

Burgess Hill Town Council

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MURALS AND VINYLs REVAMP TOWN CENTRE

Burgess Hill Town Centre has been made more attractive by the addition of 15 creative coverings to empty shop windows, and 5 murals - all depicting the town during the various seasons.

The Town Council has been doing whatever it can to make the Town Centre more welcoming. The 15 shop coverings depict various ways of protecting our environment. They are also linked to a website, via a QR code, for more information. The cost of the shop coverings was covered by the 'Welcome Back Fund', which was European Union money administered by Mid Sussex District Council. The shop coverings are made of recyclable material rather than PVC and can easily be removed once the shop is re-let.

The murals were designed and painted by Burgess Hill artist, Jayne Crow and aim to show the very best of living in Burgess Hill throughout the year. The murals were sponsored by a member of the public and have been given as a gift to the Town Council.

Commenting on this work, Leader of the Council, Robert Eggleston said: "Since 2019, the Town Council has done a number of things to try to make a difference in the Town Centre. We've revived the Town Market and opened our Trading Spaces incubator for new businesses. Improving the visual appearance of the town, through the shop window

coverings project and the murals on the side of the former Pulse unit, are important small steps in improving the public realm and making the town look more attractive. The shop window coverings provide a very strong environmental message and the murals tell a wonderful story about the history of our town.”

The Town Council has other ideas to make the Town Centre more appealing and is currently working on two significant projects which can be delivered - providing more funding can be made available.

