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## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

We return to a new civic life following an unprecedented lockdown. This has brought out the very best among the volunteers who have helped the most vulnerable to sustain their way of life while fighting COVID-19. The town owes a great debt of gratitude to all those who have selflessly worked under the most difficult circumstances. Among those who have helped are Burgess Hill District Lions, who we congratulate on their 65th Anniversary.



We are now planning events for the later part of the year, keeping flexible to match future rules on isolation. Some events, such as the bonfire parade, have had to be cancelled, but we hope to hold an open-air cinema in St John’s Park in September and in November look forward to a visit by the French Market and the Christmas event when we turn on the lights. We are also aiming to reintroduce an outdoor market and to support new business ventures using premises vacated for restructuring.

Better days ahead!

Roger Cartwright  
Town Mayor

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## COMMEMORATIVE RAINBOW BENCH

The Town Council has agreed to install a new Rainbow Bench as a commemoration to the town's people who have all been affected in so many ways by COVID-19.

The rainbow bench suggestion came from one of our residents. The Town Council agreed a Rainbow Bench would be a fitting way of marking this time and how it brought out the best in the town's community spirit.

The bench will also pay tribute to the work of all the NHS staff and keyworkers.



## ££ FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Burgess Hill Town Council values the work of local voluntary groups that benefit Burgess Hill residents and provides support through its community grants scheme.

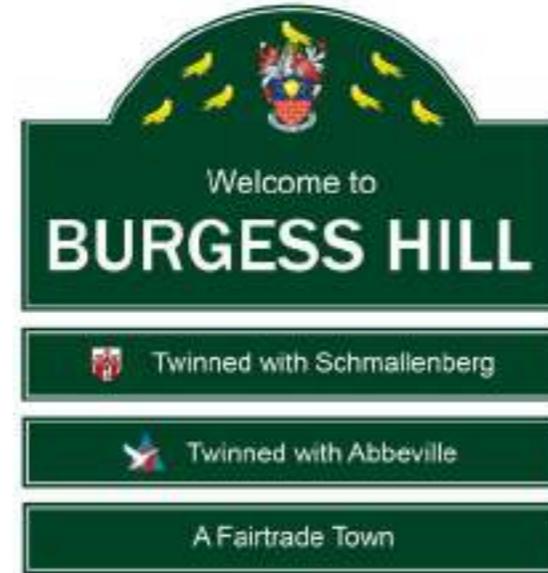
The next applications deadline for Minor Grants of up to £1,000 is 31 August. Applications will be considered for general running costs as well as capital expenses.

The next applications deadline for Major Grants of £1,000+ is 30 September. Major Grants are for capital costs only.

Grant forms and supporting information can be downloaded from the Burgess Hill Town Council website, [www.burgesshill.gov.uk](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk). If you have any queries or would like the forms to be posted to you, please contact 01444 238207 or email [grants@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:grants@burgesshill.gov.uk).

## WELCOME TO BURGESS HILL

Smart new Welcome to Burgess Hill signs have been installed at the main entrances to the town, replacing the old signs which had become rather battered over the years. The new signs have been funded through the Place and Connectivity programme of improvements to the town.



## LOCAL GUIDES, GIFTS & SOUVENIRS

The shop at Burgess Hill Tourist Information Centre stocks local guides and literature along with a range of gifts and souvenirs. There is something for everyone whether you are new to the area or a long-standing resident.

To find out more, visit 96 Church Walk, telephone 01444 247726 or email [touristinformation@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:touristinformation@burgesshill.gov.uk).

## BURGESS HILL'S COVID RESPONSE

Residents of Burgess Hill really pulled together during the COVID-19 lockdown, with hundreds of local people providing support services, volunteering in various ways, helping their neighbours and carrying out random acts of kindness. It demonstrated what we know and love about Burgess Hill – its sense of community and big heart.

Volunteers at small local charity, Neighbourly Care, did shopping, collected prescriptions and made befriending phone calls to older those isolating at home. Burgess Hill Food Bank rose to the challenge of providing three times the number of food parcels they would normally give out, following a hasty relocation after St John's Church had to close. The staff at West Sussex Age UK delivered hot meals to older residents as well as food shopping and prescriptions. And hundreds of volunteers responded to the call for people to help by Burgess Hill Helper Army and the COVID-19 Support Group.

The local Lions and Rotary Clubs, and Round Table, unable to carry out their usual charitable activities, offered financial support for COVID-19 related projects. Mid Sussex Voluntary Action co-ordinated volunteer placements and support for local community groups. The Town Council also allocated funding, set up a COVID-19 Liaison Group to bring everyone together and developed a range of initiatives to support the community through the lockdown, including a Lockdown Festival to raise people's spirits.

Others answered the call for masks and protective equipment by taking to their sewing machines and printers. Students at Burgess Hill Academy made 100 visors, and staff at local company Scissor Sisters Interiors, who specialise in handmade curtains, binds and alterations, made PPE equipment for the hospitals.

A resident of Church Lane in Wivelsfield turned up at the Food Bank one day with a wheelbarrow full of food. The street collected every Thursday evening during the Clap for Carers sessions to donate to the hospice and Food Bank. There are so many others who have helped, too numerous to mention.

For all the help you have given – and will continue giving for as long as it is needed – THANK YOU!

## ROCK UP & RIDE

The 5th free BMX Rock Up & Ride event will be held on Wednesday 19 August from 10am to 4pm at Burgess Hill BMX track, next to Leylands Park off Maple Drive. The event will go ahead if government COVID-19 advice permits.

Professional BMX coach Nikki Spiers from Gosport BMX club will provide expert coaching and guidance with music from DJ Matt.

The event is organised by Burgess Hill Town Council with Respect Youth Club, with funding provided by Burgess Hill District Lions Club.

Keep an eye on the Town Council's social media and websites for further information and bookings.



## CONTACT YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLORS

You can discuss issues with West Sussex County Councillors representing Burgess Hill as follows:

Councillor Andrew Barrett-Miles – tel. 01444 233081 or 07803 138085.  
email [andrew.barrett-miles@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.barrett-miles@westsussex.gov.uk).

Councillor Anne Jones – tel. 033 022 24533 or 07930 133542.  
email [anne.jones@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:anne.jones@westsussex.gov.uk).

## PROSTATE SCREENING

1 in every 2 men will have a problem with their prostate gland at some stage of their lives. It could be infection, enlargement or cancer. Burgess Hill District Lions Club has teamed up with PCaSO (Prostate Cancer Support Organisation) to offer free PSA screening for men aged between 45 and 80, subject to government advice about social distancing.

The screening will be conducted by trained personnel and nurses will take a blood sample. It is not a direct test for cancer as a moderately raised reading can be an indicator of other problems with a high reading requiring further tests.

PSA screening is not offered automatically on the NHS, which is why the Lions Club is working with PCaSO to provide this valuable service. This simple, quick test could prove to be a lifesaver.

The testing will be held at The Triangle Leisure Centre on Saturday 17 October, from 10am - 4pm, strictly by appointment. Book online at [www.psatesting.org](http://www.psatesting.org) or for booking enquiries phone 0845 650 2555 (call costs can vary). The event will be subject to ongoing Government advice regarding COVID-19 so any further information will be available on the website and ansaphone message.

## CHEER ON THE VETERANS

The annual Veteran Car Run takes place on Sunday 1 November, when hundreds of pre-1905 motor vehicles will leave Hyde Park at sunrise and – if they make it this far – pass through Burgess Hill on their way to Brighton.

The event commemorates the Emancipation Run of 14 November 1896, which celebrated the raising of the speed limit for 'light locomotives' from 4mph to 14mph and abolished the requirement for these vehicles to be preceded by a man on foot carrying a red flag.

This event is subject to government advice about public events and social distancing!

## A BUZZ IN THE TOWN CENTRE

The roof of Market Place Shopping Centre is the somewhat unlikely home to three colonies of honey bees.

The bees are one of the sustainable initiatives Centre Manager, Sam Mansell and Asset Managers, LaSalle Investment Management, have been keen to develop at the shopping centre. Local resident and beekeeper Philip O'Connell looks after the bees and extracts some of the honey, making sure he leaves sufficient to feed the colony.

Although it seems counter-intuitive, towns and cities often provide a better habitat for bees and other insects than the countryside. The bees find plenty to eat in the town as flowers and fruit trees in nearby gardens, and big trees such as the chestnuts and limes in St John's Park, produce plenty of pollen and nectar. Gardens and parks are also more likely to be organic than crop fields.

You can help these fascinating creatures and attract them to your garden by planting bee-friendly flowers, shrubs and trees, and by gardening organically.

Other environmental initiatives introduced by the shopping centre include installation of LED lighting and sensors in the common areas, saving 15% on consumption. Sensor taps and reduced flushing in the centre's public toilets has reduced water consumption by 9%. Recycling and waste at the Centre have also been addressed to maximise the amount recycled and ensure zero waste goes to landfill. Further initiatives are also being considered.



## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Find out about services available for older people in Mid Sussex by picking up a free copy of the *Community Connections* directory.

An updated version of the popular directory has been developed by Sussex District Council's Wellbeing Service in partnership with organisations working with, and for, older people in Mid Sussex.

With information on health, money, transport, support at home and in the community, staying safe and much more, the directory is packed with useful information.

It is available as a hard copy and online. Copies are available from the Town Council's Help Point at 96 Church Walk. Alternatively, view it online at [www.community-connections.org.uk](http://www.community-connections.org.uk).



## BURGESS HILL MASTERPLAN

Work is under way to implement the masterplan for Burgess Hill, starting with a new housing development off Isaacs Lane as part of the Northern Arc development.

Details of the whole plan – which includes housing, transport, community and infrastructure – and progress updates can be found at <https://burgesshill.net/>.



## OUTDOOR CINEMA – MARY POPPINS RETURNS

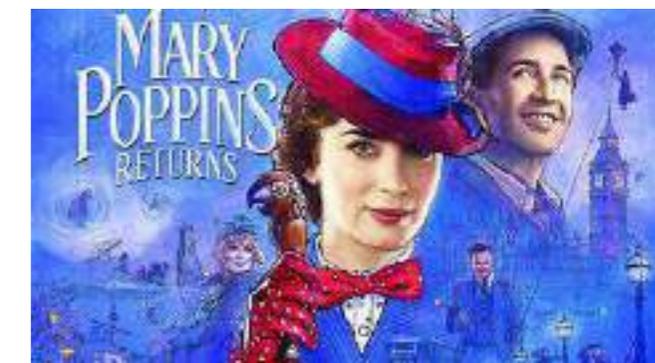
Following last year's sell out success the outdoor cinema returns to St John's Park in September with a free showing of family favourite, *Mary Poppins Returns*.

A few decades after her original visit, Mary Poppins returns to the Banks household in a spectacular new story. Using her magical skills, she takes the Banks children on an animated adventure, full of unexpected surprises and musical sequences, to help bring joy and wonder back into their lives.

Loosely based on the book series *Mary Poppins* by PL Travers, this 2018 musical fantasy is a sequel to the 1964 film *Mary Poppins*, and stars Emily Blunt as Mary Poppins, with an all-star cast of Lin-Manuel Miranda, Ben Whishaw, Emily Mortimer, Julie Walters, Dick Van Dyke, Angela Lansbury, Colin Firth and Meryl Streep in supporting roles.

Come and enjoy this delightful family film on Saturday 12 September, at 7.30pm. BBQ, soft drinks and popcorn available. Bring a chair!

We are hoping this event will go ahead although it is subject to government guidance regarding COVID-19.



## NEW COMMUNITY ART SCHEME

The Town Council approached Virgin Media about a scheme to paint colourful artwork on some of the grey cable boxes in Burgess Hill. Virgin Media welcomed the idea subject to approving the nominated boxes and designs.

Residents were invited to nominate boxes and suggest designs. It was suggested the designs should be relevant to the location of the box, for example the box outside Anthony Hole & Son in Cyprus Road could feature a bicycle, while a box near a field could feature wild flowers.

Burgess Hill Artists and Burgess Hill Heritage & History Association were also invited to nominate boxes and submit designs appropriate to the location.

During the coming months look out for the local artists from the Burgess Hill Artists group who will be out and about painting the designs.

## SEE IT, REPORT IT

When you are out and about in the town and you see an issue that needs attention - for example overgrown vegetation - please report it to the Town Council's Help Point and they will try to resolve the issue or pass it onto the relevant organisation to action.

The Help Point phone number is 01444 247726 or email [helppoint@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:helppoint@burgesshill.gov.uk). Alternatively, report it via [www.burgesshill.gov.uk/council-its-services/see-it-report-it](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk/council-its-services/see-it-report-it).

## FIND US ON INSTAGRAM

**Burgess Hill Town Council is on Instagram** – tag us for information or to notify us of issues around the town. Send us your photos [@burgesshilltowncouncil](https://www.instagram.com/burgesshilltowncouncil).



## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Summer Reading Challenge is back with Silly Squad! This year it's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh.

The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books. This year, the Challenge features extra special characters designed by the award-winning author and illustrator Laura Ellen Anderson, author of amazing reads like Amelia Fang and Evil Emperor Penguin.

You can join the Silly Squad on a new adventure by setting your own personal reading challenge to complete this summer. The new online platform will help you keep track of your books, reviews and the rewards you unlock along the way.

As always, there are loads of brilliant book suggestions to get you started, plus heaps of super silly activities, quizzes, videos, games and more to keep you entertained at home.

Register online at [www.readingagency.org.uk](http://www.readingagency.org.uk) or at Burgess Hill Library.



## WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

On Remembrance Day, which will take place on Sunday 8 November from 10.45am, there will be a short ceremony and a 2 minute silence at the War Memorial in Church Walk, followed by a Service of Remembrance at St John's Church.

On Wednesday 11 November, at 11am, a short Armistice Day ceremony will take place at the War Memorial.

Both events will be live-streamed on the Town Council's Facebook page.

Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point will host the People's Wreath so members of the public can donate their own poppy. The wreath will be placed on the War Memorial by the Town Mayor.

If anyone who has not done so before wishes to lay a wreath or take part in the parade, please contact Sarah Voce, email [pao.burgesshill@talktalk.net](mailto:pao.burgesshill@talktalk.net) or telephone 01444 246655.

The events will be subject to government advice regarding COVID-19.



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## POPPY APPEAL VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help collect for this year's Poppy Appeal, from 22 October to 7 November. Proceeds from the appeal supports serving and ex-serving personnel and their families.

If you can spare any time to help, please contact Sarah Voce by emailing [pao.burgesshill@talktalk.net](mailto:pao.burgesshill@talktalk.net) or calling 01444 246655.

## ALLSORTS ADVOCACY SERVICE BROADENS REACH

Sussex-based LGBT+ youth charity, Allsorts Youth Project, has launched an Advocacy Service in West Sussex offering support to LGBT+ children and young people aged 11-19.

Advocacy is getting support from someone to help you express yourself and ask for the things you want when you find yourself in a difficult situation. Allsorts advocate, Karla Coppendale, will listen to and support young people in making important decisions about their needs, and ensure that their voices are heard.

Allsorts Youth Project listens to, supports and connects children and young people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans (LGBT+) or unsure of their gender identity and/or sexual orientation.

Alongside a range of specialist youth services offered by Allsorts, the Urgent Need Advocacy Service has been empowering young people (ages 16-25) in Brighton since 2016, when it was launched in partnership with LGBTQ Mental Health Service, MindOut.

Funded by West Sussex Clinical Commissioning Groups (NHS) in partnership with West Sussex County Council, the West Sussex Advocacy Service can help young LGBT+ people research around difficult issues, express themselves, and access vital services. Allsorts' Advocacy Service strives to ensure that young people's rights are met, and that they feel empowered and in control of their own life.

Karla says, "My aim is to help facilitate the information and choices young people have, and empower the young person to pick what option is best for them so they can learn to advocate for themselves."

In 2019, the Urgent Need Advocacy Service built on the successes of previous years and had another strong year, seeing Allsorts' advocates provide a wide variety of support around economic hardship, insecure housing and homelessness, food and fuel poverty, immigration and asylum, and barriers to services because of LGBT+ discrimination. In total, the service in Brighton supported 139 young people.

Karla Coppendale encourages young people who feel they could benefit from Allsorts Youth Project's Advocacy Service in West Sussex, and those who are unsure if the service applies to them, to get in touch and discuss their options. The services are free, confidential, non-judgemental, independent from other services and led by you.

To find out more, contact Karla at [advocacy@allsortsyouth.org.uk](mailto:advocacy@allsortsyouth.org.uk), or visit [www.allsortsyouth.org.uk/what-we-do/advocacy](http://www.allsortsyouth.org.uk/what-we-do/advocacy)



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## SERVING BURGESS HILL FOR 115 YEARS

In a fast changing world Wood & Sons Butchers is a reassuring exception. Run by 3 generations of the same family and located at the same premises in Church Road since 1905, Woods has been supplying meat to the residents of Burgess Hill for 115 years.

The shop was opened by George Wood, the grandfather of current owner Richard Wood, after moving to Burgess Hill from Alfriston, where he had run a butcher's shop with his older brother since 1868.

The business was very different in 1905. Delivery was by butcher's boy on a bicycle with a large basket on the front, travelling as far afield as Albourne. A pony and trap was also used for deliveries and for collecting pigs from Tidy's Yard (now Tidy's Industrial Estate) on Ditchling Common. The pony and trap were kept in what is now the garage behind the shop.

On one occasion, Richard's father, wielding a stick, drove 4 bullocks from Haywards Heath Market down Isaacs Lane to



the family's slaughterhouse in West Street. They got as far as Grovers Farm where the bullocks lay down in the road and refused to go any further. The farmer spotted Richard's father and invited him in for a cup of tea while the animals rested (no traffic on the road in those days!). Then he filled a bottle of water and tipped it in the ear of one of the bullocks - which got them all to their feet to continue their journey.

There was no refrigeration at that time so huge blocks of ice were manoeuvred by two men using large tongs into the basement of the shop, where they kept the meat cool. Also in the basement were huge tanks of brine used for making salt beef and pork on the premises.

During World War 2, Richard's grandfather was in charge of food rationing for the whole of Burgess Hill. It's hard to imagine there were 12 butchers in Burgess Hill at that time, serving a much smaller population than today.

Richard tells the story of being machine-gunned by enemy Stuka fire while being pushed in his pram by his sister in Church Road. Frightened, his sister ran off and left him. Fortunately, he lived to tell the tale and Wood & Sons Butchers has continued to go from strength to strength.

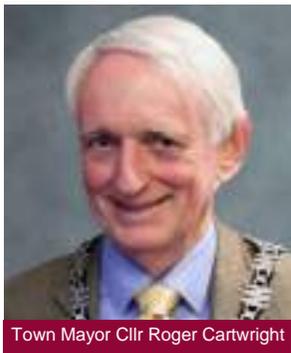
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# Burgess Hill Town Council Annual Town Report 2019/20



Town Mayor Cllr Roger Cartwright

## A Message from the Mayor

View of Burgess Hill looking towards The Burgess Hill Academy.

I am delighted to present Burgess Hill Town Council's Annual Report for 2019/20. In the midst of the current Covid-19 pandemic the events of the previous year have felt a world away. We look forward to further joyful community events in the future and for the present remain committed to supporting residents and local businesses as we all rebuild the life of the town and the needs of the local community.

The Town Council team work hard to give a great service to all residents and visitors. As budgets continue to tighten, the Council has targeted funds to projects and resources that best serve the community, while retaining reserves to meet contingencies such as the Covid-19 virus. The town-wide events continued to expand, developing into attractions which drew visitors from across Sussex. We continued to support local carers of all ages and delivered community celebrations targeted to appeal to a huge variety of local residents.

Our overall policy has been to support the redevelopment of the town while sustaining its traditional character and lifestyle. New initiatives have come to the fore including the Residents Forum and Saturday Councillor Surgeries as Councillors looked to maintain their direct engagement with residents, both experiments in making your local government more open and supportive. In addition, we have consulted the local traders about ways in which we can help them while the town centre undergoes a radical reconstruction; the resulting programme, named Bridge The Gap aims to support traders and organise events to bring greater footfall into the town centre.

As always we are thankful for the support of local charities and community groups and look forward to another year working in partnership, helping those who work on behalf of the young, the old and the disadvantaged, and who are good examples of the kindness and consideration reflected in our town life.



## Bridge The Gap

The Town Council introduced a new initiative entitled Bridge The Gap, which will offer events and resources to improve Burgess Hill's town centre during the regeneration process. We will, of course, be extending this to support the town during and after the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Town Centre Redevelopment

The 2019/20 year saw the demolition of the Martlets Hall and the relocation of Lidl. The brightest point in the year was the opening of Burgess Hill's new library. In December, The Gruffalo opened the new glass fronted building to a crowd of enthusiastic local residents. The building offers a lift, a new modern computer area, upgraded children's library, flexible shelving and a changing places toilet.



## The Beehive Centre for Community Arts

In January 2020, planning permission was granted for the new Beehive Centre for Community Arts, a milestone for the Centre which has taken so many years to develop. The project was supported by Dame Vera Lynn CH DBE LLD M.Mus and the main auditorium will be named in her honour. Patrons of the project include Judy Parfitt, The Right Hon Sir Nicholas Soames, Susan Fleet and Tim French MBE. The Centre now faces the challenge of fundraising with the final cost looking to be £5.5 - £6 million.



## Northern Arc

Work continues to progress with surveys of ground conditions taking place in February and March 2020. The first phases of construction begin with housing at Freeks Farm and the building of a bridge/link road. The past year has seen some strides forward with the project after it was taken over by Homes England. Homes England is an executive non-departmental public body intended as the government's housing accelerator. To find out more about the plans please visit [burgesshill.net](http://burgesshill.net).



## The Place and Connectivity Programme

The Place and Connectivity Programme is a £21 million scheme which will deliver significant infrastructure improvements that will help link the new development areas and other key destinations in Burgess Hill. Led by Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council, the programme will see improvements to Church Road, Church Walk and Queen Elizabeth Avenue. There will also be work to both railway stations and cycle routes to improve connectivity. The Town Council is working in collaboration with Mid Sussex DC and West Sussex CC to deliver some quicker infrastructure projects, such as Phase 2 of the real time passenger information displays and new entrance signs to the town. The project also ensured improvements to widen the path across World's End Recreation ground undertaken by Mid Sussex DC.



## Town Centre Urban Beach



During the Summer Holidays, Burgess Hill's free Urban Beach returned offering free extra entertainment to local families. Many residents mentioned what a cheering sight the Sand Pit became and it was a visible draw to the town centre.



## Open Air Cinema



A free open-air cinema showing of *The Greatest Showman* at St John's Park was attended by 1500 people of all ages on a fine, dry evening in September. Picnics were eaten, wine corks popped and a good time was had by all. The event was organised by the Town Council with local groups providing food and refreshments.



## Summer Festival

During the Summer Festival in June 2019, 62 events were held over 9 days with something for all ages and pockets. 51 of the 62 events were free or cost £6 or less. The Festival was co-ordinated by the Town Council with 40 local groups, businesses and individuals organising events.



## Summer Fayre

Burgess Hill's annual Summer Fayre in St John's Park in June 2019 was held on a gloriously sunny day and residents turned out in large numbers to enjoy all the activities, entertainment and community stalls.



## Councillors' Allowances Claimed

Annual Allowances are paid under the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) Regulations 2003

Allen, Graham	£1,199	Foster, Joseph	£1,199
Barrett-Miles, Andrew	£0	Gibbs, Lee	£1,199
Cartwright, Roger	£1,199	Henwood, Janice	£1,199
Chapman, Peter	£0	Hicks, Simon	£1,199
Coe-Gunnell White, Emma	£1,199	Hussain, Tofojjul	£1,199
Cornish, Matthew	£1,199	Lawrence, Sarah	£1,199
Duggan, Robert	£1,199	Neumann, Sylvia	£500
Eggleston, Robert	£1,199	Nielsen, Max	£1,199
Eves, Anne	£1,199	Willis, Kathleen	£1,199

**Total Allowances Claimed: £18,485**

**Travel & Subsistence costs reclaimed for undertaking official Town Council duties (received as at 30/04/2020)**

- Cllr Robert Duggan £9

## Community Grants Awarded

Community Grants totalling £12,586 were awarded to the following organisations:

	£
Friends of the Green Circle Network	£523
Windmills Opportunity Playgroup	£500
Kangaroos	£250
Mid Sussex Voluntary Action	£1,000
Revitalise	£500
Burgess Hill Flower Club	£100
Sheddingdean Baptist Church	£557
Friends of Woodlands Meed	£250
4Sight	£500
Burgess Hill Heritage & History Association	£150
Parkfield Equine Solutions	£750
Mid Sussex Active	£500
Cuckfield Stroke Communication Group	£500
Kangaroos	£250
Speak Up	£500
Dame Vera Lynn Children's Charity	£500
Cruse Bereavement Care	£500
Support 4 Diabetes	£256
Summerhaven	£500
Signposts Mid Sussex	£1,000
SASBAH	£500
Burgess Hill Radio	£2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£12,586</b>

# Financial Summary

## 2019/20 Budget Analysis

The Town Council's budgeted revenue expenditure for the year amounted to £999,142 with a total of £873,478 being raised from residents of the town. The Town Council is pleased to announce that a modest surplus will be achieved which will be reinvested to provide future services for the community. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the social distancing restrictions introduced by the government, the Annual Town Meeting which was planned for 14 April this year, had to be cancelled.

The impact from the Coronavirus on the 2020/21 financial year's budget is still being assessed and although a number of special events planned have been postponed or cancelled, the majority of services provided directly by the Town Council will remain largely unaffected.

## Public Notice

Under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/234), it is reported the accounts for year ending 31 March 2019 for Burgess Hill Town Council have been duly audited by the District Auditor, Moore UK.

### Revenue Budget : Income and Costs £000s

Where the money comes from	2019/20	2020/21	Where the money is spent	2019/20	2020/21
Council tax payers (Precept) (i)	873	919	Help Point Services	90	91
Partner income (MSDC/WSCC)	39	34	External Services (Grnds Maint, Burial, Allot')	270	273
Hire of Council facilities	10	15	Community Partnerships & Events	124	141
Burial Ground income	24	27	Community/Facility Development	143	183
Roundabout Sponsorship/Contract	19	17	Civic and Planning	99	99
About Town magazine	10	10	<b>Total Direct Services</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>787</b>
Other	24	25	Support Services	173	170
			Insurance, Business Rates, Utilities, etc	100	90
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1,047</b>	<b>Total Revenue Expenditure</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>1,047</b>
<b>Council Reserves at the 1 April 2019</b>	<b>£000's</b>		<b>Band D rate in real terms</b>	<b>£73.30</b>	<b>£75.32</b>
General Reserve	199		<b>Actual Band D rate - after taking into account a one-off rebate of £72k given to residents in 2019/20</b>	<b>£67.22</b>	<b>£75.32</b>
Earmarked Reserves	646				
<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>845</b>				
<b>Town Council Employees</b>					
Full-time equivalents	Bud 16.1 Act 15.6	Bud 16.1			

(i) For comparison purposes only, the one-off £72k refund given to residents in 2019/20 has been removed from this figure.



## Pamper Day for Carers

In March 2020, a free pamper day was enjoyed by adult carers who provide unpaid care for a partner or a loved one. The day was hosted by Burgess Hill School for Girls, with support from the Town Council, and offered a range of pamper sessions, musical entertainment, crafts, information and advice for carers as well as a free lunch and refreshments provided by the school.



## Young Carers

Over 245 carers aged 6 - 15 years enjoyed 16 Young Carers events during the year including fun days, outings, a visit to a pantomime and a weekend residential trip. The events were led by Burgess Hill Youth and co-ordinated by the Town Council. The events were free for the young carers and free transport was provided when needed.



## Rock Up and Ride

Young BMX riders had an opportunity to attend a free session with a professional coach and DJ at the Burgess Hill BMX track in August, with 55 young people turning up on the day. The event was organised by the Town Council with support from Respect Youth Club and funding from Burgess Hill District Lions Club.



## Great British Spring Clean

During the Great British Spring Clean in April 2019, the Town Council co-ordinated litter-picks of sites in different parts of the town, with residents invited to nominate 'grot spots' needing a clean up. Town Councillors led some of the events, with litter pickers and other equipment provided by the Town Council.



## Climbing Wall in Church Walk

Thanks to funding from Burgess Hill District Lions Club, the Town Council organised a free Climbing Wall and Strike a Light games in Church Walk during the Easter holidays. The activities proved very popular with families and were busy throughout the day.



## It's Christmas in Burgess Hill

It was a wet Christmas event in November but nevertheless residents turned out in large numbers to meet star attractions Peppa Pig and George and to enjoy the fairground rides. There was live entertainment on stage throughout the day alongside community stalls, live reindeer, Santa's Grotto, free children's Christmas cards and a photo booth. The day concluded with a countdown to the switch-on of the Christmas lights.



# Help Point



During 2019/20 the Town Council's Help Point received and responded to more than 31,680 enquiries from residents and visitors on a wide range of issues. The opening times for the Help Point are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9-5pm and Wednesday 10-5pm.

## Partnership Working

The Town Council has been working in partnership with Citizen's Advice to ensure a service is still available in Burgess Hill. The drop in service is held regularly at the Help Point on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10am - 4pm. These sessions are often well attended. Citizen's Advice is free, confidential, independent and impartial plus open to everyone in the community. The Town Council has also worked in partnership with SHC Audiology, which has run a hearing clinic at the Town Council for the last year. SHC Audiology is a provider of NHS adult hearing care.

## The Burgess Hill Calendar

The Help Point have collaborated with local group Burgess Hill Artists and students of The Burgess Hill Academy to create a vibrant 2020 Calendar celebrating Burgess Hill and its creative community. Kindly sponsored by local independent businesses, the venture was very successful, selling over 200 copies with 10% of proceeds going to Age UK West Sussex - Cherry Tree Centre, based in Fairfield Road.



## Room Hire

Our room hire continues to grow in popularity with many repeat bookings including meetings, public drop ins, training sessions, award gatherings and other business related interactions. We have a large Council Chamber which can accommodate up to 50 guests at one time, as well as a smaller Meeting Room. Both the Council Chamber and the smaller Meeting Room are available for hire 5 days a week, during office hours as well as evenings, For further information please phone 01444 247726 or email: [bookings@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@burgesshill.gov.uk).



If you have an enquiry we can help with please contact Burgess Hill Town Council Help Point

at 96 Church Walk, Burgess Hill, RH15 9AS, Telephone: 01444 247726, Fax: 01444 233707, email: [helppoint@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:helppoint@burgesshill.gov.uk), or visit [www.burgesshill.gov.uk](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk)



## ALL IN THE PAST

Burgess Hill Heritage and History Association is looking forward to restarting its 2020 programme in September, when popular speaker, Geoff Mead, will be talking about Brighton before the Pavilion.

The AGM in October will be followed by Derek Moore giving an account of the Clayton Tunnel disaster. The November meeting will hear about the origins of the Victoria Industrial Estate, the first to be built in Burgess Hill.

Meetings are held at 8pm in Cyprus Hall, Cyprus Road on the second Friday of each month. The museum is open from 7pm. Non-members are always welcome.



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## LIONS CELEBRATE 65 YEARS

Burgess Hill District Lions have celebrated the club's 65th year since it was formed in April 1955, when at the time it became one of only four Lions Clubs in Sussex - today there are 27 clubs across Sussex.

The club, which has charity status, raises funding from a number of different initiatives, including restaurant meal evenings, tombolas and Christmas collections. The majority of the club's income is generated from the "Book Den" which is the club's own second-hand bookshop that also sells jig-saws, records, DVDs and CDs, and is located in Church Walk, Burgess Hill. The shop is well known in the town and serves as a focal point for the club's activities and a link between the community and club members. The Book Den is supported by a number of volunteers to whom the club is grateful to for their community service.

Support is provided to local organisations and clubs, through donations and service. The club has a particular focus on helping our youth, and our schools and the elderly. The Lions are also keen supporters of the community and the Burgess Hill Community Radio. In support of local communities, the club has made donations towards the town's Summer Festival and many other local events in the wider communities it covers.

In its 65th year the club has donated over £70,000, which included grants to the Town's Emergency Fund, and the local Air Ambulance service during the crisis.

Please drop in to see them if you are interested in joining the Lions, or becoming a volunteer in the Book Den, or contact them via their website [www.bhdlions.co.uk](http://www.bhdlions.co.uk).

## CHRISTMAS DIARY DATE

*It's Christmas in Burgess Hill!*, Burgess Hill's Christmas event and lights switch-on, will take place in the town centre on Saturday 21 November. Put the date in your diary!

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## BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

AUGUST	
Planning Committee	Monday 10 August 7pm
SEPTEMBER	
Planning Committee	Tuesday 1 September 7pm
Customer Services Key Area Group	Thursday 10 September 7pm
Council	Monday 21 September 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 28 September 7pm
OCTOBER	
Planning Committee	Monday 19 October 7pm

NOVEMBER	
Customer Services Key Area Group	Wednesday 4 November 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 9 November 7pm
Finance Key Area Group	Thursday 12 November 6.30pm
Council	Monday 23 November 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 30 November 7pm

If you would like information, dates or times concerning Town Council meetings, please contact Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point at 96 Church Walk, or telephone **01444 247726**. Alternatively, email [helppoint@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:helppoint@burgesshill.gov.uk) or check the website [www.burgesshill.gov.uk/meetingsagendasminutes](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk/meetingsagendasminutes)

Burgess Hill Town Council website: [www.burgesshill.gov.uk](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk)  
 The Youth Zone: [www.you-bh.com](http://www.you-bh.com).

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Are you worried a vulnerable person isn't fire safe?

Refer them, or yourself, for FREE Safe & Well advice by calling 0345 8729 719 or emailing [safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:safeandwell@westsussex.gov.uk).

Visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/ShutFiresOut](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ShutFiresOut) for further information.



## STAY WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER

Make sure you stay warm and safe this winter - last year West Sussex Fire Service tested 264 blankets of which 62 were found to be faulty and potentially unsafe.

For dates of free electric blanket testing this autumn, please telephone 0330 222 5003 between 9am - 4pm.

For further information, visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-rescue-events/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/fire-rescue-events/).

## FURNIHELP MID-SUSSEX

Help for those in need in Burgess Hill

FurniHelp is a local charity that collects unwanted furniture and household goods and donates those items to people in need as referred by social services, social housing providers, NHS agencies and similar. They have been around since 1995, based variously in East Grinstead, Burgess Hill and now Horsted Keynes.

Funding comes from the West Sussex Local Assistance Network, Clarion, national and local charities, from donations given to help defray the cost of collections and the sale of those items they cannot re-home. All their workers are volunteers and they have no paid staff.

In the year to the end of March 2020 FurniHelp helped over 200 households in Mid Sussex, many of them in Burgess Hill. This level of demand has been much the same for over seven years. To maintain their help for those in need they desperately need two things:

Your unwanted furniture and household goods. They don't guarantee to take everything and their website ([www.furnihelp.co.uk](http://www.furnihelp.co.uk)) explains this in some detail but most importantly they need some younger blood amongst their volunteers.

The three Trustees of FurniHelp have a combined age of 218 and all three of them are looking to hand on the baton in the next year or so. Finding new Trustees is vital for FurniHelp to continue. So anyone who would like to get involved – please get in touch.

If you have time to spare to join the team and/or have furniture, white goods, kitchenware, bedding etc they could use, please contact them on 01342 811755 or email [admin@furnihelp.co.uk](mailto:admin@furnihelp.co.uk). Without your help they cannot help others.

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL (OUT OF HOURS)	0845 602 1035
CLARION HOUSING GROUP	0300 100 0303
WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT)	01243 642 105
WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONTACT CENTRE	01243 777 100
SOCIAL CARE (Adults)	01243 642 121
(Children)	03302 226 664
PRINCESS ROYAL HOSPITAL	01444 441 881
DENTAL EMERGENCIES (NHS DIRECT)	111

## WHAT'S ON IN THE AREA?

For the latest news of events in and around Burgess Hill throughout the coming months, visit Burgess Hill Town Council's website, [www.burgesshill.gov.uk](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk), or contact the Town Council's Tourist Information Centre at 96 Church Walk, telephone 01444 238202 or email [touristinformation@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:touristinformation@burgesshill.gov.uk).

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## WALKS LEAFLETS

Many people have enjoyed exploring their local area during the lockdown period. The Town Council has produced four walks leaflets packed with information on walks around the town.

- Public Art Trail
- Twittens Walks
- History Trail
- Children's Spotters Guide

Pick up a free copy from the Help Point at 96 Church Walk or download them from the website [www.burgesshill.gov.uk](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk).

## TEN GOLDEN RULES TO PREVENT FRAUD

Remember these ten golden rules from Sussex Police to help you prevent fraud and beat the scammers.

1. Be suspicious of all 'too good to be true' offers and deals. There are no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes.
2. Don't agree to offers or deals immediately. Insist on time to get independent or legal advice before making a decision.
3. Don't hand over money or sign anything until you've checked someone's credentials and their company's.
4. Never send money to anyone you don't know or trust, whether in the UK or abroad, or use methods of payment you're not comfortable with.
5. Never give banking or personal details to anyone you don't know or trust. This information is valuable so make sure you protect it.
6. Always log on to a website directly rather than clicking on links in an email.
7. Don't just rely on glowing testimonials. Find solid, independent evidence of a company's success.
8. Always get independent or legal advice if an offer involves money, time or commitment.
9. If you spot a scam or have been scammed, report it and get help. Contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. Call Sussex Police on 101 if you know the suspect or they're still in the area. If you're deaf or hard of hearing, use the textphone service on 18001 101.
10. Please don't be embarrassed about reporting a scam. Because the scammers are cunning and clever there's no shame in being deceived. By reporting it, you'll make it more difficult for them to deceive others.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Hello there, I wanted to introduce myself and also mention an amazing scheme we are always looking for new members to get involved in.

My name is Darren Taylor and I am the new Prevention Inspector for Mid Sussex. I oversee your local Prevention Teams throughout the whole of Mid Sussex.

One of the positives which has really shone through over the last few months is how neighbours, residents and local communities have really come together, looking out for each other and supporting each other.

With this in mind I cannot think of a better project to promote than the Neighbourhood Watch scheme which exists across so much of Mid Sussex. With residents already involved in looking out for their neighbours, why not contact the Mid Sussex Neighbourhood Watch Team and find out how you can get involved?

Not only will you work closely with your local Policing Team but you will also update your neighbours on what is happening in their local area and any crime trends or patterns.

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