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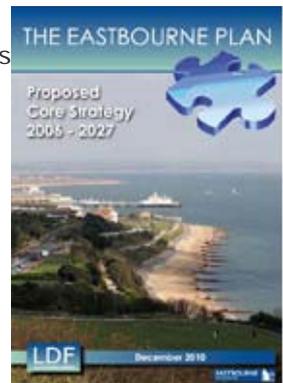
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NEW! ► **20 Dec - Lock Work Delayed** - Due to the recent weather conditions the maintenance work being carried out in the lock has suffered some minor delays. Premier are now planning to flood the lock on 10th January 2011 and have it back in full operation by the 14th January 2011.



NEW! ► **17 Dec - Proposed Eastbourne Plan Published** - *The Eastbourne Plan - Proposed Core Strategy 2006-2027* has been published as part of Eastbourne's Local Development Framework (LDF).



In the foreword of the Plan, Leader of the Council Cllr. David Tutt describes it as.. "a tool for the future development of the Borough, reflecting the aspirations of the local community. It provides a 15-year vision [commencing in 2012] of how Eastbourne will evolve as a place; catering for housing, economic and population growth within a confined urban seafront setting."

The Plan is now **open for consultation until 12 March 2011**. Following the consultation period, a finalised Plan will be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities by November 2011. Responses and recommendation from the SoS are expected by July 2012, with adoption of the Plan scheduled for October 2012. Despite this long timetable, the current consultation is probably your *last chance* to influence the Plan and the development of Eastbourne. Comments can be submitted by post, email or on-line.

SHRA believes parts of the Plan are flawed and biased against Sovereign Harbour and intends to offer a formal response, but all residents are strongly encouraged to also respond and to submit *their* views on *their* town.

[Click for here to view the Plan and find further details of the consultation...](#)

NEW! ► **15 Dec - Boots Fire Arrests** - Three teenage boys were arrested yesterday (Tuesday, 14 December) on suspicion of arson. Two 17-year-olds and a 16-year-old, all from Eastbourne, were released on bail until 20 January.

Detective Inspector Paul Phelps said: "I am pleased that we

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were able to make arrests so quickly after this terrible incident. I would like to thank the local media for their coverage, which no doubt led to the swift arrests. The police investigation has now concluded and we are not looking for anyone else in connection with the fire. The case will be submitted to the Crown Prosecution Service for their consideration."

Neighbourhood Policing Inspector, Rachel Barrow said: "Sussex Police is working closely with East Sussex Fire Service and extensive forensic examinations are continuing.

The fire service is issuing safety messages around the disposal of rubbish by commercial premises and local Police Community Support Officers will be visiting similar retail outlets to help reinforce the same safety messages across the whole of Eastbourne"

Anyone with information can contact Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 quoting serial 1477 of 11/12 or anonymously to the independent charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



NEW! ► **11 Dec - Fire closes retail park** - a large fire seated in the rear of the Boots store has led to the evacuation of The Sovereign Harbour Retail Park this evening (Saturday).



Nearly a dozen fire appliances were in attendance, and a large pall of smoke was drifting across the car parks and towards The Waterfront area. Residents in the vicinity were being advised to keep their windows closed.

It is believed that the fire was started deliberately. If you were out and about in the Sovereign Harbour area on Saturday evening, did you see anything suspicious? If you did, please tell the police on 0845 60 70 999. [More photos...](#)

Update: Friday 17th - JJB Sports is open, but the other shops in the same block as Boots, i.e. Next, Sports Direct and Matalan unfortunately remain closed due to structural and/or smoke damage.

NEW! ► **10 Dec - Local County Councillor's Harbour Surgeries** - Commencing Saturday 18 Dec, our local County Councillor, David Elkin, will hold a Ward Surgery on the 3rd Saturday of each month at Simply Italian Sovereign Harbour Waterfront from 10:30am to 12:30pm.



NEW! ► **08 Dec - On the box today** - SHRA Vice Chair Rick Runalls has been interviewed about the process of trying to get a Parish Council by the BBC mid-day TV programme *Daily Politics*. The item was aired today, but was very brief. We can expect to hear more on this issue as changes to local government are announced.



NEW! ► **06 Dec - Got a SIRRUS Kwikot 210E hot water tank?** - South Harbour resident Valerie Thompson reports that her hot water tank/cylinder recently sprung a small but fatal leak which she only discovered when water dripped from a light fitting on the floor below.



In an open letter to residents, Valerie gives her plumber son's advice on what to do if your tank suffers a leak, and reminds owners of the need to monitor and check hot water tanks, and that it might be a good idea to turn off the water supply at the mains when going away

for a while. [Click here to read it...](#)

NEW! ► 04 Dec - Cross-harbour bus link - SHRA

recently wrote a short letter to Stagecoach to (i) welcome the bus company's decision to run a Sunday service to the North Harbour, and (ii) to comment on it's statement about how completion of the Sovereign Harbour bus link would allow double the frequency of buses to serve the Harbour. [Click here to read our letter...](#)



Our letter to Stagecoach was copied, amongst others, to East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Chief Executive, Becky Shaw, who has responded saying...

"Thank you for copying to me your letter of 2nd December to Stagecoach.

Despite the problems in getting this sorted I want to reassure you that we do recognise the difference that a cross-harbour bus connection would make and have been equally frustrated at the time it is taking to bring this about. I am pleased to be able to tell you that a meeting will take place later this month between the main developers and officers from Eastbourne Borough and East Sussex County Council.

I am hopeful that this meeting will finally allow all parties to agree on a workable route for the bus link and that we will then be able to move rapidly towards implementation. I will ask the officers involved to update you early in the New Year."

Becky copied her response to local ESCC Councillor David Elkin who has since told us...

"It's good to see that the County and Borough councils are working together to resolve this long outstanding issue, and I hope we will see a speedy resolution.

However, this will require the goodwill and cooperation of all of the stakeholders, including the three interested landowners, which I'm sure will be forthcoming."

SHRA is grateful for the assistance that Cllr. Elkin has provided in raising the profile of the situation and getting senior decision makers involved.

NEW! ► 02 Dec - Hidden Danger - All dog owners are asked to ensure they continue to pick up their dog's poo during this snowy weather.

Not only is it the law, but it is very easy for the snow to cover the mess, and then it could be accidentally picked up or trodden in by children playing in the snow. Dog faeces is extremely hazardous to young children if they handle it. Please bag it up and dispose of it safely.



And children, as US rocker Frank Zappa famously sang "Watch out where the huskies go, and don't you eat that yellow snow"

NEW! ► 30 Nov - Lock Access Update - Unfortunately due to the high winds today it was not possible for the crane to complete the task of lifting in the temporary bridge and 'stop locks'. They will try again on Thursday 2nd December, so normal operation of the locks will continue until 0800hrs on Thursday. Following that access across the locks will be subject to limitation for a period of three weeks.



An alternative pedestrian walkway is available around the Inner Harbour over the South and West bridges. Premier Marinas apologise for the inconvenience this will cause.

The work will involve a thorough examination of all the areas usually underwater,

including replacing the rubber seals on the lock gates and maintenance to the gate hinges and rams. The plan is to have the work completed by end of December 2010.

NEW! ► 28 Nov - New restaurant, new members

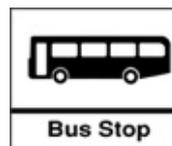
discount - A new restaurant named Gringos has opened on The Waterfront. Described as an American bar and grill, Gringos serves steaks, chicken, hamburgers, ribs, and fajitas, along with sandwiches, salads, pastas and other American Diner staples.



SHRA Members can get a 10% reduction for food served in the restaurant on production of their current SHRA membership card.

NEW! ► 24 Nov - New Bus Timetables - North Harbour gets

Sunday service. Stagecoach are introducing new bus numbers and changes and improvements to some routes commencing on Sunday 28th November. This includes some buses running to and from the North Harbour on Sundays. **Use it or lose it!** You can [read about the changes by clicking here](#).



The new timetable for routes 5 and 5A which serve Sovereign Harbour can be found by [clicking here...](#) Note that some buses will be departing the Harbour and Town a few minutes earlier than now.

It is interesting to note that Stagecoach say that although Routes 5/5A to Bridgemere and Sovereign Harbour will remain largely unchanged at present... "we look forward to the completion of the Sovereign Harbour car gate, which would allow us to double the frequency of buses to both sides of the Harbour development."

So do we! A determination and firm commitment to complete the job from the County Council, Stagecoach and the retail park's land owners would be very welcome!!

NEW! ► 24 Nov - Discounted counselling consultation -

At the 'Listening to You' counselling practice run by Harbour resident and qualified and registered counsellor, Tory Macdonald, all initial consultations are half-price until 31 January 2011.



This may be an ideal opportunity to try counselling and to find out whether it meets your needs. Consultations are held either at the Natural Fitness Centre or at the private counselling practice at Sovereign Harbour. Any subject can be addressed, including depression, family or work issues, bereavement, relationship problems, confidence, sexuality, and many more. [Click here to visit the 'Listening to You' web site...](#)

NEW! ► 21 Nov - Eastbourne as Brighton in film trailer -

The Guardian web site is hosting the trailer of the new film of Graham Greene's *Brighton Rock* in which Eastbourne doubles as Brighton. The film is scheduled for release in February 2011. [Click here to view...](#) (trailer follows an advert).



NEW! ► 19 Nov - Vote for faster broadband reminder -

As we reported back in October, BT are running a promotion whereby you can vote for their super fast Infinity fibre optic broadband to be brought to an area early.



Since other ISP's often use the BT network, it is worth voting whether or not you use BT's broadband services.

Voting could make a difference here because currently our area doesn't figure at all on [BT's roll-out plans](#) (apparently a new list is due out early next year).

[Click here for flyer with more details...](#) [Click here to VOTE...](#) You need to vote before end of December 2010.

NEW! ► 19 Nov - Beach erosion update - from Ian Thomas of PCD - Although some normality has returned to the beach, there is still much to do to restore the beach to its pre-November 8th condition.



Even though the nature of the storm was such that it widely eroded the beach crest, no material was actually lost. Results from last week's survey show that all beach lost from the crest is lying in a 0.3 – 0.4m layer on the lower half of the embankment.

Recent works have sought to quickly reinforce the most vulnerable areas, whilst elsewhere the tide has started to form a berm of shingle pushed up from the lower beach. In due course this will be used to repair lost crest width throughout.

Next week we will bypass shingle from Langney round Sovereign Harbour and on to the north harbour beach from Monday to Friday. From Monday 29th I expect to be using just bulldozers, although the weather may have something to say about that. We shall see....

Ian Thomas, Project Manager, Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd

► 15 Nov - Beach Erosion - SHRA Chairman Jan Weeks reports. - I took a walk along the beach at Sovereign Harbour over the weekend to see the damage done by the storms and high tides earlier this week.



At a wild guess it appears we have lost at least 3 metres of beach. The top layers of shingle have been eroded leaving an under surface of fine gravel and sand. Even the Martello Tower had a battering by the 4.1 metre waves, and now has very little beach frontage.

However, it's really good to see that despite the worst conditions in ten years, the sea defences, although battered, were more than adequate, and the work of restoring them is already underway (see below).

It was amazing to see the thousands of mussel shells laying very neatly in rows, and long-hidden parts of the groins exposed. It's the first time since we moved to the harbour that I have seen it like this. Nature at her best. [Click here to view photos...](#)

► 15 Nov - Beach Erosion Repairs - Ian Thomas of PCD reports - It has, to say the least, been an interesting week on the beach. I am sure I was not alone in breathing a sigh of relief that we got through all the 8.0m tides of August, September and October, and although Monday's 7.7m tide was to be accompanied by gales, I was not unduly concerned.



Wrong. Waves came at the beach from 170°, and rather than the predicted 2.6m, CEFAS' Pevensey Bay wave buoy recorded 4.1m at high water. The result was the worst erosion in the last 10 years along most of the frontage, with measurable overtopping of the defences in several places.

Several people have commented that there was no flood warning from the Environment Agency, and this is down to the fact that waves experienced in the Bay were much higher than anticipated. By looking at data from adjacent buoys (Dungeness and Greenwich Light Vessel) it does appear that waves were particularly active at Pevensey.

As a consequence we now have three bulldozers and three dump trucks working along the beach, and I imagine they will be here well into December restoring defences to their pre-storm condition. Unlike the work in October, this is far less predictable and will be subject to change should further storms demand it. It is almost certain that works will include at least a week of shingle bypassing round Sovereign Harbour, although I will email further as and when these works are about to start.

With so much to do I am sure that bulldozer vibration may well be increased, particularly where beach has been lost close to houses. We will endeavour to keep it to a minimum and in this regard will in many cases leave the beach surface rougher than usual before doing a final tidy up once things are again relatively normal.

Ian Thomas
Project Manager Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd

► **08 Nov - Harbour Community Association (HCA) Report Back** - Following their survey to determine the social wants and needs of Harbour residents, the HCA have now issued a report back.



The report includes plans for the first activities to commence in the New Year. These will take place on Friday evenings at the Haven school. [Please visit the HCA page by clicking here to read the report back and further details...](#)

Update: The HCA have been awarded £4000 by the Sovereign Ward Councillors from the Devolved Ward Budget for 2010/11. These funds are to be used for the benefit of the Sovereign Ward community, and the HCA have, with the use of the award of £2500 from last years budget, secured the use of the The Haven School, Atlantic Drive on Friday evenings beginning in January 2011.

Below are some of the activities that will be available and the amounts of money we intend to spend on equipment for them. If you are interested in any of these please contact hca@shra.co.uk

Indoor Bowls - £2,155; Keep Fit - £490; Dance Equip - £250; Games Equip - £300; Table Tennis Equip - £430; Arts and Crafts Equip - £375. Total = £4,000

► **03 Nov - Harbour Medical Centre** - latest good news is that the practice has agreed terms with the NHS for the continuing funding of the centre, which is a relief given the current Tory/Lib Dem squeeze on public spending. Also, the contracts for the land purchase are almost ready to be signed as soon as planning permission is granted to re-profile the spoil heap on the site. The decision is expected in the next week or two.



If all goes well, initial construction work on the cleared site may commence before Christmas.

► **28 Oct - The Chippy rises like a phoenix from the deep fat fryer** - it seems that 'The Chippy' fish and chip takeaway at The Waterfront has reopened for business.



► **28 Oct - Rampion Wind Farm** - Energy firm E-ON have written to SHRA informing us of their plans for a large wind farm to be built some 15km off the East Sussex coast.



The proposed farm is huge - covering an area of 270km² that stretches from opposite Seaford to opposite Worthing.

Currently, a scoping review is under way that is examining engineering and environmental issues, as well as general site suitability. If favourable, the review would be followed in 2012 by an application for consent with construction commencing in 2013 and being completed by 2016.

It is doubtful whether the farm would be visible from Sovereign Harbour, but may have some affect on the local sailing and fishing communities. It might attract sea-going sightseers, and possibly, some minor surveying, construction or maintenance boat traffic for Sovereign Harbour, although presumably most of the latter would use closer Newhaven or Shoreham.

[Click here for more details and documents...](#)

► **22 Oct - Roads Adoption Update** - Eastbourne Borough Council Highways have issued an update of the schedule for Highways Adoption within the Sovereign Harbour development.



The update shows that in both the North and South Harbours pockets of roads and walkways remain to be adopted, but that further progress in resolving issues has been made this year.

[Click here to read schedule...](#)

► **21 Oct - Premier's New Cleaning Contractor** -

Announcement from Premier: "We have great pleasure in advising customers that a new marina cleaning contract has been awarded to Southern Land Services Ltd.



Southern Land Services have been working with us at Premier Marinas Eastbourne for many years, looking after and maintaining the flowers and grass areas around the site.

Southern Land Services Director John Hesse said he is pleased to have been awarded the new contract to clean the waterways of this prestigious marina. John has purchased a new boat and named it 'Little Picker'. The boat will assist his team in collecting any rubbish from all those difficult to reach areas around the huge marina."

► **13 Oct - Seafront Distance Markers to be installed.**

Many residents of Sovereign Harbour were disappointed when the 'Walk for health' mile markers were removed. We now learn that they are to be replaced with 16 distance markers, stretching from Holywell to the Water Treatment Works.



The boards will show where you are on the route, how far you are from the next marker, and how long it is likely to take you to get there. There will also be a map of the immediate locality, showing things like toilets and local shops. At the bottom will be other information (e.g. dogs, barbecues, don't feed the gulls, etc).

► **27 Sep - Lock ramps removed** - For Health and Safety reasons, Premier Marinas have removed the ramps on the seaward lock walkways.

This is because over the last few months they have experienced several incidents with slips, trips, cyclists,

children on scooters and mobility scooters.

Those people wishing to cross the lock who can not manage steps can use the inner harbour lock walkways where there are no steps, or take an alternative route around the inner harbour pathway.



► **13 Sep - Tens Years of Protection.** An event was held at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club last Thursday (9th Sep) to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the [Pevensy Bay Sea Defence](#) Public Private Partnership (PPP) Scheme.

The event was attended by representatives from the Environment Agency, the engineering companies that make up the consortium and from organisations representing local residents, including SHRA.

The 25-year scheme is unique; it was the first sea defence project anywhere in the world to be funded as a PPP. In committing to a 25 year contract, Pevensy's residents and environment are guaranteed a consistent standard of defence until at least 2025. As outlined during presentations at the event, this approach to beach maintenance has allowed the Environment Agency and Pevensy Coastal Defence Ltd to develop and advance 'best practice' and innovation in provision of sea defence services.

Following the presentations, attendees walked down to the beach to watch the dredger Sospan Dau deliver a beach recharge. (photo below).



► **08 Sep - 'Shingle habitat' information board installed** - an information board has been installed on the beach at the top of Beach Road, near the North Harbour Martello Tower. The illustrated board gives visitors information about the plants and insects that may be seen on this special and increasingly rare shingle habitat.



Officials and residents at the unveiling of the information board.

► **09 Aug - New discounts for SHRA members** - we are pleased that we are able to add three additional names to the [list of businesses offering a 10% discount](#) to SHRA members on production of their current membership card.



The first is **Sea Training Sussex (STS)** who provide a spectrum of RYA accredited seamanship training, from basic boat handling tuition right through to Power Boat Level 1 & 2, and the theory requirement of the Day Skipper course.

Second is **Weston Executive Hire** who offer chauffeur style services to any UK destination including airports and seaports. Now you can start your journey or arrive at a function in style and comfort. www.westonexecutive.co.uk

Third is **The Brazz - Le Bistro de la Gare**. The Brazz, located in the Eastbourne Enterprise Centre by the station, serves snacks and meals from its varied menu at lunch time and in the evening. They also host very popular live music events. Details from www.thebrazz.co.uk.

SHRA is very grateful to these businesses for offering a concession to its members, who we hope will support these local companies.

► **31 July - Latest news on the cross-harbour bus link** - Following Councillor Lock's and Councillor Elkin's visit at the invitation of SHRA to the site of the proposed bus link on 15 July (see below), East Sussex County Council (ESCC) tell us they are currently progressing the design of this scheme with a view to seeking comments and approval of the latest designs this autumn.



They are also discussing the bus route and bus gate (bus only barrier) with Stagecoach, with a view to also reaching agreement with them by the autumn.

Subject to satisfactory agreements being reached, they would then progress to the detailed design of the bus link and bus gate and a public consultation on the necessary traffic order. The traffic order is required to restrict access to the bus route to buses and emergency vehicles only, and will need to go out to a statutory 4 week consultation period commencing in November or December.

Currently, ESCC hope to finalise all the legal agreements and requirements in February or March 2011, and commence construction in March or April 2011.

► **22 July - New trolley recovery service** - If you spot Asda supermarket trollys abandoned on your street, or anywhere around the Harbour, you can phone Tony of *Trolley Wise* on 07930 662042 to report it. Please be as precise as possible on the trolley's location.



Alternatively, you can ring Asda customer services on 01323 470 014. Non-Asda trollys abandoned on the Harbour walkways can be reported to Premier Marinas 01323 470 099.

► **14 July - Improving the Harbour environment** - SHRA wrote to Premier Marinas earlier this year calling for improvements to the rather uninviting area adjacent to the locks at the end of Key West.



Also known as Site 11, this area is an important part of the popular link between the inner and outer harbour walkways, yet seems to have been left unfinished and unsurfaced.

To date we have received no official reply to our letter, although we have heard 'off the record' that Premier do recognise our concerns but are unlikely to make any major changes to the area. They will keep it tidy and at some time in the future may slab over parts of the area.

SHRA will continue to press for this part of the harbour walkway to be properly landscaped with low gradient slopes, all-weather paths and hand rails, so as to make it more easily accessible for all residents and visitors.

► **13 July - Response from Southern Water** - a resident received the following response to his complaints about the foul smell that last month invaded the harbour from the waste water treatment plant - no apology, you'll notice!



"Thank you for your e-mail received on 23 June 2010, concerning your concerns with the bad odour coming from Eastbourne Treatment Works.

There is a major refurbishment programme at the Treatment works which will continue to the end of the year. This has resulted in exceptional demands on the odour removal plant. The increased demand on odour removal results in exceptional chemical usage to control odours being released.

Improvements being installed as part of the refurbishment project will improve the internal ventilation; this will reduce the load on the existing scrubbers. The chemical replenishment has been increased to ensure the odour removal plant continues to operate at optimum performance.

Bob Phillips, our Wastewater District Manager, has met with the Environmental Health Manager. They were very satisfied that we are putting the correct measures in place to deal with the immediate odour issues that are resulting from the refurbishment.

I hope this has been helpful, however should you have any further queries, please contact me direct on 01903 272 205.

Yours sincerely

Southern Water Customer Relations"

Update: We were pleased that Local Councillors Susan Tarrant and Margaret Salisbury both raised the issue with the EBC Environmental Health and Highway teams. Susan has requested further monitoring and has sought assurances about any possible health issues should the Works again run out of chemicals.

► **11 May - Water feature video** - A two minute PR video made by [Creationvideo, London](#) of the official opening ceremony of the South Harbour's water feature has been found on the internet. I am not sure of the year, perhaps 2004 or 2005? Interesting to see how proud Westbury Homes are of their £2 million construction.



It is a shame the water feature has suffered from repeated acts of childish vandalism ever since, and has not always been adequately maintained. [Click here to go to video company's info page](#) and then click on "Watch video".

► **09 May - 2010/11 Devolved Ward Budget** - once again this year each of Eastbourne's nine council wards has been given £10,000 to spend on quick fix, one-off works or initiatives to improve the lives of the residents. The funding, also known as Councillors' Ward Budgets, needs to be allocated before 31st March 2011. [More details and criteria...](#)



Money from the 2009/10 allowance has been used in Sovereign Ward to fund dog bins and rubbish bins, seating in Ramsey Way and clearing the over-grown site at the back of Quebec and Galveston Close. Further amounts spent included a contribution towards a street gym in Kingsmere and start-up funding for a new Harbour association whose aim is to "Establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community Centre for the benefit of the residents of Sovereign Harbour".

Already this year allocation has been set aside for the planting of spring bulbs across the whole of the ward and trees in Queens Crescent and Queens Road, plus some more bins in Langney Point.

You can offer suggestions on how the remaining money should be spent in our ward this year by contacting a local councillor. So, if you have an idea get in touch with [the councillors](#) and make a bid now.

► **19 Apr - Funding for teens** - Are you aged between 13 - 19? Have you got a great idea to make a difference to you and other young people in your community? Perhaps you could do with some new kit for your local youth sports team, or you'd like to put on a club night so there's somewhere for you to go on a Friday night? Well, now you can apply for a YouthBank grant to make your idea happen.



YouthBank is a national scheme where you can apply for money, and other young people decide who to give the money to. There is a local YouthBank in East Sussex.

[More details here...](#)

► **01 Apr - Call for Site 11 improvements gain local councillor support** - In response to SHRA's recent letter to Premier Marinas about Site 11 (see below), Sovereign ward councillor Susan Morris, who includes tourism and leisure among her portfolio of responsibilities, has emailed us to say that she has written to Premier to offer her support in enhancing this area and asking if she could help arrange meetings between Premier and EBC's new head of service for Tourism, Culture and Leisure.



SHRA welcome this move as any plans to make this area more attractive and accessible will need the involvement of both Premier and EBC.

► **28 Mar - SHRA calls for improvements to popular Harbour area** - SHRA has written to Premier Marinas, and our three local councillors, about the uninviting appearance of the land adjacent to the west of the locks

at the end of Key West, known locally as [Site 11](#).

The site, owned by Premier, is mainly composed of loose shingle and is used partly as a car park. It has very steep approaches and an uneven terrain, yet it serves as the main pedestrian link between the harbour, the outer harbour promenade, and beyond.



We believe it should be properly landscaped with all-weather paths and hand rails to improve access, make the most of its location and enhance its use as a pedestrian link and a visitor attraction.

Premier have acknowledged receipt of our letter. We will let you know when we receive their full response.

► **26 Feb - Pacific Drive adopted at last** - We have just received the good news that Pacific Drive has at last been adopted by East Sussex County Council.

This is the culmination of a long process of co-operation between SHRA, ESCC Highways Officer, Graham Kemp, and Sovereign Ward County Councillor, Cllr. David Elkin. Our thanks to Graham and David, who have both ensured that SHRA was consulted at every stage, and kept fully informed of both progress and problems.



► **08 Feb - Police get mobile phones** - The Neighbourhood Policing Team have been issued with mobile phones which they will carry whenever they are on duty. If they are busy the call will be diverted to the Hammonds Drive office, and then to voicemail.

The numbers are:



Ed Faulkner
07787 685 813



Louis Thompson
07787 685 801

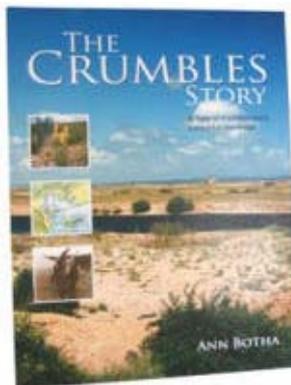


Martin Hylands
07909 873 787

► **The Crumbles Story - available from SHRA** - Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?

We have a limited number of signed copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions.

If you are interested in the history of the land on which Sovereign Harbour is built, the industry and events that took place on it, and its unique flora and fauna, this little book is for you, and at just £7.99, it won't break the bank. The book contains many illustrations in colour and B&W.



To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit card, send an email to the webmaster webmaster@shra.co.uk and we'll email you a PayPal payment request link (you don't need to have a PayPal account).

Or send a cheque for £7.99, payable to SHRA, with your name and address to:

The Crumbles Story
SHRA
PO Box 124

Eastbourne
East Sussex BN24 9AW

The price includes delivery - we will pop your book through your letter box, or post it to you if outside the area.

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