

Our Hailsham

TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2026

CIL Funds Invested in Major Community Asset...



Pictures: Flude Property Consultants

The Town Council has recently purchased 70 South Road for £1.45M, using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds to secure a substantial site with significant potential for future community and Council use. The purchase of the site, formerly occupied by Jewson Builders Merchants, represents a major investment in Hailsham's future, providing the Town Council with a collection of buildings and outdoor space which will be adapted over time to support a range of services, facilities and activities for residents.

Importantly, the acquisition has been funded through the Town Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) allocation, rather than through the council tax or by placing an additional financial burden on local taxpayers. Following the purchase, the Town Council retains a healthy CIL budget for further investment in infrastructure and community priorities.

The Council has established a working group to examine the potential uses of the site and assess the condition and suitability of the various buildings. Working with project partners, the working group will consider opportunities to generate income which will contribute towards the long-term sustainability of the facilities.



For residents, the development of these facilities will provide greater access to affordable, flexible spaces for sport, recreation, learning, community activities and local organisations, helping to support healthier lifestyles, social connection and participation across Hailsham. Among the potential uses currently being explored are community meeting and activity spaces, as well as indoor sports provision. Buildings could potentially be developed into flexible community facilities, including a performing arts studio, meeting room, classroom or gym space.

Councillor Barry Carpenter, who proposed the motion to purchase the property at a meeting of the Town Council, said: "I believe the purchase of 70 South Road is an important step towards giving Hailsham greater control over its own future. The Town Council had an opportunity to use its CIL resources to acquire a substantial site which will provide facilities that our community needs for many years to come."

Councillor Chris Bryant, Mayor of Hailsham, said: "This purchase gives Hailsham something extremely valuable: options. Rather than being limited by the facilities we have today, the Council now has an opportunity to shape a site around the needs of future generations."

"I think it is fortunate that the purchase has been made using CIL funds, allowing us to invest in a long-term community asset without relying on additional Council Tax funding for the acquisition itself."

Councils' Efforts to Tackle Antisocial Behaviour...



The Town Council and Wealden District Council are continuing to work together to address concerns about antisocial behaviour at the Hailsham War Memorial in Vicarage Field and the neighbouring parish churchyard.

Following reports from residents, both councils have reiterated that they are aware of the issues and the concerns being raised about behaviour in and around these important public spaces.

The concerns were raised by residents at the Annual Town Electors' Meeting held in May and have also been discussed by the Town Council's Remembrance Day Sub-Committee.

In response to the concerns, the Town Council recently wrote to the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, outlining reports of repeated antisocial behaviour at the War Memorial and churchyard. These reports have included public drinking, shouting, loud music, intimidating behaviour, public urination and suspected drug-related activity.

Town Clerk John Harrison commented: "The concerns raised with the Town Council and District Council are being taken seriously and we recognise the need for a coordinated approach involving the different agencies with responsibilities and powers in this area."

"Our recent correspondence with the Police & Crime Commissioner was intended to ensure that the concerns being expressed by residents, councillors and local volunteers are clearly understood and that opportunities for further action are explored."

Both councils will continue to monitor the situation and work closely with Sussex Police. Residents and the wider community will be kept updated as discussions progress and further information becomes available.

HAILSHAM Street MARKET

AT VICARAGE FIELD

LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH 9.30AM TO 1.30PM

FROM MARCH TO SEPTEMBER

- LOCAL PRODUCE
- ARTISAN GOODS
- GIFTS & ACCESSORIES
- CONFECTIONERY
- JEWELLERY
- SKINCARE PRODUCTS
- HOMEWARE
- CRAFT ITEMS
- AND MORE!

SHOP LOCAL

Come on down to Vicarage Field AND SUPPORT LOCAL INDEPENDENT TRADE

WANT TO TRADE AT THE MARKET? Pitches cost only £10! ☺

New and returning traders welcome - call 01323 841702 or email markets@hailsham-tc.gov.uk for details.

GAZEBO SUPPLIED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

FNP

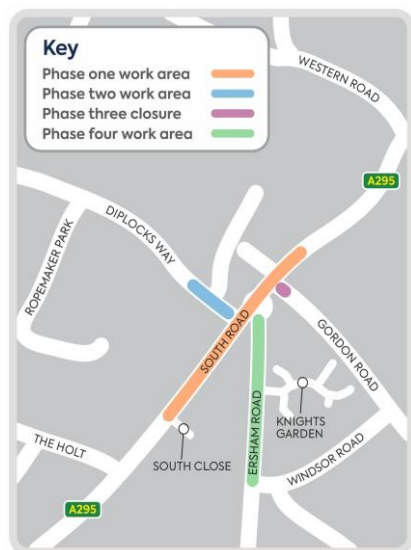
THE FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

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!

South Road Gas Main Replacement Works Update...



Urgent gas main replacement works are still being carried out in the South Road area, with significant road closures and traffic disruption occurring in recent weeks.

From late July, SGN's contractors have been working to replace gas mains in the South Road/Diplocks Way/Gordon Road/Ersham Road area. These works are being carried out with urgency to ensure they can continue to provide residents, businesses and the wider community with a safe and efficient gas supply and avoid further disruptive gas leaks in the future.

Due to the location of gas pipes in the road, for everyone's safety, temporary road closures continue to be put in place.

At the time of writing, the repair works are currently at 'Phase 3', affecting the South Road/Gordon Road junction, with works expected to be completed by late September. 'Phase 4', scheduled to commence on 14 October, will

involve a road closure along part of Ersham Road, from the junction of South Road to the junction of Windsor Close. The duration of works is expected to be around three weeks, to complete as much work as possible before other major works in the area take place soon after. Contractors will need to return in 2027 to complete this phase of replacement.

The Town Council is receiving weekly updates from SGN and any relevant updates – including changes to timings, traffic management or access arrangements, will be posted on our website: <https://www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/community-residents/public-transport-information/>.

Resident Support Boosts Graffiti Reporting Scheme...

The Town Council's online graffiti/vandalism reporting scheme has been warmly received by residents since its launch, providing an effective way for the public to help tackle such issues and protect the town's public spaces.

The scheme enables residents to quickly report graffiti, vandalism or damage to Town Council-owned property using an easy-to-complete online form. Since its introduction, the Council's maintenance team has been able to respond more efficiently and arrange repairs or graffiti removal as quickly as possible.

To make reporting even easier, QR code stickers have been installed on Town Council-maintained assets, including bus shelters, noticeboards, play areas and community buildings. By scanning the code with a mobile phone, residents can submit a report immediately while out and about.

Cllr Dave Chapman, Chair of the Assets Management Committee, said: "It's encouraging to see so many residents getting behind this initiative. The reporting scheme has made it easier than ever for people to let us know when graffiti or vandalism occurs, and that support is helping us respond more quickly and effectively."

"Our parks, play areas, bus shelters and other public facilities belong to the community, and it's important that we all play a part in looking after them. By reporting damage early, residents are helping us maintain these valued assets for everyone to enjoy and sending a clear message that vandalism has no place in Hailsham."

Anyone wishing to report graffiti or damage to Town Council property can do so via our [online reporting form](https://www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/report-damage-to-town-council-property/) (<https://www.hailsham-tc.gov.uk/report-damage-to-town-council-property/>).



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 • Outdoor gyms Tony Tack Memorial Skate Park

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

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

Hailsham to Renew Twinning Ties with Gournay...

Hailsham is looking forward to strengthening its long-standing links with the French town of Gournay-en-Bray this October, when town councillors and members of the Hailsham & District Twinning Association will officially renew the Twinning Charter. The re-signing marks the latest chapter in a partnership that has flourished for more than 25 years.

Hailsham's twinning relationship with Gournay-en-Bray was formally established in October 2000, when the original Twinning Charter was signed in Hailsham. The agreement was renewed in 2011 and, following the celebration of the partnership's 25th anniversary last year, representatives from both communities will come together once again to reaffirm their commitment to international friendship.



Since its formation, the twinning arrangement has fostered lasting friendships and encouraged cultural exchange between the two towns. The Hailsham & District Twinning Association has organised numerous visits, exchanges and activities over the years, giving residents the opportunity to experience French culture while welcoming visitors from Gournay-en-Bray to Hailsham.

The Mayor of Hailsham, Councillor Chris Bryant, said: "Our twinning relationship with Gournay-en-Bray is something the town can be very proud of. I'm delighted that representatives from the Town Council and the Twinning Association will be renewing the Charter this October. It is a fitting way to celebrate the success of the partnership and to reaffirm our shared commitment to maintaining international ties for future generations."

Hailsham Country Park: Investment & Improvements...

The Town Council remains committed to preserving and enhancing Hailsham Country Park, ensuring it continues to be a safe, welcoming and well-maintained green space for residents and visitors alike.

Located off Gleneagles Drive, the 22-acre park is one of the town's most valued community assets. It features a diverse landscape of woodland, open recreational grassland, two ponds, a lake and a watercourse bordering the main field area. A network of all-weather footpaths throughout the site encourages outdoor recreation and provides year-round accessibility for people of all ages and abilities.

Over recent years, the Town Council has delivered a range of projects designed to enhance the park's accessibility, appearance and environmental value. These include the resurfacing of lakeside footpaths to improve access for visitors with mobility needs, planting of additional trees as part of the Council's long-term environmental strategy, the selective thinning of trees within Wentworth Wood to support biodiversity and fencing repairs to maintain secure park boundaries.

The park is cared for year-round by the Town Council's works team, whose regular maintenance programme helps keep the site clean, safe and enjoyable for all users. Routine inspections, repairs and landscape management work are carried out to preserve the park's natural beauty and ensure it remains a trusted destination for recreation and relaxation.



Views Sought on Women's Sport in Hailsham...



The Town Council is inviting residents to have their say on the future of women's sport by taking part in a new online survey launched as part of its ongoing campaign to celebrate and support female participation in sport across the town.

The survey seeks views from residents of all ages and backgrounds, whether they currently play sport or not. Feedback will help the Town Council better understand the strengths of existing sporting provision, identify any barriers to participation and explore how opportunities for women and girls can continue to develop in Hailsham.

Participants are being asked about the availability and quality of local sports facilities, whether there are enough teams and clubs, the range of sporting opportunities on offer and what improvements they would like to see in the future. The survey also asks about the challenges that may prevent women and girls from taking part in sport, such as accessibility, cost, confidence or lack of information. [The survey can be completed online here.](#)

Councillor Dave Chapman, Chair of the Town Council's Assets Management Committee and Sports Sub-Committee, said: "Over recent years we've seen tremendous growth in women's and girls' sport across Hailsham, supported by dedicated volunteers, excellent local clubs and quality community facilities. However, there is always more that can be done."

"This survey will provide valuable feedback to help us understand local priorities, identify any gaps in provision and continue improving the facilities and opportunities available. We hope as many residents as possible will take a few minutes to share their views."

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

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

Pet Cemetery Serving Hailsham and Nearby Areas...



Don't forget, the Town Council's dedicated pet ashes burial ground at Hailsham Cemetery provides a valued space for remembrance, with the service available not only in Hailsham, but also across neighbouring towns and villages.

Positioned on a previously unused area close to the cemetery's main entrance, the site has been carefully transformed into a well-presented environment, designed specifically for the interment of small domestic pets such as cats and dogs.

Burial plots, approximately 12 inches by 12 inches in size, are available and are prepared by the Council's cemetery team.

For a fee of £99 per plot, the service includes a designated burial plot for pet ashes; preparation of the plot and interment carried out by cemetery staff; a flower vase and a certificate confirming ownership. An additional pet may be interred within the same plot for a further fee of £99.

Families who wish to install a small memorial marker or plaque, including their pet's name and date of passing, may do so at their own expense, subject to size guidelines.

For further information, visit hailsham-tc.gov.uk/petcemetery/ or call 01323 841702.

To request a burial plot for your pet, please download the application form.



Playground Safety and Ongoing Investment...



The Town Council is highlighting the extensive work it undertakes to ensure its children's play areas remain safe, well maintained and enjoyable for local families, as part of its ongoing commitment to providing high-quality recreational facilities across the town.

The Council is responsible for maintaining play areas in Battle Road, Stroma Gardens, Quinnell Drive, South Road and Marshfoot Lane with each site undergoing regular inspections and maintenance to ensure equipment remains safe and in excellent condition.

Routine inspections are carried out by the Council's in-house Outdoor Works Team, with every visit carefully recorded. Checks cover not only

play equipment but also access routes, footpaths, fencing, gates, benches, litter bins and safety surfacing.

Each piece of equipment is thoroughly inspected for structural integrity, moving parts, safety features and signs of wear, damage or vandalism. Any issues identified are prioritised for repair, with remedial work undertaken either by Council staff or specialist contractors to ensure playgrounds remain safe for public use.

The Council's proactive inspection programme complements a continuing programme of investment in its play facilities, with several sites benefiting from significant improvements in recent years.

Residents are encouraged to report any damage, defects or acts of vandalism at Town Council-maintained play areas via our [online reporting form](#) or by calling 01323 841702 (Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm).

HAILSHAM'S Christmas LIGHTS

• SWITCH-ON •

FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

1PM – 7PM

VICARAGE FIELD &
HAILSHAM HIGH STREET

Join us for a magical afternoon and evening of festive entertainment, seasonal market stalls and community activities, culminating in the official switch-on of the town's Christmas lights at **6pm**.

LIGHTS
OFFICIALLY
SWITCHED ON
AT **6PM**



MARKET STALLS

Gifts, food,
crafts and
festive
products



FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS

Enjoy
delicious
festive
treats!



ENTERTAINMENT

Live
performances
from *The Sussex
Stompers* and
Con Brio



FATHER CHRISTMAS (Hailsham Rotary)

Meeting
children and
giving out
sweets!



HAILSHAM FM

Christmas
tunes and event
coverage



**HAILSHAM PARISH CHURCH OPEN
AFTER THE SWITCH-ON AT 6PM
SERVING FREE HOT CHOCOLATE
WITH MARSHMALLOWS**



**HAILSHAM HIGH STREET WILL BE CLOSED TO TRAFFIC
FROM APPROXIMATELY 11AM UNTIL 9PM**

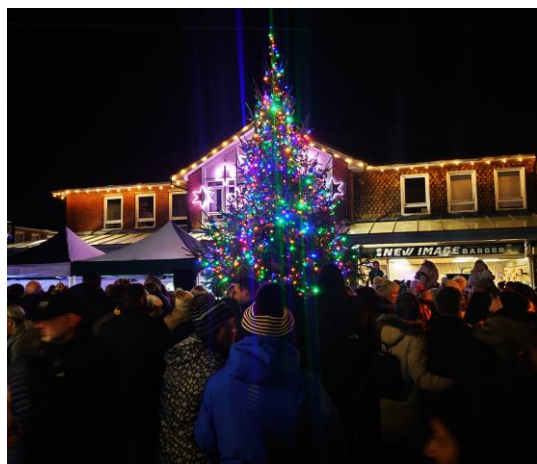


**HAILSHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**

*A wonderful community
celebration for all!*



Hailsham Gears Up for Christmas Lights Switch-on...



Following the success of last year's Christmas celebrations, Hailsham Town Council, in partnership with local community organisations, has confirmed the return of the town's annual Christmas Lights Switch-On event.

Taking place on Friday 27th November, this year's event will run from 1pm to 7pm, with Vicarage Field and Hailsham High Street hosting a programme of festive entertainment, seasonal market stalls and community activities, culminating in the official switch-on of the town's Christmas lights at 6pm.

Again, a key feature of this year's event will be the variety of market stalls from local and regional businesses and independent traders.

Visitors will have the opportunity to browse an extensive selection of handmade gifts, artisan food, locally produced crafts and seasonal products, making it an ideal opportunity to support local enterprise and complete some early Christmas shopping. The entertainment programme will include live performances from The Sussex Stompers and Con Brio, together with Christmas carols performed by students from Hailsham Academy and Hailsham Academy Primary ahead of the lighting ceremony.

Father Christmas, courtesy of Hailsham Rotary Club, will also be attending the event to meet children throughout the afternoon. Hailsham FM will broadcast live from the town centre, providing music and event coverage, while Hailsham Parish Church will once again welcome visitors following the lights switch-on by serving complimentary hot chocolate and marshmallows.

Hailsham High Street will be closed to traffic from approximately 11am until 9pm.

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!**

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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

HAILSHAM YOUTH SERVICE

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!

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



BRUCE PONT
Town Crier



CHRIS GILES
Deputy Town Crier



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

Save the Date for the Next Hailsham Community Run...



Following another outstanding year for the Hailsham Community Run, organisers are already looking ahead to an even bigger occasion in 2027, inviting runners, walkers, supporters and volunteers to save the date for the event's fifth anniversary on Sunday 16th May 2027.

Part-sponsored by Hailsham Town Council in recent years, the annual event has grown into one of East Sussex's most popular community sporting occasions, attracting more than 1,000 participants this year across a variety of race distances.

The 2027 programme will once again feature 10k, 5k and 3k races, alongside the much-loved fully inclusive one-mile event, ensuring there is something for people of every age, experience and ability.

Project Lead Mary Laxton said: "Watching the Hailsham Community Run grow year after year has been incredibly rewarding. Our fifth anniversary gives us the opportunity to make the event even more special, and we can't wait to welcome everyone back in May of next year."

Anyone interested in supporting the 2027 Hailsham Community Run or becoming a sponsor is invited to contact the organising team on 07723 444209 or by email at marylaxton70@gmail.com.

Further information, including details of how to register when entries open on 1st October, will be available at www.hailshamcommunityrun.co.uk.



James West Centre Serving the Local Community...



Residents, community groups, clubs and organisations are being encouraged to make full use of the James West Community Centre, highlighting the venue's excellent facilities, recent improvements and growing role as one of the town's leading community hubs.

Situated in Brunel Drive, the Centre has established itself as a popular venue for a diverse range of activities and events, offering flexible, modern facilities suitable for everything from fitness classes and sports clubs to business meetings, events and private celebrations.

The Centre is currently home to a wide variety of regular user groups, reflecting the breadth of activities available to the local community. Organisations using the venue include Hailsham Table Tennis Club, Monday Youth Hub, Hailsham Netball Club, Hailsham Voices Community Pop Choir, Hailsham U3A, Yoga with Dawn, Little Kickers, Rugby Tots, Happy Fit and PW Performers. It also provides meeting space for a number of local support organisations, including DISC Dementia Support, Breathe Easy Support Group, East Sussex Seniors' Association and Hailsham Parkinson's Society.

Whether it's a weekly class, club meeting, children's activity, conference, exhibition, family celebration or fundraising event, the James West Community Centre offers a welcoming and adaptable environment capable of meeting a wide range of community needs.

Councillor Dave Chapman said: "The James West Community Centre plays a vital role in supporting local organisations and the variety of groups already using the Centre demonstrates just how versatile the facility is. We're keen to see even more clubs and community organisations take advantage of everything it has to offer."

Street Market's Return to Town Centre a Success...



The Town Council is looking forward to welcoming the community to the next Hailsham Street Market, with the popular monthly event continuing in its established town-centre setting at Vicarage Field.

The next market will take place on Friday 25 September (9.30am-1.30pm), bringing together a wide selection of local traders, independent businesses and producers for a day of shopping, browsing and community activity.

The Street Market now takes place on the last Friday of each month throughout the market season, from March to

September, providing a regular opportunity for people to shop locally and enjoy the town centre.

Communities Committee Chair, Councillor Anne Marie Ricketts said: "A thriving street market can make a real contribution to the character and vitality of a town, and we're pleased to see Hailsham's market continuing to develop. Returning to Vicarage Field gives traders a prominent and accessible location while bringing additional activity into the town centre."

Traders who would like to participate in future markets are encouraged to register their interest as soon as possible, with demand for pitches continuing to increase. To book a pitch, call 01323 841702 or email markets@hailsham-tc.gov.uk.



Information Point for Residents and Visitors...



The Town Council encourages residents and visitors to make use of its public information point, located within the Council offices in Market Street, which continues to serve as a convenient hub for local information, advice and guidance.

Based in the reception area, the public enquiries area provides easy access to a wealth of information about Hailsham and the surrounding area. Visitors can browse an extensive range of locally produced leaflets, brochures and guides covering attractions, community services and places of interest.

The reception area also features informative displays, Hailsham Town

The information point also provides practical information on local authority services, community safety initiatives, consumer advice and public transport, including the latest local bus timetables.

The reception area also features informative displays, Hailsham Town Guides, local maps and details of the town's public open spaces, all of which are available for visitors to browse or take away.

Karen Giddings, Corporate Services Manager at Hailsham Town Council, said: "Hailsham Town Council is committed to ensuring that the public can easily access accurate and up-to-date information through a variety of channels, including our reception service. We are confident that both residents and visitors will benefit from the wide range of resources available."

The Town Council reception is open Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays), from 10am to 2pm, while telephone enquiries are handled Monday to Friday, from 9am to 4pm.



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
(MONDAY-FRIDAY, 9AM-4PM)



jameswestcentre@
hailsham-tc.gov.uk

hailsham-tc.gov.uk/james-west-community-centre/



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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.



Friday Night Project Autumn Programme Under Way...



Hailsham Youth Service continues to make a positive impact on young people in school years 7 to 12, providing access to a diverse programme of activities and opportunities throughout the year.

A key part of its provision is the popular Friday Night Project (FNP), delivered by Hailsham Youth Service and funded by Hailsham Town Council. The initiative works in partnership with respected local organisations to provide engaging, affordable and safe recreational activities for young people on Friday evenings.

The project remains a highlight of the Youth Service's social calendar and will continue throughout the autumn months and run-up to Christmas.

Activities featuring during the autumn months include ski lessons, open ski, Ringo tobogganing, roller discos, ten-pin bowling, Laser Quest, youth games nights, pottery-glazing sessions, a Halloween Party and a Christmas Party shortly before the festive break.

The Mayor of Hailsham, Cllr Chris Bryant said that young people are being given ample activities to help keep them occupied when not at school: "Parents can be confident that Hailsham Youth Service provides a safe environment for our local young people, giving them opportunities to socialise and take part in activities after school and on weekday evenings, including those activities which make up the Friday Night Project programme."

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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BRYANT, CHRIS

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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

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, including a description of your organisation and relevant contact information in your message.



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Successful First Year of Community-Run Fishing...



More than a year after the management of Hailsham Country Park's fishing lake and Hempstead Pond was transferred to a local community angling club, the Town Council is pleased to report that the new arrangement is working well.

The management agreement with the Southdown & Hydney Community Angling Club (SHCAC) was introduced last year, with the established community club taking responsibility for the day-to-day upkeep of the fishing waters and the management of angling activities at both the country park's lake and pond.

More than twelve months on, the partnership has provided a more structured approach to managing the Town Council's fishing waters, with regular water bailiff patrols, improved oversight of fishing activity and ongoing maintenance of fishing areas helping to support a cleaner and safer environment for anglers.

The Town Council remains the owner of both the Country Park lake and Hempstead Pond, with the community angling club operating the waters under a formal lease arrangement.

Cllr Dave Chapman, Chair of the Assets Management Committee, said: "The decision to transfer the day-to-day management of the lake and Hempstead Pond to an established community angling club was about finding a sustainable way of looking after these important local assets while continuing to provide opportunities for fishing."

"More than a year on, it is clear that the arrangement has been a positive one. SHCAC has brought knowledge and a strong presence on the waters, while the Town Council continues to retain ownership of the sites."

"The regular patrols and improved management have also helped to tackle some of the problems that can arise around fishing waters, particularly illegal fishing and antisocial behaviour. This is important not just for anglers but for nearby residents and everyone who visits Hailsham Country Park."

One Year On: Teens & Tweens Home-ed Thursdays...



One year after launching its 'Teens & Tweens' Home-ed Thursdays, Hailsham Youth Service is celebrating the success of the weekly sessions, which have provided a welcoming space for home-educated young people to meet, socialise, develop new skills and build friendships.

Sessions take place every Thursday from 11am to 1pm at the Station Youth Centre, primarily welcoming secondary-age home-educated young people and their younger siblings.

Since their launch last year, the sessions have developed into a valued part of Hailsham's youth provision, with regular attendance and a growing sense of community among those

taking part. Sessions make full use of the facilities and resources, with activities shaped around the interests, ideas and needs of the young people attending.

"It's fantastic to be looking back a year after launching Teens & Tweens and to see how much the sessions have developed," said Deputy Youth Service Manager, Joel Cottingham. "What began as an opportunity to create a social space for home-educated young people has grown into a really positive and welcoming community."

"The success of the sessions is down to the young people themselves. They have helped shape what Teens & Tweens has become, telling us what they enjoy, suggesting activities and bringing their own interests and ideas into the sessions. That sense of ownership is incredibly important."

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