



**Littlehampton  
Town Council**



#### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Well, this is the last Progress for my Mayoral Year. I know that it is said that time flies when you are having fun – and it really does. I cannot believe that in only a few short months my term of office will be over. I think that they will have to prise the Chain of Office from me! It has been such an honour to have been your Mayor. To everyone I have met: thank you for your support.

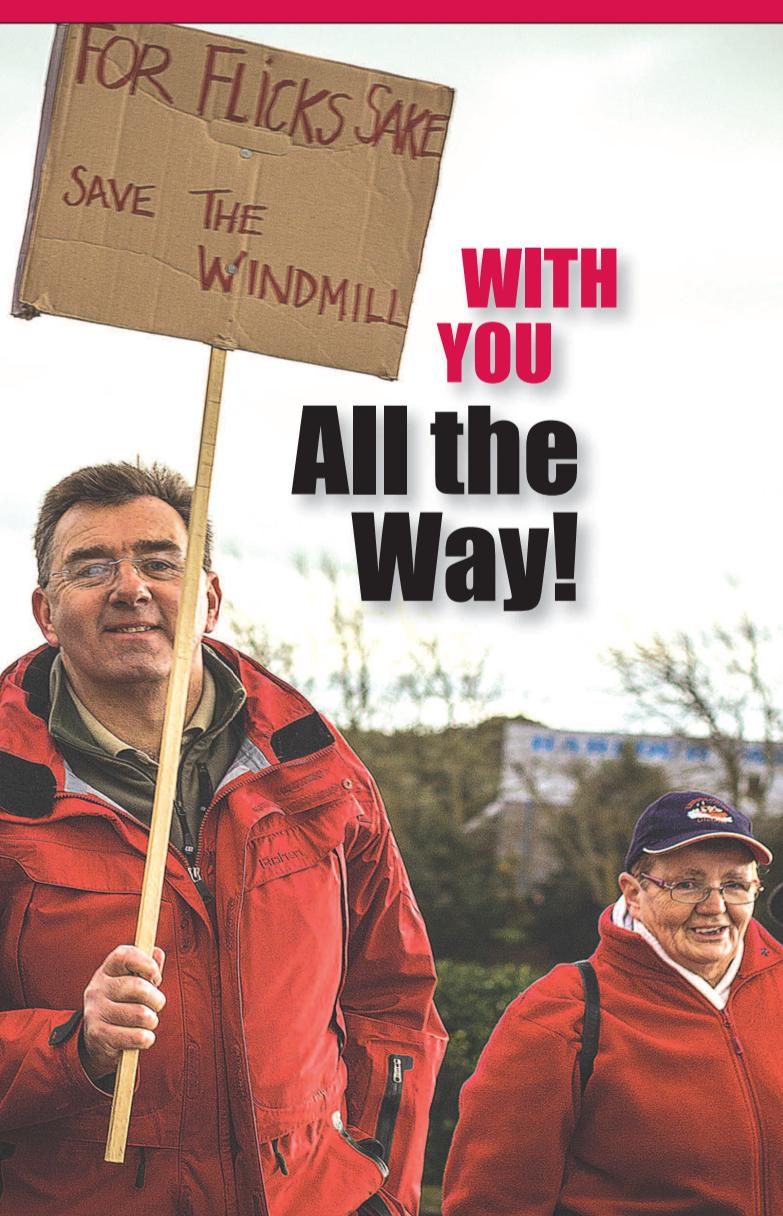
We do have some issues to deal with during this year and I will do all I can to maintain all our leisure facilities within our Town. It would be nice to see facilities not only maintained but refurbished, and the Town Council are committed to this end.

Although a little late, I wish everyone a great 2013. Let's make it a year that we remember – for all the right reasons. ●

With warm wishes, Councillor Emma Neno, Town Mayor



Mayor's most memorable day in service: celebrating the Diamond Jubilee with hundreds of residents at our concert on the green in August 2012.



# Progress

AWARD WINNING NEWSLETTER Spring 2013 Edition



## We Love it When a Plan Comes Together



Have you viewed the draft NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN yet?  
If not, why not?

Your chance to shape the future of our town, the objective of the Plan is to decide local planning policies based upon the views of residents. [CONTINUES ON PAGE 2](#)

## LTC JOINS RESIDENTS IN FIGHT AGAINST ATTACK ON LEISURE FACILITIES



Proposals to close the swimming centre and rebuild it in the north of the town have left residents extremely wary. Following the demolition and failure to rebuild Littlehampton's hospital, any threats to current facilities in the town are distressing for the community.

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### CONTINUES FROM COVER: We Love it When a Plan Comes Together

After months of gathering evidence and talking to people across the town, LTC is now ready to publish the first draft of the Plan, with the full document available online from the **11th March**. Residents will also be sent a summary document direct to their households.

A six week consultation period will follow and we would **really** like to hear your views. The Steering Group, led by Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee, Councillor Jill Long, will then consider any proposed amendments, aiming to have the final Plan ready for submission by the end of May. Townspeople can vote on the entire Plan during a public referendum at the start of Autumn. **Your view counts!** ●

[View the document and leave feedback at www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan](http://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan)



Protesting residents, lead by the Civic Society and the East Beach Residents' Association amongst others, have twice marched against the cuts recently, angry about both the proposed relocating of the swimming centre and the decision to reduce funding for The Windmill, leading to the closure of the cinema.

In February the District Council's Cabinet recommended an upgrade of the existing leisure centre facilities, keeping them ticking over for the next seven years while a larger leisure centre, geared up to meeting the needs of future generations, is proposed elsewhere in the Town; but not, confirmed ADC, at the Littlehampton Academy site.

As for the Windmill Theatre, Arun's Cabinet recommended working with their leisure contractor and user groups to find a suitable space for the town's talented amateur performers that is fit for purpose and requires fewer subsidies by ADC. Sites might include a redeveloped St Martin's car park, the existing site or elsewhere.

Concerned that significant long term investment is needed to safeguard the theatre for community use, LTC is worried that community groups are unlikely to have the resources to maintain the Theatre, and is keen to look at other ways that the Theatre/Cinema can remain open to the public. One idea being put forward by the community is to sustain a cinema in the town. Residents are looking at a volunteer-led Cinema Club and once they have a viable model will be discussing this with LTC and others for potential funding support.

Speaking about the proposals Beach Ward Councillor Jill Long said: "The strength of feeling shown by local residents concerning the proposals in the draft Strategy has been growing. When discussing the future of the swimming centre and Windmill Theatre, the District Council must acknowledge the views and aspirations of our townspeople and appreciate just how important such facilities are to the town now and in years to come."

River Ward Councillor Malcolm Belchamber MBE feels that the District Council has not listened to the public, he said: "It seems to be a case of 'yes, Minister' which is not satisfactory. LTC will continue to do everything it possibly can to support the community."

The Cabinet's preferred option for the leisure facilities will now be presented for approval at ADC's Full Council on the 20th March. For regular updates on this subject please visit [www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk) ●



## Dedicated Regeneration

### A DEDICATED LITTLEHAMPTON REGENERATION OFFICER WILL BE APPOINTED

to work with Arun District Council, the town and the traders.

The new full time post will be funded for four and a half years and was due to be advertised in mid-February 2013. Anthony Everitt, Arun's Senior Economic Development Officer, said:

"The Littlehampton Regeneration Officer will help to deliver improvements to Littlehampton Town Centre to make sure it remains an attractive place to visit and shop which is increasingly important with out of town retail and online retail options."

Funding for the post will come from a Section 106 Agreement with Sainsbury's for its Rustington store development. Simon Vickers, Chairman of Littlehampton Traders Partnership, said: "We welcome the creation of this new post and the opportunity for traders and the town centre to be involved in the exciting new regeneration plans."

So while other towns are seeing investment in regeneration being cut, Littlehampton is bucking the trend; continuing to fly the flag for our town and its traders, but without it costing residents a penny. ●

## Littlehampton Town Council BUDGET 2013/14



DEMOCRATIC  
REPRESENTATION  
& MANAGEMENT

**15.5%**



TOWN CENTRE  
MANAGEMENT

**7%**

COMMUNITY  
GRANTS &  
PARTNERSHIP  
INITIATIVES

**5%**



PLANNING AND  
ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT

**3%**

CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT

**10%**



MANOR HOUSE

**4%**



STREET  
LIGHTING

**0.5%**



PUBLIC  
CONVENIENCE

**4%**



COMMUNITY  
CENTRES

**13%**



COMMUNITY  
ARTS, EVENTS  
& TOURISM

**12%**



PARKS AND  
OPEN SPACES

**5%**



PROJECT 82

**8%**



MUSEUM

**11%**



ALLOTMENTS

**2%**

Total Budgeted Revenue Expenditure £ 1,177,725

Total Budgeted Income £ 79,400

Net Budgeted Revenue Expenditure £ 1,098,325

FINANCED BY:	Precept	£ 886,130
	Reserves	£ 65,030
	Grant	£ 147,165

£ 1,098,325

Band D Council Tax 2013/14	106.93
Increase in Band D Tax	2.42%



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Cllr Alan Gammon,  
Chair of the Allotment  
Working Group with  
allotment holder  
Mark Chittenden



## Dig for Fitness Victory

### OUR ALLOTMENTS NEED YOU!

Tucking into something you've grown yourself is a taste that's hard to beat, and if you have an allotment you can grow your own to your heart's content.

As well as being an inexpensive way of keeping your fruit bowl, salad draw and veg rack well stocked, tending an allotment is also a great form of gentle exercise and the perfect place to escape from the stresses and strains of modern life.

As part of its commitment to improving the quality of life for Littlehampton residents the Town Council maintains five Allotment Sites in the town, all of which provide access to an on-site water source. Rental fees start from as little as £35 per year.

For more information visit [www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk) or call us on 01903 732063. To qualify you must live in the Littlehampton Parish boundary.

Get in touch today and make it a greener, more peaceful and healthier 2013! ●



## What's On...



Fossil Hunting at West Beach



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## Horticultural Heroes

### Littlehampton Gardens & Allotments Competition in partnership with Ferring Nurseries

Littlehampton gardeners and residents are being urged to get their hands dirty and keep their eyes open as the hunt for the town's green-fingered champions gets underway for 2013.

Children are also being encouraged to participate by taking part in the quest to grow the 'Tallest Sunflower,' with the Council offering seeds to the first 100 Littlehampton families to apply at their offices in Church Street from March. Sunflower plants will need to be over 1 metre high in order to qualify and the winner will receive a prize worth up to £50.

And don't be shy! As well as nominating a neighbour or friend, you can also nominate yourself! The only criteria is that nominees must reside within the BN17 postcode. (The closing date is 28th June)

Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

- FRONT GARDEN
- BACK GARDEN
- COMMUNAL GARDEN
- PATIO GARDEN
- COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL FRONTAGES
- KITCHEN GARDEN Sponsored by F A Holland & Son
- ALLOTMENT (INCLUDING BEST CROP)
- TALLEST SUNFLOWER Sponsored by F A Holland & Son
- BEST NEW ENTRANT Sponsored by Towing Spare
- BEST INFANT/JUNIOR SCHOOL
- BEST NEW ALLOTMENT Allotments taken on after January 2012 will be entered automatically.

Winners and runners-up will receive prizes from new competition sponsor Ferring Nurseries.

Entry forms will be available from 2nd April from LTC's offices or they can be completed online on the Council's website: [www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk) ●

## Absolutely Battered!

The annual Charity Pancake Olympics were, as ever, flipping good fun.



Held on Saturday 9th February in the High Street, the rain didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the 75 Olympians who brandished their pans, each determined to raise money for charity. Supported by Sainsbury's and Tesco Littlehampton, this year big prizes were awarded to the top three teams. The Martlets Care Home team, Barn Owl, were crowned champions receiving the coveted Gold Frying Pan and a cheque for £100 to fund activities for service users at the care home. The silver frying pan and cheque for £25 went to Walberton based charity Self Unlimited while local charity Raydar received the bronze frying pan and a cheque for £25. ●

### Like being outdoors?

How would you like to spend summer as a member of the 'A Team'?

### AMENITY TEAM ASSISTANTS

are being recruited for the summer months.

Are you physically fit? Would you like to earn some extra money over the summer whilst being part of the team behind some of Littlehampton's biggest events?

A series of weekend work is available between May and September on an ad-hoc basis. £8.00 per hour (£12 per hour Saturdays/£16.00 per hour Sundays).

If you are 18+ and interested in becoming part of the team please contact the Town Council on 01903 732063 or visit [www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk) ●

### NEWS UPDATES

LTC has written to ADC opposing the planning application for phase 1 of the development on the COURTWICK SITE as the proposals were deemed unsuitable for the town. For updates on the application (reference LU/282/12) visit: [www.arun.gov.uk/planning](http://www.arun.gov.uk/planning)

LTC has completed the sale of the strip of ALLOTMENT LAND, previously agreed by the Council, to make way for the extension of the Fitzalan Road link with the North of Littlehampton.

New allotment sites will be available soon. ●

## EVENT'S GUIDE SPRING 2013

### At Project 82

Offering fun, activities, advice and support, P82 has plenty going on for young people in Littlehampton. Check out these session times and come and see us soon. Your first session is FREE.

#### YOUTH CLUB EVENING SESSIONS 50p

Inters age 10 to 13 Mondays & Tuesdays 6 to 8pm

Seniors age 14 to 18 Wednesdays & Thursdays 7 to 9pm

#### INFO SHOP AFTERNOON SESSION FREE

age 10 to 25 Wednesdays 3.30 to 5.30pm

#### PROJECT 82 @ SOUTHFIELDS FREE

age 11 to 18 Tuesday 7 to 9pm

Come along to Project 82, we're at 82 Wick Street, Wick, Littlehampton BN17 7JS or get in touch by email [project82@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:project82@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk) or Twitter @Project\_82 or call 01903 739250



## EVENT'S GUIDE SPRING 2013

### Easter Activities

An array of family-friendly activities will be taking place in the Town this Easter.

#### Reopening of the Littlehampton River Ferry

Friday 29th March. For opening times please check out [www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk](http://www.visitlittlehampton.co.uk)

**Fossil Hunting at West Beach** with the Museum Team Tuesday 2nd April, Thursday 4th April, Wednesday 10th April, Friday 12th April. For times please see the Town Council's website. Booking essential.

#### Easter Out & About Sessions

MEWSBROOK PARK Wednesday 3rd April, 10 to 12pm BROOKFIELD PARK Wednesday 10th April, 10 to 2pm Activities are free of charge. For children aged 3 to 11.

'All Aboard' half term workshops with the Museum Team. Make your own **mini trains**. Tuesday 28th May, Wednesday 29th May and Thursday 30th May. For times please see the Town Council's website. Booking essential.

### At Southfields

You learn something new every day (well, you can at Southfields!). Continuing to attract increasing numbers to a broad range of classes and activities, the new Southfields community centre has now added a **NEW SOCCER SCHOOL** for 3 to 4 year olds to its schedule. And for adults, why not tone up this spring with the **NEW ADULT EDUCATION YOGA** session, or work on that bikini body by joining one of the many fitness classes?

For a complete guide of what's on please visit [www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk) ●

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## Littlehampton Town Council Grant Aid 2013

Voluntary clubs and organisations in Littlehampton could receive a much needed cash boost thanks to the Town Council's Grant Aid scheme.

Applications for the grants, awarded annually to cultural, charitable and sporting activities for the benefit of the community can be made from the 2nd April 2013.

The Town Council will take into account the objectives of the association and the degree of benefit to Littlehampton arising from the grant when assessing its priorities.

The closing date for all applications is Friday 10th May 2013. Applicants will be notified by the end of June/early July. Applications can be made online at [www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk)

Last year LTC awarded £500 to St Barnabas House under the Town Council's Grant Aid Scheme. Supporting St Barnabas's new HOSPICE AT HOME service, which provides nursing care for patients requiring end of life care in their own homes, the Council's contribution made a significant difference to the vital provision of care for Littlehampton residents. For more details about the service please call St Barnabas House on 01903 706300 or visit [www.stbh.org.uk](http://www.stbh.org.uk)

Other grants awarded by the Town Council in 2012 include money towards replacing swimming equipment, money towards the purchase of public liability insurance and transport costs for Littlehampton Blind Club. ●



### Littlehampton No.12 Bus

Why not hop on the No.12 bus. The service is subsidised by Littlehampton Town Council. Buses run Monday to Saturday, mostly every hour. For a detailed timetable visit our website or pick up a copy from our offices.

**LITTLEHAMPTON WICK** ● Tesco  
**LITTLEHAMPTON LITTLEHAMPTON RUSTINGTON RUSTINGTON** ● Courtwick Road/The Crossways  
● Anchor Springs  
● Sea Road/Mewsbrook Park  
● The Street Shops  
● Sainsbury's

### Feel involved. Be involved. Have your Say!

Come and have your say at this year's **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**. It takes place in the New Millennium Chamber, Manor House, Church Street, Littlehampton, **25th April 6pm**. As ever, residents are invited to attend. If you have a burning question then please address it to the Mayor ahead of the meeting, care of LTC. Agendas will be available from the Town Council at least three days prior to the meeting. For details of all Council meetings please visit [www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.littlehampton-tc.gov.uk) ●



Once again Littlehampton Town Council's Museum Team has lined up a diverse and fascinating array of exhibitions and activities for visitors of all ages.

#### It's all about Painting!

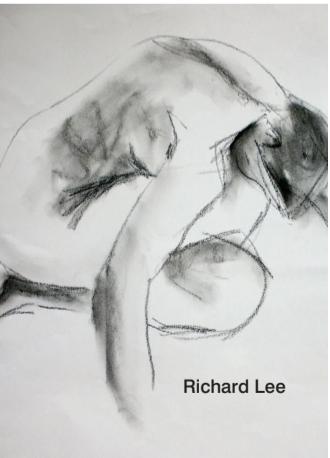
Saturday 16th March to Friday 10th May

Artists Emma Patrick, Claire Phillips, Christine Schaeken and Sally Williams join forces for this exciting, eclectic display, which includes drawings, paintings, ceramics and sculpture.

#### Flowers that Dance

Wednesday 13th March to Friday 10th May

Large, vibrant, floral canvas acrylics by local artist Lucienne Sharpe.



#### Schools' Art

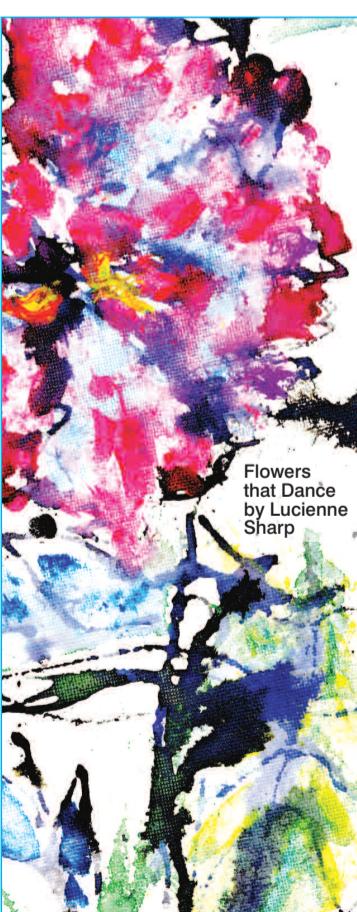
Saturday 18th May to Friday 5th July

The hugely popular annual Schools' Art exhibition returns for a 10th year. This year the artwork, all created by local schoolchildren, will have a railway theme.

#### That's Life!

Wednesday 15th May to Friday 5th July

A selection of life drawings by retired Graphic Designer, Richard Lee. Richard's fresh and spontaneous style brings an artist's studio feel to this exhibition. ●



### LITTLEHAMPTON MUSEUM

FREE ADMISSION MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9am-4.30pm SATURDAY 10.30am - 4.30pm



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### INTRODUCING...



Meet Councillor Ian Buckland. Ian is a Councillor for River Ward. He is married to Samantha and they have four children.

I was inspired to become a Councillor because... I wanted to give something back to Littlehampton after all the support that I have had.

What I love most about Littlehampton is... its diversity, its river, the beach and the beautiful views it gives us.

The local issue I am currently most passionate about is... there are several issues I'm passionate about but amongst them is to have our Hospital rebuilt and to try and save the swimming centre and Windmill Theatre.

Something few people know about me is... that I am very passionate and proud about the things I do, in particular being Vice-Chair at a Special Educational Needs School.

It makes me really cross when... people are negative. They make excuses for not doing something, then allow others to do it for them and then criticise them!

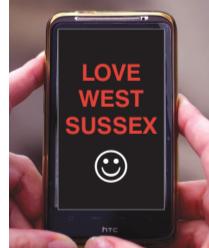
My all-time favourite films are... Hannibal Brooks and Fiddler on the Roof

The Public figure I admire most is... Murray Walker, for his unforgettable voice in commentary of Formula 1 and his interviews.

My Philosophy for Life is... One life, live it. ●



Spotted a pothole that needs repairing?



Want to report graffiti, fly-tipping, broken paving or blocked road drains?

Don't give in to apathy; tap the app instead!

The 'Love West Sussex' app and website can be used to report all sorts of problems that require the attention of West Sussex County Council, who have a duty to set right such matters.

Simply use the 'Love West Sussex' smartphone app (you can download the free smartphone application from the App Stores), then take a picture of the offending article or problem. Check the location (which is detected for you automatically by your phone), then submit your report, which will then be logged and acted upon.

So the next time you notice a pothole, overgrown vegetation or damaged signs, remember the famous song and suit the action to the words: don't worry; be 'appy'! ●



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