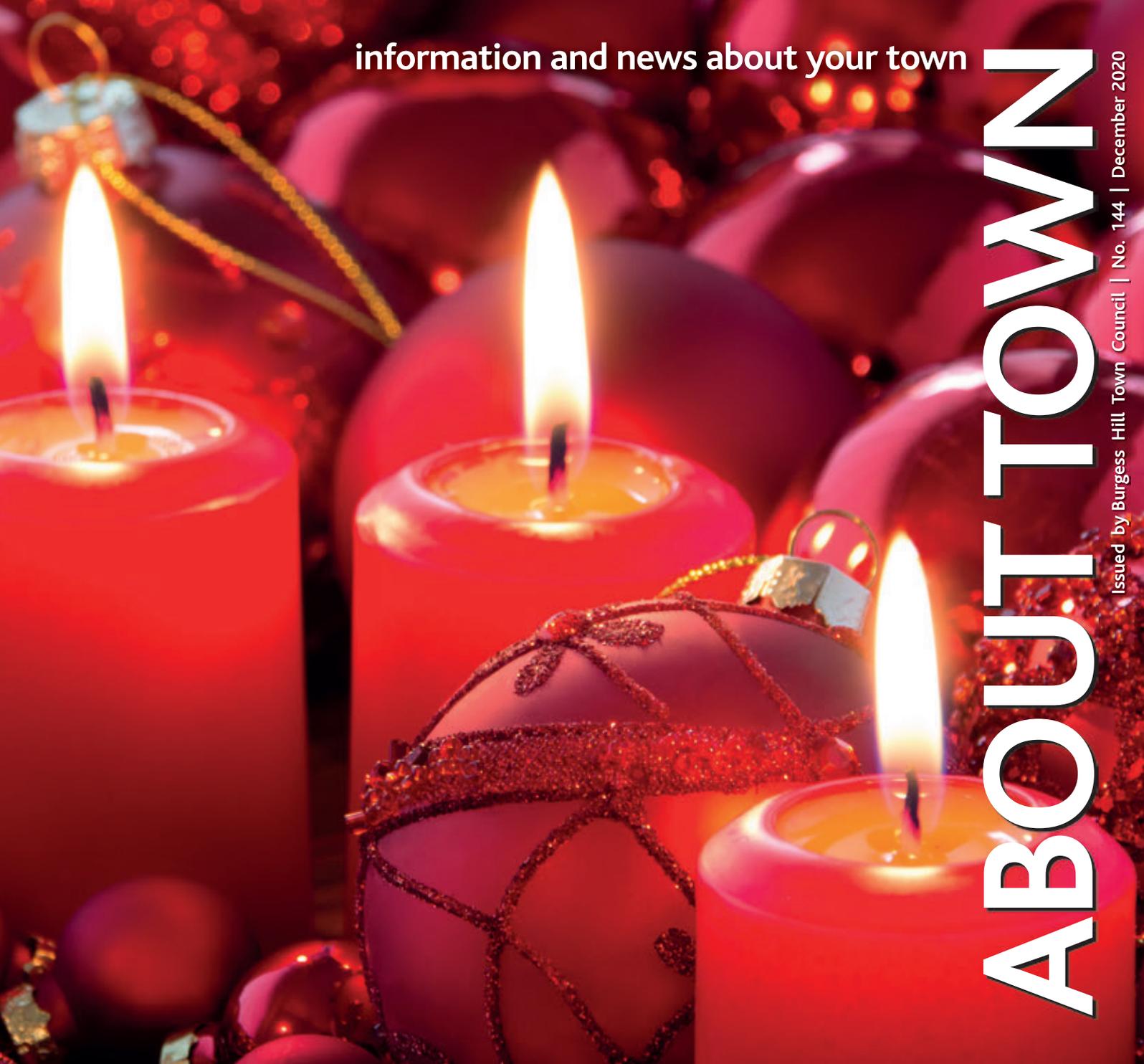


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## MESSAGE FROM THE TOWN MAYOR

It is hard to realise that another year has nearly passed. And now we face Christmas still fighting Covid-19.

Looking back, we can be stirred by the neighbourliness that so many showed in helping those most vulnerable during lockdown. Please remember that Christmas, which for some can be a lonely time, will be worse with Covid-19 so your care and kindnesses in these strange times - even a simple phone call - will be much appreciated and will help those who need some human contact.



The Council is planning to maintain the spirit of Christmas as far as we can, given the likely constraints ahead. We aim to bring life to the town centre while it is restructured. We are setting up a source of affordable food by setting up the Burgess Hill Pantry to complement the great work of our Food Bank. As a community we will stand together and support one another and look forward to better times ahead.

Roger Cartwright  
Town Mayor

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## SANTA'S SLEIGH

With Christmas fast approaching, Burgess Hill and District Rotary Club hope to take their sleigh with Father Christmas on board round their normal routes and look forward to your usual generous support. Please see their FaceBook page and website in November for further details.

The club was unable to hold its usual three Car Boot Fairs in 2020, due to Covid-19. In normal years, these events would help them raise between £3,000 and £4,000 to fund local and international projects.

Hoping for better times next year, they are planning Car Boot Fairs on Easter Monday (5 April), the Spring Bank Holiday Monday (31 May) and the August Bank Holiday Monday (30 August), when they look forward to seeing all their sellers and buyers.

For more information about Burgess Hill Rotary Club, please contact [secretary@burge-hill.rotary1145.org](mailto:secretary@burge-hill.rotary1145.org).



## FOOD BANK RELOCATION

Burgess Hill Community Food Bank has moved to new premises in the town centre and is now based at 85 Church Walk.

Town Council Leader Robert Eggleston helped secure appropriate premises for a joint depot and distribution point and NewRiver Retail has provided the premises at a peppercorn rent.

Refurbishing the building was a community effort, with Burgess Hill Town Council and Burgess Hill District Lions Club making financial contributions, including a £1,000 grant from the Lions Clubs Foundation.

The Town Council's Maintenance Team helped with a substantial part of the refurbishment and a number of local companies and Food Bank volunteers helped get the premises ready for the move.

Demand soared at the start of lockdown and remained that way for the first 3 months. Whilst this has subsequently reduced, numbers are still higher than pre-lockdown levels. From March to August the Food Bank provided 606 crates of food to feed 1159 people.

Many people have never been in this situation before and may feel embarrassed about asking for help. Be assured, the Food Bank provides food to people from all walks of life - especially since the pandemic outbreak - and everyone is treated with dignity and respect.

If you would like to help, there are food collection points at Waitrose and the three Co-ops in Burgess Hill, and donations can be made via the website.

The Food Bank is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 11am – 1pm.

For more details, visit <http://www.burgesshillfoodbank.org.uk/>.

# BURGESS HILL SHED REOPENS AFTER LOCKDOWN

Local charity Burgess Hill Shed has recently agreed a new lease with West Sussex County Council for its community workshop at Burnside in Victoria Road. The new lease is for a five year term and will enable the charity to continue to run its successful community workshop in Burgess Hill.



As soon as the new lease was signed and lockdown restrictions were lifted, members set about planning to re-open the workshop, which was necessary to ensure that Government requirements for Covid control were in place and members felt safe to return. Members have adapted to the new controls very well and they are once again enjoying working together, albeit at a safe distance. It is also pleasing to see new members joining and quickly getting stuck into projects and making new friends.



The Burnside workshop is currently open from 9.30am to 3pm each Tuesday and Wednesday. It is an ideal place for members to work on a variety of craft projects and hobbies. Some come to learn new skills, some to make things for their homes and families, and some to make products which can be sold to members of the public to raise funds for the running costs. Members also work together on projects to help other local groups such as making special scenery for Cuckfield Drama Society and stage steps for Burgess Hill Choral Society. For more information call 01444 236743 or email [shed@bhshed.org.uk](mailto:shed@bhshed.org.uk).



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## TOYS AND MORE AT KIDS STUFF

Family run business Kids Stuff was started by Debbie and Julian Hartfield when they opened their first store in Uckfield in 1988. Crowborough soon followed and the Burgess Hill shop opened in Market Place Shopping Centre 25 years ago. From small beginnings Kids Stuff has gone from strength to strength and there are now 8 stores stretching from Eastbourne to Chichester and Bognor to Tunbridge Wells.

32 years on, Kids Stuff is very much a family concern, with son and daughter, Becky and Stephen, along with other family members now involved in running the business.

The Burgess Hill staff have been with the company for many years and take pride in knowing their customers and providing a personal service. They have an encyclopaedic knowledge of the stock and are able to make recommendations of age-appropriate gifts if you are stuck for ideas.

As well as the traditional toys, games and educational products that are always popular with families, Kids Stuff also stocks all the latest arrivals, offering a price match to guarantee competitive prices. The Autumn/Winter catalogue is available to pick up in the store.

They run a year round Christmas Club so you can spread the cost of your gift shopping and Gift Vouchers are also available to spend in store.

Find them at 16 Market Place Shopping Centre, tel. 01444 257724.



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# REPAIR CAFE

Next opening Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am – 1pm at The Kiln, opposite New Look.



Then Saturdays 9<sup>th</sup> Jan, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> March & 10<sup>th</sup> April. Bring along your broken items & watch them being repaired in front of you by volunteers, in return for a donation.

Sample our tea & cake while you wait. Don't throw it! – Fix it!

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## SANTA BRINGS JOY TO YOUNG CARERS

Santa will be bringing joy to Burgess Hill's Young Carers this festive season.

Following cancellation of the young carers' annual trip to the Pantomime due to COVID-19, Santa wanted to make sure the youngsters didn't miss out. They will be able to visit him at Burgess Hill Youth where he will be giving out bags of Christmas goodies.

The bags are being put together by Burgess Hill Youth and the Town Council with funding from Burgess Hill's Lions and Rotary clubs.

# NEW SCOUT HUT IN THE PIPELINE

Plans are under way for a long-awaited replacement scout hut for the 5th Burgess Hill Scouts. Based in Gordon Road in Worlds End, the Scout troop has been running since 1957, originally meeting at Manor Field School and moving into the current wooden hut in 1966.

However, after more than fifty years, the hut is showing its age so the group plans to replace it with a brand new, purpose-built Scout Hut, to continue to provide Scouting to north Burgess Hill for the next fifty years and more. Obviously, this is going to take a huge amount of money and the Group needs to raise as much as possible.

The Group currently consists of Beaver, Cub and Scout sections for children and young people from the ages of 6 to 18+. Age appropriate activities are based on fun and learning new skills, with camping and plenty of other adventurous activities throughout the year.

If you would like to support the young people in their quest for a new hut, or for further information about the Scouts, please contact Clive Everest on 01273 846433 or email [cliveeverest1@gmail.com](mailto:cliveeverest1@gmail.com).

# EU SETTLEMENT SCHEME

If you are an EU citizen, make sure your right to remain in the UK is secure when the transition period ends. You can do this by applying to the EU Settlement Scheme. Settlement status gives EU nationals and their family the right to live and work in the UK. It's free, and you should apply before 31 December 2020.

Pre-settlement status is for people who have lived in the UK for less than 5 years. It means you can apply for settled status when you've lived here for 5 continuous years.

The final deadline isn't until June 2021, but if you haven't applied by 31 December you may be unable to access healthcare, property, jobs and education if the UK leaves without a deal.

If you live or work in Mid Sussex, Citizens Advice can help you to apply. Maureen, a Caseworker at the charity, says: 'EU citizens are an important part of our community. We want to make sure you can get help if you need it. Please contact us, and let your friends and family know we can help too.' Advice is free, confidential, independent and impartial.

Email your contact details to [EUMidSussex@westsussexcab.org.uk](mailto:EUMidSussex@westsussexcab.org.uk) or call 0344 477 1171. For more information, visit [www.advicewestsussex.org.uk](http://www.advicewestsussex.org.uk) and click I Need Help.

To apply direct, visit [www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families](http://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families).

# A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OF THANKS

From Monday 23 November, Burgess Hill residents will be able to share a message of thanks, to be displayed on the Christmas Wreath in the Town Council's Help Point window.

Residents can visit the Help Point and write a note – this can be to a member of the community, family, friends, key workers - anyone they have been grateful to this year.

The messages will be pinned onto the wreath and displayed during the lead up to Christmas.

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# EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Neighbourly Care is a local charity, based in Burgess Hill and Hassocks that operates on the spirit and principles of being a good neighbour. It has been very active during the pandemic, making befriending phone calls or socially distanced visits in the garden, shopping, picking up prescriptions and helping people sort out minor household problems.

Neighbourly Care provides a listening ear and a helping hand to anyone who needs some help and companionship because they are isolated, sick, disabled, housebound or just lonely. Although many of the people they help are elderly, Neighbourly Care does not operate exclusively for this group. The Neighbourly Care volunteer team are just as willing to help parents with young children or indeed anyone facing a crisis that can be resolved with some caring neighbourly action.

If you think Neighbourly Care could be of help to you or someone you know, or are interested in volunteering as a helper yourself, do please contact them by phone on 07876 066 368 or email [neighbourlycare@outlook.com](mailto:neighbourlycare@outlook.com). For further information, visit the website [www.neighbourlycare.co.uk](http://www.neighbourlycare.co.uk).



# BRING SOME FESTIVE CHEER THIS CHRISTMAS

Although Mid Sussex is perceived to be an affluent area, Christmas can be a particularly difficult time of year for people struggling on low incomes or experiencing a financial crisis.

Thanks to the efforts of a group of local organisations and businesses, Christmas will be a little brighter this year for struggling families and individuals. They will receive a food hamper, packed and delivered by volunteers, to help budgets stretch a bit further and bring some festive cheer this Christmas.

The initiative is being organised by Burgess Hill District Lions Club, The Kings Church Mid-Sussex, Burgess Hill Town Council, Burgess Hill Youth and Burgess Hill Community Food Bank, with additional support from Sussex Clubs for Young People. Local schools and businesses are collecting food items.

If you would like to help, you can view the list of food needed and drop in contributions at the Town Council's Help Point at 96 Church Walk.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, it is reported the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2020 for Burgess Hill Town Council have been duly audited by the external auditor Moore UK and can be viewed at [www.burgesshill.gov.uk/financialreturn](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk/financialreturn).

# 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).



# NEW CREATIVE SPACE AT THE KILN

The Kiln is a project initiated by Burgess Hill Shed to create an adaptable workspace for use by individuals and community groups.

The centre will house arts and craft studios, craft and maker workshops to enable resourceful people in our community to work together. It will also provide community groups with access to space and resources to promote health and well-being and collaborate on projects of benefit to the community.

As a member, you will be able to undertake your own project, work with others on group projects or work on community projects, and you will be able to join hands-on arts and crafts activities and learning sessions. Volunteers are also welcome to help with day to day operations.

The Kiln is being created in the former Argos building in The Martlets Shopping Centre. For more information, visit the website [www.thekiln.org.uk](http://www.thekiln.org.uk) or pop in any Thursday between 10am and 2.30pm.



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## ST. ANDREW'S PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS

Improvements are being planned for the play area on the open space in St Andrew's Road.

Mid Sussex District Council has approved funding so the next step will be carrying out a consultation with local residents.

For further information, visit the website [www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/playgrounds/](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/playgrounds/)



## IT'S CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY DAY

It's Christmas Community Day takes place in Church Walk on Saturday 21 November from 10am to 5pm, with community stalls, music from Burgess Hill Radio and plenty of Christmas gift ideas.

It will be a rather scaled back Christmas event this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions, but we want to do something to support our town centre traders at the end of a very difficult year as well as supporting our local voluntary groups to do some fundraising.

Come and support our traders and community groups!

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

You will be able to enjoy watching the Christmas lights being switched on in the town centre from the safety and comfort of your own home this year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we are unable to hold the usual lights switch-on, which attracts large crowds into the town centre. We will live stream the event instead so residents can enjoy it safely. It will take place at 6.30pm on Friday 20 November.

## FRENCH CHRISTMAS MARKET

The popular French Market will be returning to Burgess Hill on Friday 20 November.

There will be plenty of stalls to choose from offering a wide selection of goods such as French bread, cheese and pastries, plus Provençal soaps, vintage music, bags and purses, basketware, jumpers and much more.

Don't miss this opportunity to stock up with some Gallic goodies.

## BURGESS HILL WELCOMES NEW OPEN MARKET

Burgess Hill Town Council is launching various projects under its Bridge the Gap initiative to help support the town centre traders during redevelopment of The Martlets.

The first of these projects is the new open market, which has been six months in the planning to bring a fabulous variation of stalls selling local produce and goods as well as crafts to Burgess Hill town centre.

The market is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month in Church Walk, from 9am to 2pm.

Do come along and support our local producers and businesses!

A market stall is a good way of testing the water if you have an idea for a new business.

The market is open for new traders - to find out more, please email [market@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:market@burgesshill.gov.uk) or phone the Town Council on 01444 247726 and ask for Liz.



# NO CUPBOARD EMPTY

Burgess Hill Pantry is a new initiative being set up by the Town Council to help people struggling on low incomes put food on the table.

The idea is simple. For a small weekly fee members of the scheme can select 10 food items worth considerably more from a range of items on offer. The aim is to help household budgets stretch a little further. The scheme is open to people who are working and struggling to make ends meet as well as those who are without work.

With the predicted economic fallout from COVID-19 many people are likely to find themselves facing a sudden loss of income. There is no shame in that - it can happen to anyone. The Pantry is being set up to help people get through a difficult time and back on their feet. But it is not going to be just a food shop as the plan is to include other support services for the community.

Burgess Hill Pantry is located in the former William Hill unit opposite Martlets Hall. The building is currently being refurbished and it is hoped the Pantry will be open in the new year.

Volunteers are needed for the project – as trustees of the charity and to help in the shop. For further information, please call 01444 238211 or email [council@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:council@burgesshill.gov.uk).



## LET IT SNOW...

If it snows this winter, you can help clear paths and pavements to prevent slips and falls – don't believe the myths about being sued. It's unlikely that you would be held responsible if someone is injured on a path or pavement if you have cleared it carefully.

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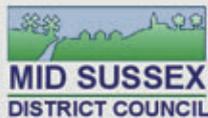
- do it early in the day - it's easier to move fresh, loose snow
- don't use water - it might refreeze and turn to black ice
- use salt if possible - it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight
- you can use ash and sand if you don't have enough salt - it will provide grip underfoot
- pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways - using more salt may help.

Salt from the salt bins can be used to keep roads and pavements clear but it must not be used for your garden paths and steps.

To help keep pavements free of snow, Burgess Hill Town Council has a number of snow shovels and hi-vis vests that can be borrowed by residents, subject to availability. Contact 01444 247726.

If a significant snowfall is forecast this winter the Town Council will deliver 1 ton bags of salt to various locations around the town (subject to availability from West Sussex County Council), which will be posted on the Town Council's website [www.burgesshill.gov.uk](http://www.burgesshill.gov.uk), Facebook and Twitter.





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## NEW LOOK FOR STATION BRIDGE

The Wivelsfield station bridge has undergone a transformation recently, with the addition of some lovely bright murals as well as repainting of the underbridge and upgrading of the lighting. The artwork for the murals was created by artists working alongside the Worlds End Association and pupils at Manor Field Primary School.

The scheme is part of a wider package of improvements to Wivelsfield Station area to make it more welcoming to residents and visitors as well as providing better walking and cycling connections and a lift for step-free access.

It is all part of the Place and Connectivity Programme, which is gathering pace with projects taking place across Burgess Hill to improve public spaces and encourage people to walk and cycle.

The Programme is being delivered by Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council in partnership with other agencies.



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## ST JOHN'S PARK MASTERPLAN

Preparation of long term plans for St John's Park continues in response to community consultation.

The 'master plan' is intended to show a variety of improvement projects that can be completed over a long period of time. Each project will require funding and further planning and design work. So please look out for the latest plans on the MSDC website and the posters put up throughout the park.

<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/parks/>



## DRESSING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Our town centre shops will be looking at their sparkliest best this Christmas as they try to outdo each other to win the accolade of Best Dressed Shop Window.

The Town Mayor will judge the displays in the middle of December and the winner will be announced in the local press and on the Town Council's social media.

While doing our Christmas shopping, let's all do our bit to support our valiant traders into 2021. They've had a rotten year so let's spread some Christmas cheer.

Let's support our local traders this Christmas!

## WEEE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the run up to Christmas we tend to look at purchasing new electrical items for our homes or as gifts for friends and family. Now is a good time to rehome or recycle any items that are unwanted or no longer usable.

Broken items that may be repairable can be taken to the monthly Repair Café to see whether they can be given a new lease of life. Local charities St Peter & St James Hospice and Burgess Hill's British Heart Foundation also test and sell small electrical items. Donations are restricted because of COVID-19 so contact them first to find out when they are accepting items.

For electrical goods beyond repair, any items that have a plug, use batteries, need charging or have a picture of a crossed out wheelee bin are known as Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE). These can be taken to Burgess Hill's Household Waste Recycling Site for recycling.

A massive 75% of all materials in your old electrical items can be recycled and turned into useful things like life-saving equipment, children's playgrounds – even new electricals.

Visit [www.midsussex.gov.uk/waste-recycling](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/waste-recycling) for more information on your local recycling options.



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## BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

DECEMBER	
Planning Committee	Monday 21 December 7pm
JANUARY	
Planning Committee	Monday 11 January 7pm
Council	Monday 25 January 7pm
FEBRUARY	
Planning Committee	Monday 1 February 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 22 February 7pm

MARCH	
Council	Monday 8 March 7pm
Planning Committee	Monday 15 March 7pm

## KEEP IN TOUCH –

Due to COVID-19, Council meetings are currently being held remotely via Zoom. A meeting “link” will be placed on the Town Council’s website and social media pages before the meeting starts if members of the public wish to attend.



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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).



We also stock a full range of theatre brochures along with our ever popular Theatre Tokens.

If you are a local organisation arranging an event, let us know and we will help you promote it by acting as your Box Office.



## BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL HELP POINT



### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS 2020/2021

THURSDAY	24 DECEMBER	2020	9am - 12.30pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
MONDAY	28 DECEMBER	2020	<b>CLOSED</b>
TUESDAY	29 DECEMBER	2020	9.30am - 12.30pm
WEDNESDAY	30 DECEMBER	2020	9.30am - 12.30pm
THURSDAY	31 DECEMBER	2020	9.30am - 12.30pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY</b>		<b>CLOSED</b>
MONDAY	4 JANUARY	2021	9am - 5pm

During the Christmas period, Help Point surgeries will be limited. You are advised to check with the Help Point before attending on 01444 247726.

## 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, Burgess Hill, email [touristinformation@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:touristinformation@burgesshill.gov.uk) or telephone 01444 247726.

## BRING COLOUR INTO YOUR HOME!

A range of stained glass items lovingly crafted by local artist Pamela Holmes is available at the Help Point. They are ideal decorative pieces for Christmas, birthdays or any other special occasion.



## FESTIVE WASTE AND RECYCLING DAY CHANGES

Waste and recycling collection days will change for two weeks over the Christmas and New Year period. Your festive collection days are as follows:

Normal Collection Date	Festive Collection Date
Monday 21 December	Saturday 19 December
Tuesday 22 December	Monday 21 December
Wednesday 23 December	Tuesday 22 December
Thursday 24 December	Wednesday 23 December
Friday 25 December	Thursday 24 December
Monday 28 December	No Change
Tuesday 29 December	No Change
Wednesday 30 December	No Change
Thursday 31 December	No Change
Friday 1 January 2021	Saturday 2 January

All waste and recycling services will return to normal from Monday 4 January 2021.

### Garden Waste

There will be no garden waste collections between Monday 21 December and Friday 1 January. Garden waste collections will return to normal from Monday 4 January 2021.

### Christmas Trees

Remember your Christmas trees can be composted in your garden waste bin. Just make sure the lid can be closed. Alternatively, there will be temporary sites where residents can drop off real Christmas trees for recycling.

These sites will be open between Wednesday 30 December 2020 and Friday 8 January 2021. More details are available at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/treerecycling](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/treerecycling).

If you have any questions about your festive waste and recycling please email [wastematters@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:wastematters@midsussex.gov.uk).

## BENCHES DONATED TO THE PRH

In recognition of the tremendous efforts of staff at the Princess Royal Hospital during the COVID-19 emergency, two benches have been donated for staff to use on their breaks.

Burgess Hill Town Council and Burgess Hill District Lions Club jointly funded one bench and the Lions Club purchased the second.

The benches have been installed by the Town Council's Maintenance Team in the hospital grounds. The benches were sourced to be environmentally-friendly as they are made from recycled plastic and require minimal ongoing maintenance.

Sarah Tasker, Director of the Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals Charity, said: "The staff at the Princess Royal Hospital are so grateful to Burgess Hill District Lions Club and Burgess Hill Town Council. They appreciate being provided with a place to rest outside while taking much needed breaks from long hours in PPE."



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## LIGHTING UP THE TOWN FOR CHRISTMAS

During the festive season many local residents help light up the town with their own sparkling displays of Christmas lights.

Burgess Hill in Bloom will acknowledge their efforts by presenting awards for the best displays. The Cathy Barnett Cup will be awarded to the Best Group Lights winners and the Jo Toase Trophy will be awarded to the Best Individual Garden Lights. The prizes also include free tickets to the Burgess Hill in Bloom Spring Party and Presentation Evening in April 2021.

There's no need to enter – the judges will scour the town before Christmas looking for the twinkliest and best decorated garden and will let you know if you're a winner.

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## COMMUNITY LITTER PICKERS

Residents and local groups can help keep Burgess Hill tidy by organising their own litter-picks of local grot spots.

The Town Council has a number of adult and child size litter-pickers you can borrow and we can provide bin bags too.

During the year a number of youth and other groups have carried out litter-picks, while staying COVID safe, and we are grateful to them for their efforts.



# SCOUTS CHRISTMAS POST

Post your Burgess Hill Christmas cards with the 7th and 8th Burgess Hill Scout Groups.

They are hoping to arrange the Scouts' Christmas post this year, although this is subject to change in line with COVID-19 and Scouting Guidelines.

If they are able to proceed the post boxes will be at public locations throughout Burgess Hill including the Town Council's Help Point at 96 Church Walk - from the end of November until midday on Thursday 17 December.

Christmas cards can only be posted with a RH15 post code. The cost is 40p per card.

The Christmas cards will be hand delivered by the Scouts shortly after 18 December, but in time for Christmas of course.

This is a regular and major fund raising event for both Scout Groups and your support is much appreciated.

Please look out for the post boxes in the usual places: Help Point, Tesco (Jane Murray Way), Waitrose, Worlds End Post Office, most of the Co-Op's in the town, Jupps Fish & Chips, Gem Newsagent, More Than Tyres and Aspire.



# DISPOSE OF USED BATTERIES SAFELY

Residents are being urged to dispose of old batteries safely after one thrown carelessly into a recycling bin caused a fire in a recycling truck during collections in Ringmer.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze but the truck was left damaged and around five tonnes of recyclables - two weeks-worth of recycling from around 650 homes - were ruined and could not be recycled.

Some batteries contain dangerous chemicals including lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and even mercury. When batteries rot in landfill sites these chemicals leak into the ground, causing soil and water pollution, which can harm animals, humans and the environment.

Recycling is a great way to help protect the environment. Each battery placed in a recycling bin will be taken apart and the materials will be used to make something new.

You can recycle used batteries at Burgess Hill Waste Recycling Centre and some shops that sell batteries provide battery recycling collection facilities in store.



NOW OPEN IN THE MARTLETS

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# TRADING SPACES

Trading Spaces is a new initiative by the Town Council to help breathe life back to the empty quarter of The Martlets while the area awaits redevelopment.

The Town Council has leased the former William Hill unit from NewRiver Retail. The unit has been sub-divided to provide space at an affordable rent to help fledgling independent businesses get off the ground.

The first tenants are Scrapless and The Remake Store. Scrapless provides a plastic-free shopping experience, offering dried foods, household essentials toiletries and personal essentials free from single use packaging and at the quantity you want.

The Remake Store offers sustainable, repurposed fashion as well as unique items such as hand-made bags and cards from original paintings.

The Burgess Hill Pantry will also be based at Trading Spaces, and there will be an additional area which will be available for pop-up stalls, exhibitions and other activities. The Town Council has also worked with local charities Burgess Hill Shed and Signposts who are also taking space in The Martlets Shopping Centre.

If you are interested in opening a 'pop-up shop' come and talk to us. Please email [steve@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:steve@burgesshill.gov.uk) or telephone 01444 238208

## BURGESS HILL CALENDAR 2021

Burgess Hill Town Council's Help Point has collaborated with Burgess Hill Heritage and History Association to create the 2021 Burgess Hill Calendar.

The 2021 calendar features historical images of Burgess Hill including The Victoria Pleasure Gardens, The Hydro, St John's Church and many more.

The calendar is an ideal gift for family and friends for Christmas. Now available at the Help Point at 96 Church Walk and a few sponsoring stores at £5.



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## WILDLIFE HAVEN AT BATCHELORS FARM

Batchelors Farm is a popular open space on the south side of Burgess Hill with glorious views across to the South Downs. It is owned by the Town Council and is part of the Green Circle that is being developed around the perimeter of the town.

The area is mostly grassland that is managed as hay meadow, with a wetland area as well as a variety of trees and bushes to provide a haven for wildlife. It is home to the rare Brown Hairstreak butterfly, which lays its eggs on the blackthorn in the hedgerows.

A new 5 year Management Plan has just been approved by the Town Council, which aims to increase the species richness, habitat diversity and wildlife value of the meadows through sensitive management.

The Town Council is also in discussion with local volunteers from The Monday Group to replace the bridge over the wetland area, which is coming to the end of its days.

A Friends Group is being set up to carry out regular wildlife recording and promote this lovely space as a wildlife haven.

If you are interested in becoming a Friend or for further information, email [friendsofbatchelors@burgesshill.gov.uk](mailto:friendsofbatchelors@burgesshill.gov.uk) or call 01444 257408.

### Would you like to become a Friend of Batchelors Farm?



**Help conserve this wildlife habitat, take part in work parties, wildlife surveys, litter picks and more by joining this new group**

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or call 01444 257408 for information

## VE AND VJ DAYS 75 YEARS ON

As we reach the end of 2020 and reflect on a difficult year let us also remember it marked the 75th anniversary of the Second World War. Along with the rest of the nation, between 1939 and 1945 Burgess Hill residents endured 6 years of the anxieties, privations and for those involved in the conflict, the horror, of war.

It was a war that affected the whole community, with 90 Burgess Hill men losing their lives and many others injured physically and mentally. Because of COVID we were unable to properly commemorate their sacrifice on VE Day in May and VJ Day in August.

Whilst VE Day (Victory in Europe) marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still engaged in bitter fighting in the Far East. VJ Day (Victory over Japan) marks the day Japan surrendered on 15 August 1945, which in effect ended the Second World War.

Victory over Japan came at a heavy price. In addition to those who died during the conflict, tens of thousands of British and Commonwealth servicemen suffered and died in Japan's prisoner of war camps.

Let us remember with gratitude all those who gave so much.

## LOOK OUT FOR OLDER RESIDENTS

Winter can be an isolating time for older people at the best of times and this winter is likely to be more difficult than most. Please look out for your older neighbours this winter to let them know they are not forgotten and that help is at hand if needed.

Grace, who is in her 90s and lives alone, said: "I have wonderful neighbours who are very kind. As my daughter doesn't live locally, it's a great comfort to have a regular chat with my neighbours and to know they are there if I need them."



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