

CROUCH *Gardens*



Crouch Gardens, known locally as 'the Crouch', was the site of a medieval market until at least 1712. From the early 1800s Crouch House stood in one corner of the park until 1930 when it was sold to the council. The house was demolished in 1967. The park was requisitioned for allotments in both world wars and as a designated gas decontamination centre in WW2. It played host to

Seaford's annual Donkey Derby until the event outgrew the venue and moved to the Martello Fields.

The park has been home to the Crouch Bowls Club since 1935, and Seaford Town Football Club since the early 1900s. Today the gardens are owned by Seaford Town Council and exist for the recreation and enjoyment of all Seaford's communities and visitors.

More information on the history of Crouch Gardens can be found at Seaford Museum, in the Martello Tower.

www.seafordmuseum.co.uk



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The Exchange Project

From a derelict site in 2007, volunteers of all ages, abilities and gardening experience created and now maintain a garden with a Mediterranean corner, wildlife pond, a children's play area and a wide variety of organic fruit and vegetables. Visitors are welcome every Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm and at special events throughout the year.
www.exchangeproject.org.uk



The Peace Garden

This quiet corner of the Crouch was created by Seaford Quakers in partnership with Seaford Town Council. It reflects the longstanding Quaker commitment to peace and provides a space for meditation and contemplation, with inspirational letter-carvings and a peace statue as its focal point.
www.seafordquakers.org.uk



Crouch Bowling Club

Ours is a friendly mixed club and has around 100 playing members. Bowls can be played by anyone of all ages and abilities. The club has internal competitions and also plays in many of the local, county and national competitions and leagues, with many 'Friendlies' against other clubs. New members are always welcome. Open May to September. Free coaching on request.
www.seafordcrouchbowlingclub.co.uk



Seaford Town Football Club

Ours is the long-standing primary footballing club in Seaford. Our history in Crouch Gardens goes back well over a hundred years, and our club remains typical of local Premier League football: keen players, enthusiastic supporters and dedicated officials. The ground is floodlit and boasts a new 108-seat stand and a clubhouse.
www.stfc.co.uk



The Children's Playground

The new children's playground was installed in 2010 as a joint project by Seaford Town Council and Lewes District Council. Seaford Town Council is responsible for the upkeep of a number of areas in the town, including Crouch Gardens. Telephone enquiries: 01323 894870.
www.seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk



Mercread Youth Centre

Our new, exciting Youth Centre reopened this year with facilities including a multi-use sports hall, two other large rooms, and a fully equipped training kitchen. We aim to provide activities for all Seaford's young people and we let space to other community groups. We open daily for clubs and will do our best to make whatever you want happen. Telephone: 07432461670
Website in production



Friends of the Crouch

FOTC was started in 2009 by a group of local people who wanted to celebrate this lovely little park, and use it to its full potential as a community space. With the support of Seaford Town Council, FOTC hosts regular open-air theatre performances in the park, and collaborates with *Seaford Live* to stage live music. FOTC has planted five rare Sussex apple trees, and participates with the Exchange Project and Seaford Family Focus Group on the much-loved annual Pumpkin Party and children's lantern parade. To see what's happening in the park, check the notice board on the football clubhouse.
www.seaford-sussex.co.uk/fotc



Finding Crouch Gardens

