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28th August 2007 Sovereign Harbour Parish Council

As a result of the positive feedback received from the open meeting held at the Haven school, and subsequently from members, the SHRA committee has decided to proceed with the process to create a 'Parish Council' for Sovereign harbour. As a first step, signatures for the petition to the Secretary of State for Communities will be collected.

SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, said: *"The process has started, but we are in no way committed to proceed further. The number of residents who sign this petition will help us to determine the level of support from the community. As we progress, there will be more opportunities for residents to share their views."*

Although only registered electors of Sovereign Harbour are eligible to sign the petition, we are keen to hear the views of all residents. If you would like more information, or if you would like somebody to call on you for your signature, please [click here](#).

You will also have the opportunity to discuss the issues, and sign the petition, at the SHRA monthly surgery at Simply Italian on the Waterfront, from 10:30 to 11:30 on Saturday 1st September.

27th August 2007 New Sovereign Harbour Art Group

The set-up of a Sovereign Harbour Art Group, to meet at Christ The King Church Hall, Princes Road, Eastbourne has been proposed. It is hoped that the group will start sometime during September, 10am - 1pm Thursday mornings, beginners and experienced artists welcomed, subject to response.

The class fee will be £8.00 per person for each three hour lesson, which covers Hall Hire costs, tuition Fees and tea/coffee.

The classes would run initially for 8 weeks, with a view to being an ongoing group if people enjoyed the course.

If you are interested in joining, call Angela on 07914-884378 or [e-mail Angela](#) for more details or to book a place.

24th August 2007 Theft of bikes

Theft of bikes continues to be a problem in Sovereign Ward. We have been informed that two new BMX Bikes were stolen from a shed in South Harbour two weeks ago.

Yellow BMX CT

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Red Rebock BMX

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These are children's bikes, and they were just one week old.

The bikes are quite distinctive so, if you have any idea where they are now, or if you know who was responsible for the theft, please contact the Police on 0845 6070 999, or Mr Duffy on 01323-760931

Don't help the thieves - keep your bikes securely locked up.

20th August 2007 In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Local playwright John Collings, composer Bernardine Artuso, Maureen Kilgour (committee member of the Eastbourne branch of Macmillan Cancer Support), and Curtain Call Musical Productions are joining forces to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support by staging a musical entitled: 'Mrs Molly Sweet'. This brilliant brand new musical (book and lyrics written by John Collings of Eastbourne, with music by Bernardine Artuso) is being performed at The Underground Theatre (under the library) Eastbourne. On Saturday the 6th of October at 7.45 and on the 7th of October at 2.30 and 7.45. All proceeds from the show will be donated to your local branch of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Share the ups and downs of the Sweet family in this roller coaster of a musical looking at a woman's triumph over adversity in dealing with the death of her husband, and the restraints and expectations of family & friends. What happens when finally Molly tries to form a new relationship?

Don't miss this humorous, romantic, musical, which is full of pathos. You will be laughing and crying, or maybe singing along to the fabulous original songs written especially for the show.

The show will be performed by Curtain Call Musical Productions, who are donating their talents free of charge, for your pleasure and most importantly to raise money for your local branch of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Yes! All this for £7 (OAP'S/children £5) per ticket. Go on have a heart and join us in the theatre of life. All profit goes directly to Macmillan Cancer Support (your local branch.)

Tickets available from the Congress Box Office Eastbourne 01323 412000

Make this a success story - go and buy a ticket!

7th August 2007 District Commander's Update

August is now upon us and we all hope for some fine weather to enjoy the delights of Eastbourne.

During July Police have continued the fight against those people who commit crime in our town. Together with our partners we have had a lot of success. Credit must be paid to the CCTV operator at the Enterprise centre who on getting a call via Shopwatch was able to track an offender for a robbery and obtain vital evidence for the Police to take action. This swift thinking has enabled us to arrest a male who is now remanded in custody charged with a number of offences.

One of the main problems within the town at present is the theft of purses and bags from shoppers in the town centre. I would urge everyone to keep a close eye on their bags and purses and do not leave them unattended for any period of time. If you see anything that raises your suspicions please call it in to Police however minor. I have plain clothed officers deployed in the town on a daily basis to track down these offenders and they will respond promptly to all calls.

The night time economy continues to develop in the town. As I have said on previous occasions I am committed to reducing anti social and violent behaviour in the town and will deploy as many tactics as possible to make this happen. I am aware of growing concerns of residents in the Bolton Road area and along with our partners we aim to form a local action team with residents and members of the licensing trade to address the issues. I see this as neighbourhood policing at its best.

I hope in the coming months to organise a number of face to face sessions with the public of Eastbourne in the town. This will give the public the opportunity to question me on issues they have and for me to give updates on what the Police are doing in the town. More details will follow in due course. These will be in addition to the annual Sussex Police Authority meeting planned for October.

The town will come alive this month with the annual Airbourne international air show. This is a fantastic spectacle for Eastbourne and I am proud to be involved this year along with the Council and other partners. The planning and commitment to the event by the local council should not go unnoticed and they really do work very hard to bring this event to the area. I hope the people of Eastbourne and surrounding areas support this event and enjoy the 4 days.

Performance of the Police remains strong within the town with fewer offences this year and more offenders brought to justice. I am always keen to get feedback from the public on what the Police are doing and what we can do better. Please feel free to write at.

Chief Inspector Dick Coates,
Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre,
Hammonds Drive,
Eastbourne.

25th July 2007 Check your car before leaving the Waterfront

The Police have informed us that apparently there is a problem with unknown youths placing nails and other sharp items near to tyres of cars parked near the Waterfront so that when they drive off the tyres get punctured.

Check your car before driving off and, if you see any suspicious objects, or those who could have placed them, call the **Police non-emergency helpline: 0845 60 70 999**

19th July 2007 Ladies Tennis at Devonshire Park

If you would like the Ladies Tennis event at Devonshire Park to continue, you might like to sign the online petition,

[Click here](#)

19th July 2007 Help the Friends of Beachy Head Countryside Centre

Friends of Beachy Head Countryside Centre (at Beachy Head) urgently need volunteers to help at the Centre during the summer period.

Ideal for anyone who enjoys meeting new people and likes working in a very friendly environment.

For further details, please call Hazel Levene on 479796.

18th July 2007 Beach Replenishment Work - update

Sospan Dau should be setting sail from Shoreham late afternoon today and head for Owers Bank, where she will start dredging. The first delivery of shingle to Sovereign Harbour rock revetment is expected in the early hours of tomorrow morning.

I hope to be able to add progress and picture updates to the website as the works proceed at; <http://www.pevensey-bay.co.uk/news.html>

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17th July 2007 Agenda - Open meeting to discuss Community Councils

7:00 -Introduction - Rick Runalls and Stewart Mitchell
7:15 -Presentation - Tim Rickets
7:45 -Break
7:50 -Presentation - Len Fisher
8:20 -Q&A, discussion
8:45 -Meeting Closes

Times are approximate.

10th July 2007 Sovereign Harbour Marina sell-off

It has been confirmed that Sovereign Harbour Marina Ltd have sold out to Premier Marinas. This was not unexpected, as it has been the subject of rumours for some time.

As yet, the full facts are not available, we will update you as soon as we have more information.

10th July 2007 Open meeting to discuss Community Councils

There will be a public meeting at the Haven School, starting at 7:00pm on Tuesday 17th July, to discuss the merits of setting up a Community Council for Sovereign harbour. Because of other school activities, the capacity of the hall has been reduced to 150.

The agenda will be published early next week

10th July 2007 No more flats

In February, an application by Jones Homes to replace six duplex apartments with twelve two-bedroom apartments was refused by the EBC Planning Committee.

Jones Homes have now submitted a further application (EB/2007/0393), this time to replace four of the duplexes with eight two-bedroom apartments. SHRA committee members and ward councillors spoke at the hearing of the original application, and will do so again. The basis of our objections were that:

- There is no need for any more two-bedroom apartments, either on the harbour, or in the town as a whole.

- The proposed application would be an overdevelopment of the site and would also add to the already serious overdevelopment of the 'Marina Village'

- The application does not conform to the 'Marina Village Concept' that was the basis of the original outline consent.

- A motion to the full council, that was unanimously supported by those members eligible to vote, stated that the final completion of the 'Marina Village' should include **NO FURTHER RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT.**

If you would like to support our objection, [click here](#) to go to the EBC Planning website and object online. Accept the conditions of use and follow the instructions on the following page. The more objections that are received, the greater the impact.

10th July 2007 Beach Replenishment Work - update

Not unexpectedly bad weather at the end of last week caused delays to Sospan Dau's schedule at Hayling Island. It is now expected she will arrive at Shoreham on Monday 16th July, where she will need to change her pipework and dredging configuration for Pevensy. The first delivery of shingle should now be on Tuesday 17th July

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9th July 2007

Brighton Races

The Sovereign Harbour Racing Club had its first outing of the 2007 season with a trip to Brighton Races.

[Click here](#) for more news.

3rd July 2007

District Commander's Update - Operation Padlock

In the aftermath of the attacks in London Sussex Police are responding by instigating Operation Padlock. This largely involves a stepped up presence and attention to the transport infrastructure and other key locations.

Should you become aware of any tensions in your community I would be grateful if you contact me so that we are aware and can respond accordingly. Sussex Police is sending updates on community tensions to the National Community Tension Team.

The threat level to the United Kingdom is critical. For information on this visit the link below

<http://www.homeoffice.gov.uk/security/current-threat-level/>

Thank you for your support in this matter.

To report incidents to Sussex Police call 0845 60 70 999 or in an emergency 999.
Anti Terrorist Hotline 0800 789 321

Chief Inspector Dick Coates
Eastbourne

28th June 2007

Beach Replenishment Work - update

Until recently I had expected this summer's beach replenishment works to take place in late August or September. However I have been told by Westminster Dredging that Sospan Dau is in great demand from September onwards, and, because she is currently working at Hayling Island, they would like to undertake this year's work during July.

If she is already working on the south coast it makes economic and environmental sense for her to be further utilised in the same vicinity rather than sail north only to make the return journey a few weeks later.

The current estimated arrival is 15th July although it could be as early as 9th July depending on how progress is made at Hayling Island. As with last year all new shingle will be targeted to the north of Sovereign Harbour entrance, particularly in the area adjacent to the rock revetment. Precise import volumes will not be known until nearer the time, but we expect work to take between 3 and 4 weeks, so should be complete by early August.

I will provide further updates as and when I receive them. If you have any comments or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me

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19th June 2007 **A Day at the Races**

Due to a small number of late cancellations, there is still time to book a seat on the coach to join other harbour residents for the 'Funday' at Brighton Racecourse on 7th July.

[Click here](#) for more information

19th June 2007 **Meet your local police officers**

The Eastbourne constabulary will be holding a 'Street Meeting' at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront, starting at 5:00pm on Friday 22nd June.

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss, this is your opportunity to meet the officers who are responsible for policing the local area.

17th June 2007 **Haven School Summer Fete**

The Haven School Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 7th July, in the school field in Atlantic Drive.

A limited number of business stalls are available at £20 each.

Attractions include: **BBQ, Bouncy Castle** etc,

The school would also be very grateful for the contribution of prizes for their tombola and raffles.

For more information contact Charlie Bracken on 01323-471066

12th June 2007 **Balmoral excursion to London - 22nd June**

Following discussion with Waveley Excursions and Sovereign Harbour Ltd, it has been agreed that, if preferred, passengers for the Balmoral on 22nd June may board at the Marina Office. You should arrive no later than 8:45am

You should note, however, that there is no parking facility at the boarding point and all passengers will be returned to the Yacht Club at the end of the day.

Those who will be using the shuttle buses - please note that the last bus will leave from outside the Yacht Club at 8:45am.

12th June 2007 Harbour Residents take part in the Race for Life



Christine Runalls, Bonny Jameson and Jan Weeks with their medals after completing the Race for Life

A number of harbour residents completed the Race for Life at Sussex Downs College on Sunday 10th June, in support of Cancer Research UK. All of the participants received sponsorship from family and friends so, if you pledged money, now is the time to dig into your pockets.

If you didn't know anybody who was taking part, but would like to add your support to this worthwhile cause, you can send your cheque, payable to 'Cancer Research UK' to:

Jan Weeks
C/o SHRA
PO Box 124
Eastbourne,
East Sussex BN24 9AW

Your donation could help find a cure.

12th June 2007 Looking for Part Time weekend work?

Bright Ideas on The Waterfront at Sovereign Harbour are recruiting part time staff for weekend work (Saturday and Sunday). Hours to suit, including evenings.

For further details please e-mail: info@scsmarketing.co.uk or telephone: 01323 471080.

12th June 2007 We have received the following request to those of you who are boat owners

"I am one of group of sea swimmers who swim in the sea from April through to November, I'm not talking a paddle between a few groins but long stretches from The Redoubt to Holywell. Some of us are training to swim The English Channel as a relay team.

We always stay shore side of the end of the pier and closer to shore than the end of the pier; unfortunately many motor boats and jet skis don't remain seaward of the pier and often come in at speed perilously close to us as we are swimming. On behalf of my fellow swimmers would these boats please drop their speed and look out for swimmers if they must come in so close to shore. Sailors may not expect swimmers to be doing such swims and in water as cold as April and November but we are there.

Lets keep the sea safe and enjoyable for all who use her."

7th June 2007 Essential Bridge Maintenance

**THIS WORK HAS BEEN POSTPONED.
WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT IS RESCHEDULED**

We have been advised that Sovereign Harbour Marina Ltd will be carrying out some essential maintenance work to the bridge controls on Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th June 2007.

This work will involve the bridges remaining in the raised position for extended periods throughout the day. It is expecting that the work will be carried out on one bridge at a time, and every effort will be made to limit the disruption.

SHML apologise for any inconvenience this essential work may cause.

5th June 2007 Downing Street website, A27 petition

There is a petition on the 10 Downing Street website that reads:

"I would like to see the dual carriageway extended from Lewes to the new Cople roundabout in Polegate to eliminate the congestion every morning on this stretch of road which is 7 miles long , this must cause so much pollution by stationary traffic."

To support this petition, visit: <http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/A27extention/>

3rd June 2007 English in the community



Former harbour resident and 'No to B&Q' campaigner, Zephyr Grayland, sent us this photograph of the students who recently graduated from her first 'English in the Community' language course.

For their final exercise, they were asked to go around town and ask retailers who do not stock Fairtrade products if they would consider doing so. Zephyr told us, "The students are all beginners, so this is a big deal for them. They have really enjoyed their lessons, and the first two finishing classes have decided amongst themselves that they want us to schedule two more courses, this time for ten weeks instead of six.

English in the Community would like to hear from local independent voluntary or other community groups who may wish to give a talk, particularly those whose work would be of interest to young immigrants aged 19-25, and which have members of a similar age.

For further information, contact Zephyr Grayland, tel: 07971 908141 or [view the website](#)

29th May 2007

District Commander's Update

As we head towards the end of May I take time to reflect on the performance of the Police during the month.

On all the major crime areas of Burglary Dwelling, Vehicle crime, criminal damage and public place violent crime Eastbourne is showing reductions in crime levels in this performance plan year. Overall that is over 160 fewer victims of crime since the 1st of April compared to last year. This is good news. The detection of offences remains high meaning justice for those that suffer crime.

This is not just down to the Police. We work with a whole host of partner agencies to make Eastbourne a safe place.

One of these groups being the Business Crime Group who run shopwatch and nightwatch. They were instrumental in getting the door staff of a large number of our pubs and clubs wearing black jackets with reflective stripes thereby identifying themselves to would be trouble makers and law abiding members of the public going out for a good time in Eastbourne. By the cohesive highly visible approach it makes us all feel safer within the town. The Police and door staff are working closely together to keep everyone safe in the town when they are out within the night time economy.

Another group within Eastbourne is the Joint Action Group. Although chaired by the Police it consists of the local council, Fire service, youth services and numerous other agencies. Meeting once every two weeks the group discusses emerging issues and takes quick time joint action to solve them. A recent success was the arrest of a male for setting fire to plastic rubbish bins. This was highlighted by the Fire service and by joint quick time work by a number of agencies a male was subsequently arrested and the fires have now come to a stop. Without this joined up joint working the Police would not be able to deal as effectively with crime.

We continue to work with the community. A number of street briefings have been held this month and I had the pleasure of attending one in Albion Road, I thank everyone who attended. We are also now in the process of setting up a local action team in Sovereign Harbour and I am sure this will help reduce calls to the area around anti social behaviour.

Our work around the supply of drugs in the town continues with some pace. A number of warrants and intelligence led operations have taken place this month with 3 people from separate incidents remanded in custody for the supply of class A drugs. Drugs is a major factor on the amount of crime we suffer and I will continue to target those who deal drugs within the town.

I encourage any feedback you have regarding the Policing of the town as I am always looking at ways to improve the service we provide.

Working hard to keep you safe in Eastbourne.

Dick Coates (CC500)
Chief Inspector

23rd May 2007 **Vets football team continue to train throughout the summer**

The Sovereign Harbour Veterans (over 32) football team will remain active throughout the summer.

[Click here for more details](#)

18th May 2007 **Public Meeting at the Eastbourne Centre on the subject of Pensions**

THIS EVENING, there will be a public meeting at the Eastbourne Centre on Grand Parade (TGWU building), to debate the subject of pensions. The meeting, which starts at 7:30pm, will be chaired by Dot Gibson, Vice President of the National Pensions Convention.

The speakers will include Nigel Waterson, MP (Shadow Pensions Minister), Michael Foster MP, Vince Cable MP (Chief spokesman on Financial Affairs for the Liberal Democrats) and Joe Harris, General Secretary of the National Pensions Convention.

All are welcome, if you would like more information, please call Linus Gunning on 01323-470757.

17th May 2007 **Age concern Open Week**

Age Concern will be holding a '[Quality of Life Open Week](#)' at the Venton Centre in Junction Road from 21st to 25th May, from 9:30 to 16:00 each day.

For more information, [visit the Age Concern website](#).

11th May 2007 **Sovereign Harbour Investors Club closes membership**

Having reached the limit of 20 members, as defined in the club's constitution, membership of the SHICLUB is now closed, and a waiting list has been opened.

To reserve you place on the list, please click on 'Social Activites' above and go to the club's page

10th May 2007 **Help the Borough Council spend the lottery grant**

Eastbourne has been given £205,000 from the Big Lottery Fund for developing Play for children aged 5-16 years old in the town. Their plan is to spend the money on four or five major projects, each costing around £40,000 plus. The funding will be distributed over the next three years.

This is an excellent opportunity for EBC to undo some of the damage caused by the 1997 agreement to allow Carillion to opt out of providing play areas on the harbour.

The Borough Council are asking for your help in identifying suitable projects. This is your chance to put your views. [Click here to submit your ideas.](#)

8th May 2007 **Bus shelters for the North Harbour**

We have been informed by the Borough Highways Engineer, Graham Kemp, that two bus shelters will be installed in Pacific Drive this week. Two more will be installed in the summer.

The two sites earmarked for the shelters to be installed this week are: -

East of Tasmania way on the southern side of the road (outbound direction) in the existing bus stop location.

East of Long Beach View on the Northern side of the road (outbound direction) in the existing bus stop location.

Both shelters will be illuminated non advertising, of the same type as the ones in Atlantic Drive. The bases for the shelters have already been provided by Sovereign Harbour Ltd.

Graham told us that we has able to 'take advantage of a window of opportunity' and, with the change in the weather, we're sure that residents using public transport will welcome this.

8th May 2007 **District Commander's Update**

It's now been 4 weeks since I took over as the Eastbourne District Commander.

Its been a busy time and as I said I have been out and about meeting as many people as I can. I have listened to a number of concerns and also had a lot of positive feedback.

I have attended two street briefings. The first at Pembury Road following the tragic fire which resulted in the loss of a life.

The enquiry is now with the coroner as it was found to be an accidental fire.

The other at Albion Road nearer the town centre. I met a number of local residents who were concerned about anti social behaviour and drugs within the town. I was able to discuss all the ongoing actions we are doing and I also had a lot of very positive comments about how we are Policing the town.

I have also had a very interesting tour of the Kingsmere from Tracy Mowles a local resident. She showed me the work that had taken place in the area and what can be achieved by partnership working.

I attended the local PROBUS meeting at the Hydro Hotel and gave a talk on policing in the town and my visions for the future. I would like to thank everyone at the meeting for the warm welcome.

When I arrived I said we needed to Police the night time economy differently. Operation Marble our response to public place violent crime is now into full swing. I have made a number of changes and if you are in the town centre at weekends you will see a higher visible Police presence. I want to send the message out to everyone that we will not tolerate anti social and drunken behaviour in the Town centre and will deal with it robustly.

Having been out in the town centre on the last two weekends the response from the clubs, pubs and public has been really positive. The message is that Eastbourne is a safe place to go out and enjoy yourself and those that cause trouble will be dealt with robustly.

We continue to target burglars and car criminals in the town. Last week 5 people were arrested for breaking into 3 cars in the town after a call from a member of the public. They remain on police bail whilst we investigate other incidents that may be linked. Following a warrant at an address in Eastbourne a male was remanded in custody for possession of class A drugs with intent to supply. A substantial amount of drugs were recovered.

There was also a nasty attack in a shop in the town centre when a female assaulted another female whilst in possession of a knife. Due to the quick thinking of a number of members of the public she was restrained and arrested on arrival of Police. I would like to publicly thank these members of the public for their help. A number of them did not leave their names and addresses and I would ask that if you were involved you call me at the station so I can thank you in person. The female involved was remanded in custody by local magistrates prior to trial at court.

I was very concerned over the weekend about the high number of youngsters roaming about various parts of the town.

I found a number of 12 year olds near the pier at half past midnight. A couple of them had obviously been drinking and where they got this alcohol is of concern. Having contacted their parents they seemed shocked that their children were out and about in the town. I made sure the parents came and collected their children and took them home and gave them strong advice. Parents need to take responsibility for their children. They need to make sure they know where they are and what they are up to. I do not need to tell you the dangers that face children of 12 wandering around our streets at this time of night. In the coming weeks my staff will be targeting areas children gather to make sure they are not drinking alcohol and that their parents know where they are. I hope to see an improvement in the coming weeks and don't want to see such young children roaming the streets late at night.

Its been a busy 4 weeks but with the committed staff I have we will make sure we will deliver a service that you are proud of.

Keeping you safe in Eastbourne.

Dick Coates
Chief Inspector
District Commander

28th April 2007

Should the Langney Point Martello be used at a Maritime Heritage Centre?

The current online poll on the Eastbourne Herald website asks the question above. To cast your vote, and support Paul Stratford's vision for the creation of the Resolution Project, click on the link below, and vote Yes

<http://www.eastbournetoday.co.uk/viewarticle.aspx?articleid=2735755§ionid=488>

12th March 2007 Eastbourne Herald Acheiver awards. (by Jon Martin)

Every year the Eastbourne Herald organise an awards ceremony to recognise the individuals and groups within our community that deserve a special mention for their achievements and contribution.

This year's event was held at the Winter Gardens on Tuesday 17th April, and it proved a special evening as two Awards were made to recognise achievements within Sovereign Harbour.

Over 650 people attended the event and enjoyed a 3-course meal before the awards ceremony.



Photo: Kiernan Pooley

The first award with a special interest to residents of Sovereign Harbour was Mayor Colin Belsey's 'Award for Bravery' and the winner was nominated by over 20 people, the majority probably residents of the harbour.



Photo courtesy of the Eastbourne Herald

The award was won by Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Martin Hylands, who many of you will see patrolling around North and South harbour.

Martin helped resuscitate a young girl who was struck by lightning at Langney Point and without his prompt action and taking control of the situation the unfortunate victim would have surely died.

The second award with a special interest to Harbour residents was actually a newly created award for this year's event. The 'Environment Award' was sponsored by Becketts Newspapers and aims to recognise the contributions made to help protect our local environment.

The winners were Planet Divers, the harbour's local scuba diving club who are based at Pevensey Bay's Aqua Club and regularly use the North Harbour for training and recreational dives.

Over the past four years they have set aside a day each year to clear out rubbish from around North Harbour and also on and under the water.



Photo: Kiernan Pooley

Claire Pooley, the Club's Project Leader for these clean-ups said: "We were totally suprised to be nominated and very pleased to win. A lot of effort goes in to arranging the clean-ups and getting local businesses to contribute things such as bags and gloves. I'd also like to say a big thank-you to all of the local residents who volunteered to help us last year"

For more photos of the event, and details of the last clean-up you can visit:
<http://marina-life.co.uk/local-dive-club-win-environment-award>

******* Special offer to SHRA members *******

Anyone wanting to do a try dive and see what it's like breathing underwater (not in the marina but in a local pool), Planet Divers are offering a 2 for 1 offer - see <http://www.planetdivers.co.uk> for the contact information.

11th March 2007 **Planning committee reject application for more flats.**

At yesterday's meeting of the EBC planning committee, an amendment to an application by Jones Homes was rejected. The application sought to replace three duplex apartments with six two-bedroom apartments.

Three harbour residents, Ian Weeks from the SHRA, and ward councillors Patrick Warner and Chris Williams all argued passionately that this application, if accepted would constitute over-development of the site, and add to the social problems being caused by the oversupply of two-bedroom apartments.

All three speakers also reminded the committee of the motion unanimously agreed by the full council last September that said the final stages of the harbour development "shouldn't include further residential development".

We hope that the developer will act responsibly, accept the democratic decision of the committee, and complete the development in line with their current consent.

9th March 2007 **Introduction from the new District Commander**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I have not met. I am Chief Inspector Dick Coates and as from the 16th April I have taken over as Eastbourne District Commander from Chief Inspector Bob Gough who after a period of leave will be retiring from Sussex Police.

Bob has done some excellent work within Eastbourne in the last six months and has been instrumental in achieving some significant reductions in crime whilst also bringing more offenders to justice. I wish him well in his retirement.

I aim to continue the service provided by working with all our partners and by establishing good links with the public we serve. Neighbourhood Policing is the basis for all of this and I endeavour to be a visible leader across Eastbourne and accountable for how I deliver the Policing of the District.

There is a lot of good work going on and I want this to continue. Work around anti social behaviour, burglary, criminal damage and vehicle crime will continue and we will focus on offences that cause people real concern.

I want to get out and about the town and meet people in order to listen to their concerns. I aim to do this by attending a number of the street meetings in the ward areas and will contact you to advise you of the dates and times of these. It would be great if you could attend. The local paper have also agreed to highlight these meetings.

Public place violent crime is an issue within the town that needs addressing. I want my officers to be highly visible in the town and to deal with any bad behaviour in a positive timely fashion. I am at present progressing a quick time review looking at how we police the night time economy within Eastbourne and hope to implement a number of new initiatives to supplement the launch of the divisional operation targeting public place violent crime known as Operation Marble.

A lot has been achieved but there is plenty more to do. I have a committed team and will work with everyone to ensure that Eastbourne is a safe place to live, work and visit. I look forward to meeting you all in person in the coming months.

Dick Coates
Chief Inspector
District Commander

8th March 2007 Tenancy Deposit Protection Schemes

If you are a landlord or a tenant, and have ever had problems with deposits on tenancies, you will probably find this article by Tracy Moles very informative

[Download the article in pdf format](#)

7th March 2007 **CHANGE OF PLAN!** Volunteers needed to clean up the beach.

We have received the following request from Planet Divers.



Dear Harbour Residents,

Project AWARE Dive for Earth Clean-up Day - Tuesday 24th April 2007

Eastbourne's Planet Divers Scuba Diving Club has joined forces with the International group, Project AWARE once again, to clean up beach at Pevensy Bay. This is our 4th Clean up event and we originally intended to remove the debris at the waters' edge around by the restaurants and beyond. However, we have unfortunately had to change our plans due to circumstances beyond our control.

Dependant on numbers of volunteers. CSV Action Earth are sponsoring the event and staff from the Environment Agency and the Community Support Officers are also planning to get involved on the day.

We are seeking support from local residents who are willing to help on the day. The divers will be removing the debris from within the water but we need volunteers who are willing to help to record the pollutants (for data collection, sort into recyclable and non-recyclable and help with refreshments.

The goals are to increase public awareness on debris issues and the impact on the environment; to gather data to be used to target sources of debris and create solutions to pollutant problems; and provide information to local government and scientists.

The clean-up will start at 10am and finish around 4pm, please support us for the odd hour or stay the whole day.

Please direct any written offers of help to Claire Pooley on 01323 641685 or [e-mail Claire](mailto:claire@planetdivers.co.uk) or pop down on the day, I'm sure you will spot us around.

For more information about the Project AWARE International Clean-up Day please see <http://www.projectaware.org/uk/english/icd.asp>

Yours sincerely

Claire Pooley
Project Aware Event Organiser
Planet Divers

7th March 2007

Sovereign Harbour Residents' Association Annual General Meeting

Saturday 21 April 2007

Haven School Sovereign Harbour

Doors Open 11:30, Meeting Commences 12:00

AGENDA

1. Welcome to Members
 2. Review of Business
 3. Chairman's Report
 4. Treasurer's Report
 5. Appointment of Committee for Coming Year
- Requirements of Constitution
 6. Introduction of New Committee Members
 7. Proposed Changes to the SHRA Constitution (Presentation and vote by members)
 8. Open Discussion Session for Members
 9. AOB
- Meeting Ends

6th March 2007

MV Balmoral correction

Please note that the bookings hotline telephone number given in Waterlines for Waverley Excursions is wrong. It should be:

0845 130 4647

2nd March 2007

Volunteers needed to clean up the harbour

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Eastbourne's Planet Divers Scuba Diving Club has joined forces with the International group, Project AWARE once again, to clean up the south harbour Waterfront area. This is our 4th Clean up event and the harbour master has specifically asked us to help to remove the debris at the waters' edge around by the restaurants and beyond, dependant on numbers of volunteers. CSV Action Earth are sponsoring the event and staff from the Environment Agency and the Community Support Officers are also planning to get involved on the day.

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28th February 2007 Help Eastbourne CAB raise cash with FONEAID

Eastbourne Citizens Advice Bureau is not, as many people think, a government-funded agency. It is an independent charity and is desperate to raise funds. The CAB has recently lost much-needed lottery funding, and has had to cut back some of its services to the Eastbourne community, such as home visits to elderly people in need.

CAB voluntary worker, and SHRA committee member, Alison Attwood said, "We are actively seeking ways to raise cash to maintain our services, and one opportunity is FoneAid - a mobile phone recycling campaign. By donating your old mobile phone, of any age and condition, FoneAid will give us £3 per phone plus an extra £100 for every 100 phones we collect."

So, if you have an old phone to donate, please contact Alison Attwood on 01323-479429 or [e-mail Alison](#) so she can arrange to collect it. Alternatively, simply pop the phone through Alison's letterbox at 30 St Lawrence Way, Sovereign Harbour North. (nb. don't confuse with St Lawrence Mews).

Thank you.

27th February 2007 Eastbourne District Commander's Update - April 2007

Introduction

It gives me pleasure to announce that my three key strategies of : High visibility, public re-assurance patrols, effective performance and effective partnership, coupled with effective delivery by my Neighbourhood Police Teams, of whom I am very proud, have delivered a quality service again this performance year. I hope the communities of Eastbourne also take pride in our achievements, as we end this performance year with a determination to do even better in the year ahead.

High Visibility

My Neighbourhood Policing Teams regularly undertake over 3,000 hours of high visibility public re-assurance patrols each month, working with the communities we serve. These patrols are targeted to ensure maximum disruption of career criminals and those bent on causing antisocial behaviour and public place violent crime. Patrols are undertaken by Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSO;s). There are now twenty PCSO's and six Neighbourhood Specialist Constables dedicated to community problem solving in the town and will soon be operating from reinstated police boxes at a location near you (watch this space).

Effective Performance

Eastbourne District is the most successful District in the whole of East and West Sussex for the performance year ending 31st March 2007, in terms of overall detections. Our detection rate for the year is 34.8%, this detection rate, bringing justice to victims of crime, compares favourably with any policing area Regionally or Nationally. Also, compared to last performance year, overall crime is down 8%, vehicle crime is down 10%, public place injury crime is down 15% and robbery is down a massive 30%. In reality this means over 850 less victims of crime. We have set a high standard and my Neighbourhood Policing Teams are determined to continue to disrupt criminal activity through successful prosecution and detection of crime.

Effective Partnership

To build on the current reduction in recorded crime, it is essential your local police work in partnership with the local council and other statutory and voluntary agencies. Partnership work is strong in Eastbourne and the main driver is the Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership. Over the last year the Crime Reduction Partnership has commissioned: the Youth Development Service to undertake an enhanced outreach service to young people on the cusp of crime; Operation Blitz, where over a 1,000 bottles of alcohol have been seized from underage drinkers; and developed a multi-agency protocol to assist all Foreign Language Schools to take full responsibility for the young adults in their care and control. The above initiatives and others will, in the medium term, contribute to the improved safety and feeling of well being of the communities of Eastbourne.

Conclusion

I believe that policing in Eastbourne has never been stronger, and rigorous implementation of the strategies referred to above along with effective delivery, will ensure Eastbourne becomes even safer than it is today. Though I believe the policing of Eastbourne has been a success story over the last twelve months, the threats from career Criminals, yobbery and drug dealers remains and will continue to be our major focus in the year ahead

Robert S Gough MBA
District Commander
Chief Inspector
Eastbourne District

24th February 2007 Sussex Stepping Out Walk

On Sunday 13th May, Macmillan Cancer support will be organising the Sussex Stepping Out Walk. If you would like to support this excellent charity, click on the link below.

[More information](#)

22nd February 2007 Fairtrade Eastbourne Photographic Competition

Fairtrade Eastbourne is extending the deadline for entries to its Fairtrade Digital photography competition to Monday 9th April. So you've some extra time to get thinking and get out and take some photos.

Entries must be either on the theme of "**Fairtrade in Eastbourne**" or "**Unfair Trade**".

Please send entries to fteb_photos@yahoo.co.uk and include your name and contact details and specify which category you are entering.

For more details, [visit the Fairtrade Eastbourne website](#)

Also, they've had lots of replies to their Fairtrade Quiz for the chance to win a Green and Black's cookery book. Although lots of answers came close, we've not had any entry with all five correct answers. [Visit the Fairtrade Eastbourne website](#) to enter.

20th February 2007 Pevensey Coastal Defence - Annual Public Forum

Pevensey Coastal Defence is the company contracted by the Environment Agency to maintain the sea defences around Sovereign Harbour. On Wednesday 11th April, from 14:30 to 19:00, they will be holding their Annual Public Forum at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

Why not come along and meet the people who are at the sharp end of keeping Sovereign Harbour from flooding. Whilst you are there, you can also take the opportunity to meet members of other local organisations, including members of the SHRA committee.

[Click here](#) for more information

19th February 2007 Pensions Debate at Eastbourne Centre

On Friday 18th May, there will be a public meeting at the Eastbourne Centre on Grand Parade (TGWU building), to debate the subject of pensions.

The meeting, which starts at 7:30pm, will be chaired by Dot Gibson, Vice President of the National Pensions Convention. The speakers will include Nigel Waterson, MP (Shadow Pensions Minister), Michael Foster MP, Vince Cable MP (Chief spokesman on Financial Affairs for the Liberal Democrats) and Joe Harris, General Secretary of the National Pensions Convention.

Much of the seating has already been allocated, but a limited number, on a first-come first-served basis, are available by calling Linus Gunning on 01323-470757.

18th February 2007 East Dean and Friston Art Group exhibition and sale

The East Dean and Friston Art Group will be holding their annual exhibition and sale of members' work at the East Dean Village Hall over the May Bank Holiday weekend.

Opening times:

Saturday 5th May 14:00 to 18:00

Sunday 6th May 10:00 to 18:00

Monday 7th May 10:00 to 16:00

Free admission and parking. Refreshments and Grand Raffle

18th February 2007 Easter party fundraiser

A South Harbour couple have a young grandson who is sadly severely disabled with cerebral palsy, and his family are trying to raise money for special treatment that should help improve his quality of life. Their neighbour Emma, a professional children's entertainer, is organising a special Easter party as a fundraiser.

The event will be from **10-12am on Wednesday 11 April** at Christ the King Parish Hall (that's the modern church on the Langney roundabout between North and South Harbours).

This will be a very traditional Easter party with Easter bonnets, eggs etc. There will be musical entertainment, face painting for kids, hand massages for weary mummies (or the other way around, whatever takes your fancy!), tea and scrummy cakes, and a raffle with fabulous prizes. Children from babies to age 7 are all welcome and tickets are just £3 (£1 for siblings).

All proceeds will go to the Jayden Fund.

So if you have young children or grandchildren, or know friends and neighbours who may be interested, please come along or spread the word.

Tickets are available from Emma on 479414, or email her at jojingles.emma@btinternet.com.

17th February 2007 Press Release - New master plan initiative for the future of Sovereign Harbour

Representatives of all the interested parties concerned about the future of Sovereign Harbour met this week at the Eastbourne Town Hall to find a positive way forward for the remaining undeveloped areas of land around the marina complex.

Following recent unsuccessful planning applications the developer Sovereign Harbour Limited, part of the Carillion Group has launched a new initiative to build a consensus with residents and the Council to ensure that future plans can be agreed and implemented successfully.

Managing Director of Carillion Developments, Simon Eastwood, said: "Sovereign Harbour has been shaped by a number of different house builders over a period of over 20 years. Our priority now as the owner of the remaining land is to ensure that all the various interests are taken into account and that we achieve the best possible outcome for all concerned."

Following an initial round of consultation that was warmly greeted by all the interested parties, a new team of experts working on behalf of Carillion has been given the task of producing a master plan which considers the options in detail. The plan will then be further refined in co-operation with a cross party committee of councillors, council officers and representatives of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA), after the May elections have been concluded. The outcome of this process will then be subject to broad public consultation prior to implementation.

Rick Runalls, chairman of the SHRA said: "The meeting with EBC and Carillion represents a

promising start to a process that will hopefully lead to the fulfilment of residents' aspirations for a sustainable community at Sovereign Harbour. We hope that the goodwill being shown by all parties at the meeting will result in a new consultative environment, one that will lead to the Harbour being a development to be proud of."

Norman Kinnish, director of Economy Tourism & Environment, at Eastbourne Borough Council, said: "The initiative from Sovereign Harbour Limited is welcomed by the Council and we look forward to working with the team and the SHRA on the detail of the master plan."

13th February 2007 Forthcoming excursions on the Balmoral from Eastbourne

SAIL THROUGH TOWER BRIDGE

Friday 22nd June

Leave 9.30am back 9.45pm



Board shuttle bus for **MV Balmoral**
in Waterfront car park
Last shuttle bus leaves 8.45am

Day Cruise to London

Sail round Dungeness - North Foreland – and cruise up the Thames to the heart of London.

See: Thames Flood Barrier - magnificent Greenwich Waterfront
Famous Clipper Ship Cutty Sark – Millennium Dome – Canary Wharf
See Tower Bridge open for you to sail through.

With views of Tower of London & HMS Belfast you join your inclusive coach home

£39.95 Senior Citizens £37.95.

NEEDLES & LIGHTHOUSE

Tuesday 17th July

Leave 9.30am back 9.30pm

Sail to Isle of Wight and visit Yarmouth

£26.95, Senior Citizens £23.95

Or stay aboard for the full cruise along the dramatic coastline of the Isle of Wight to the Needles – see the towering cliffs, seabirds & lighthouse

£29.95, Senior Citizens £25.95

In the evening, see ships of the Royal Navy and HMS Warrior as you sail into Portsmouth Harbour to join your coach for the return journey to Eastbourne.

For further details, contact

Kathleen O'Neill
Waverley Excursions Ltd
36 Lancefield Quay,
Glasgow G3 8HA
0141 221 8152

[E-mail Kathleen](#)

[Website](#)

*The Balmoral, and her sister ship the paddle steamer Waverley,
are operated by a charitable trust*

8th February 2007 North Harbour Bridge Closure

We have been advised that the North Harbour bridge will be raised between 19th - 23rd February 2007 to allow new safety barriers to be fitted.

If you need more information, please call the harbour office on 01323-470099

6th February 2007 Southern Water surface water drainage charges

Check your invoice from Southern Water. If it contains a line item of **£22** for surface water drainage, you have been overcharged and are entitled to a rebate.

Southern Water is well aware that all surface water on Sovereign Harbour drains into 'soak-aways' and it is, therefore, not entitled to collect this charge but, because the law required the consumer to inform the water companies what services they provide, this scam is allowed to continue.

So, **[download the rebate form](#)**, print it off, fill it in and send it off to the address shown on the back page. If you don't know the location of the soak-away, just guess. It is most likely to be beneath the road outside of your property. SW are unlikely to know, and are unlikely to check.

Unfortunately, Southern Water is not obliged to make repayments for more than the current year, but one determined harbour resident has forced the company to make back payments. The SHRA will be pursuing this issue on behalf of **all** harbour residents.

1st February 2007 Beach Replenishment Work - update

At last some calm weather, and hope that it will continue on into next week at least.

The dumptrucks will today finish running from Normans Bay to Sovereign Harbour and for the final two day so f the week will take shingle from Cooden and deliver it Herbrand Walk and Normans Bay East. They will finish for the time being on Friday, and the bulldozers will do their best to tidy up the worst of the ruts before the weekend. Any remaining smoothing work will be completed early next week.

Road lorries transferring shingle from Langney, around the harbour will also finish on Friday.

Gales over the last two and a half months have had a noticeable effect on overall beach volumes. Even though there is no threat to any individual part of the defences we will need to carefully monitor the beach and re-distribute shingle again as it becomes necessary.

Similarly, should we experience another period of stormy weather, we may need to import more aggregate before the normal summer replenishment works. If that is the case, it may be that it is too rough to bring by sea and it will need to come by road. This will not be something we would undertake unless absolutely necessary, but if it were the only way to quickly bolster diminished defences then it would have to be done.

At present we are exploring the possibility of getting shingle delivered by Sospan Dau in March/April when she regularly comes to dredge Sovereign Harbour entrance channel. Much depends on the weather, not only for the work, but how it may delay jobs she has elsewhere. As ever I will keep you informed of any work as it occurs.

If you have any comment or question please don't hesitate to contact:

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Environment Agency Depot
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[e-mail Ian Thomas](mailto:ian.thomas@pevenseydefences.co.uk)

31st January 2007 Progress with the Health Centre

Now that the NHS Primary Care Trust has given its 'approval in principle' to the building of a Health Centre at the Sovereign Harbour, The Harbour Medical Practice has commissioned a land survey company to carry out a survey of the proposed site (Site Five).

This would, at some stage, entail the drilling of some boreholes to assess the nature of the ground below surface. This information would be vital to all parties concerned (the Environment Agency, the Planning Authority and the Harbour Medical Practice) and needs to be obtained before proceeding to the next stage.

30th January 2007 Theresa May M.P. visits Sovereign Harbour



When the Shadow Leader of the House of Commons, Theresa May M.P., came to Eastbourne today, she took the time to visit Sovereign Harbour and meet members of the SHRA committee for a coffee and a chat at Di Leito's on the Waterfront.



SHRA committee members, Alison Attwood, Marj Pratt and Ian Weeks spent about half an hour with M/s May discussing the harbour development and the wonderful lifestyle opportunities that it brings to residents. However, they also took the opportunity to inform her of the problems that have been created by the greed of the developers, and their failure to provide the infrastructure necessary to create a sustainable community, and to seek her help in raising these issues at the highest level.

30th January 2007 Sovereign Harbour Racing Club (SHRC)

Following the successful outings last summer, SHRC will be established this year as a constituted club with a board of directors who will stand annually for election.

Membership will be offered either on a social basis, or on a racehorse ownership (syndicate) basis. For more information, or to join SHRC, contact Linus Gunning on (01323)- 470757.

Go to the [SHRC page](#) on this website, and look in the next issue of Waterlines for the list of proposed outings for the coming year.

26th January 2007 Beach Replenishment Work - update

Finally we have some settled weather, which seems as though it will last through next week, and should mean that the Volvo dumper trucks will be able to leave a week tomorrow.

Most of next week we will be transferring shingle from between Normans Bay and Herbrand Walk up to Sovereign Harbour. Thursday and Friday will probably be spent moving shingle from Cooden to Normans Bay and Herbrand Walk wall.

At the same time road lorries will again transfer shingle round the harbour from Langney Point. Despite have removed surplus material from Langney the week before Christmas, recent storms have pushed yet more shingle up against the harbour arm and some has been spilling past the end and into the harbour's approach channel.

If you have any comment or question please don't hesitate to contact:

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24th January 2007 The Resolution Project

Many of you will have seen reports in the media about the shipwreck that was discovered in Normans Bay, believed to be that of the 70 gun warship 'Resolution'.

SHRA member Paul Stratford, the official licensee for the protected wreck site, is in need of support and sponsorship for '**The Resolution Project**', which he will be running from Sovereign Harbour.

If you are interested, or can offer support of any sort, [visit the project website](#) for more information.

23rd January 2007 Mayor's Ball

The Mayor's Ball will be held in the Floral Room of the Winter Gardens on 23rd March.

Proceeds to the Mayor's charity, the Eastbourne branch of the RNLI

[More information](#)

23rd January 2007 Forum - Transport Strategy for Eastbourne



[Click on image for more information](#)

19th January 2007 Beach Replenishment Work - update

Predictably yesterday's storm managed to redistribute much of the shingle we had been moving around. And whilst it is not quite "back to square one" there is once again plenty to do to make sure that all areas of the bay have the requisite defences in places.

It is interesting to note that the December 3rd storm was generally more erosive as far as Pevensey was concerned. This was largely because last month the worst of the conditions all coincided with high water. Yesterday, peak waves came an hour or so after the tide had turned, and despite a 0.7m surge water levels were still lower than December. Also wind and waves were coming from 20 degrees or so further west, all of which helped.

Be that as it may, we will need to keep the trucks running for another week at least. Initially we will collect what we can from the west of the bay and return it to Sovereign Harbour. Thereafter the only source left is to the east of Normans Bay towards Herbrand Walk, so by Wednesday we may be running six or more trucks right through the village as we did just before Christmas. It is not something we do through choice, but needs must.

Today's forecast for next week shows the weather is "likely to continue predominately dry and reasonably settled as a result of an area of high pressure continuing to dominate."

A cold and frosty February would suit us very nicely.

If you have any comment or question please don't hesitate to contact:

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17th January 2007 Beach Replenishment Work - update

Recycling has been continuing moving shingle from Cooden to Normans Bay East and is likely to continue until tomorrow. Thereafter the plant will head west and return to Sovereign Harbour, with beach being taken from 'The Sandcastle'

However, the weather forecast for tomorrow morning's high tide is not good, particularly for wind and waves. Having said that, there is nothing at the moment to suggest it will be quite as bad as the Sunday 3rd December storm when the frontage survived without there being any overtopping.

It is likely that the Environment Agency will issue a Flood watch for tomorrow's 10:25 high water.

The December 3rd storm of course resulted in damage to 'White Horses' and significant erosion and loss of beach from Sovereign Harbour, so our plans for recycling may well change depending on how the beach reacts. I suspect that recycling will be centred on 'White Horses' and Sovereign Harbour for several days, and may have to revert to Beachlands and Normans Bay later next week.

Longer range forecasts show continuing gales into the weekend, though with nothing like tomorrow's weather to come. By Monday winds should fall away and turn to the north. Kent and perhaps Sussex could be getting some wintery showers during next week.

I think some cold, clear sunny days would be quite welcome!

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16th January 2007 Get involved in the future of the town

Residents of Eastbourne are being invited to give their views on how the town should develop over the next 20 years, up to 2026.

The Borough Council are planning a number of public consultation events over the next two months to present the alternatives and seek public opinion on the most appropriate option for managing change in the town, using a rolling programme of exhibitions, focus groups and competitions.

Exhibitions, at which planning officers will be present to answer questions, will be held, amongst other venues, from 10:00 to 16:00 at:

- **Tesco Extra in Lottbridge Drove on Monday 22nd January**
- **ASDA at Sovereign Harbour on Tuesday 30th January**

The results of the consultation will be fed into the council's 'Local Development Framework'

More information can be found on the [EBC website](#)

This process will determine the future of the town for the next 20 years and this is probably the only opportunity you will get to express your views. Please don't waste it.

16th January 2007 NEED to contact your local police?

The following Press Release was issued today by Joe Edwards OPM, Chief Constable of Sussex.

If it's an emergency, or to report a crime as it's happening, dial 999 and ask for the police – the same way as ever.

For other crimes and urgent matters, there's still the central 0845 60 70 999 number to call Sussex Police.

However if the matter's not urgent and you'd like to find out who the officers for your neighbourhood are, along with how to contact them, there's now a whole new way to get in touch.

Go to www.sussex.police.uk, type in your postcode and you'll now find the names and photographs of all your local neighbourhood officers.

Click on their pictures and you'll see their personal profiles and contact details.

You can contact them either by sending an e-mail or by leaving them a voicemail message, simply by phoning the 0845 60 70 999 number and using the individual extension number provided.

The new system is the result of a six-month project by Sussex Police's in-house web team to give every Neighbourhood Specialist Team across Sussex its own web page.

In addition to photographs and contact details for every Police Community Support Officer and Neighbourhood Specialist Constable in Sussex the pages also contain a monthly What's happening in your area? community update, regular news flashes for the district, details of upcoming street briefings, up-to-date information about how local police are doing and details about your nearest police station.

Supt Robin Smith, who has been leading Sussex Police's neighbourhood policing project, said: "We are using friendly technology that could, over time, revolutionise the way that people keep in touch with us. We want to make it as simple as possible for people to develop a two-way conversation with their local police – that's what genuine neighbourhood policing should be all about. If it works as well as we hope, it should ultimately lead to safer, more confident

communities - and lower crime.”

10th January 2007 Adoption of highways on Sovereign Harbour

We have received the following information from our ward councillors, which shows the current state of play with the adoption of residential development. For residents on the North Harbour the determining factor is, as always, the completion of the Section 38 part 2 agreement for Pacific Drive

SOVEREIGN HARBOUR NORTH - DECEMBER - 2006

Country Homes - St Lawrence Way, St Lawrence Mews, (Heritage Quay). Sec38/126

Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Work substantially complete for sometime. Some street lighting remedials to be carried out.

Reduced maintenance period to apply once agreement in place. Adoption anticipated December 2007 subject to Pacific Drive being placed on maintenance.

Millwood Homes - Seattle Drive, Campbell Mews, Johnston Place, Wellington Quay, Auckland Quay. (Areas Q, part, Z, part) Sec38/132

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion have been issued.

Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Persimmon Homes - Barrier Reef Way, Coral Reef Way, Brisbane Quay, Tasmania Way, Hobart Quay. (Areas Y&Z) Sec38/125

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and 2 Certificates of Completion issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C.

Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued August 2005.

Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

George Wimpey - Pitcairn Avenue, Somoa Way, Solomons Close. (Area K) Sec38/124

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and 2 Certificates of Completion issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued August 2002. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

MacLean Homes - Vancouver Road, Anchorage Way. (Area K) Sec38/127

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and 2 Certificates of Completion issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued April 2005.

Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

W.H. Stratton - Admiralty Way, Chatham Green. (Area L) Sec38/136

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and 2 Certificates of Completion issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued June 2005.

Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive

is placed on to maintenance.

Jones Homes - Eugene Way-Road 1 Only (Area M) Sec38/153

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C.

Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued July 2006. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Whiteoak - Long Beach Mews, Long Beach Close. (Area X) Sec38/128

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 Certificate of Completion has been issued but some drainage cleansing works to be completed before Part 2 Certificate can be issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Whiteoak - Golden Gate Way, Golden Gate Mews. (Area W) Sec38/141

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 Certificate of Completion has been issued but some street lighting works and drainage cleansing works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

MacLean Homes - Caroline Way. (Area N) Sec 38/134

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 Certificate of Completion has been issued but some street lighting works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Bellwinch Homes - Callao Quay. (Area P) Sec38/143

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion have been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued June 2004.

Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

David Wilson Homes - Phoenix Drive (Area U) Sec38/130

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 Certificate of Completion has been issued but some remedials and street lighting works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued.

Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Persimmon Homes - Macquarie Quay. (Area Q) Sec38/155

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 Certificate of Completion has been issued but some remedial works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued.

Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Silver Homes - Inner Harbour Walkway, Junction area (internal roads to remain private) (Area V) Sec38/129

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion have been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued July 2006.

Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Country Homes - Grosvenor Quay Inner Harbour Walkways (Area T) Sec38/144

Awaiting Section 38 Agreement.

Works on one of the walkways still in progress. Some street lighting issues to be resolved in order to progress section 38 Agreement.

Redrow Homes (Area S) Sec38/133

No section 38 Agreement expected.

Pedestrian access to outer harbour promenade and inner harbour walkway secured by legal agreement.

Sovereign Harbour Ltd - Pacific Drive. Sec38/117

Section 38 Agreement in place and Part 1 Certificate of Completion issued on 23rd July 2004.

Following a meeting between Eastbourne Borough Council and Sovereign Harbour Ltd held on the 11th July 2006 some remedial works and street lighting issues have to be addressed in order to issue the part 2 Certificate of Completion.

The contractor working on behalf of Sovereign Harbour Ltd is hopeful these works will be completed by January 2006 enabling us to issue the maintenance certificate.

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Westbury Homes - Martinique Way, St Kitts Drive, Grenada Close, Outer Harbour promenade. (Area B) Roads F,G,H,J Phase 5 Sec38/146

Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Works substantially complete. Persimmon Homes have now taken over from Westbury Homes.

Works are now substantially complete and will be pushing Persimmons to progress this site in order for us to issue its maintenance certificate.

Will look at reducing the one year maintenance period as Atlantic Drive is already adopted.

Westbury Homes - Santa Cruz Drive (southern section), Salvador Close (Area B) Phase 4 Sec38/106

Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 Certificate of Completion has been issued but some remedial work to be addressed before maintenance certificate can be issued.

Will look at reducing the one year maintenance period as Atlantic Drive is already adopted.

Westbury Homes - Santa Cruz Drive (northern section), Windward Quay, Leeward Quay, Key West, Key West Bridge. (Area B) Phase 1 Sec38/107

Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Works substantially complete. Persimmon Homes have now taken over Westbury Homes.

Recent Meetings with Persimmons have now seen them carry out some urgent remedial works on this development. Persimmons being pressured regarding Section 38 Agreement and other

remedial works.

Recent visit with ESCC structures group confirmed principal inspection acceptable subject to minor remedial works.

Westbury Homes - Barbuda Quay (Area B) Roads A,B,C Phase 6 Sec 38/151

Awaiting Section 38 Agreement.

Persimmon Homes have now taken over Westbury Homes.
Will be pushing Persimmons regarding Section 38 Agreement.

Westbury Homes - Bermuda Place Key West (part) Inner Harbour Walkway (Area B) Phase 2 Sec38/121

Awaiting Section 38 Agreement.

Persimmon Homes have now taken over Westbury Homes.

Recent meetings with Persimmons have already seen them carry out some of the more urgent works and they are currently chasing the contractors regarding some of the street lighting problems.

Will be pushing Persimmons regarding the outstanding surfacing works in order to progress this site.

Westbury Homes - Ocho Rios Mews (Area B) Sec38/148

Awaiting Easement Agreement over the parking bays to enable us to proceed with the section 38 Agreement.

Westbury Homes - St Lucia Walk, Antigua Close (Area B) Sec38/138

Section 38 Agreement in place.

Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion have been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C.

Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued May 2005. Possible reduction in one year maintenance period as Atlantic Drive is already adopted.

Sunley Homes - Madeira Way, Jamaica Way, Havana Court, Inner Harbour walkways (Area B) Sec38/118

Section 38 Agreement in place.

Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion have been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C.
Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued May 2005.

Adoption to proceed on completion of final remedial works.
(currently working on site and should be finished by end Feb 2007)

Sunley Homes - Canary Quay, West Harbour Walkways, Kingston Quay (Area B) Phase Sec38/123

Section 38 Agreement in place.

Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion have been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C.

Maintenance certificate (Part 2) issued May 2005.
Adoption to proceed on completion of final remedial works.

Sunley Homes - Daytona Quay (Area B) Sec38/145

Section 38 Agreement in place.

Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion have been issued however some street lighting works have emerged since the Part 2 certificate was issued.

Adoption to proceed on completion of final remedial works.

Mc Lean Homes - Falmouth Close, Plymouth Close, Southampton Close (Area A) Sec38/101

Section 38 Agreement in place.

Part 1 and Part 2 Certificates of Completion have been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C.

Adoption delayed due to hold up with Southern Water adopting drainage.

Developer currently talking to Southern Water in order to progress adoption.
Will look at reducing the maintenance period as soon as this situation is resolved.

Persimmon Homes - Santos Wharf & Madeira Way. (Part)Sec 38/154

Section 38 Agreement in place and Part 1 Certificates of Completion have been issued.

Street lighting to be checked and some remedial work to be completed before issuing Part 2 certificate of Completion.

**22nd December
2006**

District Commander's Christmas message

As your Police District Commander, accountable locally to you the communities we serve in the borough of Eastbourne, I report more good news over this festive period. My three key strategies of high visibility public reassurance policing, effective performance and effective partnerships, are having positive results: over 3,500 hours of police and police community support officers (PCSO's) visible patrols each month, with another eight PCSO's to be appointed by March 2007. My Neighbourhood Policing Teams bringing more justice for victims with Eastbourne District detecting a higher percentage of crimes over the last 90 days at 37% currently more than any other police District in Sussex. Furthermore our work with our partners, including Eastbourne Borough Council is bearing fruit, recorded crime is currently down 10% this performance year compared to last. I give you my personal pledge that my Neighbourhood Policing Teams and I will not rest on our laurels but will continue to work hard and strive to make Eastbourne even safer in 2007 than it was in 2006.

Finally on behalf of my officers and staff may I wish everyone who works, lives or visits Eastbourne a very happy Christmas and an even safer New Year - except of course our career burglars, car criminals and drug dealers who will yet again have another torrid time in 2007 - and that's a promise .

Robert S Gough MBA
Chief Inspector
District Commander

Eastbourne

**16th December
2006**

Beach Replenishment Work - update

Further to the report earlier this week good progress has been made and the crest width in most places has restored. However, as is often the case, erosion lower down the beach, particularly at 'White Horses' and Sovereign Harbour rock revetment, still requires attention.

On Monday there will be six dumptrucks running shingle from Beachlands campsite to Sovereign Harbour. They will move down to Normans Bay outfall soon after and perhaps to Cooden at the end of the week to bring shingle to Normans Bay East.

At the same time we will be bringing shingle round the harbour using road lorries. Shingle washed up against the southern harbour arm will be taken from the beach, transferred to the north harbour, and tipped onto the beach immediately east of the revetment. Some comments were made about the road lorries when they operated in October, so this time we are using a different haulier.

I have also been advised by Eastbourne Borough Council that at the planning stage Sovereign Harbour Ltd never intended for the Beach Haul Route (the track between Pacific Drive and the beach) to be used by pedestrians because there are other pedestrian routes to the beach through all of the various housing estates with public access secured by legal agreement. We will therefore be placing signs at either end of the track closing it to pedestrians and indicating safer routes for walkers to get onto the beach, via Eugene Way (to the east) and Caroline Way (to the west). I will email again next week with further news as works progress.

If you have any comment or question please don't hesitate to contact:

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**11th December
2006**

Save your stamps for 'Guide Dogs for the Blind'

Now the Christmas cards are tumbling through your letter boxes, don't just throw the stamps away. Please tear them off - any denomination, even boring old 2nd class ones - and drop them into an envelope. Don't try to peel them off, tear around them so as not to damage them.

Then, after Christmas, take them to Lynleys, the jewellers in Asda, who collect old postage stamps in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

**11th December
2006**

Beach Replenishment Work - update

A survey of the beach completed last Friday showed that not only has all the new shingle placed at Sovereign Harbour during October moved east, but so has some of the beach already there. We will continue to move shingle from areas where some of it has temporarily accreted back to the harbour. This will inevitably mean running dumptrucks along the beach over longer distances. It is not something we want to do, because it will affect more beach users, but in order to maintain the defence standard everywhere it will have to be done.

We will also try and take beach that has built up on the south west side of the harbour and transfer around to the north side. However, if the weather remains unsettled it is not always possible to access the beach because of prolonged wave action.

It is expected that work will only continue up to 22nd December, but should weather conditions deteriorate again, then it may be necessary to continue working through the holiday period. I can assure you this will only happen if strictly necessary.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience this may cause but it is the only way we can provide shingle to reinforce depleted areas.

If you have any comment or question please don't hesitate to contact:

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7th December 2006 Be extra vigilant

Since posting the item below, we have heard that several basement parking areas have been targeted by thieves, and items have been stolen, even in broad daylight.

Please take extra care when entering and leaving parking areas to ensure that intruders do not get in, and be sure to report suspicious activity to the Police.

7th December 2006 Not everybody wants you to have a Happy Christmas

We have received information that several cars in the supposedly secure basement garage at Havana Court were broken into last night, estimated to be during the early hours of Wednesday 6th December.

It seems that no glass was broken, probably to avoid setting off alarms, and probably selected on an 'easier to break into' basis. It is likely that easy to carry and sell objects were the objective, fortunately they found none. With more attractive prospects the nearer to Christmas, shopping left in cars etc, this is unlikely to be the only attempt.

An attempt was also made to remove two high-value motorcycles from the garage. Also, a 'zapper' was likely to have been taken by the thieves from one of the cars, requiring all 24 'zappers' for the roller shutter to be replaced or re-coded.

Vehicles have been checked for fingerprints by police - there may be an association with other thefts of Sat Nav equipment in the vicinity.

We should all take this as a "wake-up" call and be extra vigilant. At this time of the year, the criminals have the extra advantage of high-value goods being plentiful, and the long dark nights to cover their movements.

If you see anything suspicious, call the Police immediately. If you are unsure, and don't want to make a possibly unnecessary "999" call, call the Sussex Police Non-emergency centre on 0845-60 70 999.

**30th November
2006**

Good news for bandstand fans

The Bandstand team are busy scheduling the bands for next summer. There are only a few performances to confirm and it is hoped that the Bandstand Programme for 2007 will be published at the Christmas Day Concert.

However, some key dates for your 2007 diaries are already available.

- 1812 Firework Concerts – Wednesdays at 8pm – 6th June until 26th September
- Big Band Nights – Thursdays at 8pm – 7th June until 27th September
- Tribute Nights – Fridays at 8pm – 1st June until 7th September
- Afternoon On Broadway – Saturdays at 3pm – 2nd June until 22 September
- Rock N Roll Nights – Saturdays at 8pm – 2nd June until 22nd September
- Traditional Bandstand Concerts – Sundays at 3pm – 13th May until 30th September
- Sunday Night on the Proms – Sundays at 8pm – 3rd June until 30th September

Also, some of the bands who will be performing at the Bandstand in 2007.

- Central Band of the Royal British Legion – Sunday 9th September until Friday 14th September
- Band of the Guards Association – Sunday 16th September until Friday 21st September
- Royal Marines Association Concert Band – Sunday 2nd September

Let's hope 2007 is as good as 2006, or better.

**28th November
2006**

Haven School Christmas Fair

The Haven School PTA will be holding their annual Christmas Fair at the school from 1:00pm until 3:00pm.

The SHRA will have an information stand at the event, so why not come along and meet some of the committee and support our harbour school at the same time.

**24th November
2006**

Harbour Friends launches new website

To visit the new site click on 'Social Activities' above or [click here](#)

**24th November
2006**

Sustainable Communities Bill

Nick Hurd MP, who came top of the ballot for a Private Members Bill, has agreed to adopt the Sustainable Communities Bill.

This is a tremendous result, but the campaign isn't over however by a long stretch. Now the Bill must be guided through both Houses of Parliament to ensure that it becomes law.

Hopefully, this Bill will become law and help to prevent other communities from suffering the kind of planning abuse that has taken place at Sovereign Harbour

**24th November
2006**

Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team

The Haven Church is holding a coffee morning on Saturday 2nd December form 10:00am until midday in aid of the Beachy Head Chaplaincy Team.

This voluntary organisation has help to save hundreds of lives in its two years of operation and needs the support of the community to continue its work. Why not call in for a coffee and a chat.

[Click here](#) for more information on this worthwhile organisation

**24th November
2006**

Come on you frustrated Carol Singers - Help St Wilfred's Hospice

St Wilfrid's Hospice
Living Life to the Full
Carol Singers
Wanted

*Give your vocal chords
a festive workout!*

On Saturday 9th December 2006
In the Arndale Centre from 2.4pm



In the Annular Centre from 2-4pm

*If you would like to come
and join the fun call*

Jancine on: 01323 437425

2-4 Mill Gap Road, EASTBOURNE, East Sussex BN21 2HJ Tel: 01323 644500
Registered Charity No. 283686

**19th November
2006**

Eastbourne wins clash for lottery grant

In a contest on ITV Meridian South East programme at 6:00pm on November 14, Eastbourne Borough Council was successful in its bid for £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund. The bid, called 'Goodbye Red Gra, Hello Tarmac!'s was in competition to an opposing bid from Laughton, near Lewes.

The cash will be used to refurbish the Archery Recreation Ground on Seaside, which is covered in red gra, similar to gravel. It is run down and unusable in wet weather. But youngsters from Kingsmere use it for their weekly football sessions funded by the Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership.

The project will resurface the ground and replace boundary fencing. There will be new goals and line markings for street soccer, netball, basketball, street skating and tennis.

Thanks to all of you who responded and phoned in with your votes.

This has been a good couple of weeks for Eastbourne, and Sovereign ward in particular.

**15th November
2006**

New addition to north harbour foreshore

Eagle-eyed residents may have spotted a new addition to the foreshore of the Northern Harbour. A wave recorder has been temporarily deployed some 200m east of the harbour close to the low water mark, so it will only be visible on the lowest spring tides. It is being used by PhD students from both Brighton and Sussex Universities to help them better understand coastal processes in the area east of the harbour entrance. A combination of Langney Point, the harbour and local currents make this the most volatile section of beach in the 9km between Eastbourne and Bexhill. Both students will be undertaking regular surveys throughout the winter to try and relate beach movement to wave size and direction.



Fieldwork will be augmented by laboratory experiments where differing sediment sizes and permeability parameters will be tried to see how the beach reacts. The study is being funded by Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd (PCDL) and hopefully the project outputs will lead to improved beach management techniques. Although the standard of defence against breach is already assured until 2025 how it is achieved can varied to suit local conditions. It is not in anyone's interest to move shingle around the beach using heavy plant unless absolutely necessary. A better understanding of exactly what happens on this 500m stretch of beach may result in a modified beach alignment that reduces the amount of machine hours needed to maintain it without reducing the overall protection.

Anyone interested in learning more about the sea defences or the research project in general should contact PCDL project manager Ian Thomas

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**14th November
2006**

SHL withdraw B&Q appeal as gesture of goodwill

In a surprise but very welcome move, Sovereign Harbour Ltd yesterday withdrew their appeal against the Borough Council's refusal of their application to build a B&Q warehouse at Sovereign Harbour.

This gesture was in response to a request by SHRA committee members and Borough councillors at a meeting organised by consultants employed by Carillion to look into the final stages of the harbour development. Residents and councillors said that they found it difficult to discuss the issues with the prospect of a costly and bitter Public Enquiry hanging over them.

Rick Runalls, SHRA chairman, said, ""I welcome this move by SHL, and am anxious that the SHRA should respond in an equally positive manner. I see this gesture as a promising indication that we can move from a position of conflict to a position of constructive dialogue that will hopefully result in the sustainable community that harbour residents deserve."

We will provide further information as the situation develops.

11th November
2006

Adoption of highways on Sovereign Harbour

We have received the following information from our ward councillors, which shows the current state of play with the adoption of residential development. For residents on the North Harbour the determining factor is, as always, the adoption of Pacific Drive but, if this update is correct, this could be imminent.

North Harbour

Country Homes - St Lawrence Way St Lawrence Mews (Heritage Quay) Sec38/126 Contact: Brian Grove 01483 459955 Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Work substantially complete for sometime. Some street lighting remedials to be carried out. Reduced maintenance period to apply once agreement in place. Adoption anticipated Autumn 2006 subject to Pacific Drive being placed on maintenance.

Millwood Homes - Seattle Drive Campbell Mews Johnston Place Wellington Quay Auckland Quay (Areas Q, part, Z, part) Sec38/132 Contact: Jon Kent 01732 772510 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 has been issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Persimmon Homes - Barrier Reef Way Coral Reef Way Brisbane Quay Tasmania Way Hobart Quay (Areas Y&Z) Sec38/125 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and 2 issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued August 2005. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

George Wimpey - Pitcairn Avenue Somoa Way Solomons Close (Area K) Sec38/124 Contact: Paul Bending 01732 836086 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and 2 issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued August 2002. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

MacLean Homes - Vancouver Road Anchorage Way (Area K) Sec38/127 Contact: Paul Bending 01732 836086 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and 2 issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued April 2005. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

W.H. Stratton - Admiralty Way Chatham Green (Area L) Sec38/136 Contact: Martin Bates 01273 453578 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and 2 issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued June 2005. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Jones Homes - Eugene Way-Road 1 Only (Area M) Sec38/153 Contact: Ken Smith 01322 665000 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued July 2006. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Whiteoak Developments- Long Beach Mews Long Beach Close (Area X) Sec38/128 Contact: Ian White 07711 898145 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 has been issued but some street lighting works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Whiteoak Developments - Golden Gate Way Golden Gate Mews (Area W) Sec38/141 Contact: Ian White 07711 898145 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 has been issued but some street lighting works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

MacLean Homes - Caroline Way (Area N) Sec 38/134 Contact: Paul Bending 01732 836086
Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 has been issued but some street lighting works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Bellwinch Homes - Callao Quay (Area P) Sec38/143 Contact: Ian Mc Call 020 8902 1101
Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 has been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued June 2004. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

David Wilson Homes - Phoenix Drive (Area U) Sec38/130 Contact: Simon Clare 01403 271002
Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 has been issued but some remedials and street lighting works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Persimmon Homes - Macquarie Quay Area Q Sec38/155 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300
Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 has been issued but some remedial works to be completed before maintenance certificate can be issued. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Silver Homes - Inner Harbour Walkway Junction area (internal roads to remain private)
(Area V) Sec38/129 Contact: John Hughes 01892 610740 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 has been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued July 2006. Adoption can proceed at end of maintenance period subject to final inspection when Pacific Drive is placed on to maintenance.

Country Homes - Grosvenor Quay Inner Harbour Walkways (Area T) Sec38/144 Contact: Brian Grove 01483 459955 Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Works on one of the walkways still in progress. Some street lighting issues to be resolved in order to progress section 38 Agreement.

Redrow Homes (Area S) Sec38/133 Contact: Steven Caldwell 01628 539700 No section 38 Agreement expected. Pedestrian access to outer harbour promenade and inner harbour walkway secured by legal agreement.

Sovereign Harbour Ltd - (Pacific Drive) Sec38/117 Contact: Mark Orriss (Project Manager) 0207 4932471 Peter Belton (Construction) 01684 278063 Section 38 Agreement in place and Part 1 issued on 23rd July 2004. Following a meeting between Eastbourne Borough Council and Sovereign Harbour Ltd held on the 11th July 2006 some remedial works and street lighting issues have to be addressed in order to issue the part 2 certificate. The contractor working on behalf of Sovereign Harbour Ltd is hopeful these works will be completed by October/November 2006 enabling us to issue the maintenance certificate.

South Harbour

Westbury Homes - Martinique Way St Kitts Drive Grenada Close Outer Harbour promenade (Area B) Roads F,G,H,J Phase 5 Sec38/146 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Works substantially complete. Persimmon Homes have now taken over from Westbury Homes. Works are now substantially complete and will be pushing Persimmons to progress this site in order for us to issue its maintenance certificate. Will look at reducing the one year maintenance period as Atlantic Drive is already adopted.

Westbury Homes - Santa Cruz Drive (southern section) Salvador Close (Area B) Phase 4 Sec38/106 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 has been issued but some remedial work to be addressed before maintenance certificate can be issued. Will look at reducing the one year maintenance period as Atlantic Drive is already adopted.

Westbury Homes - Santa Cruz Drive (northern section) Windward Quay Leeward Quay Key West Key West Bridge (Area B) Phase 1 Sec38/107 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Works substantially complete. Persimmon Homes have now taken over Westbury Homes. Recent Meetings with Persimmons have now seen them carry out some urgent remedial works on this development. Will be pushing Persimmons regarding Section 38 Agreement and other remedial works. Bridge certificate needs to be checked.

Westbury Homes - Barbuda Quay (Area B) Roads A,B,C Phase 6 Sec 38/151 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Persimmon Homes have now taken over Westbury Homes. Will be pushing Persimmons regarding Section 38 Agreement.

Westbury Homes - Bermuda Place Key West (part) Inner Harbour Walkway (Area B) Phase 2 Sec38/121 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Awaiting Section 38 Agreement. Persimmon Homes have now taken over Westbury Homes. Recent meetings with Persimmons have already seen them carry out some of the more urgent works and they are currently chasing the contractors regarding some of the street lighting problems. Will be pushing Persimmons regarding the outstanding surfacing works in order to progress this site. (surfacing and remedial works should be completed before Xmas 2006.)

Westbury Homes - Ocho Rios Mews (Area B) Sec38/148 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Awaiting Easement Agreement over the parking bays to enable us to proceed with the section 38 Agreement.

Westbury Homes - St Lucia Walk Antigua Close (Area B) Sec38/138 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 has been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued May 2005. Will look at reducing the one year maintenance period as Atlantic Drive is already adopted.

Sunley Homes - Madeira Way Jamaica Way Havana Court Inner Harbour walkways (Area B) Sec38/118 Contact: Robin Bishop 01403 864450 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 has been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued May 2005. Adoption to proceed on completion of final remedial works. (currently working on site and should be finished by end Nov 2006)

Sunley Homes Canary Quay West Harbour Walkways Kingston Quay (Area B) Phase 2 Sec38/123 Contact: Robin Bishop 01403 864450 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 has been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Maintenance certificate issued May 2005. Adoption to proceed on completion of final remedial works.

Sunley Homes - Daytona Quay (Area B) Sec38/145 Contact: Robin Bishop 01403 864450 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 have been issued however some street lighting works have emerged since the Part 2 certificate was issued. Adoption to proceed on completion of final remedial works.

Mc Lean Homes - Falmouth Close Plymouth Close Southampton Close (Area A) Sec38/101 Contact: Paul Bending 01732 836086 Section 38 Agreement in place. Part 1 and Part 2 have been issued and street lighting has been approved by E.S.C.C. Adoption delayed due to hold up with Southern Water adopting drainage. Paul Bending is currently talking to Southern Water in order to progress adoption. Will look at reducing the maintenance period as soon as this situation is resolved.

Persimmon Homes - Santos Wharf & Madeira Way. (Part) Sec 38/154 Contact: Steve Smith 01329 514300 Section 38 Agreement in place and Part 1 has been issued. Street lighting to be checked and some remedial work to be completed before issuing Part 2 certificate.

6th November 2006 A David and Goliath clash for lottery grant

Two towns are involved in a David and Goliath showdown to try and win £50,000 from the Big Lottery Fund. Laughton, near Lewes, and Eastbourne have both been selected to appear on ITV **Meridian South East at 6:00pm on November 14** to appeal for the public's vote.

They both hope to transform muddy play areas into an all-weather, all-year-round facility for youngsters of all ages. But it is up to the public to decide which town is most deserving of the cash from the People's Millions.

The smaller entry comes from Laughton Community Primary School in Church Lane and is called the Pelham Playing Fields Project. Reception teacher Zena Budd entered the school's bid after children said they wanted better facilities.

Mrs Budd said: "Over the past year we have been fund-raising and managed to improve the school's playground. But we are a little school and a small village and we have done all we can. At the back of the school is a field which is muddy and unusable for most of the year. We put in a bid to create a year-round playing area there. Now we are up against the big boys. Laughton doesn't have a play scheme and there is not much public transport or footpaths. We would like something for the village and neighbouring villages to use. The children are very excited."

The playing field would have three different zones for all age groups and it would be open to the community. There would be football, hoops, low-level wooden trails and climbing equipment, skipping ropes and giant board games.

Eastbourne's bid comes from Eastbourne Borough Council and is called 'Goodbye Red Gra, Hello Tarmac!' The site is the Archery Recreation Ground on Seaside, Eastbourne, which is covered in red gra, similar to gravel. It is run down and unusable in wet weather. But youngsters from Kingsmere use it for their weekly football sessions funded by the Eastbourne Crime Reduction Partnership.

The project will resurface the ground and replace boundary fencing. There will be new goals and line markings for street soccer, netball, basketball, street skating and tennis.

Cllr. Ian Lucas, leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, said: "This is a potentially brilliant opportunity to have this area regenerated."

This is a great opportunity to support the local community and Eastbourne's children in general, and the only cost to you is a phone call and a little time,

The phone and text numbers will appear on Meridian on November 14.

Tell all your friends and neighbours, let's get some of our lottery money back!!

1st November 2006 Beware - Premium rate telephone scam!

The Trading Standards Office are making people aware of the following scam :

A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). **DO NOT** call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been billed £15 for the phone call.

If you do receive a card with these details, then please contact Royal Mail Fraud on 0207-239-6655 or ICSTIS (the premium rate service regulator) at www.icstis.org.uk or your local trading standards office.

This is a genuine scam and is under investigation by ICSTIS

31st October 2006 Beach Replenishment Work - update

Sospan Dau has now completed delivering shingle for this autumn. However things continued to be unpredictable to the very end. This time it was not so much the weather – although a brief period of increased wave activity on Saturday meant another tide was missed. Having completed a delivery over the 15:00 high water on Sunday, a fire started in her engine room as she passed Newhaven. The room had to be sealed and the engines closed down, and the situation was quickly controlled. She will now be making her way to the Solent to undergo repair work to burnt cabling in the engine room. This could well take 2-3 weeks by when she will be required elsewhere. In theory she would have delivered a further 1,500cu.m before finishing – another two loads.

We are confident that we now have sufficient material in place to ensure the integrity of the defences at Sovereign Harbour and as necessary will reinforce the area by recycling shingle back to the harbour from the east and use the stockpile when required.

Here's to a calm and peaceful winter – if only.

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30th October 2006 Eastbourne District Commander's Update - October 2006

Introduction

Since my arrival as District Commander of Eastbourne, I have made a number of changes to the way we Police Eastbourne. Everything we do works towards our three key strategies of:

- i. High visibility public re-assurance Policing
- ii. Effective Performance
- iii. Effective Partnership

From feedback I have received, it is clear many elected Councillors and Community Groups welcome the shift in focus and the results Eastbourne District is currently achieving.

High Visibility Public Re-assurance Patrols

We now record every hour spent by Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers on foot and mobile patrol in the Borough of Eastbourne, down to every Ward level, where this effective public re-assurance is taking place. To further improve local high visibility and Neighbourhood Policing I have appointed three new Neighbourhood Specialist Police Constables to work with our communities in Local Action Teams and problem solving. I believe this evidences my commitment to Neighbourhood Policing and my Neighbourhood Policing Team's determination to reduce anti-social behaviour in all it's guises and further improve the quality of life within the communities we serve. (Note: Official start date for the Officers is on 6th November 2006 - their arrival will be accompanied by a press release and photos).

Effective Performance

Eastbourne's performance in terms of detections and reduction of crime continues to go from strength to strength, currently our overall detection rate of 36% remains the best of any District in the Sussex Police Force area and compares favourably at both a regional and national level. Reduction in crime continues, vehicle crime is down, robberies are down, public place violent crime is down, criminal damage is down and burglaries of peoples homes is down a massive 30% over the last 3 months.

What the figures really mean is, less victims of crime and more offenders brought to Justice. Our focus to arrest, convict and lock up Eastbourne's 'career burglars', car thieves and drug dealers will continue unabated.

Effective Partnership

Whilst public place violent crime continues to be in reduction there is still too much violence, damage and anti-social behaviour in the Town Centre on a Friday and Saturday night. The causal link between too much alcohol and violence is not in doubt. Therefore licensed premises in the Town Centre have got to get their houses in order. My new Licensing Inspector Nick Porter's focus, will be to work with our partner agencies to utilise all the powers available under the Licensing Act 2003 to ensure all licensed premises act responsibly, comply with the law and their own Operating Schedules. I have also made representations to Eastbourne Borough Council to reduce the expansion of licensed premises in the Town Centre. It is my experience that crime reduction in an area is better achieved by effective partnership working with statutory and voluntary agencies. Pivotal to this in Eastbourne is the Crime Reduction Partnership, whose co-ordinator Justine Armstrong is leaving after seven years. I wish to place on record my thanks to Justine for her unstinting efforts to ensure partnership works in Eastbourne, and wish her every success in her new career.

Conclusion

My Neighbourhood Policing Teams and I are determined to make Eastbourne an even better place to live work and visit. I believe we are on the right track. I am confident our three key strategies will deliver, long term sustainable crime reduction and a town where the only people who live in fear are our career criminals and drug dealers.

Robert S Gough MBA
Chief Inspector
District Commander Eastbourne

25th October 2006 Beach Replenishment Work - update

Up until Thursday last week it appeared that delaying the annual beach replenishment until October had not been a problem. Since then we have had no deliveries of shingle due to wave conditions either in the dredge area and/or on the beach. Hopefully tonight will see a restart of operations with a delivery over the midnight high tide.

We believe we will need a further 8 or 9 deliveries to provide the necessary volume of beach. Hopefully this can be achieved by either Sunday or Monday.

As usual if you have any queries or comments please feel free to contact.

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21st October 2006 SHRA committee members meet new trustees of the Sovereign Harbour Trust

SHRA committee members this week met the three new trustees of the Sovereign Harbour Trust nominated by the Environment Agency.

The SHRA attendees took the opportunity to convey to the trustees the anger and frustration felt over the way in which the Trust had been set-up, and the refusal of the Carillion appointed trustees to explain how the Trust's income, which is 100% provided by harbour residents, was distributed. They also expressed their concern at the Trust's failure to publish detailed accounts.

Further, the trustees were informed that the refusal of the Trust to consider the appointment of resident trustees was a major concern, and added considerably to the perception that the trust was operating against the best interests of residents.

The trustees explained that their duty was to ensure that the sea defences were adequately maintained, but felt that they had no responsibility for the harbour and marina maintenance, other than to forward the funds collected from harbour residents on the behalf of Sovereign Harbour Ltd. SHRA members expressed the view that the two parts of the trustees duties could not be separated and trustees must take responsibility for all aspects of the Trust's operation.

Overall, considering that all previous requests to meet trustees had met with refusal, everybody who attended the meeting, which took place at the Pevensy Bay Offices of the Environment Agency, felt that it had been very productive. The SHRA members welcomed the assurances of the new trustees that they would do everything in their power to make the operation of the trust, and the distribution of its funds, more transparent.

SHRA members agreed to provide the new trustees with a current list of residents concerns and it was agreed that a further meeting would take place when the trustees were more settled in their role. It was hoped that a future meeting with *all* of the trustees might soon be possible.

9th October 2006 New Inspectors Join Eastbourne District Policing Team

Eastbourne District is welcoming two new uniform Inspectors to work directly to the District Commander Bob Gough.

Inspector Nick Porter aged 35, married with children and who lives on East Sussex Division will be focussing on Licensing and public place violence crime. He said "Eastbourne is now one of the best performing Districts in the Sussex Police Force area and I am pleased to be joining such a strong team. My focus will be to utilise powers under the Licensing Act 2003 and other legislation to crack down on alcohol fuelled yobbery and violence". Nick takes the place of Inspector Di Roskilly who has been selected to become strategic support to the East Sussex Divisional Commander Nick Wilkinson. Inspector Tony Wakefield aged 45 who lives in the town, and has a wealth of experience in Neighbourhood Policing will take the leadership of all Neighbourhood Specialist Teams. He said "My role will be to continue the full integration of local policing into the communities we serve, working with our communities to improve further the quality of life in Eastbourne. Enforcing the law against local yobbery, anti-social

Chief Inspector Bob Gough said "I wish to place on record my thanks to both Julia and Di for their dedication and commitment to Eastbourne over the last few years and wish them well in their important new roles. At the same time I am delighted to secure the services of two such capable officers as Nick and Tony. I am confident District Policing will go from strength to strength. My new team will work unstintingly to continue to make Eastbourne even safer than it is today".

Robert S Gough
Chief Inspector
District Commander
Eastbourne

4th October 2006 Beach Replenishment Work - update

Shingle transfer round Sovereign Harbour from Langney will continue until Friday with road lorries running the shingle along the beach from the Martello tower. One resident contacted me this afternoon saying that the lorries were travelling too fast. All drivers have been instructed to stick to a 10mph upper limit and additional signage will be put out tomorrow to reinforce the point. Please let me know if drivers are not sticking to rules they are given.

Although we have a banksman in attendance he has to be near the stockpile to help them tip each load and cannot supervise the entire length of the beach all the time. I will certainly take immediate action if such incidents are reported and in extreme cases remove continuous offenders from this work.

I have just heard that Sospan Dau expects to leave South Wales in the early hours of Wednesday morning so could be here as early as mid morning Friday to deliver her first cargo of shingle. Having looked at the weather forecast for Friday however, I suspect she may be delayed for 24 hours or so depending on how her passage around Lands End looks. Either way I expect to see new shingle on Sovereign Harbour beach during this weekend.

As usual if you have any queries or comments please feel free to contact.

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29th September 2006 Beach Replenishment Work

October 1st sees the re-opening of the transfer window – not for the premiership – but for transfer of shingle round Sovereign Harbour. Last March we were unable to move any shingle round the harbour because easterly winds had driven most of the beach back towards Langney outfall and we were unable to gain access on to the beach. Shingle has now returned so we need to collect it before it is driven past the harbour arm and into the approach channel where it will be lost to us. I expect to start running lorries round from Tuesday, finishing on Friday. They will only work between 07:30 and 17:30. Because Langney beach is more exposed than north of the harbour there are times when wave action prevents access for a couple of hours either side of high water. If this is the case the work could continue into Monday of the following week.

I anticipate undertaking this 4-5 day transfer three times this winter; roughly in October, December/January and March

As you may be aware the south west has experienced some gales recently as the remnants of Caribbean tropical storms have come across the Atlantic. I understand that dredger Sospan Dau has had to seek shelter from rough weather on occasions but am not sure how much effect this had on her work in South Wales. I am therefore still expecting her to arrive at some point over the weekend 6-8th October and will provide more details once I know she has set sail for Pevensy.

As usual if you have any queries or comments please feel free to contact.

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**20th September
2006**

The following motion was unanimously accepted by the members of Eastbourne Borough Council at their meeting today

Following the refusal of the recent applications for the remaining five development sites in Sovereign Harbour, this council recognises that the Humberts report has now been superseded. The Council therefore requests a high level meeting with the landowner, council members, planning officers, and representatives of local residents, to develop a strategy for the remaining development sites.

Such a strategy should acknowledge Sovereign Harbour Ltd's commercial demands, but shouldn't include further residential development. The strategy should address much needed community facilities, such as open space, play areas, a community centre, a medical centre, schools, facilities for the boating community and potential business opportunities, in keeping with the area, including a quality hotel.

The council recognises that the available land for development is limited and should be considered as a whole to effectively provide for a sustainable community.

**16th September
2006**

Sovereign Harbour residents march to the DGH





15th September
2006



Project AWARE International Clean-up – 17th September 2006

Eastbourne's Planet Divers Scuba Diving Club has joined forces for its third year with the International group, Project AWARE, to clean up our local harbour. They plan to clean up the waters and surrounding areas of Eastbourne Harbour, including the Crumbles sites.

The goals are to increase public awareness on debris issues and the impact on the environment; to gather data to be used to target sources of debris and create solutions to pollutant problems; and provide information to local government and scientists.

To be able to do this we need support from our local community. We have approached schools, conservation groups, local businesses and other community groups to request individuals or teams to come along and help.

Any help you can give us would be much appreciated; we need help on the day collecting and sorting rubbish and also items such as gardening gloves, stationary, rubbish bags and refreshments for helpers. Prizes for the best efforts (e.g. most rubbish collected, most unusual item found etc.) will be given.

The clean-up will be at the North Harbour on Sunday 17th September Please support us for the odd hour or stay the whole day.

[To offer your help](#)

[For more information about the Project AWARE International Clean-up Day](#)

[For more information on Planet Divers](#)

**11th September
2006**

Save the DGH March and Rally

On Saturday 16th September, there will be a march from The Avenue to the DGH in support of the 'Save the DGH' campaign. For full details, [visit the campaign website.](#)

The SHRA committee have added their support to this campaign, and we hope other harbour residents will join us. Please print off the posters and come along on Saturday, the dreadful cuts that are proposed are a threat to all Eastbourne residents, especially mothers and babies.

Look out for the SHRA banner and march under it with us. This is a great opportunity for us to show that we really care about Eastbourne, not just the harbour.

25th August 2006 Annual Beach Replenishment

The annual beach replenishment is scheduled to start on or about Monday September 4th. Dredger Sospan Dau is currently in dry dock in Holland completing routine maintenance and is expected to leave in around 10 days time.

All this year's new material will be placed on the beach at Sovereign Harbour in the first 400m immediately east of the harbour. Weather permitting a delivery will be made every high tide, day and night, each discharge usually starting around one hour before Herbrand Walk. A bulldozer and an excavator will be used to recover the material on the following low water, again both day and night. Whenever possible beach work at night will be kept to an absolute minimum, but the material has to be brought up to the top of the beach to reinforce the crest.

We will keep you informed as to a precise starting time as and when Sospan Dau sails from Holland. Similarly, whilst the work is expected to last between two and three weeks, any weather delays will inevitably affect the overall programme, but again we will keep you updated as things progress.

As usual if you have any queries or comments please feel free to contact.

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24th August 2006 Eastbourne Police District Commanders Update - August 2006

1. Introduction

I am very proud to have been appointed District Commander for Eastbourne and am determined to make Eastbourne an even safer place to work, live and visit. Everything my Neighbourhood Policing Teams do will be focused on three key strategies:

- i. High visibility Public re-assurance patrols - Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers.
- ii. Effective performance – crime reduction, detecting crime and bringing offenders to justice.
- iii. Effective Partnership – working with Eastbourne Borough Council and other statutory and voluntary agencies to implement medium and long term crime reduction and public re-assurance strategies.

2. High Visibility Public Re-assurance Patrols

At present we have fourteen Police Community Support Officer Posts (PCSO's) and each PCSO is attached to a specific Ward in the Borough. Each PCSO is given a patrol tasking plan along with a list of key people on the Ward they should visit on a regular basis; their tasking's are updated daily. I have received positive community feedback about their effectiveness in terms of public re-assurance and the good news is Eastbourne District has been allocated a further eight posts and these extra PCSO's will come on stream over the next year. All patrols, both Police and PCSO's, record the hours on patrol on our recently developed high visibility database. I am also focussing more resources into the Town Centre on a Friday and Saturday to further reduce the late night yobbery and mindless damage that occurs when the pubs and clubs 'kick out'.

3. Effective Performance

I am pleased to report that overall crime is currently down 4.5% this performance year compared to last, criminal damage is down 5% and public place injury offences are down 18% Robbery is also down a massive 30%. Our overall detection rate for the last 3 months has risen to over 32% (currently best performance of any District in the Force) which means more offenders brought to Justice. We have locked up a substantial number of burglars over the past couple of months, including Darren Martin, charged and remanded in custody for burglary in the Langney area. Our drive to get burglars put behind bars will continue undiminished.

4. Effective Partnership

Since my arrival, I have been impressed with the breadth and depth of effective partnership taking place across the Borough providing public re-assurance and effective crime reduction, from youth diversion to our Local Action Teams (LAT's); the Kingsmere LAT is a real success story where the community in partnership with the Crime Reduction Partnership has reduced crime by 30% . I want to maintain and further develop these partnership activities and I place on record my objective of increasing Neighbourhood Watch membership by at least 50% during my tenure. Please contact Lionel Lacey-Johnson on lionel.laceyjohnson@sussex.pnn.police.uk if you want to find out more about the schemes and the benefits to you and your community.

5. Conclusion

Eastbourne has a population in excess of ninety thousand, forty thousand homes and potentially over four million visitors a year, yet experiences on average less than 30 crimes per day, many of which are minor in nature. Eastbourne is a great town in which to live, work and visit and I promise that my Neighbourhood Policing Teams and I will do everything we can to make the quality of life in Eastbourne even better than it is today. Do not hesitate to provide feedback on how you feel we are doing, your views will enhance the quality of service we give to the community we serve.

Robert S Gough MBA
Chief Inspector
District Commander
Eastbourne

23rd August 2006 Over 35's Football

The Vets (over 35) football team that is being set up by harbour resident Frank Milmo is progressing well, and new members will be very welcome.

On Sunday 3rd September, at 10:30, they will be meeting on the playing fields opposite the Sovereign Centre for a 'kickabout'.

If you're interested, [e-mail Frank](#), or just turn up on the day, the more the merrier.

19th August 2006 Racing at Goodwood

The Sovereign Harbour Racing club has just four tickets left for the 'Gordon Enclosure', and a possible ten vacant seats on the coach for Goodwood, on Saturday 26th August, for a full card of racing, and the running of the 'Celebration Mile'.

With just seven days to go, time is running out. For a great day out with other harbour residents, **phone Linus Gunning on 01323 470757 NOW!**

9th August 2006 Five Sites Planning Meeting

Yesterday evening, the Eastbourne Borough Council unanimously rejected all five applications by Sovereign Harbour Ltd for further residential development on four of the five remaining harbour development sites. Almost 300 residents attended the meeting in the Town Hall, and each decision was rapturously applauded. We thank the members of the planning committee for their support, and for their courage in standing up to the corporate bullies. The best result we could have hoped for.

Residents were supported in their objections by our MP, Nigel Waterson, LibDem parliamentary spokesman, Stephen Lloyd, Green Party spokesman, Clive Gross, the council's deputy leader, David Elkin, Sovereign ward councillor, Chris Williams, and Hampden Park ward councillor, Mike Thompson.

Several SHRA committee members and other members of the public also voiced their objections to the applications.

We must now wait for SHL's response. If they appeal, the fight goes on but, hopefully, they will take the enormous opposition from residents and the will of the Borough Council into consideration and start discussions to find a solution that will satisfy everybody. We live in hope!

4th August 2006 Five Sites Planning Meeting

In the Eastbourne Herald today, the article on page 21 said that buses to the Town Hall on Tuesday would run from the end of Pacific Drive, but omitted to say that there would also be buses running from the end of Atlantic Drive. The information given in Waterlines is correct, buses will run from both harbours starting at 3:00 pm, 3:25 pm and 3:55 pm.

Please make every effort to be there, the future of the harbour is at stake.

4th August 2006 Polegate Development

Harbour residents are acutely aware of the consequences of gross over-development. Residents of Polegate are facing a similar situation and are looking to other Eastbourne residents to support their struggle.

If you would like to help, please click on one of the links below, print off and sign the letter, and send it off to the Case Officer at the address shown. The 'Word' document will be automatically dated, but if you need the '.pdf' document, you will also need to date it.

The strain that this development will put on the local infrastructure will add to the problems being encountered on Sovereign Harbour. **Help the harbour by helping the residents of Polegate**

[Polegate objection in Word format](#)

[Polegate objection in pdf format](#)

24th July 2006 Eastbourne RNLI Regatta

The **full programme** for the Eastbourne RNLI Regatta, which will take place over the August Bank Holiday weekend (26th, 27th and 28th August), can now be found on [the RNLI website](#).

Tickets for the evening events, £5.00 for adults and £3.50 for children, can be purchased from the Lifeboat Station, the Yacht Club and the Harbour Master's Office.

Please support this event and contribute to the success of this essential voluntary service.

25th June 2006 Leasehold Advisory Service

The Leasehold Advisory Service is a government service that provides free information to leaseholders. You can write to them at:

The Leasehold Advisory Service
70-74 City Road
London EC1Y 2BJ

Telephone: 0207-7490-9580

or, [e-mail the Leasehold Advisory Service](#)

or, [visit the Leasehold Advisory Service website](#)

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24th June 2006 Sovereign Racing Club

The first outing of the SRC, the trip to Brighton Racecourse on **Sunday 9th July** is now 75% reserved. There is still, however, time to join in on this trip if you **book before 2nd July**. All you need to do is **phone 01323-470757**.

The coach will pick-up on the South Harbour at 12:00 noon, then the North Harbour at 12:15pm, leaving from outside Henley Park at 12:30pm. Expected arrival time at the racecourse is 1:30pm.

Departure from Brighton will be at 5:45pm and the last drop at the South Harbour will be at about 7:00pm - **well in time for the football**.

24th June 2006 No B&Q campaign

In response to the appeal by Sovereign Harbour Ltd against the refusal of their application to build a B&Q warehouse on Sovereign Harbour, the SHRA has launched a 'No B&Q' campaign. There is still some work to do before it gets up to speed, but as a first step, we have started a petition and we have designed a 'No B&Q' poster, which we would urge you all to put into your windows.

We will be getting some posters printed, but in order to get the ball rolling, please [download the poster](#), print off a few copies, and distribute them amongst your neighbours who do not have internet access.

14th June 2006 No More Flats campaign

In response to the 'Five Sites' applications, the SHRA has launched a 'No More Flats' campaign. There is still some work to do before it gets up to speed, but as a first step, we have started a petition and we have designed a 'No More Flats' poster, which we would urge you all to put into your windows.

We will be getting some posters printed, but in order to get the ball rolling, please [download the poster](#), print off a few copies, and distribute them amongst your neighbours who do not have internet access.

14th June 2006 B&Q Appeal Accepted

Despite the fact that B&Q have distanced themselves from this application, and Sovereign Harbour Ltd are pursuing the appeal as sole appellants, the Planning Inspectorate has accepted the appeal and it is now 'live'

This means that anybody who wishes to object must get their letter to the Planning Inspectorate by 11th July. Please write to:

**The Planning Inspectorate
Room 3/20
Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Temple Quay
Bristol BS1 6PN**

or **[e-mail the Planning Inspectorate](#)**

Quoting reference: **APP/T1410/A/06/2015765/NWF**

Areas to consider are:

- Contrary to the Borough Plan
- Loss of valuable employment land
- Land owner has not actively marketed the land for the purpose for which it is zoned
- Requirement for 'pump-priming' not proven
- Storage of dangerous substances
- B&Q previous target for arsonists on more than one occasion
- Proximity to actively gassing landfill
- Danger to school children
- Proximity to residential developments
- Proximity to National Cycle Route
- Impact on Pevensey Bay Road traffic
- Impact on Waterfront traffic
- Impact on Public Transport
- Impact on traffic leaving the harbour
- Noise pollution
- Light pollution
- Need, massive, nationwide downturn in DIY trade

Don't be limited by this list; if you can think of other reasons, use them. If you use the items on this list, choose them at random to avoid too many similar letter. But, whatever else you do, **DO WRITE A LETTER**, we really need to show the Inspector just how much local opposition there is to this monstrous attempt to manipulate the planning system.

Look out for further communications, both electronic and through your door.

United we can win, and united we will.

30th May 2006 **Marine Voluntary Service Fun Weekend, 3rd and 4th June.**

[Click for more details](#)

18th May 2006 **Five sites applications, more details**

We now have planning application numbers for the five sites:

EB/2006/0349 - Site 1
EB/2006/0350 - Site 1
EB/2006/0351 - Site 2
EB/2006/0353 - Site 3
EB/2006/0354 - Site 4

[Click to view details](#), or hard copy plans can be viewed at 69 Grove Road.

Site 1 is the land on the South Harbour close to Langney Point adjacent to the Martello Tower.

Site 2 is the berthholders' car park in Atlantic Drive.

Site 3 is the land by the side of the Harvester, currently used by the fishing boats.

Site 4 is the land on the Waterfront, near the North Harbour Bridge, currently used for boat sales.

Site 5 is the land in Harbour Quay where the Carillion Offices currently stand.

16th May 2006 **Fly the eye**

Why not join us for a day out in London on **Tuesday 20th June 2006**. Local company, Lynn's Travel, are offering a special price of just **£21 per person** for a coach trip to London. This special price includes a flight on the **London Eye**, which allows spectacular views over the capital.

Sufficient free time will be available to do some shopping, or to have a meal, or just to see the sights.

For your convenience, pick-ups will be arranged from both the North and the South Harbours.

To book your place on this trip, contact:

Mr & Mrs Leggett on 01323 479633, or

Marj Pratt on 01323 479510, or

[e-mail waterlines](#)

16 May 2006 **Five Sites Applications**

As expected, Sovereign Harbour Ltd has followed up the B&Q appeal with applications for high-density residential developments on four of the 'Five Sites'.

The significant aspect of these applications is that the long promised hotel development, and the much needed health centre are nowhere to be seen. Nor, of course, is there any mention of any of the social infrastructure that SHL have had 25 years to produce. Once again, the thrust is for maximum profit.

Two applications have been submitted for Site One, one is for a single block of 100 apartments, the other for three blocks, totalling 120 apartments.

The applications for sites two and three, which were withdrawn, have been resubmitted unchanged.

The application for site two is for 18 apartments, associated car parking and sub-basement berthholder parking

The application for site three is for 16 apartments and six houses.

The application for site four is for a number of retail outlets, with 19 apartments above.

Any further residential development on the harbour would be unsustainable.

See next issue of Waterlines for details of how you can help.

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14th May 2006

Sovereign Harbour Racing Club

We are pleased to announce the launch of the Sovereign Harbour Racing Club; two social outings have been provisionally booked.

On Sunday 9th July, travelling by Flagship luxury coaches, we are heading for **Brighton racecourse**. Cost, including admission to the Members enclosure. Is just £20 per person.

Then **on Saturday 26th August**, again travelling by Flagship, we are off to **Goodwood racecourse** for the Celebration Mile and some other high-class races. The cost of this event, including admission to the Gordon Enclosure, is £26 per person.

With all that's going on around the harbour, why not take a break and have a day out? To book your seat on the Brighton outing contact Linus Gunning at 61 Daytona Quay, South Harbour, **phone 470757**, or **[e-mail Waterlines](#)**.

12th May 2006

BBC Politics Show

On Sunday 14th May, at 12:00, the SHRA will be featured on the BBC's Politics Show. The item will appear in the South East section, which starts at about 12:20. SHRA chairman, Rick Runalls, will probably be in the studio to take part in a discussion.

Update in next Waterlines.

12th May 2006 **More news on B&Q**

We have learnt that the appeal against refusal of permission to build a B&Q warehouse on the harbour is in the name of Sovereign Harbour Ltd, B&Q have said that they do not wish to be named as a joint appellants.

What's this all about!!! Well, you don't need to be a rocket scientist to see that we were right all along. The purpose of this application, and the appeal by SHL, is purely to get change of use for the land so that Carillion can leave the harbour with sufficient funds to start work on their next big project, the Olympic Village.

Update in next Waterlines.

4th May 2006

B&Q LODGE APPEAL

We learnt this afternoon that, despite their dreadful trading position, and the concerted opposition shown by harbour residents to their plan, B&Q have lodged an appeal against the refusal by the EBC of their application to build a warehouse on the harbour.

The EBC have assured us that they will vigorously defend their decision, and the SHRA and the 'No to B&Q' group will be fully supporting them by putting the residents' case to the inspector at the public enquiry.

Your support will be vital. Over the coming weeks, we will be asking you to write letters of objection to the inspector, and to the newspapers. When the case is heard, we will be asking you to attend the public enquiry in large numbers to demonstrate your opposition to this dreadful proposal.

We will, of course, be discussing this issue at the AGM on 9th May, and look out for more information in the next issue of Waterlines, which will be out on about 20th May.

Please pass this news to your friends and neighbours who do not have access to the Internet and ask them to be prepared to lend their support.

Together, we can beat them

The Kingfisher group takes great pride in being socially responsible and a 'good neighbour'.

[Let Kingfisher know what you think of their neighbourly attempt to force a B&Q warehouse on Sovereign Harbour](#)

24th April 2006

Save the Eastbourne DGH

At the Full Council meeting on 19th April, the council unanimously passed a motion by council leader, Ian Lucas, that means that there will be cross party political support for the 'Save the DGH' campaign.

Over the next few weeks this issue will really kick off when detailed proposals on the future of the hospital are published.

Whatever happens, it is unlikely to be good news for Eastbourne's growing population, especially for the harbour, which doesn't even have a medical centre. To consider downgrading the DGH is an absolute nonsense and, with your support, the SHRA committee will support the campaign to stop the cuts.

The proposal is likely to recommend a downgrading of Maternity, Paediatrics, A&E, Obstetrics, and more. If this is the case it would be nothing short of a disaster for Eastbourne and the surrounding

district, and we must all unite to fight it.

Please get involved. You can register your views on the [Save the DGH website](#) and keep an eye out in the local press for detailed proposals. The 'what can I do' page has some very useful advice on how you can contribute to the campaign.

There will be petitions and a public rally. Visit this website for updates, and look for further information in the May edition of Waterlines.

24th April 2006 **Outer Harbour Works**

In the February issue of Waterlines, we informed residents of impending repairs to the revetments of the outer harbour. The statement issued by Kier Construction, the contractors for the work, stated that the work would commence on 6th February and continue for 16 weeks. We were assured that inconvenience to residents would be kept to a minimum.

Last week, resident in the vicinity of the outer harbour received a hand-delivered letter from Kier saying that the work was about to begin and would continue for, you've guessed it, 16 weeks.

This letter also stated that the SHRA had been consulted about the delay; this is not the case. When we published the original Kier statement, this was done in good faith.

This is further evidence of the total disregard that Carillion and its contractors have for the comfort of harbour residents. If this continuing disruption is of concern, we suggest you [e-mail Sovereign Harbour Marina Ltd](#)

29th Mar 2006 **'Five Sites' applications withdrawn**

The applications by Carillion to build even more unnecessary high-density housing on 'Site 2' (the Atlantic Drive car park) and 'Site 3' (the fishing harbour at the back of the Harvester) met with huge opposition from residents, with very many letters of objection being submitted to the Development Control department of the EBC. Following pressure from the SHRA, the limit of four speakers that had unexpectedly been placed on each application was relaxed; thanks to Councillor David Elkin for his help.

However, that is now no longer relevant. We have been informed that, following discussions with our elected representatives on the EBC, Carillion has withdrawn both applications and will seek further dialogue with residents before submitting new applications for 'Sites 1, 2, 3 and 4'. We have been told that these applications will be submitted simultaneously, and will almost certainly be heard at a special meeting of the planning committee.

The application for a health centre on 'Site 5' will remain, but Carillion have stated that they will examine the plans to see how community facilities can be incorporated into the proposal.

9th Mar 2006 **Advance Notice of Bridge Closures**

We have been informed by Sovereign Harbour Marina Ltd that all harbour bridges will be raised from **08:00 on Monday 27th March 2006, for 3 days.**

This is to allow essential maintenance on lock and bridge controls.

They apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

25th Feb 2006 **Have you lost a cat?**

A small grey female cat, with a red collar and bell was found in the North Harbour area on Friday 17th February.

As nobody came forward to claim this cat, a new home was found for it and it has now settled in.

23rd Feb 2006 **Sovereign Harbour Ltd seek planning consent for two of the 'Five Sites'**

Sovereign Harbour Ltd have submitted planning applications for two of the five remaining development sites, with no provision for any social infrastructure.

The 'Five Sites' represent the last opportunity to redress the problems caused by over-development of the harbour. Unless we vigorously resist any further high density residential development on these sites, we will never get the social infrastructure we need so badly. **Don't sit back and let SHL win yet again.**

Application no EB/2006/0092, Car Park, Atlantic Drive

Erection of 18, two bedroom apartments with associated parking.
42, berth holders' parking spaces at ground level.

Application no EB/2006/0100, Site D Sovereign Harbour

8, one bedroom apartments, 8 two bedroom apartments
4, three bedroom houses, 3 four bedroom houses

To make representations to the planning committee, write to:

The development Control Manager
68 Grove Road
Eastbourne BN21 4UH

Or [e-mail EBC planning](#)

Closing date for letters, 16th March 2006.

If you would like to speak at the planning meeting, be sure to make a request in your letter.

Look out for updates on this page, or [Request e-mail updates](#)

2nd Feb 2006 **Outer Harbour Works**

The revetments (sloping banks) around the inside of the outer harbour were formed from a concrete membrane laid over a granular base. This has become unstable and a permanent remedial solution is needed. This will be engineered by replacing the concrete with rock blocks in those areas effected. Carillion has contracted out this work to Kier Construction, and we have agreed to publish this notice to keep residents informed.

'Kier will be carrying out some dredging and rock placement works to the existing Outer Harbour slopes. On the Eastern revetment a length of approximately 250 metres will be worked on, while 50 metres on the West revetment adjacent to the RNLi building will be effected and also a small section in the North West corner. The works will commence on 6th February and will carry on for approximately 16 weeks.

There will be a period when rock delivery will be taking place to provide material to carry out the works. The great majority of rock will be delivered by sea over a 2 week period as a 24-hour operation. The rock will be off-loaded on the beach adjacent to the Martello tower on the North Harbour and will then be transported to a stockpile between the East revetment and the existing beach.

The rock placement works are of a tidal nature, however the intention is to work around one low tide per day, which will be chosen to minimise the disruption to residents. For example, if low tides occur at 04:00 and 16:30 hrs work will be carried out around the 16:30 tide.'

We understand that around 10,700 tonnes of rock will come by sea, and about 1,500 tonnes of rock, of a different specification, by road, over a 4 week period. It is understood that the road deliveries will be no more intrusive than the lorry activity on current building works.

19 Jan 2006

If you're interested in finding out more about the local bird life, read on.

Alan Everard of the RSPB will be running a short course in basic bird watching.

There will, initially be four sessions, which will be held in the Underground Theatre (under the library at the end of Grove Road), on Tuesday mornings, 7th and 21st February, and 7th and 21st March. Sessions will start at 10:00am and finish at 12:15pm, with a short break during which you can buy refreshments. The fee for each session will be £2.00.

The Eastbourne branch of the RSPB, the organisers, are keen to get an idea of likely demand so, if you are interested, please call Geoff Morley on (01323) 470026. If Geoff is unavailable, please leave your name, and the number of weeks you are likely to attend. Registering an interest puts you under no obligation to attend any session.

24 Dec 2005

In the December issue of Waterlines, we told you about an initiative by Bev Adams to encourage harbour residents to get together for social activities. At their meeting on 21st December, they were joined by **17 new members**, with others unable to get there because of prior commitments.

The next meeting of the group will take place on 25th January at Simply Italian on the Waterfront. If you are interested in becoming a part of this group just turn up on the night, or contact Bev Adams on:

01323-479797
or, **e-mail Bev**

17 Dec 2005

The Eastbourne half-marathon will be run on Sunday 26th February 2006, starting at 10:00 in Prince's Park. The route will take in the seafront and the Meads and will cover a large number of harbour roads and walkways on the way to the finish, also in Prince's Park.

Entry is open to all, and entry forms can be found on the **marathon website**.

As the route will cross harbour roads and the entrances to individual developments, there will be some slight disruption, but there will be police and marshals to control runners and traffic. If you would like to help, please **e-mail Waterlines**, and we will pass on your note to the organisers.
