



Crowborough News

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Work Begins On Summersales



Summersales was acquired in 2009 by the Council and will provide a new cemetery for Crowborough. Planning permission was granted in 2013 and the 14 acre piece of land has been subject to extensive ecological and geological surveys.

A working party has been established to consider the layout of the site which is expected to accommodate both traditional and natural burial areas. Future plans also include a Contemplation building.

Summersales is situated on London Road and construction began in September 2015 to create the car park and entrance. Work is now under way to provide an internal road which will lead to the planned Contemplation building.



Public Views Sought on Library Opening Hours Plan



Residents are being asked for their views on possible changes to the opening hours of East Sussex Libraries.

The County Council is proposing to reduce opening hours across all 24 libraries by around 25 per cent on average, in a bid to reduce library running costs by around £500,000. This would help towards the library service's target of £2million over the next three years.

The consultation started on Monday 11th January and residents have 12 weeks to tell the authority how they use libraries and the impact the proposed changes would have on them.

Library opening times will continue to vary from place to place to meet local needs, but it is proposed that all libraries in East Sussex will generally not open before 10.00am or after 5pm. However, libraries that currently open later than 5.30pm would retain one evening opening until 6pm, whilst those open on a Saturday, will continue to do so.

The proposal has been developed using data collected from across the library service which shows that 85 per cent of visits to libraries, use of library computers and wifi, renewals and returns take place between 10.00am and 5pm.

'It's really important that residents tell us what they think', said Cllr Chris Dowling, lead member for community services 'A great deal of consideration has been given to how people use the libraries across East Sussex, usage of library buildings after 5pm is very low and therefore reducing opening hours at quieter times has been the focus

of our proposals. However, closing libraries at quieter times alone will not achieve the savings we need to make.

With the further changes to opening hours we are proposing in this consultation, we believe we can make the required savings and continue to provide a comprehensive library service across the country. These are very much draft proposals and, while we have worked hard to get the right proposals for each library, we would like to hear if local communities feel that alternative patterns of opening would better suit local needs. We would also welcome alternative proposals that would help us achieve the savings we need to make.

No changes will be made to the e-library service, which allows members to access e-books and e-audiobooks and a range of free online reference material 24 hours a day. Members and non-member will still be able to make enquiries online or by phone 24 hours a day.

The proposals are part of a wider transformation programme for the County's libraries, which cabinet approved in December. They will make sure that the council can respond to the changing need for library services and ensure East Sussex has a modern and sustainable service into the future

To comment on the proposals, residents can visit: www.eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay or pick up a questionnaire form their local library.

The consultation ends on:
SUNDAY APRIL 3rd

Crowborough Heritage Group



The Heritage Display Cabinet at the Crowborough Community Centre will have a new display theme every two months. The themes for 2016 will

be as follows:

January/February: Conan Doyle Trust

March/April: Local Crafts and traditions

May/June: 50th Anniversary of the Twinning of Crowborough with Montargis

July/August: Farming and tools

November/December: Retro Christmas and Pantomimes

Anyone who would like to lend items for display please contact Elizabeth Farmor em@fermor.me.uk or Linn Law rainbow@linn-law.co.uk

Clean For The Queen Campaign

Help tidy up Crowborough by getting involved in the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign.

The scheme, scheduled for the weekend of March 4-6th aims to give communities a tidy up ahead of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday.

Cllr Greg Rose said "Clean for the Queen is going to be a wonderful weekend of community spirit, where groups or individuals can take pride in their local area by giving it a quick spruce. Whether it's just the verge outside your house or a larger local public space it's a prime opportunity to take time out to enjoy the outdoors and keep Crowborough litter free and looking lovely."

A nationwide initiative, the aim is to inspire people to take action and spend a few hours litter-picking to make the places we live more beautiful.

To register your interest please email:
info@crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk



CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

CROWBOROUGH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given that this meeting will be held in the
All Saints Church Centre, Chapel Green, Crowborough.
on

Wednesday, 6th April 2016 at 7.30 pm

This is a meeting of local government electors of Crowborough at which matters of interest will be discussed.

Notice of which should be addressed to me at the
Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough TN6 1DA prior to the meeting.

Please join me and other Councillors from 6.45 pm

Cllr Ron Reed – Town Mayor

Who's Responsible for?

A guide to which Council or authority is responsible for many of the day to day services within the Crowborough area.

Service / Activity	Responsibility	Telephone
Allotments	Crowborough Town Council	01892 652907
Amenity Areas	Crowborough Town Council	01892 652907
Bins & Household Recycling	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Blue Badge (Disabled Drivers)	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080191
Bonfire Complaints	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Building Regulations	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Bus Passes	East Sussex County Council	0300 330 9471
Bus Shelters	Crowborough Town Council	01892 652907
Car Parks	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Cemetery	Crowborough Town Council	01892 652907
Children's Play Area	Crowborough Town Council	01892 652907
Council Tax	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Dog Bins:		
- Provision of	Crowborough Town Council	01892 652907
- Emptying of	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Drains	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
Education	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080190
Elections	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Electoral Roll	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Environmental Health	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Footpaths and Bridleways		
- Maintenance of:	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
- Cleaning of:	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Fire & Rescue (non-emergency)	East Sussex Fire & Rescue	0303 999 1000
Grass Cutting and verges	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
Grit Bins	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
Highways	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080193

Who's Responsible for? Continued

Service / Activity	Responsibility	Telephone
Household Waste Collections (including bulky items)	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Household Waste & Recycling Sites	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080190
Housing	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Leisure Centre	Freedom Leisure	01892 665488
Library	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080196
Lighting Repairs	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
Overhanging trees/shrubs	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
Noise complaints	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Planning & Development	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Playing Fields	Crowborough Town Council	01892 652907
Police (non-emergency)		101
Pot Holes - in roads or pavements	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
Public cleaning	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Recreation Grounds	Crowborough Town Council	01892 652907
Recycling Sites	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080190
Refuse Collection	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Registration Services: Crowborough Births, Deaths & Marriages	East Sussex County Council	Direct Line 01892 653803
Schools	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080190
Social Services	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080190
Street Cleaning	Wealden District Council	01323 443322
Street Lighting	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
Trading Standards	East Sussex County Council	0345 6080190
Trees		
- Overhanging or Fallen:	ESCC Highways	0345 6080193
- Preservation of:	Wealden District Council	01323 443322

Your new Councillors

Cllr Alan Penney - North Ward

I put myself forward to be an elected member of Crowborough Town Council because I believe that I can play some part in seeing that Crowborough prospers and grows in all ways possible; to serve my neighbours, my neighbourhood and support those organisations that seek to provide help where it is needed. I believe in being active and involved in local organisations that support people, of all ages, and the environment; rather than sit back and pontificate.

My aims are to work with other councillors as a team to advance the prosperity and wellbeing of Crowborough and those that live and work in the Town. To protect our rich heritage and to see us move forward so that all of our citizens and commercial enterprises can achieve their full potential.

As well as being involved in many of the standing committees I represent Crowborough Town Council on the steering groups of Wealdlink and Fairtrade. Crowborough became a Fairtrade town in 2008 to facilitate the promotion and purchase of products with the Fairtrade Mark, which encourages sustainable development and gives producers a fair deal. Crowborough Town Council actively supports the awareness of the benefits of choosing to buy products bearing the Fairtrade Mark.

My family and I moved to Crowborough in 1995 as we saw the town as ideally placed to enable us to be closer to nature but with all the facilities we needed. My wife works part time for a local accountancy company and I have had part time posts which have included working as a site manager at Herne School and at Pine Grove following my 'first retirement' from my career in telecommunications. Past voluntary positions have included assistant scout leader 8th Tonbridge (Hildenborough) and Chairman of St John's Ambulance Combined Cadet Support Committee for Tunbridge Wells.

Starting as an engineering apprentice I worked for BT plc involved in Regulatory and Approval Standards, the British Approval Board for Telecommunications, the Office of the Telecommunications Regulator and Swedish Telecommunications.

I had the honour of representing the United Kingdom in Europe and North America on Telecommunications Regulation and Standards issues.

As well as being a member of Crowborough Community Church I support Hospice in the Weald, The Red Cross and Kit Wilson Animal Sanctuary.



Your new Councillors

Cllr David Neeves - Jarvis Brook

I moved to Jarvis Brook in 2000 having lived all my life in Tunbridge Wells. I have been happily married for 19 years and our children attended local schools with the youngest still at Beacon Community College.

After serving nine years with the AA and working very tiring shifts, I now drive a lorry for a national, well recognised bakery in Paddock Wood. Although my working day starts at 3.00am I can still devote the time and effort needed to serve my community.

I am passionate about any project that aims to improve the local community and am involved in three major community based projects. I am an active responder with Crowborough Community First Responders and I am also a trustee for the charity. We attend 999 calls for the ambulance service if an ambulance is a distance away. We carry a large amount of kit from bandages to a defibrillator and oxygen and provide lifesaving treatment for patients who need it.

I have recently been voted secretary of Jarvis Brook Residents Association. This active group seeks to improve the area for residents and have succeeded in many projects. As secretary I will seek to carry on the work started by my predecessor.

Another community project that I am involved in is the building of a community centre for Jarvis Brook. As a councillor I feel it is important to be involved in such a vital local service that will benefit, not just the residents of Jarvis Brook, but the whole of Crowborough.

I look forward to serving my community and helping to improve both work and personal life in Jarvis Brook.



Crowborough Town Councillors (by Ward)

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East Ward	ELLEFSEN Peter <i>(Independent)</i>	St Martin's Cottage, Western Road, Crowborough TN6 3EH cllr@ellefsen.uk	653965
East Ward	LARKIN David <i>(Independent)</i>	The Old Cottage, Lewes Road, Laughton, BN8 6BQ davidlarkin@btinternet.com	01323 811870
East Ward	ROSE Greg <i>(Conservative)</i>	Hollies, Fermor Road, Crowborough TN6 3AP cllrgregrose@yahoo.co.uk	07515 884301
East Ward	TIMMS Sandra <i>(Conservative)</i>	Malens, Beacon Gardens, Crowborough TN6 1BG sandra.timms@btconnect.com	654989
Jarvis Brook	MOSS George <i>(Conservative)</i>	The Pippins, Eridge Road, Crowborough TN6 2SY georgemoss@hotmail.com	654201
Jarvis Brook	NEEVES David <i>(Independent)</i>	95 Forest Rise, Crowborough TN6 2EP cldrdauidn@yahoo.co.uk	663456 07833 692948
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North Ward	PENNEY Alan <i>(Independent)</i>	Sparken Lodge, Mill Drive, Crowborough TN6 2RR afpenney@mail.com	662565
North Ward	REED Ronald <i>(Conservative)</i>	3 Southridge Rise, Crowborough TN6 1LN Ronaldreedr@aol.com	663532
North Ward	WALLER Neil <i>(Conservative)</i>	94 Fermor Way, Crowborough TN6 3BJ Cllr.neil.waller@wealden.gov.uk	662435
St Johns	MOSS Kay <i>(Conservative)</i>	The Pippins, Eridge Road, Crowborough TN6 2SY kayjmoss@msn.com	654201
St Johns	ROGERS Heather <i>(Independent)</i>	Rannoch House, Rannoch Road West, Crowborough TN6 1RF heatherrogers2@gmail.com	661732
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West Ward	BURCH Quentin <i>(Conservative)</i>	South View Cottage, South View Road, Crow- borough TN6 1HL QuentinBurch08@aol.com	07876 501539
West Ward	SCRACE Wendy <i>(Independent)</i>	Greystones, 4 Swift Close, Crowborough TN6 1UN Wendy.Scrace@btinternet.com	07929 840724
West Ward	STREET Matthew <i>(Conservative)</i>	Westfield Lodge, Hilders Farm Close, Crowbor- ough TN6 2XJ matthewstreet@talktalk.net	660141

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