



# Seaford Town Council

## Summer 2016 Newsletter





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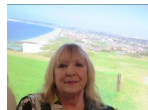
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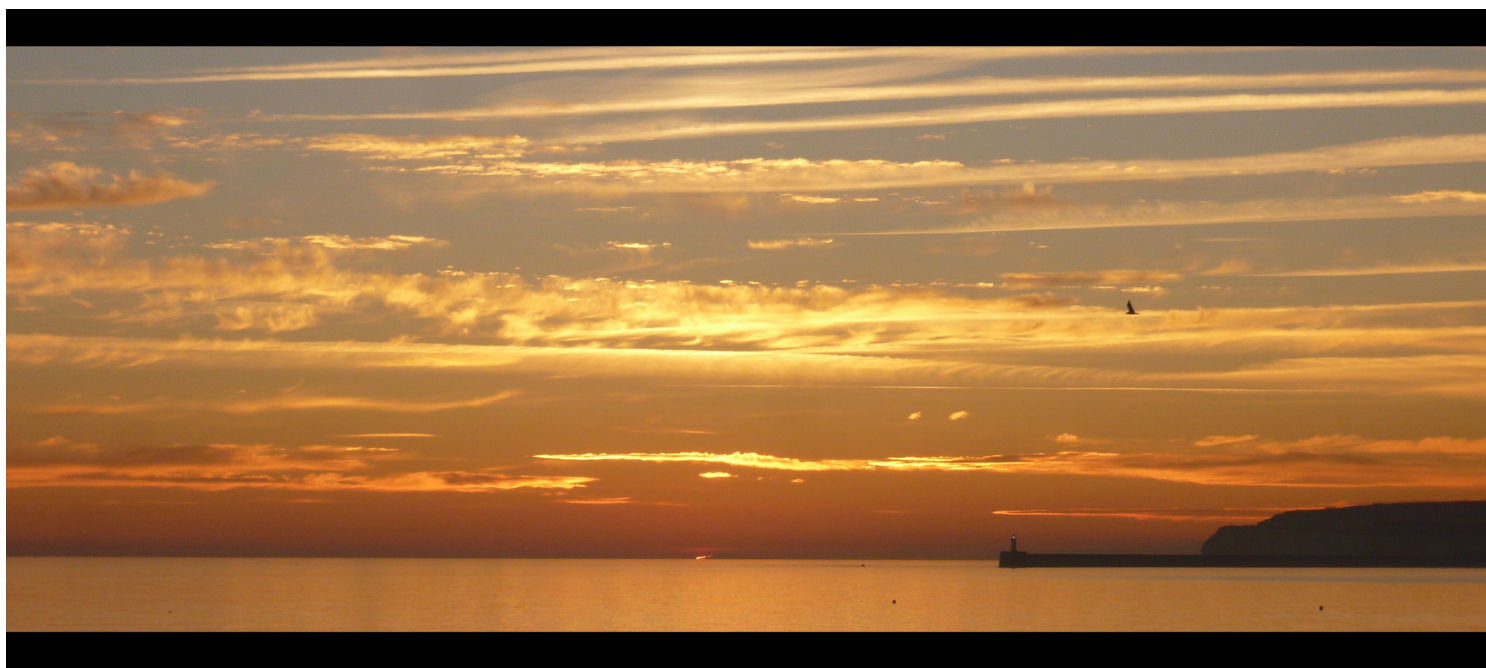
# Summer 2016 Edition

Welcome to the summer edition of the Town Council's newsletter!

As well as the day to day management of the facilities, services and governance, there has been considerable time dedicated to progressing the Council's ongoing and newly commencing projects. Further details of the project work is available overleaf on page 4. There have also been some personnel changes within the Council, with staff and Councillors; an update of these is on page 8.

Elections and Seaford Christmas Magic are priorities for the Council offices over the coming weeks; the next edition of the newsletter will therefore contain an election special and what to expect at this year's Christmas Magic event, as well as presenting the Council's strategic objectives and the action plans in place to achieve these.

Happy reading and any questions regarding the content of the newsletter or any of the Council's activities, please contact the Council offices.



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# Projects Update

Further to the adoption of the Council's mission statement and strategic objectives, Council officers have been progressing projects in line with its aims and views for the town. The strategic objectives have been identified as:

- o To develop the cultural and economic wellbeing of the town
- o To improve the environment of the town
- o To improve and maintain the recreational facilities of the town
- o To help represent the needs of the community
- o To practice good governance and fiscal responsibility

More information on the strategic objectives and associated projects will be included in the next edition of the newsletter and is also available on the Council's website. Currently Officers are focussing on a variety of projects, including:

**The Salts Recreation Ground** play area has now been fully operational for a sustained period and feedback is very positive. Some benches and bins have been relocated and the area has been greatly received. Expressions of Interest have been received for the Iconic Café/Restaurant project being lead by Lewes District Council. The Salts Development Plan project is currently on hold pending further assessment of the Iconic facility, its potential location and the impact on existing facilities.

Investigations have begun into the refurbishment or replacement of the **Martello Toilets**. The Council is aware they have fallen in to a state of disrepair so is looking at ways to utilise the space better, have the buildings as more of a feature for the seafront and an improved experience for users. The works are not planned until next year and will depend on funding streams.

The seating project at **Martello Tower** is progressing well. Wall repairs and paint works are being undertaken on the tower, after which benches will be installed with the first 10 memorial plaques that have been agreed and ordered.

The **Greenkeepers Barn at Seaford Head Golf Course** is being replaced enabling a new dry and safe working environment and store for the team. The Council is looking at the possibility of having solar panels on the roof to provide electricity for the barn and also potentially for The View, which will result in the barn costing nothing after five years.

**Inspections** of Council property and assets will be taking place regularly going forwards with the recruitment of a part-time Inspector. From this, improvement and maintenance works will likely be seen across the Council's sites.

The **2017 Seaford Town Guide** is being drafted and will be published and distributed to most households in spring next year. This will also be available online.



# Events

## NOVEMBER

**Sunday 6th -**

Afternoon Jazz at The View **TV**

**Friday 11th -**

Remembrance Day Service  
(Royal British Legion) **SC**

**Sunday 13th -**

Remembrance Sunday (Royal  
British Legion) **WM**

**Friday 18th -**

Comedy at The View **TV**

## DECEMBER

**Saturday 3rd -**

Seaford Christmas Magic (STC &  
Seaford Chamber of Commerce)

**Sunday 4th -**

Afternoon Jazz at The View **TV**

**Wednesday 14th -**

Mayor's Carol Service (St Peter's  
Church, Seaford)

## 2017 dates so far...

March 4th - Mayor's Ball

June 1<sup>st</sup> - Jay Millers Circus

June 24<sup>th</sup> - Armed Forces Day

June 25<sup>th</sup> - Motorfest

Boot Sales on Sundays Apr to Oct (exact  
dates will be confirmed)

**TV** The View at Seaford Head

**WM** Sutton Park Road War Memorial

**SC** Seaford Cemetery

For more details on the events either organised by the Council or held on Council property, please visit [www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) and find the What's On page. Or for details of more events across Seaford visit [www.seafordcommunityeventscommittee.co.uk](http://www.seafordcommunityeventscommittee.co.uk)

# Photography Competition



Chris Dawson

Seaford Town Council was delighted to announce the winners of the July photography competition. There were some wonderful entries of the Crouch Gardens in Seaford, but it was Chris Dawson's hazy dusk shot that received the highest number of votes followed very closely by Wayne Spring's albino squirrel photograph.



Wayne Spring

The winning entrant won a complimentary meal for two at The View at Seaford Head and the runner up, a breakfast for two. Both entries are also on display on canvas at The View.

# Seaford Seafront

With the fantastic summer seen this year, Seaford seafront has been even busier than usual. The sunny evenings brought a beach full as far as the eye could see with families, groups of friends, dog walkers, water sports enthusiasts, swimmers and anglers; the seafront has been had a real sense of community this summer!



## Development Plan

Council Officers have begun work on the initial stages of creating a development plan for the Seafront. The key to getting this plan right is getting the public and other stakeholders involved; the Council will therefore be ensuring a full public consultation is done on the plan and encouraging as many people as possible to get involved.

## Guide to Using Seaford Beach

In conjunction with Lewes District Council, and thanks to vital funding from the Lewes District Community Safety Partnership, the Guide to Using Seaford Beach and Inshore Waters was revamped and republished. The free guide proved very popular and was eagerly welcomed by visitors to and users of the beach. The guide is still available to view online on the Town Council's website.

## 2 Minute Beach Clean

Dom Smith of Frankie's Café approached the Council with an idea for Seaford to take part in the national 2 minute beach clean initiative. Many may have noticed the boards and equipment that is now available by the Sailing Club at the west end, Frankie's Café nearer the town centre and the Martello Kiosk at the east end; this is there to encourage users of the beach to do their part and help keep Seaford beach a pleasant and litter-free attraction.

## Beach Safety

Seaford town is very fortunate to have such a dedicated team of volunteer lifeguards, in Seaford Lifeguards, who patrol the beach every weekend through the summer months. The Council offers its gratitude to all those involved, on the beach and behind the scenes, for helping to keep Seaford beach a safe and secure place for people and families to visit.

A thank you must also go to National Coastwatch Institution and RNLI, both based from Newhaven, who also commit their own time to help keep the bay safe and raise awareness of beach safety.





# Community Grants

Each year the Council invites local community and voluntary groups or charities to apply for the chance to receive a financial grant. There are criteria that must be met and the purpose of the grant must be for the betterment of the town, whether through the introduction of new services or facilities, or maintaining that already in place; the aim of the grants are to continue to support the valuable contribution made by these organisations and voluntary groups to the well-being of the town and community.

## 2016 / 2017 Grants Scheme

This year's Grants Scheme saw over £22,000 donated to local organisations. The recipients were: the ABC Fund, Citizen's Advice Bureau, Community Transport for Lewes Area (CTLA), Crouch Bowling Club, Downs 60+ Club, East Blatchington Pond Conservation Society, Eastbourne Epilepsy Group, Inner Lights, Mercread Youth Centre, Seaford Bonfire Society, Seaford Choral Society, Seaford Community Partnership, Seaford Community Events Committee, Seaford Lifeguards, Seaford Museum & Heritage Society, Seaford Music Society, Seaford Photographic Society, Seaford Senior's Forum, Seaford Silver Band, Seaford Stroke & Caring Club Charity Trust, SeeAbility, St Wilfrid's Hospice, Waves Seaford Ltd, Willett Charitable and Zap Art.

These financial grants are for a huge range of purposes, each benefitting the town and/or its residents, including; dial a ride transport services, nursing team visits, counselling services, food hampers, sports and musical equipment, literature printing, security and medical staff for events, building maintenance and uniform costs.

All of these help, whether directly or indirectly, to maintain the community that Seaford has and the Council was thrilled to once again be able to donate this money to these causes.

## 2017/2018 Grants Scheme

The 2017/2018 scheme will open in February 2017.

If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for updates on the scheme, please contact Lucy Clark, Support Services Manager, on 01323 894 870 or by email at [lucy.clark@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:lucy.clark@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or updates can be found on the Council's website at

[www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/)

[Grants.aspx](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Grants.aspx)



Mayor Freeman (far left) and Councillor Brown (far right), presenting the grants cheque to Laurie Holland and Helen Macaulay, Seaford Lifeguards.

# Councillors & Staff Update

## Councillors

In August the Council was sorry to announce that five Councillors had decided to resign for varying personal reasons, namely former Councillors Campbell, Chambers, Lambert, Murray, and Silvey-Adam.

In accordance with procedure, the five Casual Vacancies were advertised and due at least ten requests from electors in the affected wards, by-elections have now been arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The details of those standing for election was published on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016. Lewes District Council are responsible for electoral services in the District however the Town Council will share any further updates as and when they become available from the District Council.

Updates can be found on the Council's website at [www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Elections.aspx](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Elections.aspx)

## Staff

Seaford Town Council has recently welcomed on board Craig Williams as Projects & Facilities Manager and Sharan Brydon as a part time Administration Assistant, both based in the offices at 37 Church Street. Geoff Johnson has also joined as a part time Planning Officer and Jennie Hallett as a part time Inspector. The View at Seaford Head has been joined by Alan Woolgar as Assistant Manager, Jarrod Dry as a Chef de Partie and Gary Weston as part time Marketing Manager.

## Training & Development

The Council is committed to the development of both its staff and members. Recently Adam Peck, Deputy Head Greenkeeper, has started his Level 3 Horticulture NVQ at Plumpton College and Nathan Sutliff is in the second year of his Level 2 Horticulture NVQ. Lucy Clark, Support Services Manager, continues to study towards her Level 4 AAT qualification and James Corrigan, Town Clerk, has commenced his third year of his MSC in Human Resources Management.

Members have received more Planning Training and will be undertaking Social Media Training in September.

The Annual Appraisal process for all staff began in September; from this any further training needs or development opportunities will be identified.





### How is the Plan progressing?

Further to the Housing Surveys going to the households in town, the results have been collated and are being analysed by the Steering Group before being published.

There are five focus groups working on specific areas for the plan, namely:

Environment & Countryside,  
Local Economy,  
Housing & Development,  
Facilities & Infrastructure, and  
Transport.

### What is the next stage?

The Focus Groups are each drafting the vision and objectives for the town in the relevant area, which will then be collated before being published as part of a public consultation.

The Steering Group will assess all potential sites across the town against criteria before considering whether to include them in the Plan.

### Interested in getting involved with the Neighbourhood Plan for Seaford?

The Neighbourhood plan team for Seaford is making a plea for community minded individuals to come forward and donate some time to help shape the future of the town. Contact the Steering Group on [seafordnp@gmail.com](mailto:seafordnp@gmail.com) if you are interested in finding out more and helping make a difference to our town.

### Logo Competition

The Steering Group held a competition for the design of the Neighbourhood Plan logo.

The winning entry was submitted by Jacob Attard from St John's School in Seaford; as depicted above.

### More Information:

The Steering Group has created a Facebook Group which can be found by searching 'Seaford Town Neighbourhood Plan' on Facebook; join the group to stay up to date with developments.

You can also visit the Group's website at [www.seafordnp.uk/index.php](http://www.seafordnp.uk/index.php) for regular updates on the progress of the Plan.

The Steering Group can be contacted by email at [seafordnp@gmail.com](mailto:seafordnp@gmail.com)



# South Hill Barn Café

Seaford Town Council was thrilled to announce in August that it has arranged for a mobile kiosk is at South Hill Barn Car Park in response to public feedback.

Ed and Jane, a local couple, who own and run the Cafe are very enthusiastic about the venture and are full of new ideas. They will be offer hot and cold drinks, cold snacks and light food items, occasional hot snacks, ice cream and locally sourced hand crafts.

They are very keen that the kiosk will play an important role in supporting the protection of the site and informing its visitors and not simply be an attraction; the sensitive habitats will remain the centre stage. The kiosk will be sympathetic to the location and in-keeping with its surroundings being a more traditional style.

The food on offer is freshly prepared, with primarily vegetarian, gluten-free and vegan options, all designed to be eaten with one hand whilst on the move! For those wishing to stop and have a rest break however, tables and chairs will always be available. Feedback from visitors so far has been very positive, with many saying this is exactly what was needed at South Hill Barn.

The site always receives a lot of footfall whether it be walkers, dog walkers, tourists or car drivers using Seaford Town Council's free car park. South Hill Barn is a gateway to the Coastguard Cottages with their world famous view of the Seven Sisters, the Local Nature Reserve, walks down to the beach and along Cuckmere Valley and circular walks to Seaford Head. Parking is free at South Hill Barn Car Park; the nearest post code for navigation is BN25 4JQ. There is also now a portable toilet on site for customers of the Kiosk.

The kiosk will be in operation seven days a week during the summer months, primarily between 10am and 4pm, but this may be subject to change. Winter months will be reduced hours but remaining open at weekends, usually between 10am and 3pm. You can follow the concession on Facebook under South Hill Barn Café.

Why not come along and see what they have to offer whilst enjoying the walks, views, wildlife and history the site has to give?





# Public Meetings

All Council and Committee meetings are open for members of the public to come along and watch the proceedings or even get involved in if you have a point you wish to raise (providing it is relating to an item on the agenda). You do not need to inform the Council before you attend, please just come along and watch your local Town Council in action.

## Further Information?

All agendas, reports and minutes of meetings are available on the Council's website at [www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Minutes-amp3b-Agendas.aspx](http://www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk/Minutes-amp3b-Agendas.aspx) or if you're not able to make a Council or Committee meeting, don't forget that the videos of meetings are available on the Council's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) (search Seaford Town Council).



## When and Where?

All meetings are held at 7.00pm in the Council Chambers at 37 Church Street, except the Golf & The View Committee meetings that are held at The View at Seaford Head Golf Course. The dates of the meetings are set out below:

### November

Thurs 3 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 10 - Council

Thurs 17 - Community Services

Thurs 24 - Planning & Highways

Tues 29 - Golf & The View

### December

Thurs 8 - Finance

Thurs 15 - Planning & Highways

### January

Mon 9 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 26 - Council

### February

Thurs 2 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 9 - Community Services

Thurs 23 - Planning & Highways

Tues 28 - Golf & The View

### March

Thurs 16 - Planning & Highways

Tues 23 - Finance

### April

Thurs 6 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 20 - Council

Thurs 27 - Planning & Highways

### May

Thurs 4 - Community Services

Thurs 11 - Planning & Highways

Thurs 18 - Annual Meeting

The meeting timetable for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year (May 2017 to May 2018) will be adopted at the Council meeting on 10th November and published shortly afterwards.

# SEAFORD CHRISTMAS MAGIC



**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER 2016**

**10am - 6pm**

**[www.seafordxmasmagic.uk](http://www.seafordxmasmagic.uk)**

**Santa**  
**Fun**  
**Rides**  
**Fun-Fair**  
**Entertainment**  
**Magical**  
**Lantern-Parade**  
**Carols**  
**Grotto**  
**Performers**  
**Market**

For further information, market stalls and sponsorship opportunities please contact

[admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:admin@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk) or 01323894870.



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