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## New for 2023

### PUMP TRACK AT GOLDSMITHS

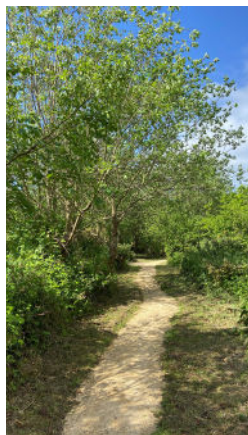


Summer 2023 saw the opening of our brand new children's pump track at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground. The track is designed for children and young people of all skill levels, whether they are looking for somewhere to gently roll around or to practice something more adventurous. Riders can enjoy practicing basic skills of carrying momentum, improving balance, and building speed as they use their arms and legs to 'pump' their bike, board or scooter around the track. As they improve they can even try out some more advanced skills!

The track was officially opened by the Mayor, Cllr Matthew Street, during the council's Summer Fair and he even had a quick go himself! This wonderful new addition is already proving a huge hit with many local children who can be seen whizzing up and down over the track's ridges and dips. If you haven't yet tried it out, why not take a trip to Goldsmiths over the next few months? You can find the pump track situated behind the leisure centre, alongside the playpark. It is also right next to the Brew Box

café, so you can enjoy a drink or a snack whilst your little ones tire themselves out practising their cycling or scooting skills!

### POCKET PARK



This year the council also opened its Pocket Park. The park is a small nature reserve which can be accessed on foot via Chequers Way, Chequers Close footpath or the Poundfield Path (the public footpath which runs alongside Sir Henry Fermor CE School and Beacon Academy).

The Pocket park has seen the re-wilding of the old tennis courts and surrounding area. The park features a small circular walk with gravel paths, pond area and picnic benches. It is the perfect size for a short stroll, and we hope that this area will become the home to many different species of wildlife over the upcoming years.



## Meet our new councillors

In June the council welcomed four new members – Cllr Jane Clark (Central Ward), Cllrs Beverley Pashley and Simon Ryder (Jarvis Brook Ward) and Cllr David Hedges (North Ward). You can find out a bit more about them below.



**Cllr Jane Clark** (*Liberal Democrat*)

It is an honour to have been elected to both Crowborough Town Council and Wealden District Council to represent Crowborough Central ward at the May 2023 elections. On Crowborough Town Council, I sit on the Environment Committee and also on the Sports and Recreation Committee. I have been trying to attend as many meetings as I can to get a feel for the work the Town Council is doing. I have attended a tour of the Town Council's assets and will be attending another which has been arranged later this month.

I have lived at Stone Cross since June 1987. We moved in a few months before the great storm. We lost some 35 trees that night! My children (now adults) attended Beacon. My son's eldest daughter has just started at Beacon after having had a wonderful time at Fermor School. My daughter now lives in Tunbridge Wells with her family. We have four grandchildren ranging in ages from 13 to 9. We are lucky enough to have been able to have been part of their lives so far!

My husband ran an IT business in Crowborough, firstly at the Old Ambulance Station, then at offices near to the station and finally in Whitehill Road. We worked closely with Beacon, offering work experience and career opportunities for school leavers and graduates. Like all parents I was on various PTAs and for many years a school governor.

I have a wide range of interests from travel, reading, conservation of the natural environment and retaining the quality built environment. I would like to see more safe cycling opportunities around the Town. I am currently looking at parking issues and the conservation area.

**Cllr David Hedges** (*Independent*)

I was born in 1941 at Newhaven. I attended school in Newhaven, leaving at the age of 15 to become an apprentice Blacksmith for six years. At the age of 21 I married Veronica and we lived in Seaford, where our son David was born. At the age of 23 I joined the old East Sussex Constabulary. After spending 3 months intensive training at a training school I was posted to Crowborough, where our second son Ian was born at Crowborough Hospital. Shortly, after his birth, I was posted to Burwash to become the Village "Bobby" where I remained as such for 16 years and as village policemen were being phased out I was posted to Crowborough.

My daughter Sarah was born shortly before I arrived at Crowborough and not long after that I resigned from the Police force to start my own business as the Village blacksmith in Burwash where I was also voted to become a Parish Councillor. I became the Chairman after 2 years and remained in that office for 13 years. I am now retired.



*Meet our new councillors continued...*



**Cllr Beverley Pashley** (*Independent*)

After Art College where I trained as a graphic designer, I worked in London as a Creative in the Advertising Industry.

Disillusioned with London I moved to Coventry and worked in Financial Services, which led to a move to the Home Counties where I became a Business Development Consultant.

My family and I moved to Crowborough in 2006 and I felt right at home as the town reminded me so much of my home town in North Yorkshire.

I have worked with children in both preschools and schools and set up the voluntary group Artytime in 2014 to encourage people of all age groups to get involved in arts and craft. As an Artytime volunteer, I am currently supporting the young people of Crowborough by helping set up a youth club and finding funding for the community funded JB skate park project.

I consider myself a people person and like to get involved in projects that help others. Becoming a Councillor for Crowborough's Jarvis Brook ward will enable me to represent the local people and hear their ideas for the future of Crowborough to make it an even better place to live.

**Cllr Simon Ryder** (*Independent*)

I have been a resident in Crowbrough since 2016 and until last year was a resident in Jarvis Brook. I have 4 children, from primary school age all the way up to college and beyond.

My youngest daughter attends Jarvis Brook School and I am an active participant in Jarvis Brook life.

My background is as an audio engineer and acoustician, working predominantly in the live events sector (festivals, concerts and touring) and have worked in this area for over 25 years.

I am the director of two limited companies, one based in Crowborough and the other based in Crawley.





# FIREWORKS



Free  
event!

**SATURDAY 4TH  
NOVEMBER**

**GOLDSMITHS RECREATION GROUND**

**Gates open 6.00pm  
Display starts 7.30pm**



**THURSDAY  
7TH DECEMBER 2023**

**7.30 PM**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHAPEL GREEN**



# CHRISTMAS FAIR

24TH NOVEMBER

From 4pm

High Street Crowborough

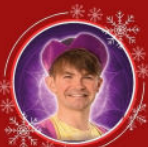
FREE  
EVENT

- ❄️ LIVE MUSIC
- ❄️ FOOD & DRINK
- ❄️ STALLS
- ❄️ SANTA'S GROTTO
- ❄️ LAND TRAIN
- ❄️ GIFTS & MORE !

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS  
SWITCH ON

at 6pm

with CBBC's  
Stewart McCheyne



## The Crowborough Civic Award

The Crowborough Town Council Civic Award scheme is designed to recognise and celebrate members of the community who have made their mark on Crowborough. This could be someone who has worked selflessly for others in our community or someone who has bought credit to our town.

### CATEGORIES OF AWARD

There are 6 categories of award:

1. **YOUNG CITIZEN** – a young person under 21 who has made a significant contribution to the residents of Crowborough, achieving success and/or overcome personal difficulties.
2. **CITIZEN** – A resident who lives or works in Crowborough who has made a significant contribution (social or environmental) to the residents of Crowborough, above and beyond the call of duty, or achieved local business success, or has overcome personal difficulties.
3. **SPORTS & CULTURE** – A person who has excelled at sport, the arts & culture, or entertainment, which has bought credit to them and / or Crowborough.

4. **MAYOR'S AWARD** – This award would be given to anyone for a specific single action of bravery or courage or someone who has overcome exceptional difficulties.

5. **LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT** – A person who has gone the extra mile in the course of their paid duties or voluntary work and has provided exceptional service and lifelong dedication.

6. **VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION** – A body or charity that has consistently given an outstanding service for the well-being of the community or the benefit of the Town's residents.

### NOMINATION PROCESS

Nominations can be made by either members of the public or councillors, and all nominations are considered by the Communication & Events Committee. Full details about how to apply are included in the council's Civic Awards Policy which is available on our website ([www.crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk)) or by emailing [info@crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@crowboroughtowncouncil.gov.uk).



*Sewing Crow-Bees  
receiving their Civic  
Award in June 2023*



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South West	PENNEY Alan (Independent)	Sparken Lodge, Mill Drive, TN6 2RR cllr.alan.penney@crowboughtowncouncil.gov.uk	H 662565
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