

# Our Hailsham

TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

**SUMMER 2026**

## Town Mayor and Chair Elected at Annual Meeting...



Cllr Chris Bryant has been voted in as Town Mayor and Chair of the Council for a second consecutive year.

After the meeting, Cllr Bryant spoke about his ambitions for the coming year, highlighting the importance of strengthening community engagement, maintaining high-quality local services and ensuring the council continues to respond effectively to the needs of residents.

Cllr Bryant said: "It is a privilege to continue serving the town as Mayor, and I'm incredibly grateful for the confidence my fellow councillors have placed in me.

Hailsham is a town with a strong sense of community, and I want to build

on that spirit over the next year by ensuring the council remains approachable, active and focused on delivering practical support where it matters most.

Like many local authorities, we continue to face financial pressures, but our priority remains clear – to provide reliable services, invest responsibly and work in partnership with residents, community groups and local organisations to help Hailsham thrive.

Meanwhile, Colin Mitchell has also been reappointed as Deputy Town Mayor and Vice-Chair for a second term.

The Annual Meeting also included the appointment of council committees, sub-committees and working groups for the 2025/26 municipal year.



Additionally, councillor representation on a range of external organisations and community groups was agreed.

Councillors also considered and approved meeting timetables for the forthcoming year, received finance reports and noted the recently updated Council Strategic Plan, which outlines the authority's priorities and objectives for the years ahead.

Other administrative and governance matters relating to the operation of the council were also discussed during the meeting.



# Message to Residents from the Mayor of Hailsham...



Cllr Chris Bryant has been voted in as Town Mayor and Chair of the Council for a second consecutive year.

After the meeting, Cllr Bryant said: “As Chair of the Council, I’m committed to building on the progress we’ve already made and ensuring we continue delivering services that residents can rely on and take pride in.”

“Over the coming year, we will keep looking at smarter and more effective ways of working, making sure every decision we take supports the long-term interests of our community and delivers genuine value for taxpayers.

I want residents to feel that the Town Council is open, accessible and willing to listen. Whether through council meetings, ward surgeries or local engagement events, I encourage people to share their ideas, concerns and

ambitions for the town. Strong communities are built through involvement and collaboration.

Public involvement is vital to the future of the town. I would encourage residents to attend council meetings, community events and ward surgeries, share their views and play an active role in shaping local decisions. The more we listen and work together, the stronger our community becomes. Above all, I want people to know that the Town Council is here to support them.

We may not always have immediate answers to every issue, but we will always listen carefully, work constructively and do everything we can to achieve positive outcomes for the community we serve.”



**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...

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**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!**

## Town Council Publishes Annual Report for 2025/26...



The Town Council's Annual Report for the 2025/26 civic year is available to download via our website: [hailsham-tc.gov.uk](http://hailsham-tc.gov.uk)

The Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the Town Council's activities, services and achievements over the past year, highlighting key projects, initiatives, financial performance and more. The report also outlines how public funds have been allocated and managed, ensuring transparency and accountability in all areas of the Council's work.

Residents are encouraged to review the report to gain a clearer understanding of the Town Council's role, priorities and accomplishments during the 2025/26 year.

Town Mayor Cllr Chris Bryant commented: "I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow councillors, council staff and community groups. Their dedication has been instrumental in achieving the progress outlined in the Annual Report. Public service is a collective effort, and the contributions of so many individuals make a meaningful difference to our town.

Looking ahead, the Council will continue to build on this year's achievements. We are committed to supporting sustainable development, enhancing local services and fostering an inclusive and resilient community. While challenges undoubtedly remain, I am confident that by working together, we can continue to make Hailsham a place of which we can all be proud."



## New Strategic Plan Sets Out Town Council Priorities...

The Town Council has published an updated Strategic Plan, setting out the authority's priorities, ambitions and objectives for the four-year period from May 2026 to May 2030.

The revised Plan, presented to the public at the Annual Town (Electors') Meeting held recently, will guide the Council's work and decision-making to ensure a coordinated approach that reflects the best interests of residents, businesses and all those who use Town Council services.

It outlines the Council's vision, values, purpose and long-term goals, while providing a clear framework for future activity and investment.

Designed as a 'living document', the Strategic Plan will be monitored, reviewed and updated regularly to ensure it remains responsive to local needs and changing circumstances.

The Plan includes an overview of the Town Council's structure, committees, finances, staffing arrangements and key services. It also sets out detailed action plans linked to areas including asset management, corporate services, youth provision and business enterprise activities.

Corporate Services Manager Karen Giddings commented: "Having an agreed and updated working plan or strategy provides a clear foundation for the Town Council to work during the next four-year period and, simultaneously, the Strategic Plan will help residents to have a better understanding of our responsibilities."

The updated Strategic Plan is available to download via our website: [hailsham-tc.gov.uk](http://hailsham-tc.gov.uk). Printed copies can also be requested from the Town Council offices in Market Street.

# 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

500+ townwide

## 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

## Committee Structure Agreed for Next Council Year...

Following on from proposals made at the Annual Council Meeting held in May, the following Standing Committees have been put in place for 2026/27:

- Assets Management
- Finance & Governance
- Communities
- Planning & Development
- Neighbourhood Planning
- Staffing
- Post Office
- Strategy



### MESSAGE FROM THE CORPORATE SERVICES MANAGER, KAREN GIDDINGS

"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."

"Council meetings are a great way to learn first-hand how local decisions are made and the Town Council is committed to community engagement. So, if there is an issue you think is important or where you believe the Town Council can make improvements you may want to bring it to the attention of members, please do consider observing some of our meetings."

## Councillor Representation in the Local Community...

At our Annual Meeting held in May, members agreed to councillor representation on the following external bodies:

- Wealden District Association of Local Councils: Cllrs Chris Bryant and Colin Mitchell
- Hailsham Forward (Executive): Cllrs Anne Blake-Coggins and Barry Carpenter
- Cuckmere Buses Stakeholder Group: Cllr Paul Holbrook
- Environment Hailsham (Board): Cllr Anne Marie Ricketts
- Wealden & District Citizens' Advice Bureau (Board): Cllr Jo Crittenden
- Hailsham Active: Cllrs Dave Chapman and Barry Carpenter
- Wealden Dementia Action Alliance: Cllrs Anne Marie Ricketts and Anne Blake-Coggins
- Movement & Access Strategy for Hailsham and Hellingly (MASHH) Steering Group: Cllrs Anne Marie Ricketts and Glynn White
- Community Halls: Cllrs Barbara Holbrook and Colin Mitchell

"There are several organisations which are independent from the Town Council but have an impact on its service areas and benefit from maintaining effective partnerships with us," said Corporate Services Manager, Karen Giddings.

"I'm delighted that we have a large number of members representing external organisations."

"This clearly demonstrates our objectives for all interested parties working together and communicating effectively for the benefit of the parish, its residents, businesses and visitors."



## Local Community Groups to Benefit from Grants...



Local community groups and voluntary organisations throughout Hailsham have shared in grant funding of £9,000 following the allocation of awards under the Town Council's 2026/2027 Community Grant Scheme.

The scheme is designed to provide practical financial assistance to organisations whose activities deliver clear benefits to the local community. This year, grants were awarded to a diverse range of groups operating across the town, reflecting the breadth of voluntary effort that supports wellbeing, cultural life, health and recreation in Hailsham.

Grants were approved for Wealden Works (£500), Children with Cancer Fund (£500), Baby Bank & Beyond (£500), Hailsham Community Land Trust (£500), Hailsham Bonfire Society (£3,500), Connections Cafe (£500), St Wilfrid's Hospice Eastbourne (£500), Hailsham Allotment Society (£500), Friends of White House School (£500), Instructions Not Required (£500), Hailsham Choral Society (£500), Hailsham Writing Group (£250), Hailsham Table Tennis Club (£250).

Commenting on the awards, Cllr Colin Mitchell said: "The Community Grant Scheme is one of the main ways the Town Council is able to invest directly in the people and organisations that make a difference locally. Many of these groups operate on limited resources, sustained by fundraising efforts and the commitment of volunteers who generously give their time to support others in the community."

"We are pleased to be able to contribute to the work of local charities, community groups and voluntary organisations - and help ensure these important initiatives continue to thrive."

**POST OFFICE**

**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**

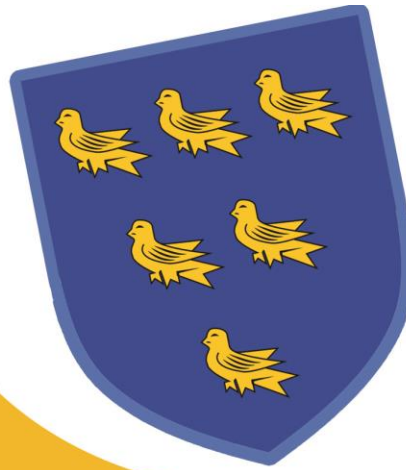
**HELLINGLY YOUTH HUB**

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](http://hailshamyouthservice.org)



Hailsham Town  
Council  
presents....



# Sussex Day

**SATURDAY 20TH JUNE**

**9am-3pm** | Vicarage Field

**MARKET STALLS | BEER TENT | MAYPOLE  
DANCING BY LOCAL BROWNIES | LIVE MUSIC  
BY THE SUSSEX STOMPERS | HAILSHAM  
CHORAL SOCIETY | LONG MAN MORRIS  
DANCERS | CLOSE-UP MAGIC | BALLOON  
MODELLING | PUNCH & JUDY | HAILSHAM FM**

**CELEBRATING  
ALL THINGS SUSSEX!**

# Concern Raised Over Reports of Wildlife Cruelty...



The Town Council is urging vigilance following a series of troubling incidents involving harm to wildfowl in local green spaces, particularly at Hailsham Country Park and the Common Pond.

Recent intelligence from national animal welfare organisations indicates that Hailsham has become a focal point for offences involving the use of high-powered catapults to injure and kill birds.

Over the past few months alone, additional cases have been recorded, adding to a pattern of incidents previously identified in collaboration with local wildlife rescue services.

These acts form part of a wider national issue being addressed through 'Operation Lakeshot' - a coordinated initiative involving

police and charities aimed at tackling the growing misuse of catapults against wildlife. While such offences are occurring across the UK, evidence suggests they are especially concentrated in the southeast, with Hailsham experiencing a notable share.

Within the town, confirmed reports have highlighted recent, confirmed attacks at the Country Park lake, whilst incidents have also been recorded at the Common Pond in Bellbanks Road in the past. Ducks, geese and other wildlife have been found injured or killed, often as a result of projectiles such as ball bearings, marbles or stones.

The Town Council encourages anyone witnessing an incident in progress to contact police immediately by calling 999. Non-emergency information or reports can be made via 101. Additionally, incidents can be reported to the League Against Cruel Sports through its Animal Crimewatch service online, by phone on 0300 444 1234 or via email at [crimewatch@league.org.uk](mailto:crimewatch@league.org.uk).

**The Lounge**

Enjoy a variety of gaming activities from classic board games to team challenges... Whether you're a fan of strategy games, card games or interactive group activities, there's something for everyone!

MONDAYS | 3.15PM-5.15PM | The Station Youth Centre  
Years 6-12 SNACKS/REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

**FUSION**

New, fun-filled music, drama, media and creative arts activities - including jam sessions!

MONDAYS | 6.30PM-8.30PM | The Station Youth Centre  
Years 6-12 COME ALONG AND JOIN IN!

**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](http://hailshamyouthservice.org)

# Town Council Investment in Outdoor Gym Facilities...



The Town Council is continuing its proactive approach to supporting healthier lifestyles by investing in and monitoring outdoor exercise facilities across its public open spaces.

With a focus on community wellbeing, the Council is committed to ensuring that residents have free and convenient access to safe, high-quality opportunities for physical activity.

Among these spaces is the Western Road Recreation Ground, at which the Town Council completed a major upgrade of the outdoor gym equipment on site in 2024. Funded through Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions, the project forms part of a wider programme of investment in recreational

facilities across Hailsham and ensures the gym equipment is fit for purpose for the next 10-15 years.

The outdoor gym is open 24 hours a day and has been designed to encourage residents to incorporate exercise into their daily routines in an inclusive, informal and cost-free way.

A similar facility is also maintained at Maurice Thornton Playing Field, offering a range of equipment designed to support strength, cardio and mobility training, including rowing, step and resistance-based exercises.

Tony Lee, Operations and Facilities Manager at Hailsham Town Council, said: "Regular inspection and maintenance of our outdoor gym equipment is a top priority. We carry out routine safety checks to ensure everything remains in good working order and meets the required standards. By taking a proactive approach, we can quickly address any issues and provide residents with facilities they can use with confidence."

**Network**  
**@The Underground**

**Social nights for 18-25s!**  
**FRIDAYS | 7PM-9PM | THE STATION**

Pool Table • Arcade Air Hockey  
Games • Activities • Table Tennis  
Lounge • Food & Refreshments

**FREE ENTRY!**

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**WHY NOT HIRE THE TOWN CRIER?**

Whatever your function or event, the Hailsham Town Crier, Bruce Pont, can add something special to ensure any occasion is even more memorable!

The Town Crier is available to 'shout' at all types of event, including official openings of businesses, school and church fetes, local festivals, processions and charity events....

For further information on availability, please contact David Saxby on 01323 841702 or by email: [david.saxby@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:david.saxby@hailsham-tc.gov.uk)

**BRUCE PONT**  
Town Crier

**CHRIS GILES**  
Deputy Town Crier

The Town Crier is also available for weddings, receptions, birthday parties and corporate events!

## Post Office Praised as Service Continues to Grow...



Hailsham's town centre Post Office has once again received positive feedback from residents and customers, who have praised the branch team for their high standards of customer service, their role in maintaining access to banking facilities amid recent bank branch closures, and their responsiveness to local community needs.

Recent feedback shared by Hailsham customers via social media and online reviews includes:

*"Every visit to the post office feels well-run and warmly handled, and it's clear how much pride the whole team takes in their work."*

*I had a really great experience at the Post Office. From the moment I walked in, the staff were very welcoming and approachable."*

*"I've always found all the staff really helpful and pleasant, even when the post office is busy. Handy for lots of things, including currency, passport renewal and banking too."*

*"I couldn't manage without this Post Office. I can access every service I need, from car tax, passport photos, paying money into my bank and posting and collecting Evri parcels, to name but a few."*

The 10 High Street Post Office has gone from strength to strength since the Town Council took on the franchise in 2019. During that time, both the range of services on offer and the staff team have expanded, helping to ensure improved support for the local community.



## Make the Most of Hailsham Country Park in Summer...



Do you enjoy spending time outdoors? Hailsham Town Council is inviting residents and visitors to rediscover Hailsham Country Park and experience the colour and vitality of the summer season.

Managed and maintained by the Town Council, the 22-acre Country Park is located off Gleneagles Drive and features a blend of woodland, open recreational grassland, two ponds and a lake. A watercourse borders the main field, and a network of all-weather footpaths run throughout the site, enabling visitors of all ages and abilities to make full use of this valued green space.

The lake at Gleneagles Drive and Hempstead Pond, adjacent to Tilehurst Wood, are stocked with a range of fish species including carp, bream, roach, rudd, tench, perch and pike. The Southdown & Hydneye Community Angling Club (SHCAC) manages the lease of both waters. While there is currently no closed season, temporary closures may be introduced if spawning activity is observed, in order to protect fish stocks.

The park's woodland areas contain a diverse variety of trees, including birch, oak, ash, maple and wild cherry. During spring, fresh foliage and blossom enhance the landscape, while wildlife such as voles, mice, lizards and weasels can often be seen within their natural habitats.

Visitors can access the park easily via two free car parks located off Holyhead Close and Gleneagles Drive.

The park continues to be maintained to a high standard by the Town Council, ensuring it remains clean, safe and enjoyable for residents and visitors throughout the year.

## Excitement Builds for Stand Proud 3 Event...



Final plans and a schedule of activities and entertainment have been confirmed for this year's Stand Proud in Hailsham event - Stand Proud 3 - with organisers confident that the third instalment will build on the success of the previous two annual celebrations and attract even greater community participation.

The Town Council is pleased to confirm its support (£1,700 funding) for Stand Proud 3, which takes place at the White Hart (Horsebridge) on Saturday 27th June, from noon until midnight.

The programme features live entertainment from rhythm and blues act Moss Casa, acoustic duo The Management, cover band School's Out, and rock/indie group Nightflame.

Popular drag artist Fonda Cox will return as the headline performer, and there will be children's entertainment courtesy of Awesome Alfie, refreshments from Sparkles by the Pond and face painting by I Paint Faces.

Co-organiser Mary Laxton commented: "The enthusiasm we've seen in previous years highlights just how valuable events like this are for the community. People from all walks of life come together in a welcoming and uplifting setting, and we're determined to build on that again this year."



## 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 Karen Giddings 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!



- **MAIN HALL:** 18m x 11.7m, ideal for sports, games, fitness classes, playgroups, conferences, community events, birthday parties, private functions and more!
- **MEETING ROOMS:** Perfect for corporate meetings, interviews, training and seminars...
- **OTHER FACILITIES:** Kitchen, store rooms, toilets, changing rooms, P.A. system, Wi-fi and on-site parking...

### BOOKING CONTACT



**01323 841702**  
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## 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, 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](mailto:enquiries@hailsham-tc.gov.uk).



## Fresh Coat of Paint at the James West Centre...



The James West Community Centre has unveiled a freshly repainted main hall as part of a continuing programme of improvements designed to enhance the venue for community use.

The refurbishment marks the latest in a series of upgrades completed over the past year, all aimed at ensuring the Centre remains a modern, welcoming and flexible space for residents, clubs and organisations across Hailsham.

Among the recent improvements is the installation of a modern lighting system in the main hall. The upgraded system allows users to control both lighting selection and brightness levels, making it easier to tailor the atmosphere for a wide range of activities, from

sports sessions and fitness classes to social gatherings and celebrations. Additional enhancements include improved acoustics in meeting rooms, new projection facilities, extra foyer seating, energy-efficient car park lighting and the installation of a vending machine providing refreshments.

Operations and Facilities Manager, Tony Lee said: "The recent improvements have made a real difference to both the appearance and functionality of the building, particularly the main hall, which now feels brighter, fresher and even more adaptable for different uses."

To book the main hall or meeting rooms, call 01323 841702 or email [jameswestcentre@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:jameswestcentre@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](http://hailsham-tc.gov.uk)

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## Residents Invited to Attend 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, Hailsham 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.

### Attendance at Council meetings...

- All meetings are open to the public and residents may come and go during the meeting as they wish (provided that this does not disrupt proceedings). On occasions, the public and the press may be asked to leave the meeting if matters of a commercially confidential or other sensitive nature are being considered.
- At all public meetings, residents are invited to address councillors during the 15 minutes set aside for this purpose at the start of each meeting. Although there is an allocated time for public questions, this may be extended by the Chairman at their discretion.
- 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) no later than two working days before the meeting. Questions must give the name and address of the questioner.
- Questions must be of relevance to the Council's activities or, in the case of a committee, to the remit of that committee.

A full schedule of Committee meetings, in addition to bi-monthly meetings of Full Council, is available to view on the Town Council website. 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: [hailsham-tc.gov.uk](http://hailsham-tc.gov.uk)

## Free Advertising for Community Groups in Hailsham...



The Town Council is inviting all non-profit-making organisations, including community groups, voluntary associations, sports clubs and registered charities within Hailsham, to publicise themselves on the Town Council website and public noticeboards.

If your community group, club or charity offers a service that is of benefit to residents, you can list details within the council's promotional network free of charge. All eligible organisations will be listed in the 'Community & Residents' section of the Town Council website and on the public noticeboards located in Vicarage Field and the Town Council offices in Market Street.

Corporate Services Manager, Karen Giddings said: "As well as providing free publicity for your organisation which may lead to increased membership and community involvement in your group or project, we will be happy to establish links from the council website to your website, if you have one."

"Hailsham has a wealth of community groups, societies, clubs and charities that will benefit from being promoted on our website and public noticeboards. I would encourage all those that haven't already submitted their details and who aren't listed on our website to take advantage of this free advertising service."

To advertise, contact Terry Hall on 01323 841702 (during office hours) or email [terry.hall@hailsham-tc.gov.uk](mailto:terry.hall@hailsham-tc.gov.uk), including a description of your organisation and relevant contact information in your message.

# PROM in the Park

WESTERN ROAD RECREATION GROUND  
Sunday 7th June | 3pm-6pm

 BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC, DRINKS, CHAIRS  
& BLANKETS!

 LIVE MUSIC FROM WARBLETON BRASS BAND

 BALLOON MODELLING | PUNCH & JUDY

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St Wilfrid's  
Hospice

JACKET POTATOES

MAGIC SHOW



AN EVENT BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

# STAND PROUD 3

## Saturday 27th June

NOON-MIDNIGHT • The White Hart, Horsebridge  
Celebrating equality, diversity and friendship!

### LIVE MUSIC!



### ACTIVITIES!

Rainbow Bingo by Sam  
Name That Tune

Face painting by  
**I PAINT FACES**

### ENTERTAINMENT!



### FOOD & DRINK!

Bar food provided by  
**Sparkles by the Pond**

EVENT SPONSORED BY:

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TO ATTEND FROM  
12.30PM-7PM

