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Leader’s COMMENT

WELCOME TO THE LATEST EDITION OF MID SUSSEX MATTERS.

As we enter a new financial year we are also entering a new era for this Council. We now no longer receive any grant funding from central government. Only as recently as 2010 we received nearly £7 million in support, a large portion of funding, but this has diminished annually, resulting in the current position.

Many times in the past few years I have highlighted our key priorities of improving the efficiency of our systems while protecting the services you expect from us. There have been difficult decisions, but the Council’s determination has meant that we now have an enviable record for sound financial management, and this puts us in a positive position for the future.

This is a truly wonderful area and Mid Sussex is consistently ranked highly as a place to live. Education and employment levels are high; health, wellbeing and community support are excellent, while crime remains low. We are also able to maintain our long-term support to the voluntary sector. There is much to be upbeat about.

We are well placed to play a strategic role in the growth of our region and I feel confident about the future plans we have in place, despite the many unknowns we will inevitably face. We have set a focus on protecting what we have built and investing for the future. Our recently published Economic Development Strategy gives an outline of how we will achieve this, our priorities and plans to bring new and successful businesses, jobs and skills to this area while continuing to improve our core services.

Inside this issue of Mid Sussex Matters is the first of three features from the Chairs of our Scrutiny Committees. The Scrutiny function is an important way of ensuring the Council works in a transparent way on your behalf. It is a key part of our strong and accountable structure.

The Council is firmly rooted in the community and from our strong foundations we will continue to develop and grow, ensuring that Mid Sussex will remain a vibrant and strong community long in to the future.

Cllr Garry Wall
Leader, Mid Sussex District Council

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Cover image - Volunteer Healthy Walks Leaders get ready for Spring.

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Mid Sussex Marathon

Looking for a challenge? After another successful year in 2017, when over 1,500 runners took part in the three days, the Marathon weekend returns for a seventh year in 2018, comprising of three races:

- **Saturday 5th May:**
  East Grinstead 10 mile

- **Sunday 6th May:**
  Haywards Heath 10 mile

- **Monday 7th May:**
  Burgess Hill 10 kilometre

You can run in any race, but if you complete all three this is equivalent to a marathon distance. Each day also includes the Mid Sussex Mile (timed) and brand new Mid Sussex Fun Run.

Why not give it a go? You can find out more about how to get involved at [www.midsussexmarathon.co.uk](http://www.midsussexmarathon.co.uk)

Your Energy Sussex

You can now buy your gas and electricity from a new, local energy supplier that’s backed by Sussex councils and aims to get more people into the switching habit.

Why not see how much you could save by switching to Your Energy Sussex? It’s easy to get a quote and switch at [www.yourenergysussex.org.uk](http://www.yourenergysussex.org.uk) or you can call them free of charge on 0800 952 0001.

Your Energy Sussex is different to other energy companies because it doesn’t make money for shareholders or directors’ bonuses. Profits are used to help local people who are struggling to pay their energy bills.

Your Energy Sussex offers straightforward advice, excellent customer service and works hard to keep customers on the best energy tariff. It’s also planning to launch a green tariff later this year that will supply Sussex-generated clean energy directly to customers.

Find out more or get a quote at [www.yourenergysussex.org.uk](http://www.yourenergysussex.org.uk)

Your Council Tax for 2018/19

Your Council Tax goes to fund a huge range of vital services in the area. Each Council Tax bill lists the different organisations which provide your services and details their part of the entire bill.

Recently published rates for 2018/2019 give the expected increase and an idea of what this means for a Band D (average Council Tax range) property.

- Sussex Police, 7.8% increase, £12 a year for a Band D
- West Sussex County Council, 4.95% increase, £62.19 per year for Band D
- Mid Sussex District Council 3.2%, £4.95 per year for Band D
- with an additional section from your Town or Parish Council.

For a Band D property this breaks down as follows:

- Mid Sussex District Council – under £1 in every £10
- Sussex Police – under £1 in every £10
- Town / Parish Council – 40p in every £10 (on average)
- West Sussex County Council - £7.69 in every £10

This slight raise will ensure we are able to freeze other income sources such as car parking charges.

The MSDC revenue grant from Central Government has reduced to zero in 2018.
New Healthy Walks programme

April sees the beginning of the spring and summer FREE Healthy Walks programme run by our Park Rangers. The walks are designed to help you get fit, explore new areas of the beautiful Mid Sussex countryside and to help you get to know other people in a safe and supportive environment.

All walks are given a level appropriate to the distance and terrain, starting at Level 1 which is 30 minutes on paved paths to Level 5 which can be up to seven miles and include hills and stiles.

Our volunteer Walks Leaders (pictured here and on the cover) are a key part of the programme - we just wouldn’t be able to provide the number and variety of walks we do without their support. In 2017 we had 3,500 participants in 470 walks. If you would like to volunteer to become a Walk Leader please get in touch.

For more information contact the Park Rangers on 01444 477561 rangers@midsussex.gov.uk or follow them on Twitter@MSDCrangers

Celebrating the best local architectural design

The Mid Sussex Design Awards are open from the end of March to anyone who has completed a building project within the District between between 1st July 2015 and 1st July 2018. The Awards acknowledge the important role that high quality design plays in enhancing the distinctive character of Mid Sussex so that it remains a desirable place to live.

Entrants have until 18 May 2018 to submit their schemes, the winners will be announced at a ceremony which will take place at Meridian Hall, East Grinstead in the October.

If you have a scheme which you think may be a candidate for an award, please email will.dorman@midsussex.gov.uk or call 01444 477535.

www.midsussex.gov.uk/designawards

Refresh for MSDC website

Keep an eye out for the launch of our newly designed website which is due to go live at the start of April. Many residents use the website as a source of information about services, with an average of 65,950 page visits each week.

The site has been redesigned based on customer feedback and has a new layout. Not only has the look of the site been changed, but all pages have been edited and revamped, with handy links to extra information, in order to make them clear and easy to use. The search function has also been improved, making it easier to find what you are looking for.

We’d appreciate any feedback you have on the new site, as we are always looking to improve it further to make it as useful as possible for you.

Contact webmaster@midsussex.gov.uk with your comments.
The exciting plans underway for Burgess Hill represent one of the most substantial projects in the south east. Project plans are underway for:

- Over 5000 new homes
- Provision of Primary and Secondary Schools
- Up to 25 hectares of high quality employment space on 2 business parks
- A 48 hectare Science and Technology Park
- Over 15,000 jobs (including construction jobs)
- £2.2m investment in the Triangle leisure centre
- Dualling of the main access route to Burgess Hill from the A23 (the A2300),
- New sustainable transport infrastructure to ease movement of transport throughout the town.

Such an ambitious growth project also gives access to other areas of funding which can be used to improve the wider infrastructure of the area.

To date, additional funding committed is:

**£10.9m for sustainable transport**

MSDC, in partnership with WSCC, secured a £14.9m funding package for transport and infrastructure improvements from the Local Growth Fund. The funding will be targeted at improving traffic flows as well as providing new infrastructure to improve connectivity and reduce congestion and journey time reliability.

**£10.5m to help pay for infrastructure upgrades**

Supporting the delivery of new homes in Burgess Hill. This funding comes from the Government’s Housing Infrastructure Fund and specifically refers to work at Goddards Green to improve the site.

**£17m to help upgrade the A2300**

Funding from the Local Growth Fund will assist with the upgrading of the A2300 to a dual carriageway. As the main access road to Burgess Hill from the A23 this will benefit all residents in the area. Preliminary design work is underway (by WSP on behalf of West Sussex County Council) with completion expected in 2022.

**Section 106 / Community Infrastructure Levy**

When a planning application is submitted to the Council, it is assessed on whether the development will cause a significant impact to the area and community. Contributions are collected as part of the planning agreement to cover obligations such as public open space, health, education and highways.

You can keep up-to-date with all the Burgess Hill project news at www.burgesshill.net
Town Centre update

Following a number of key milestones that have been completed in previous months, NewRiver REIT is making good progress with its £65 million retail and leisure development.

The completed town centre will consist of:
- NewRiver investment of £65m
- New retail space, 14,562 sqm of space for retailers and new restaurants. Confirmed occupants so far are Next, Nandos and Wildwood
- 10-screen Cineworld
- 63-bed Travelodge hotel
- 142 new homes
- New library

Spring 2016
NewRiver achieved planning consent

Summer 2017
Sale of Ley ands Road site to Lid

Summer / Autumn 2017
Ley ands Road gas works demolition and site clearance. New Lid store expected to open 2019.

Winter 2017 / Spring 2018
Preparation works begin at shopping centre site including relocations.

Autumn 2020
Completion and launch of town centre development
Competition for Young PEOPLE

Nature Matters Creative Competition

Do you love being creative, enjoy the countryside and like creating art and photos? If you’re aged between 4 – 14 years old, we would love to hear from you!

We would like to invite young people from Mid Sussex to be inspired by their surroundings and create either a piece of artwork or take an amazing photograph to capture the beauty of the area’s wildlife, fantastic views or stunning nature.

Whether you enjoy painting, drawing, collage, sewing, sculpture, photography or mixed media, all entries will be considered and the winners and runners up will feature in our next issue. Winners will also receive a £20 Amazon voucher and two FREE tickets to the South of England Show.

**Category one** – ages 4 to 9 years (inc)

**Category two** – ages 10 to 14 years (inc)

To enter simply take a photo of the artwork or send the photography directly to msm@midsussex.gov.uk

Entries must be submitted by an adult (parent/guardian or teacher) on behalf of the child; which will automatically provide us with parental consent to feature the artwork in our next issue and in other MSDC publicity. Each entry should provide the name and age of the entrant, contact details, and any title for the piece.

**DEADLINE** for entry to the Nature Matters Creative Competition is Wednesday 25 April 2018.

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**South of England Show**

Where families and friends come together to enjoy an impressive programme of entertainment at the largest countryside show in the South East, offering a fun-packed day out for all and the very best in British countryside living.

**The South of England Showground**
Ardingly, West Sussex RH17 6TL
www.seas.org.uk

**SHOW HIGHLIGHTS 2018**

- Heavy Horse Village
- Delicious food & drink
- Shetland Pony Grand National
- PAW Patrol meet & greet! (Sat only)
- Atkinson Action Horses
- Livestock Parade & Awards
- Interhunt Relay & Cavalcade of Hounds
- Family fairground
- Open air shopping
- Live music stage

See above for details of how to enter the Nature Matters competition.

Children under 16 FREE when accompanied by a paying adult. Gates open 9am-6.30pm.
Young Volunteer Awards

Do you know a young person who volunteers in Mid Sussex? Would you like them to receive recognition for all of the hard work that they do?

Many young people give up their time and effort to make Mid Sussex a better place and the Council think it’s important to recognise these exceptional individuals. The Mid Sussex Young Volunteer of the Year Awards aim to give these outstanding individuals recognition for all they do.

If you know of a special young person in your community who should be recognised for all their hard work, why not nominate them?

**There are three awards to be won by any individual aged 14-21 who has completed a minimum of 10 hours of volunteering.**

The categories are as follows:

**Young Community Volunteer**
Recognising those young people who have made a difference in their local community

**Young Leader**
Awarded to a young person who has demonstrated their leadership in a project or organisation

**Young Achiever**
Against all the odds, someone who has overcome significant obstacles and made a positive difference to their own lives or to other young people through education, campaigning or helping another overcome a difficult situation or personal problem.

So, if you think you know a young person who has given up their time to help others or has made a positive contribution to their community then please nominate them.

**Nomination deadline is the 16th May 2018**
Shortlisted nominees will be invited to our prestigious award ceremony to receive their certificates from the Chairman of MSDC and celebrate their achievements.

It’s easy to nominate online at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/volunteernomination](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/volunteernomination) or contact Regina on regina.choudhury@midsussex.gov.uk or call 01444 477 495.

**Please note:** Individuals cannot be nominated by a family member or themselves and any one person or organisation can only nominate a maximum of five people per category.
Waste and recycling satisfaction success

Recent surveys of Mid Sussex residents revealed that customer satisfaction with our key waste and recycling services are on the up! An independent survey at the end of 2017 showed that overall customer satisfaction with the service has now reached 86.7%, up on average 5% from last year.

Our waste partners Serco were once again celebrating recently. Congratulations to them for receiving an Employee Engagement Award, showing commitment to quality at every level of their work.

Changes to your bin collection day?

With new homes being built across Mid Sussex we are experiencing a much greater demand for our waste and recycling collections.

We have recently introduced an extra waste and recycling lorry to enable us to carry out all the required collections across the District. To make this as efficient as possible we have also made some changes to collection arrangements.

**Am I affected?**

We will write to you in good time if your collections are changing. This will include details of exactly what will change and what you need to do.

**What will change?**

For some residents this means that their collection days will change or their waste and recycling collection weeks will swap. The first round of changes, which affected over 2,300 properties in the north of the District, started at the end of January.

A further set of round changes for approximately 15,000 households in the south of the District will take place in March and April. In total around a third of collections will see some alteration.

If you have any questions about these changes then please contact our Customer Services Team on 01444 477440 or email wastematters@midsussex.gov.uk

Discounted Will writing

1st–30th April 2018

We’ve partnered up with local solicitors to provide you with a free Will writing service in April in return for a donation to St Peter & St James Hospice. For a full list of participating solicitors, visit us at www.stpeter-stjames.org.uk

For more information, please call us on 01444 471598 or email fundraising@stpeter-stjames.org.uk

Registered charity number: 1056114

Celebrating partnership success - the Mid Sussex and Serco management teams.
Garden waste collection

Looking forward to some days in the garden after a long winter?

If you have plans to give your garden a spring clean the garden waste service is an effective way to help you keep on top of it.

The service has an annual fee of £65 per year. Once you are signed up we will provide a green top bin for your garden waste. This will be emptied from your roadside every two weeks (25 collections each year).

You can find out more by contacting gardenwaste@midsussex.gov.uk or call 01444 477440. Or, fill out the easy to use online form at www.midsussex.gov.uk/gardenwaste.

What happens to my garden waste after it is collected?

1. Wheelie bin emptied at your property
2. Garden waste taken by lorry to the compost facility
3. Shredded and turned in open windrows (long toblerone shaped heaps). Micro-organisms in the heap create heat which breaks the waste down into compost
4. Final compost/soil improver sold through garden centres or bought in bulk from the site

How to help the hedgehogs

We spoke to Jess Price, Conservation Officer at the Sussex Wildlife Trust to get some advice on supporting hedgehogs. Her top tips are:

- Create a hedgehog highway by leaving gaps under fences – it only needs to be 5 inches square.
- Never use slug pellets or other pesticides – they poison hedgehogs and other wildlife.
- Cover drains and deep holes and make sure there is a hedgehog-friendly route out of any ponds and pools.
- Leave piles of leaves and cuttings in corners for hedgehogs to use as bedding.
- Check compost heaps before digging forks in and check areas of long grass before strimming or mowing.
- Always move bonfire material to a new site before burning.
- Leave out a dish of water and some plain dog food.
- Never feed a hedgehog bread and milk – it makes them sick.

Jess said “Hedgehogs truly are the gardener’s friend with their appetite for slugs, snails, worms and beetles, but sadly their numbers have hugely declined over the last 50 years. We are keen to keep track of hedgehog numbers in Sussex so please report sightings via the WildCall – 01273 494777 or email wildcall@sussexwt.org.uk.”

You can find out more about the work of Sussex Wildlife Trust at www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk.
Community and Leisure

- 13,153 members of our leisure centres in December 2017
- 1,886,646 visits at leisure centres and halls
- Over 2,000 local children and their families attending free Play Days in the towns
- 1,717 people assisted by our Wellbeing Service to adopt a more healthy lifestyle
- 1,684 entrants in the Mid Sussex Marathon and Mid Sussex Miles.
- £1,389,805 of Economic, Community Development and Facility Grants attracting a further £2,050,845 of investment into these projects and facilities. The majority of this is local spend on goods and services as well as employment.
- Partnership agreement, such as those with Age UK, the Council for Voluntary Service and Citizens Advice, amounted to £231,244.

Outdoors

- 65,000 collections of waste and recycling each week.
- Over 40% of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting.
- 13,530 tonnes of dry recycling collected, 5,887 tonnes of garden waste
- 98% of fly tipping removed in three working days
- 86.7% satisfaction with our waste and recycling services
- 156 tonnes of dog waste collected from 400 bins. Bins are provided by Mid Sussex District Council and Town and Parish Councils
- 20 pavilions managed
- 65 football pitches, 5 rugby pitches, 15 multi-use courts, 395 public open spaces and 130 play areas maintained
- Over 3,500 participants in 470 Healthy Walks.

Safety and housing

- 890 face-to-face enquiries about housing
- 93% of plans checked by Building Control were checked within 15 working days
- 7,393 Building Control site inspections carried out, 98% within 24 hours of the date requested
- 94% of Building Control decisions issued within 8 weeks from deposit date
- 2,776 planning applications determined
- 93% of major applications, 95% of minors and 98% of other applications determined within the target time.

Business and finance

- 98.6% of Council Tax collected in year
- 96.8% Non-Domestic Rates collected in year
- 1,543 new Housing Benefit claims processed in an average of 19 days (national average is 23 days)
- 19,840 changes in circumstances recalculation
- 5,312 invoices paid, 98% within 10 days of receipt
- Around 100 attendees at this year’s Open 4 Business ‘Digital and You’ event.
- 48 small businesses looking to expand or take on an apprentice were assisted through the micro-business grant scheme.

Democracy

- 1 General Election (June 2017) - turnout 73.3%
- 1 West Sussex County Council Election for 12 seats (May 2017)
- 4 District Council by-elections
- 4 Town and Parish Council by-elections
- 1 Neighbourhood Plan referendum
- A 99% response to the electoral canvass, with 61% responding digitally (online, text and phone).

Responding

- 92,201 calls taken by the Customer Service Centre.
- 84% of calls answered within 40 seconds.
- 34,808 visitors to reception
- 343,885 unique website visitors
- 100% of complaints responded to within published deadlines
- Over 404k tweet impressions and 501k total reach for all Facebook posts.

These figures cover achievements in 2017 which can be broken down within the dates.
In 2018/19 Mid Sussex District Council will be preparing for the growth of our community and delivering against our four priorities of:

- **Effective and responsive services**
- **Creating strong and resilient communities**
- **Sustainable economic growth**
- **Financial independence**

We plan to deliver a number of projects in 2018/19 against these priorities.

**Effective and responsive services**

Building on the performance of all of our services with a particular focus on improving customer experience.

- increasing recycling through a pilot project with the British Heart Foundation to collect textiles and small electrical equipment from 20,000 properties
- achieving the Green Flag Award for St John’s Park Burgess Hill
- introducing cashless payments of car park charges
- new procedures to award more disabled facilities grants to help disabled residents to live independently in their homes
- enhancements to the leisure pool at The Triangle.

**Creating strong and resilient communities**

Continuing to work with partner organisations to build sustainable communities that will deliver a better quality of life for all.

- putting in place new and improved CCTV arrangements
- installing new electric vehicle charging points at key community locations
- launch the Wellbeing service pilot at local GP practices to support residents to healthier lifestyle
- new community facilities including the Skate Park refurbishment at Victoria Park,
- new community building for the Keymer Brick and Tile development at Burgess Hill
- improving recreational facilities for the Stone Quarry estate at East Grinstead.

**Sustainable economic growth**

The Council has an important role in supporting existing businesses, encouraging new ones and attracting inward investment.

- supporting the roll out of Full Fibre ultrafast broadband to homes and businesses in Mid Sussex
- establishing an Economy and Inward Investment Team to attract significant external investment in Mid Sussex
- new management arrangements and improved facilities at the Orchards Shopping Centre in Haywards Heath.

**Financial Independence**

Reduced Government financial support brings the need for robust management of budgets and maximising of income to be as financially self-sufficient as possible.

- managing our costs effectively through a wider range of digital services
- using increased planning fees to provide a more efficient service and support economic growth
- generating income from the sale of surplus land for the development of new homes to support investment in other community assets and infrastructure.

You can see full details of our plans at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/corporateplan](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/corporateplan)
Grants MATTERS

Grants matters

At a recent grants meeting the following projects were agreed, supporting community groups and activities to help enhance the vibrancy of Mid Sussex. Grants may have conditions attached.

**FACILITY GRANTS**

Facility grants are entirely funded through developer contributions provided for community leisure capital projects.

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<td>Installation of lift in new church and community facility</td>
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<td>Friends of Burgess Hill Green Circle Network</td>
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<td>Hurst Festival</td>
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*Funded through S106 developer contributions

**Flying High with Simulator support**

Haywards Heath Air Cadet Squadron were delighted to be awarded a grant to assist them with the installation of two commercial flight simulators. Each cockpit is based on the Eurofighter Typhoon with wrap-around screens to give the cadets a more realistic flight experience. The flight simulators are an amazing teaching and learning tool which both cadets and staff are beginning to use to their full potential.

We caught up with some of the Cadets to hear about their experiences of the simulators, and the group -

**Cdt Kye Smith (13)**

“I love the flight simulator because it is very realistic, all the buttons work and do something. I was flying a Typhoon and learned how to take off and turn the aircraft, without being too sharp. I’ve got my name down to go flying and gliding in real aircraft this year and can’t wait.”

**Cpl Molly Lacey (13)**

“I’ve learnt how to fly an aircraft in a simulator and then flown in an RAF Grob Tutor. We went through all the controls and then I took over so I could give it a go. It was really fun and it was really good to be able to have the opportunity to fly an aircraft, something other people my age wouldn’t have done.”

**Flt Sgt Oliver Maddock (17)**

“I saw the air cadets at an air show with a Viglant motor glider back in 2014. I had the opportunity to sit in the aircraft and use the controls and they put me in contact with Haywards Heath Sqn. At first it was big and scary but as I got to know the other air cadets I got more involved. I’ve been awarded a gliding scholarship by the Royal Naval Officers’ Association at RNAS Yeovilton. I’m really excited to be spending a week there. Without the air cadets I would never have had the chance to do all these exciting things and the challenges have really help develop me and grow my confidence.”

For more information about Haywards Heath Air Cadets email 172@aircadets.org or visit www.haywardsheathaircadets.org
Supporting Citizens Advice

We recently agreed to contribute £119,404 to help Citizens Advice provide their valuable services in Mid Sussex over the next 12 months. Citizens Advice provides free, independent, impartial advice to everybody, whatever the problem.

Citizens Advice provides services in each town in Mid Sussex. In 2016/17 Central and South Sussex Citizens Advice helped 24,608 people to deal with 55,646 issues.

For example in recent months, The Burgess Hill team have helped a client to successfully appeal a negative decision on the PIP (Personal Independence Payment) benefit. In East Grinstead, the employment specialist helped a client to receive £10,000 from their former employer, and avoided the case going to Tribunal. In Haywards Heath the team have helped a client to make an appeal against a Tax Credit overpayment of £12,000 for a client.

Almost three quarters of Citizens Advice clients said their problem caused anxiety and financial difficulty, and the support services the charity provides make a real difference to the wellbeing of local people.

‘I am grateful... for the time, clarity and ability of your staff, which has helped me profoundly.’

*Feedback from a client at Citizens Advice Haywards Heath*

For details of local Citizens Advice services, web chat and email advice, please visit [www.cassca.org.uk](http://www.cassca.org.uk)

You can also call Adviceline on 0344 477 1171 (Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm).

### Working in partnership

We work in partnership with local organisations and community groups to help them carry out their valuable work.

A Haven for the local community

The Haven Centre in Crawley Down is a self-funding, independent multi-purpose Community Centre, built and run with funds raised by local people. It is a popular venue for many groups and organisations; the Centre has something for everyone and makes the ideal venue for all social, leisure and business requirements, whether it’s the large function hall, meeting rooms or the recently opened Café. It is also the home of the Crawley Down and Gatwick Football Club, a valuable asset to the community.

Jonathan Smith from the Haven Centre gave his comment on how MSDC has supported the community and its venue -

“MSDC has long been associated with the Haven Centre, right back to its inception in the late 80s and its subsequent opening in the early 90s. Since then they have continued to help support us either by offering sound advice or with the provision of grants. “Most recently the Haven Centre has been developing to be available to everyone, with an open-to-all bar and cafe. Renovations are ongoing and MSDC has helped by providing grant funding to help us renovate the ladies toilet, kitchen, to offer more food services and generally update the building to make things more pleasant. We hope our association with MSDC continues long into the future.”
West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is continuing its recruitment drive in 2018 to boost the number of on-call firefighters available to respond to incidents across the county.

Retained firefighters are members of the community who are on-call to respond to incidents from home or from work. Retained firefighters entirely staff 14 of WSFRS’s 25 stations and support wholetime crews at a further nine stations. Put simply, the fire service couldn’t provide the service they do without them.

For more information on retained firefighting visit www.westsussex.gov.uk and search for retained firefighter. If you live or work near a fire station and want to find out more please contact us on 01243 642134 or firejobs@westsussex.gov.uk. We’d be delighted to hear from you!
**Coaching for success**

Our Wellbeing team work with Albion in the Community to support local people who want to make a change and improve their health and wellbeing.

*A recent successful client was Sam from Lindfield. We spoke to her about her experience.*

**What was happening in your life before you received coaching?** It was the start of 2017, nice Christmas but I was feeling miserable about my spiralling weight. Fed up of not being able to buy nice clothes, feeling older than I was. Not very confident and definitely struggling with odd hormonal changes. I was just about to start a new job which was worrying. I just felt out of control, lazy and didn’t know what to do about it.

**How did you make the referral?** I decided to visit my GP to ask for help, I was considering surgery - but I was lucky, she referred me!

**What did you do in the sessions?** We covered lots of different topics related to improving my knowledge about changing my habits so that I was healthy and making healthy choices. We talked about exercise and the part it plays in a healthy lifestyle and examined the excuses we make and the psychology behind my habits.

**What did you enjoy the most about the sessions?** Evie’s support (from Albion in the Community) and her ability to challenge me. It was so different to my experiences of slimming clubs so I enjoyed it all to be honest.

**How did you find the coaching?** Fantastic, supportive, not judgemental, practical and firm, but fun too. Life-changing.

**What did you achieve as a result of the coaching?** I lost 1 stone in 3 months and improved my exercise, my Fitbit finally became useful!

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**How’s life been since the coaching finished?** Honestly, it’s been good. Although I have put weight on (I blame Christmas) it doesn’t feel like such a climb to pick up the healthy habits Evie helped me with this time last year. She also reminded me I’ve had these habits for a long time, it’ll take a while to completely shake them off. Evie also encouraged me to not focus on the numbers so much which is refreshing, it’s more than that for me; it’s about considering whether what I put in my body is doing it any good! If it’s not, then why on earth would it I want to eat it?

**How do you feel?** I feel optimistic and more confident. I’ve recently had a promotion at work and am helping students deal with their mental health struggles. I couldn’t have done that last year as I was consumed by my own.

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**Would you benefit from free support and coaching?**

Contact Mid Sussex Wellbeing on 01444 477191 or wellbeing@midsussex.gov.uk

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**Be part of a Healthy Mid Sussex**

The Health and Wellbeing Network is made up of organisations with an interest in health and wellbeing in its widest sense, including commissioners and providers of services from private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

The group meet quarterly, with previous themes including:

- Keeping warm and accessing support
- Living with long-term conditions
- Carers support services and Support to Access Community Services.

**An agenda for April**

The next meeting is scheduled for 25th April, Haywards Heath Town Council 10am – 12noon. It will focus on community funding and events, including with advice on how to access voluntary support and services. Speakers will include Mind Advocacy, Mid Sussex District Council and the CVS.

To book a place or to find out more just call the Mid Sussex Wellbeing Team on 01444 477191 or email wellbeing@midsussex.gov.uk
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Meetings of the Council are open to the public and are held in the Council Chamber, Oaklands, Haywards Heath RH16 1SS unless stated otherwise.

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Planning Committees A and B are district wide committees. Which committee an application goes to is dependent on the timetable for determination.

The District Planning Committee is for larger schemes where an application consists of 50 or more residential units, or more than 2,000 square metres of other development.

Committee Services can be contacted on 01444 477225. www.midsussex.gov.uk/council

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**On the Road - key contacts**

Our friendly Customer Contact team receive thousands of enquiries every month. Sometimes the enquiries can only be dealt with by other organisations, and this can cause frustration to customers.

So, to help you get to the right people first time, here are a few handy numbers for popular services. This issue we are focusing queries to do with roads and driving.

**Potholes and highway problems**
For a problem with a road, verge or pavement. Call WSCC on 01243 642105
Twitter @WSHighways
www.love.westsussex.gov.uk

There is also a free smartphone app you can use, just search for ‘Love West Sussex’ on an app store.

**Parking**
Queries for areas where restrictions are in force
01444 477212 parkinginfo@midsussex.gov.uk

**Streetlights**
0800 0482 435
www.lightsoninwestsussex.co.uk

**Animals by roadside**
01444 477440
contactcentre@midsussex.gov.uk
Or use online form on www.midsussex.gov.uk

**Lost and found dogs**
01444 477423
contactcentre@midsussex.gov.uk
Or use online form on www.midsussex.gov.uk

**Abandoned Vehicles**
Report to Sussex Police at www.operationcrackdown.org
Councillor introduction

My name is Anne Boutrup and I am a Town and District Councillor for Haywards Heath Ashenground Ward. I was elected in May 2015 and have sat on the Scrutiny Committee for Customer Service and Service Delivery since then, becoming chairman in 2016. I have a professional background in customer services and service delivery and this therefore lends itself very well to the role of the Scrutiny Committee.

I really enjoy being a councillor as it means I can be involved in decisions that are made about the area that I live in. It is really important to me that I am able to discuss local issues and advise people how the different councils work and interact. I think there is still a lot of confusion around this aspect and it was one of the driving forces for me becoming a councillor. As a daily user of our parks and open spaces I’m particularly passionate about ensuring that these facilities are available to all that wish to use them.

To help round off my knowledge, I chair and sit on a number of committees externally to the council to help gain a better understanding of issues and challenges that local residents and organisations face regarding the services they deliver or receive.

Short introduction to the Scrutiny function

The day to day running of the Council is managed by Cabinet Members, who take key decisions. These decision makers are held to account by three Scrutiny Committees, each of which focuses on a specific remit, for example housing or Customer Services.

Scrutiny Committees are made up of Councillors who are not on Cabinet. Scrutiny is responsible for holding decision-makers to account on behalf of residents and helping to develop policies and initiatives that make the district a better place to live and work. They can ask Cabinet to think again about a decision, summon Members or Council Officers and make suggestions for the delivery of services.

What does your Scrutiny Committee do?

The purpose of the Committee is to scrutinise the delivery of the council’s services and how we interact and communicate with the residents who receive these services.

For example, we review how the Leisure Centres are being managed and used and any investments in further improvements to those offerings. Waste is also within our remit, so we look at the recycling rates and how we can improve those as well as the very popular garden waste service.

We also review how the council communicates what it does with residents, the council’s Contact Centre performance and how we comply with regulatory requirements such as the General Data Protection Regulation.

I firmly believe that appropriate scrutiny involves not only the review of decisions made and their impact, but also being pro-active in looking at proposed changes before they happen.

I think the investment made in our Leisure Centres and the subsequent large increases in membership and attendance levels have shown that we are adding value to the council’s offerings to residents. Likewise, continued investment in playgrounds and parks and open spaces have meant facilities are enhanced for many more residents.

Our recycling rates have never been as high and the success of a recent pilot with the British Heart Foundation shows the council are looking an innovative methods to help increase our recycling rates.

Cllr Anne Boutrup
Chairman - Scrutiny Committee for Customer Service & Service Delivery
Anne.Boutrup@midsussex.gov.uk
Top Tips for the gym this Spring

from Matt, Kings Centre, East Grinstead

Set yourself a goal.
Goals are crucial when it comes to your fitness journey, whether it’s to drop a clothes size for your upcoming holiday, work on a certain area or be able to perform a pull up. It gives you something to work towards and allows you to track your progress, so pick a goal and go for it!

If it is a holiday that you are training for, try to give yourself a good head start before it - you want to avoid that pre-2-week holiday training panic! So you should give yourself a good few months if you can and get a solid fitness programme in order.

If it’s your first time in a gym don’t be afraid to speak to a trainer or instructor to ask for advice when it comes to what to do, knowledge is power!

Get yourself a programme that suits you, it needs to work around you. It’s no use setting yourself a 7-day programme when you’re only going to be able to get to the gym 3 times a week. So be realistic at first and in time you can gradually increase it!

Don’t fear the weights area!
It may appear like something from a wild life documentary from afar, but once you set foot in there you’ll soon realise it’s just another area of the gym! You will receive a complete introduction to the gym but, if you want a bit more information just call one of the instructors and they will take you through everything you need to know.

Don’t neglect resistance training.
That can be anything from free weights to body weight and suspension training. There are great benefits to it! Such as raising your metabolic rate – so you burn more calories by adding a bit of muscle, even at rest. Also, ladies, don’t worry about weights making you look ‘bulky’. It’s a long road to building muscle; I wish it was a case of doing a few bicep curls once a week and looking like the hulk! It’s not that simple or easy and takes some serious commitment and food planning, so honestly don’t worry about it!

Don’t think ‘diet’.
When looking at what you’re eating, try to get out of the mindset of “going on a diet”. Diets really strike me as temporary, which is fine if you want to get to a certain goal, but as cheesy as it sounds you need to think of your eating habits as a lifestyle change, meaning you’ll stick to it even when you have achieved your goal. So, it needs to be sustainable!

So, everything in moderation!
There is no point cutting absolutely every treat out of your life and living on chicken and rice every day because you’re likely to have a blow out on your guilty treats. I for one don’t completely restrict myself like that, I love cake and I’m not giving that up any time soon! It’s just about being sensible and not allowing the ‘bad days’ to outweigh the good ones!

Have you ever considered personal training?
Our specialised team will work to build a fitness programme around you and support you to achieve your goals. Sign up before the end of May for 6 sessions for only £99!
In 2018 Tim French MBE celebrated 25 years of his passion - organising events for the Mid Sussex community. It started in 1993 when he became Chairman of Town Week and on the back of this he started It’s Magic in 2001 sponsored by his company, The French Group. It’s Magic Events is a registered charity which aims to raise money, and bring great events to the district.

“We organise concerts, street festivals and other community events for the community to provide entertainment for the people of Mid Sussex and promote local musicians,” Tim says.

For his 25th celebration, Tim is organising a five day Music Festival of top class events in Victoria Park from Tuesday 10th July until Saturday 14th July.

Tim says he has appreciated the valued help from Mid Sussex District Council in the course of his events “in particular Leisure Services in the hiring of Victoria Park, and Licensing for the street events. I’ve been met with understanding and consideration, enabling our events to become a reality.”

Key advice from Tim on events

“WWW is the most important – the WHERE, WHAT and WHEN. All of the planning and booking of equipment and services follow on from that. Then promote the events using all forms of advertising from Twitter to flyers, FaceBook to billboards. Whatever suits your event.”

“I also find it really useful to keep an eye on the end result. It’s all about having fun, bringing people together and raising funds for those in need.”

Would you like to volunteer as an Event-maker for the events on 10th to 14th July?

Please get in touch at info@itsmagic.org.uk or telephone 01444 800045.

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**Live and Local – events in the community**

**Advice from local event supremo Tim French**

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**Out and ABOUT**

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**MID SUSSEX MATTERS | SPRING 2018**
Vienna Festival Ballet presents Swan Lake
11 April, 7.30pm and 8pm, £19.50 / £18.50 / £12.50
Lavish costumes, stunning scenery, international stars, and the glorious music from Tchaikovsky make this a night not to be missed.

The Jungle Book
12 April, 2.30pm and 5.30pm, £14 / £12
Filled with catchy music, audience interaction, and the chance to meet the characters after the show.

The Kast off Kinks
13 April, 7.30pm, £20 / £18
Former members of the legendary band ‘The Kinks’, back together playing great music, re-living the good times and keeping the songs including ‘You Really Got Me’, ‘Dedicated Follower of Fashion’ and Lola.

Afternoon Tea at the Movies: Gone With The Wind
18 April, 2.30pm, £5 film, £18 with afternoon tea
This hugely popular afternoon treat is back with another wonderful classic film, the epic 1939’s romantic drama Gone With The Wind.

Fisher Steven is ELVIS IN VEGAS!
19 April, 7.30pm, £19 / £18 / £17
With his natural charisma and stage presence, Fisher Steven connects with his audience immediately and performs with their enjoyment in mind.

A Street Cat Named Bob
26 April, 7.30pm, £5.50 / £4.50
The story of how James Bowen (played by Luke Treadaway), a busker and recovering drug addict, had his life transformed when he meets a stray ginger cat, Bob (played by himself!).

Andy Irvine
4 May, 8pm, £17
Musician, singer and songwriter. As a soloist, Andy’s repertoire includes Irish traditional songs, dexterous Balkan dance tunes and a compelling cannon of his own self-penned songs.

NT Live presents Macbeth
10 May, 7pm, £14 / £12, Premium Club £10
With Rory Kinnear (Young Marx, Othello) and Anne-Marie Duff (Oil, Suffragette) returning to the National Theatre to play Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.

An American in Paris – the Musical
16 May, 7pm, £16 / £15, Premium Club £12.50
With a record-setting 28 five-star reviews from critics, An American in Paris is coming from London’s West End to a cinema near you.

One Woman Sex and the City
17 May, 7.30pm, £16
This loving tribute and send up takes audiences through a laughter-infused version of all six seasons of the show.

The Drifters
18 May, 7.30pm, £24
Don’t miss their brand-new tour with hits such as Saturday Night At Movies, You’re More Than A Number, Come on Over to My Place, Under the Boardwalk, Save The Last Dance For Me and many, many more!

Dusty & Shades of the 60’s
23 May, 7.30pm, £21 / £19
Dusty & The Shades of the 60s celebrates the life and music of one of the most iconic female artistes of our time, the legendary Dusty Springfield.

A Doll’s House
25 May, 7.30pm, £14 / £13
Theatrical Niche Ltd bring a new adaptation of Henrik Ibsen’s classic tale. Suitable for 12 +

Barry Steele & Friends ‘The Royal Orbison Story 30 year special’
26 May, 7.30pm, £20
Stunning audiences across the globe with his uncanny ability to recreate the vocal talents of legend Roy Orbison, Barry Steele and the fabulous cast take you on this specially produced journey back time.

The Blues Band – 40 Years and Back for More
31 May, 7.30pm, £26
Many of the Blues Band’s 21st century fans weren’t even born when these five virtuosos decided to fly in the face of musical fashion in 1979 and form a band ‘just to play the blues’. 36 years on, they’re still dazzling audiences with their showmanship and virtuosity.

Lionel Bart’s Oliver!
23 June, 1pm and 6pm, 24 June 11am and 4pm, £15 / £12
Bullfrog Productions vividly brings to life Dickens’ timeless characters with its ever-popular story of the boy who asked for more.

About the Premier Club
Chequer Mead’s recently launched premier club costs £25 for the year and gives access to exclusive events, priority bookings, London theatre trips and discounted tickets on some shows. In addition to these benefits the Club will be a vital funding support to the theatre. For full details visit the box office or call 01342 302000.

There Was an Old Lady
23 June, 1pm and 6pm, 24 June 11am and 4pm, £15 / £12
Bullfrog Productions vividly brings to life Dickens’ timeless characters with its ever-popular story of the boy who asked for more.

Clair Hall
Perrymount Road
Haywards Heath,
RH16 3DN
01444 455440

There Was an Old Lady
21 March, 2.30pm, £10.50 / £9.50
Family of 4 £36
There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly. I don’t know why she swallowed a fly... but The People’s Theatre Company do! And now you can too as they bring one of the world’s best loved nursery rhymes to life just in time to celebrate the 45th anniversary of Pam Adams’ best-selling book! A treat for children 2 years of age and over, and their adults!

Paddington 2 (PG)
18 April, 5pm and 7.45pm, £6 / £5
Paddington is happily settled with the Brown family in Windsor Gardens, where he has become a popular member of the community, spreading joy and marmalade wherever he goes.

Yolanda Brown
20 April, 7.30pm, £18 / £16 / £15
Double MOBO award-winning Yolanda Brown is the premier female saxophonist in the UK, known for seamlessly blending jazz, soul and reggae. Yolanda will perform songs from her New Album to be released in 2017, “Love Politics War.”

Seriously Funny Comedy Club
4 May, 7.30pm, £9
There is nothing like LIVE stand up comedy! Back for its 13th season, Clair Hall has played host to some fantastic acts before they reached their giddy stadium heights, including Michael McIntyre, Rhod Gilbert and Micky Flanagan! Catch a laughter-packed comedy night once a month, with over 2 hours of the latest stand up acts to hit the UK comedy circuit.

Someone Like You - The Adele Songbook
11 May, 7.30pm, £20
Hand-picked by Adele herself on Graham Norton’s BBC ADELE Special, the outstanding Katie Markham has the show stopping voice and captivating charisma to deliver all your favourite Adele hits in an enthralling concert performance.

Blowin’ In The Wind
18 May, 8pm, £16
Join Andante Live as they take you back to the era of Peace, Protest and Love with uniquely arranged classic songs such as “Mr Tambourine Man”, ‘Imagine’, ‘The Night They Drove O’ Dixie Down’, ‘Big Yellow Taxi’ and ‘The Sound of Silence’.

Chicago Blues Brothers - Back in Black Tour
26 May, 7.30pm, £22
Back with a brand new production with an all new elaborate stage-set the Chicago Blues Brothers are taking you back to 1980 to finish the concert at the Palace Ballroom Hotel. The show is a powerhouse two-hour song-fest with over 40 hits performed live on stage in the concert that never finished. ‘Tight, Classy & Brassy’ - Time Out. “Fun and Infectious” - The Stage

Black Magic - The Little Mix Show
29 May, 7pm, £15 / £12
A highly energetic tribute show that follows...
in the footsteps of the award winning girl band, Little Mix.

Henning Wehn: Das Neuen Materialen Nachten
2 June, 8pm £15
Join the German Comedy Ambassador for Teutonic jolliness at its best. Expect some old favourites and plenty of new ideas. Some might call it work-in-progress but Henning prefers to describe it as masterpiece-under-construction.

A New Flame
9 June, 7.30pm £20 / £18
The exceptional 9-piece band recreates every slick groove and perfect melody from Mick Hucknall’s remarkable global career in an unparalleled display of authenticity and style, guaranteed to keep the audience dancing and singing all night.

Frank ‘Oi Blue Eyes is Back
16 June, 7.30pm £25
The magic of Sinatra live in concert is captured perfectly by the award winning David Alacey, recognised worldwide as one of the leading interpreters of his music.

The Magic Toy Shop
28 July, 2pm £9.50 (four or more tickets £9)
From the fabulous, creative minds at Little Blue Monster, this fantastic, feelgood show comes to life with an irresistible blend of music, puppetry and storytelling. Charlie Hubble is a little boy with a very big dream; he wants to be a world-class magician. Little people aged 3+ will love this funny, heart-warming tale but big people are guaranteed to have lots of fun, too.

End of World War One Centenary

In memory of all those who fell in battle, recreate and celebrate.

To Remember,

Our summer MSM issue will carry further information about commemorative events taking place in the area.

County’s River of Poppies: To Remember, Recreate and Celebrate

In memory of all those who fell in battle, but also to celebrate peace, there will be a special event in Haywards Heath this summer. The event is being organised by the HH Town Team, Horticultural Society, Girl Guides and volunteers and will be hosted and supported by The Orchards.

The project aims to create a River of Poppies throughout the local area, with the first being planted at Strictly Poppies on Sunday 15th July. Workshops are already being held in schools, care homes and local community organisations to make the iconic symbol so that each and every one will have its own style and, in many cases, memory.

On Sunday 15th of July there will be a grand Procession, led by a big brass band, and including Girl Guides, Cadets, Scouts and Red Coats. The Orchards Shopping Centre will be turned into a Festival of VE Day entertainment for everyone – from the Charlestone days of the 1920s, through Big Band and Jazz to School Choirs, drama and poetry to recreate moments from the past.
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Nature Matters art competition • Youth Award nominations • Burgess Hill programme update • 2017 in numbers • plans for 2018 • Events in the community and much more...

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Twitter: @MSDnews

Reception open
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Friday 8.45am - 4.15pm

Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS

Telephone: 01444 458166

For emergencies outside office hours call 0845 602 1035.