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26 Nov - Sovereign Shines 2018 - Calling ALL local harbour residents and boat owners: We are asking as many of you as possible to help us make this year even better than last year – simply go overboard on your Christmas lights and you can help the local lifeboat AND you could win some great prizes!

PLEASE NOTE: Although ALL harbour residents are more than welcome to join in the fun and to get involved in the community spirit of Sovereign Shines, unfortunately, for practical reasons, ONLY boats or properties overlooking the water on one of the four inner harbours can be judged and included in the competition to win a prize! Thank-you for your understanding.

We are looking to switch-on ALL the Sovereign Shines lights on **Sunday 9th December** and then we will arrange a **family fun and presentation evening for Friday 14th and Saturday 15th December to welcome Father Christmas** and choose all the category winners. [Click for more details...](#)

24 Nov - Big wave - to see what Ian Thomas and PCD (see below) are battling, have a look at the latest photo by John Langton in the [Members Gallery...](#)

24 Nov - Beachwork Update - The current phase of recycling finished on Friday afternoon, with the bulldozer remaining to both tidy up and push up the ridge of shingle that is building as the next spring tide approaches. Light Easterly winds continue to dominate until the middle of next week, by when water levels from this weekend's higher tides will have dropped off. The first December spring tides are quite low, so pose a lesser threat, meaning the next tides greater than 7.5mCD arrive on Christmas Eve. By then hopefully everything will be back as was before the storms of early November. Ian Thomas, Project Manager, Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd. www.pevensey-bay.co.uk

23 Nov - The Arndale Centre will officially switch to The Beacon during a 2 day event on Friday and Saturday November 30 and December 1. The opening of the link through from the original centre and the extension will open to shoppers during the event. The 8 screen cinema and restaurants will open in Spring 2019. [Dizzy Video on Facebook...](#)

15 Nov - Under the weather. The SHRA Chairman, Chris Mephram, has been seriously ill but is now responding well to treatment. Our Vice-Chairman and Web Editor are also suffering ill-health. This explains the lack of recent news, updates and reports. Normal service is being resumed as soon as possible.

14 Nov - New Photo Gallery. Our new gallery contains photos by harbour resident and retired professional photographer, Ron McMillan. [Click here...](#)

12 Nov - Update from Ian Thomas, Project Manager Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd. After the two storms last week, it was inevitable that we would have to restart recycling this week. With two weeks until the next spring tide there should be sufficient time to ensure the beach is adequately reinstated. At this time is not possible to say where and when we will be

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working in different areas. As much anything we need to determine where shingle is available to be recycled back to eroded areas before we can plan ahead.

11 Nov - Some better news on policing and a survey on the police precept. From [Neighbourhood Alert](#). "Sussex Police have started the biggest intake of new police officers for over a decade. This has been made possible by the increase in police precept of an average £12 for a band D property, and the PCC releasing £17 million from reserves. It means that over the next four years, Sussex will have 200 more police officers on the front line than it does today. **[But remember that since 2014 the Government has slashed 644 Sussex police officers posts].**

Although residents are pleased to hear that local policing will be strengthened by these 200 extra officers, they are already indicating that they would like even more. That is why the PCC has opened a survey on her website to gauge potential support for raising more funding locally if the Government lifts the current cap on the police precept."

You can visit the PCC's website www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk where you can find a link to the survey in the Police Funding 2018 section.

30 Oct - Overstretched police risk becoming 'irrelevant', MPs warn. Policing is at risk of becoming "irrelevant" as neighbourhood teams are stripped back and huge numbers of crimes go unsolved, MPs have warned.

A report by the Home Affairs Committee said forces in England and Wales were "struggling to cope" amid falling staff numbers and rising crime. It also accused the Home Office of a "complete failure of leadership".

In the last four years recorded crime in the Sussex police force area has risen by 25% (nationally, it has risen by 36%) and charges are down 26% (nationally, they have fallen by 16%).

21 Sep - Water Treatment Stink. It is important to let Southern Water know that the strength of feeling about the foul smell is as strong as the smell itself. Complain to Southern Water's Technical Issues number: 0330 303 0368, or you can leave a comment on their web site here... www.southernwater.co.uk/feedback

You can write to their postal address: Southern Water, PO Box 41, Worthing, BN13 3NZ. Please also tell EBC that you have complained on 01323 410000, and also inform our [local councillors](#), who can use residents' complaints as their ammunition. There is more information about the work being carried out here... www.southernwater.co.uk/eastbourne

16 Sep - Letter from SHRA member Keith Forbes about the rentcharge. [Letters page...](#)

13 Sep - Wot? No Eastbourne? During June's Seafarers Awareness Week, the [Shipwrecked Mariners' Society](#) charity challenged the nation's photographers to illustrate Britain's relationship with the sea. A selection of the photographs has been published by the [BBC](#) [click here...](#) The SMS have some great [Christmas cards for sale](#) - [click here...](#)

07 Sep - North Harbour Beach - Open letter from Harbour Resident Ray Blakebrough.

Dear Residents,

Are you aware of the special status enjoyed by the North Harbour Beach? I have been amazed in recent months hearing about this particular area and finding myself now at a point where I need to write this to discover who would like to find out more.

This zone is a natural beach shingle habitat, an area of Scientific Interest and a Natural Wildlife Habitat.

I have recently communicated with Miriam Parish MA (Hons), MSc Senior Environmental Consultant (Coastal and Marine) who along with two colleagues would like to come to the Harbour and discuss the regeneration and future protection of this beach. Her team currently has funding to help with this so it's a very opportune time to meet these experts.

Miriam recently confirmed the following; "I am also in conversation with Kate Cole at East Sussex County Council, and Daniel Watkins at Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre. As the area falls within the bounds of a Local Wildlife Site they are also keen for us to come and talk to you about the potential to restore the vegetated shingle along the beach. I understand that Kate has visited the area recently and carried out some vegetation management with local residents".

I have penciled in **October 24th at 4.00pm** for such a meeting and would like to invite all interested residents. We would especially like residents and managing agents from properties that overlook this area to attend. If you can attend please advise by contacting me at: rblakebr2008@gmail.com

08 August - Smell from Water Works Apology - Southern Water have emailed an apology about the pong. [Click here to read it...](#) 

30 July -Road works on Pacific Drive UPDATE from SHNP - Further to the information issued on Friday 27th July (see below), this morning we received the following.

Dear Jan, following our conversation on Friday I just wanted to confirm that the design solution of removing the block paving and resurfacing with an imprint, for Pacific Drive will be in keeping



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with the rest of the road and the works are due to start on 6 August. If you have any queries about this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Shortly after receiving the above email we received a telephone call from East Sussex Highways to confirm that after consultation with our County councillor David Elkin there has been a change to the planned design solution. The paved area will now be ripped up and the whole crossing area will be replaced with black or maybe coloured tarmacadam.

The reason given is that with the amount of through traffic it was felt that the 'imprint' would not be durable enough for the volume of vehicles. The SHNP apologise for the earlier miss-information which was passed on in all good faith.

27 July - Road work delays on Pacific Drive. Beginning on **6th August 2018** the paved table top at the pinch point on Pacific Drive between Barrier Reef Way and Tasmania Way is being replaced. The work should last five days. Expect delays in both directions as temporary traffic lights will be in use. We have been assured by East Sussex Highways that the paving blocks are being replaced with a more durable surface of concrete imprint. This will be visually in keeping with existing paved areas on Pacific Drive. To put residents minds at rest, the area is not going to be tarmacadam. Announcement from **Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel (SHNP)** www.shnp.org and www.eastbournep.org Mobile 07770 224800

23 July - Beach Work -Shingle Deliveries. Dredger *Sospan Dau* is due in Newhaven this week for minor maintenance before starting annual beach replenishment works. Shingle deliveries to the east side of Sovereign Harbour are expected to start on either Friday 27th or Saturday 28th July and last 7 or 8 days. Unsurprisingly, weather delays are not expected. From: Ian Thomas, Project Manager, Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd. 

23 July - Harbour WI July 2018 Newsletter published - available on the WI web site. [Click here...](#) 

12 July - Premier Marinas Response to Residents' Complaint - Premier have asked us to publish this response.

Reply to anonymous concerns raised by residents at SHYC Apartments, Heritage Quay and Hamilton Quay.

Premier Marinas received an anonymous letter in April from a number of North harbour residents.

Concerns included speeding tenders and fumes from outboard engines, noise associated with dogs, berth holders using tenders to access the North harbour facilities and noise from berth holders and their guests.

Premier are committed to the shared harbour environment, and meet frequently with the Residents Association, the Berth Holders Association and the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel (SHNP).

These concerns have been investigated in detail, with measures taken where appropriate. Further information is available in person via the Marina Manager, who is contactable on 01323 470099 or by email to: eastbourne@premiermarinas.com eastbourne@premiermarinas.com

11 July - Responsible Dog Ownership. Lewes and Eastbourne Councils have published guidance and information on dog ownership. [Click here...](#) 

09 July - Cars vandalised in Barrier Reef Way - According to a post on Facebook, two cars parked in Barrier Reef Way recently had a tar-like substance poured on them while the owners (NHS workers) attended the Harbour Medical Centre. The report was posted on the [Eastbournians group on Facebook...](#)  [Click here for a screenshot...](#)  If anyone has any information about this incident please contact Colin Deacon: colin@civil4d.co.uk colin@civil4d.co.uk

03 July - Man arrested at Sovereign Harbour denies 'covertly' bringing illegal immigrants into the UK. [Click here to read report in the Eastbourne Herald...](#) 

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29 June - Lost a Drone? A drone has been retrieved from the [South Harbour water feature](#). To reclaim it, please send CPMCL (the water feature management company) a message with details.

23 June - New date of SHRA AGM confirmed - the proposed date for the SHRA AGM in the Community Centre has had to be changed to **Thursday 26 July** at 7.30 pm (doors open from 7pm).

23 June - Harbour WI Newsletter for June published - find it on the [WI News page..](#)

25 May - What's On at The Waterfront - events for late May and June. [Click here for poster...](#)  or visit [The Waterfront web site...](#) 

11 Jun - Locks - Reduced Pedestrian Access - Premier Marinas are replacing the pedestrian safety barriers on lock 1 (the lock furthest from the Marina Office), works start today for about 10 days or so. The existing barriers are beyond economical repair and require replacement before the season really gets underway.

There will be short term pedestrian closures over the locks whilst the engineers replace each barrier in turn, but we hope to reinstate full pedestrian access over the weekends and on most evenings.

Premier Marinas also confirm that today (Monday) is the last full day of breaking out concrete noise by the Marina Office. There may be the odd extra bit to remove but nothing as prolonged as we have had recently.

07 June - Letter published. North Harbour resident and SHRA member Mr J. Bradnam asks about outer harbour black silt and bad odour. [Letters page...](#) **NEW!** Response from Premier Marinas added.

01 June - SHRA's On-line Newsletter published - the June edition of Waterlines is [available here...](#)

23 May - Path to Community Centre - these photos show the path currently under construction that will lead to the [community centre](#) from the Yacht Club/The Waterfront car park. The path is almost two metres wide and is on a bit of a slope. Access to the centre will also be possible across the Retail Park entrance road, and to the rear of the building via the service road for mobility access and deliveries. [Click here for path photos..](#) 

16 May - Carillion bosses drove construction firm off a cliff, say MPs - Carillion were the main developers of Sovereign Harbour. Carillion's board presided over a "rotten corporate culture" and was culpable for its "costly collapse", two committees of MPs have concluded. They also called for a potential break-up of the big four audit firms, after they "waved through" the

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indebted construction firm's accounts. [Read more in this BBC News report...](#)

15 May - Anti-social behaviour initiatives. Yesterday morning (Monday) our ward councillors along with representatives from Macquarie Quay, The Broadwalk and SHRA met with Premier Marinas and Premier's security company to discuss anti-social behaviour around the inner harbour and on the harbour spit.

Several initiatives are to be put in place. These include new signage such as warnings about CCTV being in operation and 'no fires', and the installation of a new HD camera at the end of Macquarie Quay looking towards the spit. It is also planned to liaise with the language schools to have them include something about anti-social behaviour in their briefing packs for students and host families. There will also be increased security at weekends with security officers covering the spit area.

In addition to this, Insp Barrow from Sussex Police plans to run operation Blitz in the area at the end of May/beginning of June for the 9 evenings around the next school half term. The PCSO's assigned will have a PC from Prevention joining them.

14 May - Community Centre build update - more external and internal photos from the building site. Walls by Damien Hirst? [Click here...](#) PDF

11 May - Silver Wharf Balconies extension. - EBC are considering an application to extend outward four ground floor balconies at Silver Strand East, Silver Wharf. The extension would encroach on to part of the harbour walkway, bringing the particular development in line with a neighbouring frontage. [Click here for Planning Application No. 180288...](#) Closing date for comments is 23rd May.

08 May - Jet ski hire to open on prom - A planning application has been made for the installation of a temporary metal storage container for jet skis and ancillary equipment for a Jet Ski Hire service on the beach opposite the seafront Skate Park. More details in [this article in the Eastbourne Herald...](#) For documents, plan and to leave comments - [click here for Planning Application No. 180461](#) Comments by 31 May.

08 May - Bag it & Bin it - A poem submitted by SHRA member John Langton on the ever-present danger left by dog owners who do not bag it and bin it. [Click here...](#) PDF

08 May - Five seals - on the Outer Harbour mud today - practically a colony.



[click to enlarge...](#) PDF

07 May - Macauley Place Brochure - An on-line brochure with details of homes being built on Phase 1 of [Macauley Place](#), Pacific Drive (Site 7c) has been published. [Click here...](#)

03 May - Warning for North Harbour dog owners and parents - [Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel](#) have received a call about a dog allegedly poisoned from eating a pink tablet on the North Harbour beach. It is suspected to have been a rat poison tablet. The dog is with a vet. At the moment that is all we know, and I have no direct confirmation, but it is something worth warning others about. Will update if we learn more. **Update:** The story has now been reported in the *Eastbourne Herald* who give the location as "on the beach at the North Harbour, at the rear of San Diego Way." [click here...](#) **Further update** (Unconfirmed - from a Facebook Group): "Someone took said pellets to vets at Pets at Home - they said they are bird suet pellets."

25 April - Arndale Extension opening dates - The opening dates for three new stores in the Arndale Centre extension have been revealed. Next, H & M and FatFace will open in September, two months ahead of the extension that is due to open by the end of November when the Centre **will be re-branded as The Beacon**.

The fit-out of Next and H & M is due to start in May and June and the first part of the new mall will open at the same time as these stores. The multiscreen cinema will open in 2019.

22 April - Sea Defence Work - We've added a web page to our site about the sea defence

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work that is carried out on the harbour beaches by Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd. (PCDL). It includes a new info sheet from PCDL on the annual shingle bypassing. [Click here...](#)

20 April - Harbour Construction Gallery - We've added a gallery of photos from about 1990/91 showing the construction of the harbour and locks; and also the Martello Tower and beach before the harbour was built. Thanks to John Pitcher and Geoff Clarke, members of the excellent [The History of Eastbourne Facebook Group](#), and to Natural England for permission to use their historic photographs. [Gallery of photos - click here...](#)

18 April - The Harbour WI have published the report of their April meeting. [WI News page...](#)

18 April - SHRA AGM – Our AGM is usually held in April or May. It would be great if this year we were able to hold it in the community centre and we are endeavouring to obtain a completion date to see if this will be feasible. If necessary, we could hold off until June. Whatever is decided, we shall give members at least 4 weeks' notice as stipulated in our constitution.

18 April - Community Centre Update - Latest update on the build progress. Internal walls going up. Doors and windows due on-site this week. [Click here...](#) 

14 April - Unsociable Behaviour - just a reminder that to receive email notification of the police 'Operation Blitz' direct mobile phone number for each weekend you need to sign up to Neighbourhood Alert at: <https://neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/>  You will also receive reports of Operation Blitz patrols in the harbour area. Anti-social crime may also be reported by calling 101, or in a genuine emergency 999.

13 April - Member's letter about litter published - [Letters page...](#)

13 April - Wastewater Treatment Works - Early this year SHRA raised the issue of foul smells emanating from the Wastewater Treatment Works. In February, Southern Water wrote to local residents with [an update about the work](#)  being undertaken to repair and upgrade the facility. Last month, SHRA committee members and local councillors attended a presentation at the works.



Southern Water said that unpleasant smells from the works can not ever be eliminated, but they were confident that the enhancements will bring about a noticeable improvement. The work is due to complete in about a years' time (mid 2019).

Southern Water have supplied an interesting presentation about the treatment works (it is larger than you may think), containing photos of the work being undertaken, most of it underground. It is [available on the SHRA web site - click here ...](#)  The latest info on the upgrade can be found on the Southern Water website: www.southernwater.co.uk/eastbourne 

Southern Water again stated that they had received very few complaints about the smell. Should the smell return, please complain to Southern Water on: 0330 303 0223, or you can leave a comment on their web site here... www.southernwater.co.uk/feedback  Their postal address is: Southern Water, PO Box 41, Worthing, BN13 3NZ. And let us know that you've complained.

11 April - Beach Work Update - From Ian Thomas, Project Manager, [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd](#)  "Beach recycling has finished this afternoon and hopefully will be the final beach works for the winter. The bulldozer will be here until Friday finishing off and tidying up generally. Other than that, with any luck, machines will not be back until autumn."

04 April - New edition of Waterlines - The April edition of *Waterlines* our online newsletter has been published. [Read and download it from here...](#)

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28 March - Some nonsense from 'Let's Move to Eastbourne...' in *The Guardian* - "Like its most famous daughter, Theresa May, the town [Eastbourne] has perfected its poker face. Chaos may reign, but the facade remains resolute" No mention of Sovereign Harbour - but worth a read and I recommend you enlarge the lovely photo. [Read more...](#)

23 March - Beach Work Update - From Ian Thomas, Project Manager, [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd](#). Although there have been plenty of gales since January, none have been significant. With April almost in sight, hopefully winter storms are now past. Predominant easterly winds have moved the beach into some unusual positions, so there is a little work to do.



Environment Agency work at Seaford finishes today, so we will be using Ovenden machines from there, starting on Monday. Normally I would hope that everything could be completed in two weeks, but with the Easter Bank Holidays work will most likely extend into the second week of April before finishing for the summer.

At this stage there are no plans to move shingle long distances along the beach. We expect to work at Normans Bay East on Monday, and thereafter next week at Cooden to Herbrand Walk. From Tuesday 3rd April I would expect machines to be between Normans Bay West and Beachlands and thereafter towards 'The Sandcastle' and 'White Horses'.

21 March - SH Retail Park Plans Approved - The planning application to remove the retail park's covered walkway and smarten up the front of the shops has been approved by EBC.

- [The planned canopy \(1\)...](#) PDF
- [The planned canopy \(2\)...](#) PDF
- [The decision document...](#) PDF
- [The officer's report that deals with the concerns SHRA raised...](#) PDF
- [The proposed planters/benches...](#) PDF

18 March - Premier Acquires The Waterfront - [Premier Marinas](#) have announced it has completed the acquisition of The Waterfront at Sovereign Harbour. [The Waterfront](#) which comprises of both retail and restaurant property, was acquired from Sovereign Harbour Waterfront Holdings for an undisclosed sum. We understand that the previous owners were part of the disgraced Carillion group.



Premier Marinas CEO Pete Bradshaw commented: "The Waterfront is key to our berth holders' overall enjoyment of the South Coast marina and is a popular venue for visitors and residents who enjoy relaxing, shopping and eating by the water. Our aim in acquiring The Waterfront is to provide the support and investment it needs to truly become the heart of what is already a

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thriving marina. Alongside The Waterfront, we have acquired a small parcel of land which we intend to use in conjunction with our boatyard operations."

The "small parcel of land" is the curved boat display area running from the boat hoist to the bridge, known as "Site 4" of [the remaining undeveloped sites...](#)

19 Feb - Southern Water letter to residents - See item below (14 Feb) about the water treatment works. [Click here to read the SW letter...](#) PDF



16 Feb - Come Aboard HMS Puncher This Weekend - Eastbourne's affiliated naval vessel, HMS Puncher, will be visiting Sovereign Harbour this weekend. The boat will be open to visitors between 10am-4pm on Saturday (17 Feb) and again between 10am-2pm on Sunday (18 Feb). [Wikipedia...](#)

14 Feb - Foul Smells from Water Treatment Works - SHRA contacted Southern Water about this unpleasant, on-going problem. Southern Water said that the stoney underground water bed is what is causing the bad smell and that major works are taking place to improve the situation. We have had an invitation to attend a meeting to be held at the Works on 21st March to get more details and will report back. Southern Water have said that shortly they will write to local residents with further information.



13 Feb - Community Centre Build Update. Photos from the community centre building site taken at the beginning of February. [Click here...](#) PDF

09 Feb - Sovereign Harbour self-storage - The Premier Self Store facility at Sovereign Harbour Marina, located in the boatyard area, received new doors recently that have greatly improved access to the 5200 sq. ft. facility which has 77 individual storage units. This service is proving increasingly popular with berth holders, commercial customers and the local community who are looking for storage for boat clutter and flexible rental terms in a secure and convenient location.

Premier Berth Holders can save 10% on rental as part of Premier Advantage. Additionally, for those looking at rental periods of 8 weeks or over, the first 4 week rentals come free! Rental periods are flexible and rents start from £10 per week; storage options range from 10 sq. ft. (large locker) to 150 sq. ft. that can hold the contents of a typical 4-bedroom house. Visit Sovereign Harbour Marina Reception or call on 01489 660022 to find out more.

09 Feb - Chemical Haze Report Published - a report into the August 2017 Birling Gap chemical haze incident has been published. MP Stephen Lloyd's team have put together an explanatory webpage that shows the main issues and findings. There is a link to the actual report at the end of the slide show (just scroll down). [Click here...](#)

08 Feb - ESCC Grants for activity projects. The AAFG Community Fund aims to help community groups, voluntary organisations and educational establishments to actively promote increasing the number of people travelling to employment, education and training by walking and cycling, along with actively promoting increased levels of physical activity. The total value of the fund is £50,000. Individual grants of up to £5,000 are available. Please note that this is revenue funding only. For details [click here...](#) and [here...](#)

03 Feb - Letter to SHRA - We publish a letter from a SHRA member about the connecting bus lane. Do we really need one? [Letters page...](#)

01 Feb - New Edition of Waterlines - The February edition of *Waterlines*, SHRA's digital newsletter, has been published. [Click here...](#)

02 Feb - Worth remembering, celebrating and valuing - One hundred years ago, on 6 February 1918, women over the age of 30 were given the right to vote in British parliamentary elections for the first time. This initial, hard fought for success was achieved in the face of much opposition, and it took another ten years before all women over the age of 21 were granted the vote on the same terms as men. [Read more on the Parliament web site...](#)



31 Jan - Migrants Landed at Sovereign Harbour - The Eastbourne Herald reports that suspected illegal immigrants were rescued from The Channel and landed at Sovereign Harbour this afternoon. [Read more...](#)

24 Jan - Community Centre Update - you wait for ages then two come along at once! This second update shows current progress with concrete ground beams in place, the steelwork on site ready for erection, and the road and its street lighting almost completed. After some delay from bad weather, they are now working towards a build completion date of mid-April. [Click here...](#) PDF

23 Jan - Community Centre Update - [Click here...](#)

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23 Jan - GP Services Survey - There is a NHS survey being hosted by East Sussex County Council's [Better Together Alliance](#), that seeks your views about access to local GP services outside of current norms. [Have your say by clicking here...](#) Closes 14 Feb.

21 Jan - Rentcharge - Property owners should have received their annual invoice for the flood defence work and harbour maintenance charges. Unfair as these charges may be, until the issue is resolved, the consequences for not paying could be severe, so it is very important that you should pay the bill in a timely manner. We suggest you include a letter or note stating:



"Please note that my payment is made under protest and that my sending it is not to be interpreted as confirmation of my satisfaction with or acceptance of the validity of the current invoice or its level. My payment is made without prejudice to any action taken, or assertions made by me or by others on my behalf, at any time."

For those who pay the rentcharge by BACS transfer, the disclaimer can be e-mailed to sovereignharbourtrust@cripps.co.uk. Residents should put their plot number (from the invoice) in the subject field.

We can assure members that SHRA continues to research the background to [the rentcharge PDF](#) and continues to plough through the historical paperwork. There is a difficulty in getting more information to help move things forward more quickly due to the fact that each piece of correspondence to the Trust results in property owners being charged even more administration costs -something we wish to avoid. We hope to be able to make further announcements in due course.

16 Jan - Pacific Drive Telephone Mast -Telefonica UK have submitted a planning application to erect a telephone mast in Pacific Drive near to the bus stop opposite Eugene Way ([click for image... PDF](#)). The mast will replace the current lamppost and will incorporate a lamp. The height will be 13m and a cabinet will be installed beside it at ground level. The details can be viewed on the [EBC planning web site](#) - the application number is 180018. **The closing date for comments is 30th January.**

18 Jan - New Discounter for SHRA Members - SHRA is pleased to announce that another local company has kindly agreed to offer a 10% discount to SHRA members on production of a SHRA life membership card. The new discounter is **Luscious VIP**, who have opened their new salon on The Waterfront (first floor). They offer the following services. Ladies Hair, Male Grooming, Nails, Russian Volume Lashes, Aesthetics (Botox/Fillers) and a Sun Bed.



20 The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne, BN23 5UZ. Tel: 01323 325557
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17 Jan - Cat Deliberately Thrown into Harbour - This report and appeal comes from [Rosie's Register](#), the Eastbourne lost and found cat service. This is an appeal to anybody (in particular to two passing adults who tried to prevent the incident) who witnessed three very young children, on bikes, who deliberately threw an alive cat into the water at the Sovereign Marina on Sunday night, 14th January, at about 9 pm. This took place near the South Bridge, [near The Piazza], and it is thought likely that the children, one a girl, live in the west harbour area. The Police have been informed, and I have a police log number, and hope to find out more information. The children are too young to be prosecuted, but their parents need to be found, as this could happen again. As it is, a person will have to be informed that their much loved cat has been deliberately drowned by children who are all thought to be under the age of eight! If you have any information at all, please do make contact with Rosie's Register by phoning 01825 873067, or via [Facebook](#). Thank you.



Update from Rosie's Register Facebook page. I have spoken to a witness at length tonight who has been able to tell me a great deal more about what happened on Sunday night. I will be passing that information to the police. It is true that the two younger children were aged 6 and 7, but the older boy is actually now thought to be 12 or 13. I would still like the two men who tried to help to get in touch with me. They will know who they are. Thank you to everybody who has responded to this appeal today, to the person who told me of the incident in the first place, and to Louisa and Dave for their help with collecting the body this morning. I'll leave the posting on here as it is for now.

17 Jan - Beach Work Update - From Ian Thomas, Project Manager, [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd](#)

The weather this week has been sufficiently rough to prevent machines



accessing Langney beach throughout the day this week, so it is no longer viable to continue at present. The bypassing team has therefore stopped tonight. In all likelihood at least one more week will be required before the winter season finishes at the end of March. The section of wavescreen seaward of the defences at Herbrand Walk level crossing that was damaged just over a week ago is also being repaired, and it is expected that this will take around 4 weeks. Recycling continues, with machines now having reached Cooden and working back to Normans Bay outfall. This is expected to continue through next week as well.

Although it is forecast to be very windy again tonight, the biggest waves are predicted for low water tomorrow morning before they start to die away before high water tomorrow. Hopefully things will quieten down soon.

12 Jan - Foul smell from water treatment works - we understand that in mid-December Southern Water had a flood that knocked out purifying machines at their Langney Point works. This resulted in a bad smell in the area that was particularly strong over the xmas period. Southern Water said that the issue was fixed by the 27th December; yet in the New Year the smell had returned.



Local councillors and EBC council officials have again raised the issue with Southern Water and are now trying to arrange a meeting with them to discuss the matter further.

Over the past few years Southern Water have repeatedly claimed that they have fixed this problem. They have also told local councillors that they receive no, or very few, complaints.

SHRA is also writing to Southern Water about the recurring problem, but it is vital that **Southern Water** know that the strength of feeling about the foul smell is as strong as the smell itself. Please complain to Southern Water on: **0330 303 0223**, or you can leave a comment on their web site here... <https://www.southernwater.co.uk/feedback> You can write to their postal address: Southern Water, PO Box 41, Worthing, BN13 3NZ.

Please also tell EBC that you have complained on 01323 410000, and also inform our local councillors, who can use residents' complaints as their ammunition. [Contacts...](#)

09 Jan - Bridge Lessons - Starting **Tuesday 30th January 2018** the **Sovereign Harbour Bridge Club** will also be running lessons for beginners. These will be friendly, informal mini-bridge based lessons aiming to have you playing cards from the first lesson. Email: shbridge@aol.com
The Bridge Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club at 1.10pm for 1:30pm start. New players welcomed.



07 Jan - Sovereign Retail Park Major Facelift - M&G Real Estate (the estate investment arm of Prudential plc), have submitted a planning application to make alterations to the front of units 1-8 of the retail park (from Next to the cinema). They propose to replace the current, separated canopy with one attached higher-up to the main buildings. New signage will be attached to the canopy ([click for image... PDF](#)). Each unit's frontage will be redesigned with more glazing ([click for image... PDF](#)). Planters, incorporating seating, are proposed for the walkway, and a new 18-space cycle parking area will be created at the cinema end. There is no change to the number of car parking spaces. The full plans can be viewed and commented on on the [EBC planning web site](#). The Planning Application number is 171472. **Closing date for comment is 27 January.**

06 Jan - New members needed for Patients' Participation Group. The Harbour Medical Practice's Patient Participation Group (PPG) is seeking members for its new 'virtual' forum as well as the regular group which meets every other month.



Chaired by harbour resident Steve Thornett, the PPG works with practice staff and the GPs to help meet patients' needs and improve local services. The PPG is affiliated to the National Association for Patients Participation, and is represented at meetings of the Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford PPG Forum.

"Membership of the Harbour Medical Practice's PPG is open to any registered patient. We're an active group and have good attendance at our meetings but appreciate many other patients may like to be involved but cannot attend day-time meetings because of work or other commitments," says Steve. "That's why we're keen to set up a virtual group of people of all ages interested in our local health services," he adds.

The PPG collates the results of the Friends and Family Test (one of the ways patients can feedback their views of the practice's services) and raises any concerns reported to members with practice staff and the GPs. Members sign a confidentiality agreement and any patient issues discussed are anonymous and confidential.

The PPG produces a quarterly newsletter which includes practice and PPG information, and useful local contacts. Copies are available in reception and on the [practice's website in the latest](#)

news section. Members also assist the practice with events, such as the recent Macmillan coffee morning and annual flu clinic.

If you would like more information about the PPG or becoming a member of the regular or virtual group, or have any queries, suggestions or concerns about local health services you'd like to raise with the PPG, email Steve at sthornett2@gmail.com or write to him care of The Harbour Medial Practice, 1 Pacific Drive, Eastbourne BN23 6DW.

05 Jan - More beach work info - From Ian Thomas, Project Manager [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd.](#) Although tides are now falling from springs to neaps, there is plenty to do before the beach can be considered back to normal.



Recycling at Normans Bay East is complete for now, with work switching to Beachlands from Monday. Thereafter machines will head for Cooden, before moving west. Since erosion west of 'The Sandcastle' is relatively minor, this may be completed by bulldozers alone in due course. In the meantime it has been decided to start bypassing shingle round Sovereign Harbour from Monday 8th, since this week's storms have pushed more sediment towards the harbour, so it needs to be removed while it is still accessible.

A busy couple of weeks ahead, hopefully not to be undone by another set of gales on the next spring tides.

02 Jan - West Bridge to close for 5 days. Premier Marinas announce that the West Bridge by The Harvester will be closed to pedestrians for 5 days commencing **Monday 8 January**.

[Click here for details and alternative route map...](#) 

02 Jan - Sea Defences Update - from Ian Thomas, Project Manager, [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd.](#) After escaping from the 8 separate periods of gale that December delivered to the Sussex coast, it appears we will not be so lucky with Storm Eleanor.



Forecasts for when the biggest waves and storm surges appear are changing daily, but currently the worst periods look to be Wednesday at 11:40 and the following tide at 00:10 early on Thursday.

Bulldozers have been working at Normans Bay East since New Year's Eve and will work at Beachlands today, with a third machine starting at 'White Horses' on Wednesday. A recycling team is also being assembled to start at 07:30 Wednesday.

Initially we had expected to start another week of bypassing shingle round the harbour from Langney on Monday 8th January. However, now machines are established to the east of the harbour I expect we will be delaying that work until beaches are repaired following tomorrow's storms. Incidentally, the worst period of storms in the last 18 years started in exactly the same way over New Year 2014. Hopefully 2018 will not provide a repeat.

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