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30th June 2012

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its June 2012 Newsletter.



There's lots of news and advice to keep you and your hard earned cash safe from criminals over the holiday period.

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29th June 2012



RNLB "*The Royal Thames*", which has served Eastbourne so well since 1993, left Sovereign Harbour, by road this morning, on route to RNLI headquarters at Poole, where two new engines are waiting to be installed. On completion of the work, she will soon enjoy a new lease of life.

After her transom has been suitably sign-written with her new home port, she will be taken to the RNLI's newest lifeboat station at Leverburgh on the Isle of Harris to be welcomed by her new crew.

The Royal Thames has served Eastbourne very well over the years having responded to 960 emergency calls, rescued 1520 people and, using strict RNLI criteria, saved 115 lives.

29th June 2012



Eastbourne's Community Safety Partnership want people to know that police are currently tackling a spate of mobile phone thefts in pubs and clubs across the town. Victims of this crime, statistically women in their 20's may think their phones are safe and secure in their handbags while they enjoy a night out but thieves are boldly helping themselves by dipping in to get their phones out

One way of stopping these culprits in their tracks is an app produced by Apple called Find my iPhone.

[Click here](#) for more information.



28th June 2012



On Wednesday evening, after many weeks of intensive training, all members of the volunteer crew passed their final assessments with RNLI inspectors thus enabling the towns new Tamar class lifeboat *Diamond Jubilee* to officially become Eastbourne's serving all-weather lifeboat and mark the start of a new era.

Many of the volunteer crew took either unpaid leave or used their holiday entitlement to complete their training at the RNLI College at Poole, afloat on extended passages and in home waters off Eastbourne. As Coxswain and training co-ordinator Mark Sawyer said "This level of commitment from our volunteers demonstrates the dedication they have to saving lives at sea and they are a credit to themselves and indeed the whole town".

Meanwhile the towns outgoing 18 year old lifeboat *The Royal Thames* will soon enjoy a new lease of life. She is to be transported to RNLI headquarters at Poole on Friday where two new engines are waiting to be installed, then after her transom has been suitably sign-written with her new home port will be taken to the RNLI's newest lifeboat station at Leverburgh on the Isle of Harris to be welcomed by her new crew. *The Royal Thames* has served Eastbourne very well over the years having responded to 960 emergency calls, rescued 1520 people and, using strict RNLI criteria, saved 115 lives.

The crew, some of whom have served aboard since she first arrived in

Eastbourne in 1993, bid an emotional farewell and wish her and her new crew continued success.

28th June 2012

The new lifeboat at Eastbourne RNLI Lifeboat Station will be officially named "*Diamond Jubilee*" by Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess of Wessex in a special ceremony being held next week.



Their Royal Highnesses The Earl and Countess will preside over the ceremony to officially hand the new £2.7M Tamar class lifeboat over to the station.

The ceremony, which takes place on Thursday 5th July at Sovereign Harbour marina, will formally name the new "*Diamond Jubilee*" lifeboat, which was specially selected to participate in the pageant on the River Thames over The Diamond Jubilee weekend.

The Tamar lifeboat was funded by two generous legacies and a £1M public appeal for funds, which was met with a fantastic response from supporters of the lifeboat charity. She was built by Babcock's boatyard at Plymouth, after which crew training started in May.

The naming ceremony and service of dedication will take place near the marina adjacent to Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club. The Earl and Countess of Wessex will arrive at the ceremony mid morning and will spend some time meeting Eastbourne's lifeboat crew members, RNLI fundraisers, RNLI staff and special guests, as well as naming the lifeboat.

Paul Metcalfe, Lifeboat Operations Manager at Eastbourne RNLI Lifeboat Station, said he was looking forward to the ceremony: 'When the RNLI first launched the £1M Eastbourne Lifeboat Station Appeal back in 2011 we were all hugely honoured. As one of the busiest lifeboat stations in the country, to be told we were in line to receive a Tamar class lifeboat was fantastic news.

'And then, to learn that it would happen in the Diamond Jubilee year of our Patron -, Her Majesty The Queen, and that the "*Diamond Jubilee*" would be part of the flotilla in the pageant; well that was just the icing on the cake. This ceremony will be a fitting tribute so we are very excited indeed to welcome Their Royal Highnesses to Eastbourne for this celebration.'

The "*Diamond Jubilee*" lifeboat was officially placed on service at Eastbourne on Wednesday 27 June. She replaces the old Mersey class lifeboat, "*The Royal Thames*", which has been in service since 6th September 1993. In that time the volunteer lifeboat crew have launched her 960 times and rescued 1,520 people – of that number, 115 people were classed as 'lives saved' where, were it not for the lifeboat's involvement, the casualties involved would have surely lost their lives.

The Royal party will join Dr Colin McKee, Chairman of the Eastbourne Lifeboat Management Group, representatives of the lifeboat's donors, Paul Boissier, Chief Executive of the RNLI, and Paul Metcalfe at the ceremony.

28th June 2012

Visitors to the 'Collective Spirit' Lone Twin Boat Project on 5 July are being called on to help create Eastbourne's very own digital collage, as a special tribute to the maiden voyage visit.

Artist Alicja Rogalska and Towner will be running a waterside workshop from 10am to 5pm at Sovereign Harbour, asking visitors to bring along their own treasured object to be photographed, and to help shape Eastbourne's own collage as a tribute to the London 2012 Festival.



Alicja is a visual artist based in London working in sculpture, installation, photography and video. This will be her first collaboration with the people of Eastbourne and the final collage will be on display on the Towner website and in their café from 6th – 12th July.

Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet Member for Tourism and Leisure, Cllr Neil Stanley said "We're hoping to create a fitting tribute to this fantastic piece of sailing artwork – this is a must see from the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad and a living archive of stories from across the region. This is our chance to tell Eastbourne's story so far for 2012."

Visitors will have the chance to see the boat up close, meet the crew and hear tales of the voyage so far. All tours must be booked on the day and sea shanty singing follows from 4pm.

Visit the boat at Sovereign Harbour on 5th July and book your free tour on the day from the Waterfront from 1pm.

[Click here](#) for more information

View the final collage at www.townereastbourne.org.uk.

23rd June 2012

Once again, Government cuts are threatening cuts in services at the Eastbourne District Hospital and, once again, the "SavetheDGH" campaign has been forced into action.



This week, Stephen Lloyd MP secured a debate in Parliament to press the case for Eastbourne's hospital.



In a statement, Mr Lloyd said: "This week I received a letter from Anne Milton MP, at the Department of Health, who said that 'All service changes must be lead by clinicians and patients' which is certainly not being upheld in this instance!"

Liz Walke, Chair of the cross party SavetheDGH Campaign, is doing a fantastic job in leading the campaign group, so please do keep reading the Herald and listening to local TV and radio for further information as we make sure the town is kept informed of the consultation process.

Our strength is that Eastbourne and Willingdon remains utterly united in its determination to keep DGH as a fully functioning hospital, long into the future."

[Click here](#) to read the Hansard report of the debate.

[Click here](#) to read the Minister's response.

[Click here](#) to read the BBC report of the debate.

[Click here](#) to visit the "SavetheDGH" website.

[Click here](#) to read May 2008 issue of Waterlines.

22nd July 2012

The Olympic Torch Relay Route through Eastbourne on 17th July has been published.



Click on image for a printable version
Map courtesy of [Visit Eastbourne](#)

22nd June 2012

East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Highways Department has issued notice of a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Macquarie Quay in the North Harbour.

The RTO proposes that double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) should be installed in two areas of the development.



Objections, or other representations, must be made to ESCC, in writing, by 5th July.

[Click here](#) to download the RTO notice.

21st June 2012

Thursday July 5 will be a very special day for Sovereign Harbour. The Earl and Countess of Wessex (Prince Edward and Sophie) will be visiting the harbour, as the guests of the RNLI, to officially name Eastbourne's new Tamar class lifeboat "Diamond Jubilee".



On the same day, the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront will be hosting the visit of "Collective Spirit", which has been described as "a state-of-the-art piece of waterborne artwork".

[Click here](#) for more information

21st June 2012

Lock up your bicycles, or risk losing them! That's the advice of the Eastbourne East Neighbourhood Policing Team.



After a period in which thefts of bicycles had reduced, there has been a spate of thefts around the harbour. Police advise is that, wherever possible, bicycles should be kept in a locked shed or garage but, if this isn't possible, they should be attached to a solid structure with a purpose built lock.

If you notice any unusual activity of this kind, please call the Police non-emergency helpline, 101.

If you witness a theft in progress, you should call 999.

15th June 2012

Is your gas boiler installed on an inside wall? If so, the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) and Gas Safe say you could be in danger of carbon monoxide poisoning.

If you do have a boiler where all, or part of, the flue cannot be seen, you, or your landlord, will need to arrange for inspection hatches to be fitted. ***This does not mean that your flue system is suddenly unsafe.*** As long as the boiler passes a series of safety checks – including having audible carbon monoxide alarms fitted – it can be used normally for the time being.



However, carbon monoxide alarms are not an alternative to being able to see the flue and you will still need to have inspection hatches fitted. You have until 31st December 2012 for this work to be completed, but is recommended that inspection hatches are fitted as soon as you are able to do so.

There is no legal duty on the consumer to have inspection hatches installed. However, there is a long-standing legal duty on gas engineers to be able to visually check the flue to ensure it is safe. In the majority of cases this will be only be possible though the installation of inspection hatches. If gas engineers cannot view the flue along its length they will they will advise you from 1st January 2013 that the installation is "At Risk" and will seek your permission to turn it off.

[Click here](#) to visit the HSE website

[Click here](#) to visit the Gas Safe website

[Click here](#) for Gas Safe Frequently Asked Questions.

12th June 2012



Eastbourne RNLI's new Tamar class lifeboat *Diamond Jubilee* had her first rescue in home waters at the weekend when the crew diverted from training to pluck a swimmer from storm tossed seas

Whilst the volunteer lifeboat crew were continuing their intensive training on Friday evening prior to the new Eastbourne boat becoming fully operational, Dover coastguard received several 999 calls alerting them to a swimmer clinging desperately to the channel marker buoys at the entrance to Sovereign Harbour. With no time to spare *Diamond Jubilee* was given an emergency exit from the locks and was on scene within a few minutes.

The swimmer was taken aboard using the boats specialist casualty recovery equipment and, after medical assessment, passed ashore by the ILB which by then was also on scene to be met by local Coastguard Officers.

11th June 2012



Picture, Tony Smith

The Matthew of Bristol sailed into Sovereign Harbour on the afternoon of 11th June. A faithful replica of a Tudor merchant sailing ship typical of those that would have traded on the River Thames in Henry VII's reign, this vessel took part in the Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant on 3rd June, and is returning to its home port, Bristol.

The Italian navigator Giovanni Cabboto (John Cabot), who sailed the original Matthew, may have met The King at the Tower of London to discuss his venture to sail across the Atlantic in 1497.

The Matthew will spend the night at the visitor berth in the inner harbour and is expected to leave in the morning.

9th June 2012



Members of the SHRA committee met ward councillors, Gordon Jenkins and Philip Ede, County Councillor, David Elkin and Marina Manager, Janet Taylor on the outer harbour at the recently installed Sea-bird Interpretation Board.

The board, which was jointly funded from the devolved ward budget and SHRA funds, shows images of many of the sea-birds commonly seen at Sovereign Harbour.

Our thanks go to [Eastbourne Borough Council](#), and also to the [RSPB](#) for allowing us to use images from its image library, free of charge, to [Premier Marinas](#) for allowing us to install the board on its land, to [Pevensey Coastal Defences](#) for installing it and to [Identity Signage and Printing](#) for printing and mounting the image.

3rd June 2012



Alison Attwood and Brian Holmes with the winning Sovereign Harbour float.

The Sovereign Harbour community entry won best float in the "Royal Theme" class in the 2012 Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival. Stephen Lloyd MP said, "The Sovereign float was just stunning; well done to all."

Massive credit goes to Alison Attwood who worked so hard to bring the [SHECAT](#) team together and to Brian Holmes for turning the design into the winning float.

Alison said, "This has been a wonderful example of the whole community working together. In the carnival supplement in last week's Herald our entry appears as SHRA (Sovereign Harbour Residents Association). Our entry is in fact "Sovereign Harbour Community" as it includes SHRA, plus Harbour Community Association, Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour, Brushstrokes Art Group, Haven Primary School, the Maritime Volunteer Service, a clutch of residents and a ward councillor (plus support from Harbour Friends, Premier Marinas, the fishing fleet and the yacht club).

[Click here](#) for more photographs of the Sovereign Harbour and other entries.

2nd June 2012

The harbour has float in the Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival!

The SHECAT team have put in huge amount of work to produce a fantastic Sovereign Harbour entry, so do come along to see it, support your neighbourhood float, and enjoy the carnival atmosphere.



The parade will assemble on the road between the Sovereign Centre and Fisherman's Green. Judging will take place soon after 5pm and the procession will start its route to The Western Lawns at 6pm, arriving there between 7 and 7.30pm.

Spectators should note that at the Lifeboat Museum the parade will split with the vehicles on one side of the road and the walkers on the other. It is therefore better to watch the parade west of Fishermen's Green and east of

Carlisle Road.

Large crowds are expected around the Pier and the organisers will manage this area carefully with additional stewards, but you should avoid this area if possible.

[Click here](#) to visit the SHECAT website.

30th May 2012



Thousands of supporters lined the quayside **in glorious sunshine at Sovereign Harbour** yesterday afternoon to welcome Eastbourne RNLI's new all weather lifeboat "Diamond Jubilee" to her new home.

The state of the art vessel liaised with the station's current boat along with lifeboats from their flank stations from Newhaven and Hastings at Beachy Head and paraded along the seafront to the delight of waiting holidaymakers. As she majestically swept into the harbour entrance she was greeted by thousands of flag waving supporters.

Coxswain Mark Sawyer later said that he was amazed that so many people had turned out to welcome the volunteer crew home which, he said, demonstrates the fantastic level of support the town has for its lifeboats. Mark added that he was immensely proud to have been given the honour of bringing the new boat home and was looking forward to the weekend when she will take pride of place in the Queens Pageant along the Thames.

SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, said: "This is a great day for Eastbourne, and for the Eastbourne RNLI in particular. I'm sure that Sovereign Harbour residents will join me in expressing their pride that Diamond Jubilee will be stationed at Sovereign Harbour, and in wishing her, and her incredible crew, every success in her years of service."

[Click here](#) for more photographs.

25th May 2012

Premier Marinas has given advanced warning of essential maintenance work on the North Harbour bridge.

The work will take place on Wednesday 30th May from 10:00 to 11:00, and again from 11:30 to 12:30.



There may be some disturbance to pedestrians, and Premier Marinas apologises for any inconvenience.

24th May 2012

A non-profit cooperative has been proposed to sell home made produce and crafts, and small collectables, through a Community Market.

It is proposed that the market, which will be limited to thirty tables, will be held in the annex of Simply Italian at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront on Thursdays, from 9,30am until midday.

Anybody interested in helping to set-up and manage the market, or selling their goods or produce, is asked to contact Sam Sweiry on 01323-479111.



21st May 2012

As summer approaches, the annual problems of anti-social parking are likely, once again, to become an issue.

Many residents feel that there is insufficient enforcement action taken at the harbour, but we have been assured you that the NSL enforcement team visits this area on a regular basis. This year, 105 visits to the area have been carried out by enforcement officers this year with nine fixed penalty notices issued.

Atlantic and Pacific Drives are the only two roads within the harbour area that can be enforced at present, although the highways team are working on other roads at present.

NSL will be putting in some extra visits to the harbour, but there is no guarantee that the offending vehicles will be there when they visit. We always welcome Information about the times/days when vehicles are parking in contravention is always welcome, as visits can then be targetted around these times.

If anyone does spot any vehicles parked against the yellow lines in Pacific Drive or Atlantic Drive, these can be reported to the Parking Information Centre on 0845 680 1129 or by email to EastbournePIC@nsl.co.uk.



14th May 2012

At the SHRA AGM on 3rd May, members gave their overwhelming support to a motion by SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, that the association should donate £500 from its funds to support the Eastbourne Lifeboat Appeal.

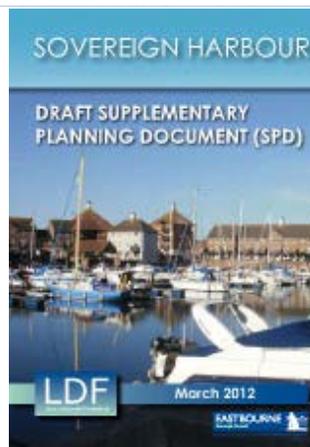
On Sunday 13th May, current SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks presented a cheque for £500 to Lifeboat Operations Manager, Paul Metcalfe, and Lifeboat Doctor, Dr Colin McKee, outside the Lifeboat Station at Sovereign Harbour.



8th May 2012

Residents of Sovereign Harbour are being urged to comment on new plans for further development in the area. The council-led consultation will run until July 24, allowing residents to have their say on the draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The document provides guidance on the uses



considered to be appropriate for each of the remaining development sites at the Harbour, including details of the size, scale and form of development and the specific community benefits to be delivered.

Consultation on the draft plan will take place between 1st May and 24th July and a public exhibition will be held at Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on 30th June.

The Supplementary Planning Document follows a series of workshops led by Stephen Lloyd MP, the Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, Cllr David Tutt and the Leader of the opposition Cllr David Elkin, together with the ward Councillors and the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association, to ensure Sovereign Harbour moves closer to seeing the delivery of better community facilities.

Sovereign Harbour currently lacks a dedicated community centre and the SPD acknowledges that this needs to be delivered before there is any further housing development.

The document, given the green light by the Council's Cabinet on April 18, is free to [download from the Council's website](#) and can be viewed at the Council Offices and the Central Library.

Other issues that the SPD will address at Sovereign Harbour include the lack of open space and children's play areas, the provision of additional retail, leisure and employment uses, accessibility across the neighbourhood via a range of transport methods and the operational needs of the fishermen and boats.

In order to deliver the community benefits that the neighbourhood needs, it is acknowledged that some additional housing will be provided. However this would be a maximum of 150 dwellings and the majority of these would be houses rather than flats.

Stephen Lloyd said "Trying to move Sovereign Harbour forward has been one of my most challenging tasks since I was elected as the town's MP two years ago. We are all too aware of the lack of recreational space, the absence of a community centre and the justifiably strong feelings against the building of new homes. The SHRA, Council, respective political parties and the Sovereign Ward Councillors have worked incredibly hard to find a constructive way forward; I think we've managed it and I hope you, the harbour residents, agree."

Cllr David Tutt said "Making sure we achieve the best possible outcome for Sovereign Harbour by achieving the much needed community facilities is essential. Hearing the views of local people is an integral part of this process and I would encourage as many people as possible to make the most of the consultation process."

David Elkin, Opposition Leader, said "By working together we have been able to develop a positive plan which seeks to secure the facilities the Sovereign Harbour community urgently needs. It is crucial therefore that we now hear the views of local people."

Rick Runalls, Chairman of the SHRA said, "This is the first time there has been a plan which integrates the needs of the community, the Council and the local environment in the final phase of harbour completion. We hope that Carillion, the principal land owner, will take the opportunity to partner this vision and I urge residents to come forward and use the consultation process to make their

views known."

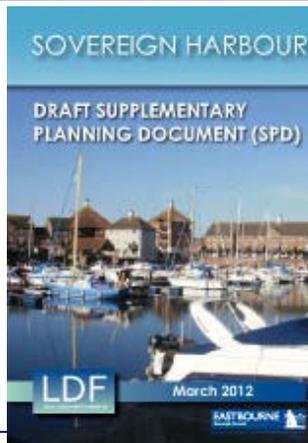
Comments can be submitted by post to Planning Policy, 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4TW, [by email](#) or via the [on-line portal](#).

There is a response form that can be completed and posted back, and this can be downloaded from the web page or is available from 1 Grove Road reception.

2nd May 2012

Consultation is now open on the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood. You can read the SPD, and make your comments, on the [Online Consultation Portal](#).

The SPD reinforces the vision for the neighbourhood set out in the Local Development Framework Core Strategy, and this will be your final opportunity to make your views known. It is very important that as many of you as possible participate so that the Borough Council can be sure it reflects what you want for the final stages of the harbour development.



30th April 2012

Another harbour resident, who abandoned, a trolley after shopping at Asda received a nasty shock last week.



She was observed by an Eastbourne Borough Council Enforcement Officer, who issued a £75 fixed penalty, on the spot, under section 87 of the Environmental Protection Act.

Fixed penalties can also be issued for graffiti, repairing vehicles on the road, dog fouling and street trading. In cases where fixed penalties are not paid, and no arrangement for payment by instalments has not been made, EBC policy is to prosecute.

29th April 2012

Congratulations to Angelo Errigo.

At the Eastbourne Herald Achievers ceremony held at the Winter Gardens last week, harbour resident, Angelo Errigo was presented with a "Highly Commended" award in the Good Neighbour/Unsung Hero category.

Angelo has freely given his time and expertise to a number of harbour groups over the years, so this award is very well deserved.



22nd April 2012

The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour's second annual Harbour Walk will take place today. This year, the proceeds will go to Guide Dogs for the Blind, and other Rotary charities.



The gentle 5Km walk around the marina promenades starts at midday behind CineWorld at the Waterfront, and finishes at the same place, just in time for lunch or a drink.

If you haven't already pre-registered, don't worry, you can just turn up and

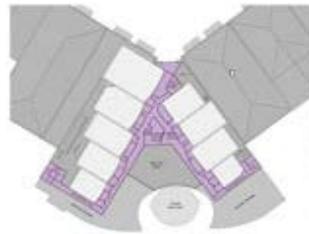
register at the start.

If you can't make it, but would still like to support this very worthwhile charity, you can do so online.

[Click here](#) for more information, or to make a donation.

20th April 2012

Prudential has issued the following statement concerning the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park planning application:



"Following the submission of its planning application on 11th October 2011 for a mixed use leisure and retail development at Sovereign Harbour Retail Park, The Prudential confirms approval of it by Eastbourne Borough Council's Planning Committee on 17th April. The application received significant support from the local community and Sovereign Harbour Ward Councillors, and the company would like to express its gratitude to those individuals and organisations who took the trouble to write to the Council expressing such support, and in particular to those who attended the Planning Committee meeting.

During the last six months, The Prudential has amended the application, and agreed to various restrictions on the proposed retail units on the development. The Officers report on the application however went further than those agreed positions, and the company does now need to assess the implications of this decision.

The application will now be referred to the Secretary of State who will decide whether to allow the Council to proceed to grant planning permission, or to call it in for an Inquiry followed by his own determination. In the spirit of localism, The Prudential hopes that the Secretary of State will not call in the application."

20th April 2012

Police have informed us that, in response to enquiries from members of the public, concerning charity collectors working at Sovereign Harbour.



They are pleased to confirm that enquiries to the Battersea Dogs and Cats home have confirmed that the collectors are genuine, and the public should not be concerned.

[Click here](#) to visit the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home website.

19th April 2012

Summer Receptionist Vacancy



26th May until 2nd September 2012
Weekend working between 12:00-20:00hrs

Reception experience preferable, good customer service and basic IT skills are required. Ideal candidates must be able to work with a small team and work well under pressure.

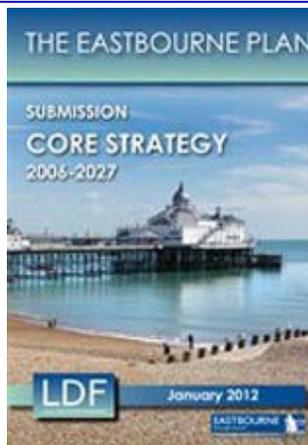
Applications in writing only, including full CV, and details of employee references to
Dave Needham, Assistant Manager,
Premier Marinas (Eastbourne) Ltd,
Sovereign Harbour Marina,
North Lockside, Pacific Drive
Eastbourne, East Sussex,
BN23 5BJ

Closing date for all positions 4th May 2012

19th April 2012

At the meeting of the Eastbourne Borough Council Cabinet at the Town Hall yesterday evening, members of the SHRA committee urged members not to endorse the major modifications to the Eastbourne Plan that would remove the District Centre designation of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park and Waterfront.

Council Leader, Cllr David Tutt said the results of the ongoing consultation would be considered by the LDF all-party steering committee, which would then make recommendations to the Cabinet. Whatever these may be, the plan will be examined in public by a Planning Inspector before going forward.



The consultation ends on 20th April and more information is available in SHRA ebulletin Issue 41, which has already been sent out to registered recipients.

[Click here](#) to download the e-bulletin as a pdf

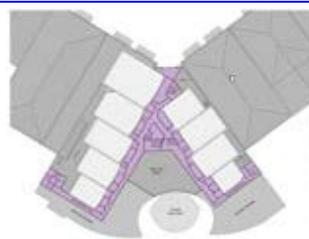
[Click here](#) to go to the online consultation website.

[Click here](#) to register for future e-bulletins.

18th April 2012

After a long debate, the EBC Planning Committee approved the application for the regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.

The planning officers had proposed acceptance of the application, but with severe trading restrictions. The applicant's agent indicated that these would make the application unviable, and that failure to remove them would result in the abandonment of the project.



A spokesman for Legal and General, which will be financing the Town Centre regeneration, stated that without the restrictive conditions, the application would endanger the progress of its proposed project, and urged the committee to refuse the application outright. At the very least, he said, all of the restrictive trading conditions must remain in place. SHRA Deputy Chairman, Jan Weeks, and Cllrs David Elkin and Patrick Warner spoke in support of the application and, in the ensuing debate, Planning Committee member, Cllr Gordon Jenkins, argued strenuously for the removal of the restrictive conditions.

Cllr Jenkins managed to persuade his committee colleagues that the majority of the conditions should be removed, and the application was finally approved at about 10pm.

We must now wait to see if Prudential is willing to proceed with the remaining conditions in place, and the consent must still be ratified by the Secretary of State.

17th April 2012

The organisers of the 'Night to Remember' midnight walk event are appealing for volunteers, male or female, to help on 19th and 20th May 2012. The walk, in aid of Chestnut Tree House and St. Barnabas, starts at midnight.



There are various roles from 8pm till 5am (on the 20th May), including marshalling the route, keeping the ladies safe, serving them medals and a breakfast after they have completed the 10 mile course.

[Click here](#) to download an application form.

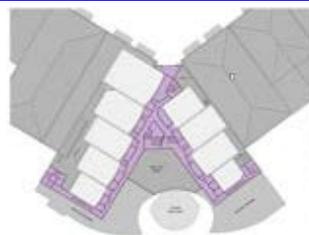
[E-mail the organisers](#)

[Click here](#) to visit the Chestnut Tree House website

[Click here](#) to visit the St Barnabas website

17th April 2012

The Planning Committee will, this evening, make an important decision on the application for the regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park. Approval is vital; rejection will have a far reaching impact on the future sustainability of the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood.



Unfortunately, the application has come under sustained attacks from those with vested interests in the Town Centre redevelopment and it is being portrayed, wrongly, we believe, as detrimental to that development.

In line with the views of the 500 plus residents who gave this project their approval at the public consultation, members of the SHRA committee will be speaking in support of the application.

The Planning Committee meeting will be held in the Town Hall, starting at 6pm; if you have a couple of hours to spare, please come along to add your support.

14th April 2012

The organisers of the harbour carnival entry

SHECAT

(SHECAT) are trying to sort out the music for the float. They are desperately looking for a car CD player or car amplifier that we could use/borrow for the event.

One of those radio/CD players that you can take out of the car when parking in dodgy areas is just the sort of thing they need.

If you have one or know someone who might be able to help, please [e-mail Alison](#)

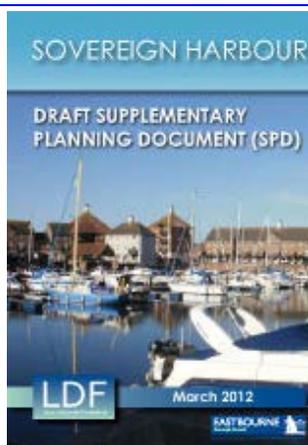
[Click here](#) to visit the SHECAT website.

13th April 2012

A Press Release jointly issued today by Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC) and the SHRA begins:

"Sovereign Harbour has moved a significant step closer to seeing the delivery of the community facilities it currently lacks.

In a series of workshops led by Stephen Lloyd MP, the Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, David Tutt, Opposition Leader, David Elkin, together with the ward councillors and Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA), a plan for the future of each of the remaining development sites has been prepared.



Once the Draft Plan has been considered by the council's cabinet committee, local residents will be asked for their views."

[Click here](#) to read the full text on the EBC website

12th April 2012

About fifty members attended the April 11 meeting of the Sovereign Harbour Social Club, where the guests were Nigel Lockwood from "Guide Dogs" and Steve Pratt and his dog.

The club presented Nigel with a cheque for £25, and members also contributed £42.90 in a bucket collection, which will be added to the money being raised by the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour through the Harbour Walk.



The Harbour Social Club meets every Wednesday from 10 – 11.30am in the annex of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront.

[Click here](#) to visit the Harbour Social Club website.

12th April 2012

Meetings of the Sovereign Harbour Debating Society will resume in the Simply Italian Annex on April 18, from 2.30 - 4pm.

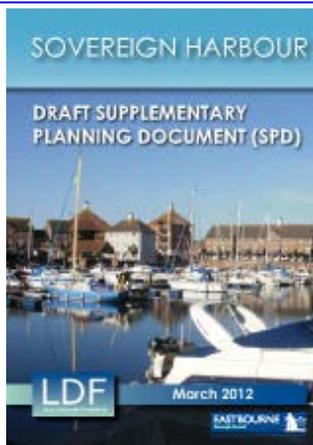
The group will meet under its new name "Eastbourne Sovereign Harbour Discussion Group".

Membership is free and all are welcome.



11th April 2012

The draft Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood has been published. This document reinforces the neighbourhood vision in the "Eastbourne Plan 2006-2027 -Core Strategy" and outlines proposals for the completion of the harbour development.



These plans will be considered by the Planning and Cabinet Committees before being put to the public for further consultation. The final document will be submitted for inclusion in the Eastbourne Plan later this year.

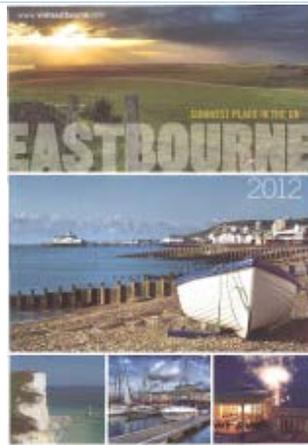
[Click here](#) to download the draft SPD (5Mb)

9th April 2012

It's very pleasing to see that the Eastbourne map in the centre of the 2012 issue of the "Visit Eastbourne" brochure now includes Sovereign Harbour.

We are also pleased to say that, thanks to the generosity of Eastbourne Borough Council, you can now view the map on this website.

The copyright of the map remains with the council, so it is only available for your personal use, and may not be copied, reprinted, reproduced in any form or in part without the council's prior written consent.

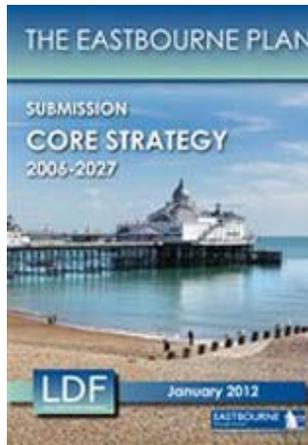


[Click here](#) to view the map.

9th April 2012

As a result of proposals to make major modifications to the Eastbourne Plan 2006-2027 Core Strategy, Eastbourne Borough Council has been obliged by the Planning Inspectorate to conduct further public consultation. The consultation is now open for comment online and will close on 20th April.

The proposed changes, if agreed, will remove the retail park's "District Shopping Centre" designation, and downgrade it to an "Out of Town Shopping Centre". This will put significant limitations on the mix of retail outlets that can be offered, and has already resulted in changes to the planning application.



More information is available in SHRA ebulletin Issue 41, which has already been sent out to registered recipients.

[Click here](#) to download the e-bulletin as a pdf

[Click here](#) to go to the online consultation website.

[Click here](#) to register for future e-bulletins.

6th April 2012

The following statement was sent to the SHRA by Neighbourhood Police Sergeant, Ed Ripley:

"The issue of speeding vehicles is often raised and discussed at community meetings. It is a problem that affects local communities and we're keen to do as much as possible to identify offenders.

Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing Teams and Neighbourhood Response Teams have been active in the area and, hopefully, you will have recently seen them operating in Pacific Drive in particular.

Officers have stopped a number of drivers, and I hope that word has started to get around that we will support the community in addressing this issue. We have achieved some great results and fixed penalty notices have been issued to some drivers who were travelling in considerably above the enforced speed limit.

If you have any information regarding anti-social driving or speeding in your area then please contact your local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 101 or report the vehicle via [the Operation Crackdown website](#)."



6th April 2012

The Association of British Insurers (ABI), British Insurance Brokers Association (BIBA) and the Government have signed an agreement to make it easier for older people to get motor and travel insurance, and to clarify how insurance premiums are priced to take account of risk including age.



From 6th April 2012, if an older person is refused a quotation by an insurer because of their age, they will be referred to another insurance provider better placed to help them, or to the industry signposting service.

The insurance industry will also provide information to show the link between age and increased risk - so that people have a better understanding of the impact that age has on prices. The first set of data will be published in June this year.

The Government welcomes this agreement because the insurance industry has recognised that older people can find it difficult to get motor and travel insurance and are taking action to improve access and transparency.

These are areas where it is known that people are concerned and, with growing numbers of older people, it is even more important for Government and business to respond. The agreement is a good example of Government and business working together to get a better deal for older people.

[Click here](#) to download the ABI/BIBA Press Release.

5th April 2012

Sovereign Polyphony would like to thank everyone from the Harbour area who supported "Simply Songs" on 21st March at Simply Italian. The donation from management and customers of £310 was shared between the Eastbourne Blind Society and Pompe Disease UK.



See events pages for future Sovereign Polyphony and Sovereign Singers concerts.

5th April 2012

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECamb) has submitted a planning application to Eastbourne Borough Council for a new ambulance community response post (ACRP).



The ACRP in Pevensey Bay Road, if given the green light, would improve the Trust's emergency cover in Eastbourne. The post will provide ambulance clinicians with a base to operate from between emergencies rather than waiting on the roadside as they have done up to now in this area.

ACRPs have a rest area, free-view television, internet access, toilet facilities and provision to make hot meals and drinks. Facilities would be available to the staff around the clock, giving more flexibility for emergency cover for Eastbourne overnight.

In 2011 the Trust had a planning application approved to create an ambulance community response post on the grounds of Eastbourne College on Summerdown Road.

SECamb Senior Operations Manager for Eastbourne, James Pavey said: "This is a location which is operationally important as it will allow us to spread our resources to match patient demand more effectively. The new facility will also

give our crews access to appropriate facilities, rather than roadside standby in their vehicles."

The project forms part of a wider plan to improve the emergency cover in the area as the Trust is also looking to develop a third community response post at Polegate.

[Click here](#) to visit the South East Coast Ambulance Service website.

4th April 2012

Many residents contacted our Neighbourhood Policing Team with information on the vicious attack by dogs on a cat.

Police have issued the following statement:

"On 23rd February 2012 an incident where a dog attacked and killed a cat took place in Madeira Way, Eastbourne. This incident was particularly nasty, and resulted in the death of a much loved pet. Police were informed and they appealed for information from local people about the ownership of the dogs involved. Many residents came forward with information anonymously, and this provided Police with enquiries to complete.

PC Ed Faulkner, Neighbourhood Constable for Sovereign Harbour, said "I said at the time that this was a horrific incident, and the response from the local community has been excellent. This goes to re-confirm the strong community spirit that exists, and I thank everyone for that. This information led me to an owner of two dogs who lives on South Harbour, and I visited this person with Sue Criddle, the dog welfare officer. This person has denied being involved in this incident, and denied all knowledge of it. We were allowed to examine the dogs and, it was the opinion of Sue that these dogs were not dangerous; there was, therefore, no action that could be taken.

I understand the depth of feeling that exists over this incident, and the fact that we will not be able to bring about a successful prosecution will disappoint many. However please be assured that we, in cooperation with our colleagues from the Borough Council, will be vigilant in identifying any dangerous animals that may be around. We welcome any reports from residents if they are concerned about any pets living nearby, and all of them will be treated seriously and investigated."

If you have any information or concerns, please contact PC Ed Faulkner on 07787-685813, or PCSO Martin Hylands on 07909-873787.



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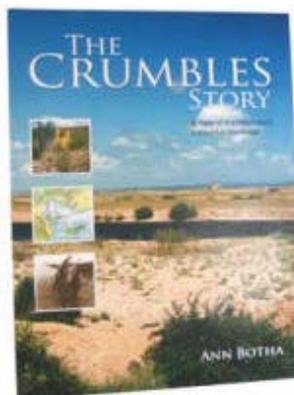
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