



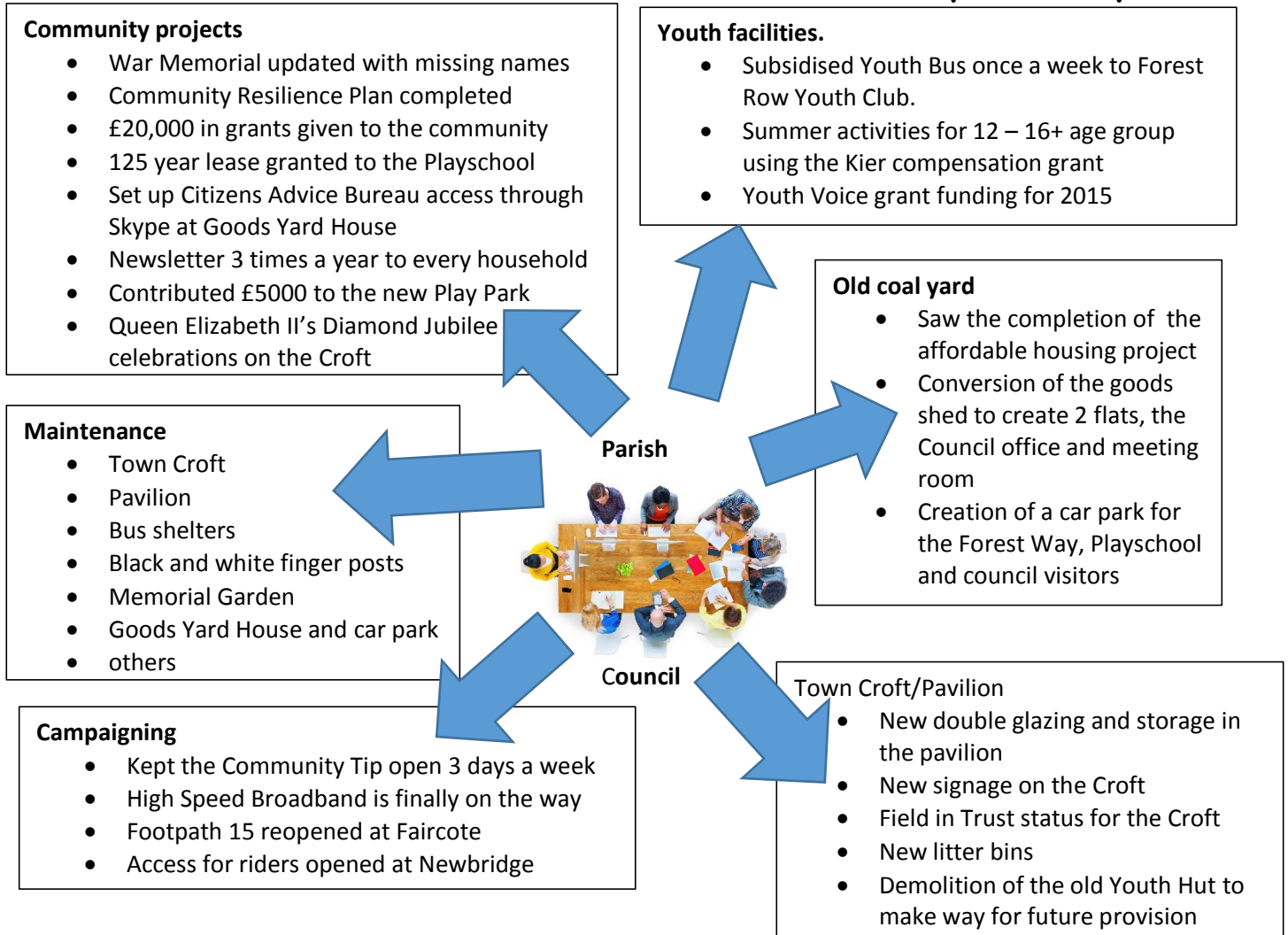
HARTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Newsletter - April 2015

It's time to choosewho you want to represent you for the next four years - in Government, on the District Council and the Parish Council.

There are 13 places on the Parish Council so we need at least 14 candidates to trigger an election. If there are fewer than this, those candidates who are formally registered will be elected automatically.

So...what have the current Parish Council achieved in the past four years?



If you want to influence the development of Hartfield, become a candidate for the election on 7 May 2015 by contacting the Parish Clerk or Wealden District Council. Closing date 9 April 2015

Want to know more?

The Parish Council meets 10 times a year on the first Monday of the month (excluding January and August). Each councillor is also a member of at least one committee plus Finance and Strategy. Most committees meet two or three times a year except Planning which meets every month.



Committees in a nutshell

- **Rights of Way** ensures bridleways and footpaths are accessible, works to resolve any complaints and is consulted on Rights of Way diversion applications; meets twice a year.
- **Planning** makes recommendations to Wealden District Council about planning applications and breaches in planning consent; meets every month.
- **Transport and Environment** works with ESCC Highways department to resolve any issues which have been raised; meets twice a year.
- **Finance** sets the budget and oversees expenditure throughout the year; meets twice a year.
- **Town Croft and Parish Assets** manages the Town Croft, Pavilion and other Council property for the benefit of the community; meets three times a year.
- **Strategy** sets out the programme for the following year; meets once a year.



In addition, working parties for Rights of Way and the Memorial Garden support the work of the Parish Council. These working parties are open to everyone and thankfully there are some loyal volunteers who keep the Rights of Way and the Memorial Garden in good order.

What commitment should a Parish Councillor make?

- Get involved in community matters
- Attend meetings regularly as an active participant
- Prepare for meetings by reading all the papers beforehand in order to make informed decisions
- Keep up to date by attending training courses

The Parish Clerk is responsible for putting Parish Council decisions into action.

Nominations must be submitted to Wealden by **4.00 pm on Thursday 9 April**. The Easter bank holiday makes time short. Nomination forms can be obtained by phoning the Parish Clerk on 01342 822404 and leaving a message. The answer phone is checked every day and nomination forms will be made available to you. Alternatively call Wealden District Council on 01323 443322.



NEED FREE, IMPARTIAL, CONFIDENTIAL & INDEPENDENT ADVICE?

Available from the CAB every Monday in Hartfield, 10am -12 noon, no appointment needed.

Visit the Parish Council office at Goods Yard House, near the Playschool, and talk to a CAB adviser in private via the internet using Skype and a secure connection. You will be helped to log on and then left in private to discuss your issue with the adviser.

Start date Monday 13 April 2015

Youth Voice project

Good news! We have been awarded a small grant to fund our development of a Youth Voice project. This seeks to involve young people in decisions which affect them in the community. Through the skills of a youth worker we hope to develop a forum where young people can express and debate their ideas which can be followed through. The first of these is what provision they would like to see on the Croft for the 12 – 16+ age group. Withyham Parish Council have been awarded a similar grant and we hope to combine for some of the work where there is overlap in order to maximise the funding we have received.



Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 20 April 2015

7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Come along and hear what your village organisations have to offer

Any questions? Now is the time to find out.

Local Action Team (LAT)

Sussex Police are keen to work with local residents to help combat crime and make Sussex a safe place to live and work.



There is an active LAT for this area but more members from the parish would help Hartfield to be better represented. If you are interested in joining the LAT, please call Sharon Ashwell, our local Community Support Office, on 07787 685769. The LAT team meets about 4 times a year

Change of Parish Office hours

As the Parish Council room is providing accommodation for the Citizens Advice Bureau online consultation sessions on a Monday morning, the Parish Office opening times will change. From Monday 13 April, the new opening time will be 9.00 am – 1.00 pm every Monday (excluding holidays).

Speedwatch co-ordinator needed

Many parishioners would like to see the continuation of the Speedwatch initiative in which parishioners form a team of trained volunteers who operate a speed indicator device as vehicles pass by. Vehicles found to be speeding are reported to the local police who action a series of consequences for the offending drivers. Although there are willing volunteers to undertake this work, the team needs a co-ordinator. The co-ordinator arranges the sessions and enters the data from the sessions onto the Speedwatch web site.

Anyone interested in becoming the Speedwatch co-ordinator should contact Sharon Ashwell on 07787 685769

Neighbourhood Planning update

The first draft of the Neighbourhood Plan is nearing completion. This will then be sent to Wealden for scrutiny. After any necessary amendments, a summary of the plan will be sent to all Hartfield residents. A full copy of the plan will be available on request.

The referendum is likely to be held in the summer 2015

Message from the Chairman

Being chairman of the Parish Council for the past 4 years has been both challenging and rewarding. It would be an impossible job without the support and dedication of the 12 other Councillors who make up the team. Each Councillor has contributed their own skills to accomplish the remarkable array of achievements outlined on page 1. The committee structure of the Council spreads the workload and, thankfully, nobody has to be good at everything.

I would like to thank all those who have made the Parish Council a success over my time in office, Councillors, the Parish Clerk and all the willing volunteers who are so essential to a vibrant organisation.

Jo Edwarde

Hartfield 10k & Fun Run



Sunday 19 April 2015

Town Croft, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AD
**10k (6 miles) 5.6k (3.5 miles) and
2k (1.2 miles)**

Something for everyone. Families, Runners and Walkers. Further information from www.Hartfieldonline.com click Fun Run or phone Eddie - 01892 770201

2k 10.30 am

5.6k 11.05 am

10k 11.00 am

All proceeds for a public defibrillator and Hartfield Youth facilities

Useful telephone numbers

Clerk to the Parish Council	Mrs E Fulham	01342 822404 Mondays 771140	parishclerk@hartfiedonline.com
Chair of Parish Council and Rights of Way	Cllr Jo Edwarde	01892 770201 (answer phone)	joedwarde@hotmail.com
Vice Chair of the Parish Council Chair of Town Croft and Parish Assets	Cllr John Smith	01892 770871	smithorchardview@aol.com
Chair of Planning and member of Community team	Cllr Anne Higgins	01892 770312	annehigginshartfield@hotmail.co.uk
Chair of Environment and Transport. Member of Community team	Cllr Mike Colenutt	01892 770840	mikecolenutt@btinternet.com
	Cllr Kevin Hawes	01342 825827	kevin_hawes@talktalk.net
	Cllr Laura Hatch	01892 770625	lauraherrington@hotmail.com
	Cllr Dan Maher	01892 771062	dan-maher@live.co.uk
	Cllr Clare Risby	01342 824599	clare.newbridge@dsl.pipex.com
Community team	Cllr Helen Searle	01892 770018	helen@helensearle.com
	Cllr Christine Tamplin	01342 824064	casablancaurseries@tiscali.co.uk
	Cllr Eva Patry	01342 824649	evapatry@hotmail.co.uk
	Cllr Roger Eastwood	01342 851275	rogerceastwood@gmail.com
Representing Holtye	Cllr Charlotte Beare	01342 850669	charlottebeare@btinternet.com
Wealden District councillor (Hartfield Ward)	Cllr Chris Hardy	01892 771344	Cllr.chris.hardy@wealden.gov.uk
Wealden District Councillor(Holtye)	Cllr Rowena Moore	01342 314402	Cllr.rowena.moore@wealden.gov.uk
East Sussex County Councillor	Cllr Francis Whetstone	01892 770304	Cllr.francis.whetstone@eastsussex.gov.uk
Community team	Monty Larkin	01892 770777	20, Mottefield, Hartfield
Community team	Simon Costen	01892 770206	The Old Police House, Hartfield

Tree Wardens - Cllr Dan Maher (above), Cllr Helen Searle (above) and Mr Monty Larkin (above)

POLICE - call 101 for non urgent contact, 999 for emergency services, **Police, Fire or Ambulance**

Local Community Support Officer – Sharon Ashwell . 07787 685769

Wealden District Council – 01323 443322, 8.30 am – 5.00 pm Council Office, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX

East Sussex County Council – 0345 60 80 190, County Hall, St Anne’s Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE

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Remember, we need 14 candidates to trigger a Parish Council election on 7 May 2015

Make sure Hartfield has a Parish Council of choice.

