainage improvement works, the Western Road Recreation Ground continues to thrive as a central hub for sport, leisure and community celebration. Dating back to 1855, the site today features football and cricket pitches, four all-weather tennis courts, a children's play area and outdoor gym, a large green space (Beaconsfield) and a modern sports pavilion.

Over the years, it has become home to some of Hailsham's oldest and most successful sports clubs, including Hailsham Cricket Club (est. 1871), Hailsham Town Football Club and Hailsham Tennis Club (est. 1905).

The Town Council partners with Field in Trust to deliver a free exercise programme at the recreation ground.

Cllr Mary Laxton, Chair of the Assets Management Committee, said: "The Western Road Recreation Ground is so much more than just a park - it is the beating heart of our community and an important part of Hailsham's heritage. Generations of residents have grown up here learning to play, joining local clubs and taking part in sporting competitions."

POST OFFICE

Hailsham TOWN COUNCIL

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

in association with
Hellingly Parish Council

HELLINGLY YOUTH HUB

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

Another Busy Year Ahead for Town Centre Post Office



As the New Year begins, staff at the Hailsham town centre Post Office have extended their best wishes to the local community and reaffirmed their commitment to delivering a wide range of essential services to residents and businesses, including in-branch banking facilities.

Post Office Manager Steph Stephens expressed her gratitude for the continued support of the community. She noted that more than six years on, the Post Office remains a vital and well-used local service: "We have another busy year ahead and I am extremely thankful for the ongoing encouragement from our customers," said Steph.

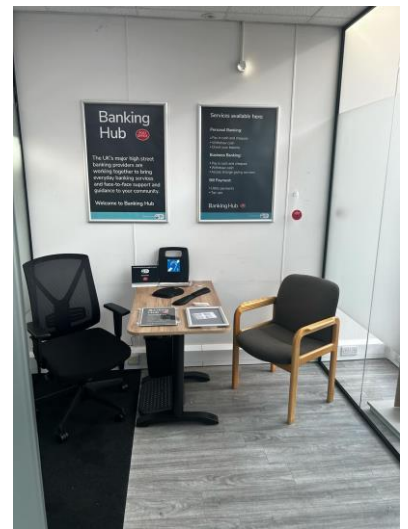
Town Clerk and Postmaster John Harrison also praised the ongoing success of the High Street branch: "The Post Office has gone from

strength to strength since reopening in 2019. More than six years later, residents continue to express their appreciation for the Town Council's decision to take on the franchise and safeguard this important community asset."

"The provision of banking services through the Post Office, alongside the opening of the Hailsham Banking Hub on site last March, has been invaluable to the community. The Banking Hub will continue to operate from the Post Office until permanent premises are secured."

The current opening hours of the Hailsham High Street Post Office are:

- **Monday to Friday:** 9.00am – 5.00pm
- **Saturday:** 9.00am – 1.00pm
- **Sunday:** Closed



Residents Encouraged to Consider Volunteering



The Chair of Hailsham Town Council's Communities Committee, Councillor Anne Marie Ricketts, is encouraging residents to consider volunteering within Hailsham and the surrounding area during 2026:

"The community and voluntary sector are a vital part of life in Hailsham, delivering a wide range of services and activities that benefit residents of all ages."

"A strong and active voluntary sector brings many benefits to

the town, from supporting vulnerable people and helping individuals develop life skills, to offering opportunities for social engagement and leisure."

"Hailsham's charities, community interest companies and voluntary groups are always keen to welcome new volunteers who are willing to share their time and talents. Whether you are able to help occasionally or regularly, your contribution can make a real difference."

Anyone interested in volunteering to support the Railway Club is invited to contact Councillor Ricketts directly by email at cldr.annemarie.ricketts@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

Residents wishing to volunteer more generally can find further information, along with a list of current opportunities and local organisations, via the Hailsham Volunteer Hub website.

Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan:

Have your say on the future of Hailsham



Regulation 14 Consultation for the revised Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan: **3rd January - 14th February 2026**

The revised Neighbourhood Plan and accompanying Design Code build upon the foundations of the original Plan adopted in 2021 - addressing key issues such as housing, transport, green infrastructure, heritage, climate change and local services.

PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS & DROP-IN EVENTS

Learn more about the draft Plan, ask questions and pick up printed copies of the consultation survey.

Wednesday 14th January:

10.30am-12pm • Railway Club, Youth Centre, Western Rd
2pm-4pm • James West Community Centre, Brunel Dr
6pm-7.30pm • Dippy Doodahs Café, 52 High St

Wednesday 21st January:

10.30am-12pm • James West Community Centre, Brunel Dr
2pm-4pm • Town Council Offices (Inglenook), Market St
6pm-7.30pm • Dippy Doodahs Café, 52 High St

Wednesday 28th January:

5pm-6.30pm • Hailsham Civic Community Hall, Vicarage La

ONLINE SURVEY

*AVAILABLE TO COMPLETE
3RD JANUARY - 14TH FEBRUARY

Visit hailsham-tc.gov.uk
or scan the QR code below:



ALTERNATIVELY, PRINTED COPIES OF THE SURVEY ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS, AS WELL AS THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES IN MARKET STREET.



hailshamneighbourhoodplan.co.uk

Youth Manager Recognised for Over 20 Years Service



Hailsham Youth Service Manager Andy Joyes has been formally recognised for over 20 years of exceptional service to the town's young people and wider community. Mr Joyes was recently presented with a Certificate of Long Service, along with commemorative gifts.

Since joining the Council in 1999, Mr Joyes has played a pivotal role in developing and delivering high-quality youth services across Hailsham. His work has encompassed the management of youth programmes, coordination of activities and outreach initiatives, and the support of young residents through inclusive and engaging opportunities.

Hailsham Youth Service, managed and funded by the Town Council, continues to have strong attendance and positive engagement across its many youth clubs, which include the Monday Youth Hub, Hellingly Youth Hub, On Track Hailsham and Friday Night Project - all of which provide a safe and inspiring environment where young people can learn new skills and build lasting friendships.

Throughout his 26 years, Mr Joyes has been instrumental in expanding the Council's youth service offering - to ensure that young people have access to meaningful support and positive experiences. His leadership has helped shape a service recognised for its consistency, creativity and strong community value.

Reflecting on the milestone, Andy Joyes said: "It's been an incredible privilege to work with the young people of Hailsham over the past 26 years. I've seen so many positive changes and achievements, and I'm proud to have played a part in supporting the next generation. I'm deeply grateful for this recognition and look forward to continuing our work in the years ahead."

The
RAILWAY CLUB
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Western Road, Hailsham

WEDNESDAYS
10am-1pm

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Hailsham TOWN COUNCIL

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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 (clerk@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."

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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

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Activity Weekend

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

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GIANT SWING • TEAM BUILDING
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£139 per person (including activities/accommodation/meals)
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Enjoy Hailsham Country Park During Winter



Do you enjoy the outside life? The Town Council has launched another campaign to encourage residents to visit Hailsham Country Park and enjoy the beauty of the winter season.

The Council-maintained Country Park, situated off Gleneagles Drive, covers approximately 22 acres and incorporates woodland, a recreational grass area, two ponds and a lake. A water course skirts the open field area and all-weather footpaths can be found throughout the park to encourage people of all ages to enjoy this precious open space area.

Regular checks, upkeep and repairs are carried out to preserve the park's natural beauty and ensure it is a place people can trust for relaxation and recreation.

Assets Management Committee Chair, Cllr Mary Laxton, commented: "It's our priority to provide the community with a clean and safe environment to enjoy, and we are pleased to have carried out improvements at the country park, continuing to provide an accessible space for all to enjoy."

"During the winter months, the space offers a unique and tranquil experience - and the striking seasonal scenery makes it an ideal place for reflective walks and revitalising outdoor activity. With well-maintained all-weather paths, visitors can enjoy the restorative benefits of spending time in nature throughout the colder season."



Take Part in Housing Needs Survey



The Town Council is encouraging residents to take part in an important Housing Needs Survey that will help shape the future of housing and development in the town.

To strengthen its response to the emerging Wealden Local Plan and inform policies in the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan, the Town Council has prepared a Housing Needs Survey for Hailsham and is inviting residents to take part.

The survey will help identify the actual need for new homes in Hailsham, based on residents' future housing requirements. This

includes understanding the size and type of homes that may be needed, such as for those wishing to downsize, households needing more space, or younger people hoping to set up a home of their own. The survey also allows the needs of different members of a household to be recorded.

Residents are strongly encouraged to respond. All responses will be anonymised, and personal information will remain completely confidential.

The survey can be completed online at: <https://forms.gle/q7GwuNB5dooD66cBA> (deadline for responses: Friday 30th January). Residents who require a paper copy of the survey can contact the Town Council on 01323 841702 or by email at karen.giddings@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.

Council Reinforces Commitment to Play Area Safety



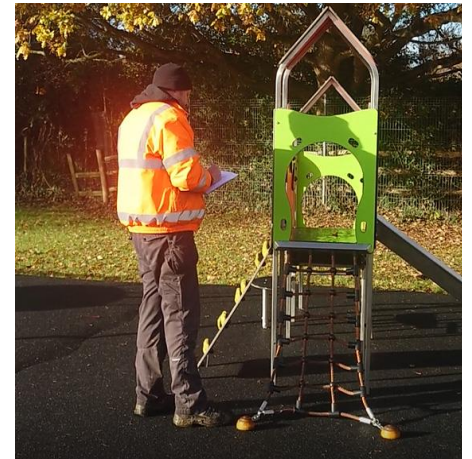
The Town Council has issued updated information on the maintenance, safety and ongoing improvements at children's play areas across the town, following a new round of inspections recently completed by the Council's Maintenance Operative, Mark Simms, who now holds a RoSPA Operational Inspector qualification.

Town Council-managed play areas include those located at Battle Road, Stroma Gardens, Quinnell Drive, South Road and on the Maurice Thornton Playing Field.

All play equipment on Council-maintained sites meets required health and safety standards. Regular inspections are carried out by Mark Simms, whose Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents qualification enhances the Council's ability to undertake detailed safety assessments in accordance with nationally recognised best practice.

These inspections ensure that equipment remains safe for public use and compliant with current regulations, while enabling the early identification of issues arising from vandalism or routine wear.

For further information about Town Council-maintained play areas or to report damage/vandalism, please call 01323 841702 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm) or email enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.



Stay connected: Follow Our Social Media Channels



The Town Council invites residents, community organisations and partner groups to stay informed about Council activities, updates and ongoing projects by following its official social media channels:

- **FACEBOOK** - [hailsham.towncouncil.3](https://www.facebook.com/hailsham.towncouncil.3)
- **INSTAGRAM** - [hailsham_town_council](https://www.instagram.com/hailsham_town_council)
- **X** - [HailshamTC](https://twitter.com/HailshamTC)
- **TIKTOK** - [hailshamtc](https://www.tiktok.com/@hailshamtc)

While the TikTok channel is in its early stages, the Council is inviting followers so the channel can develop into a regular video-based communication tool showcasing local projects and events.

"We want to ensure the people of Hailsham are well informed about the work of the Town Council in a manner that meets them where they are. Our enhanced social media presence will help us reach more residents and strengthen how we listen to the community," said John Harrison, Town Clerk.

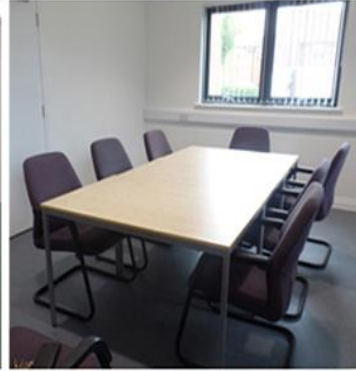
Corporate Services Manager Emily Hastings commented: "Our new TikTok channel may be in its early days, but we are excited about the potential for short-form video to bring local projects, volunteer efforts and Council activities to life. We invite local groups and individuals to follow us now so that when we begin regular posting, the channel will already have an engaged audience."

Councillor Anne Marie Ricketts, Chair of the Communities Committee said: "Social media is an increasingly important way for parish and town councils to communicate with residents, and we want our channels to reflect the vibrancy and community spirit of Hailsham. By providing updates in accessible, familiar formats, we hope to reach more people and ensure they feel informed and connected to the work we are doing on their behalf."



James West Community Centre

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



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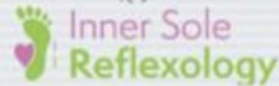
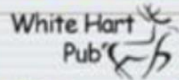
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SUNDAY

17TH MAY 2026



Meeting Rooms Available to Hire at Council Offices



The Town Council is reminding residents, local businesses and community groups that its Fleur de Lys Meeting Room and Members' Room, located at the Council offices in Market Street, are available for hire.

Both rooms offer flexible, clean and welcoming spaces suitable for a wide range of activities, from one-off events to regular meetings.

The Fleur de Lys Meeting Room is ideal for social clubs, toddler and pre-school groups, craft exhibitions, training sessions, business meetings, public consultations and seminars. Comfortably accommodating up to 30 people, the room layout can be adapted to meet specific needs. It

features tables and chairs, a fully fitted kitchen with fridge, toilet facilities and free Wi-Fi. Access is via the garden entrance at the rear of the Town Council building.

For smaller gatherings, the Members' Room provides a quiet and professional setting for up to 10 people, perfect for meetings or corporate sessions. Free Wi-Fi and toilet access is available, with entry via the front of the Council offices.

Both rooms are available at competitive rates for community organisations and private users. To arrange a viewing or make a booking, contact Hailsham Town Council on 01323 841702 or email enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.



Further Improvements Made at Hailsham Cemetery



The Town Council is pleased to update residents that the next stage of improvements at Hailsham Cemetery in Ersham Road is well underway. Several key projects are now complete, while others will be finished very soon, ensuring the cemetery remains a respectful, accessible and well-maintained space for the community.

Last year, all footpaths and walkways across the cemetery were fully resurfaced with durable tarmac, providing smooth, safe access in all weather conditions.

Additionally, the public toilet building received a major refurbishment, which is now fully complete.

The latest phase of development also includes the creation of a new visitor waiting room and upgrades to the chapel including electrical work and the installation of new heaters. A new Book of Remembrance and dedicated tribute area has been created in the chapel, allowing visitors to leave and read personal messages in memory of loved ones.

Tony Lee, Operations and Facilities Manager, added: "Hailsham Cemetery is a place of quiet reflection and peace, and it is essential that we continue to maintain and improve the site. With the visitor waiting room and chapel upgrades now complete, and the Book of Remembrance and bell display coming very soon, we are creating a more welcoming and meaningful space for visitors."

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