

Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



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29th June 2013

A cross-party initiative by East Sussex County Council, in conjunction with Eastbourne Borough Council, has secured funding of £6.4 million from the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) for the construction of an "Innovation Mall" at Sovereign Harbour. The scheme will underpin the first phase of developing the employment land at Sovereign Harbour.



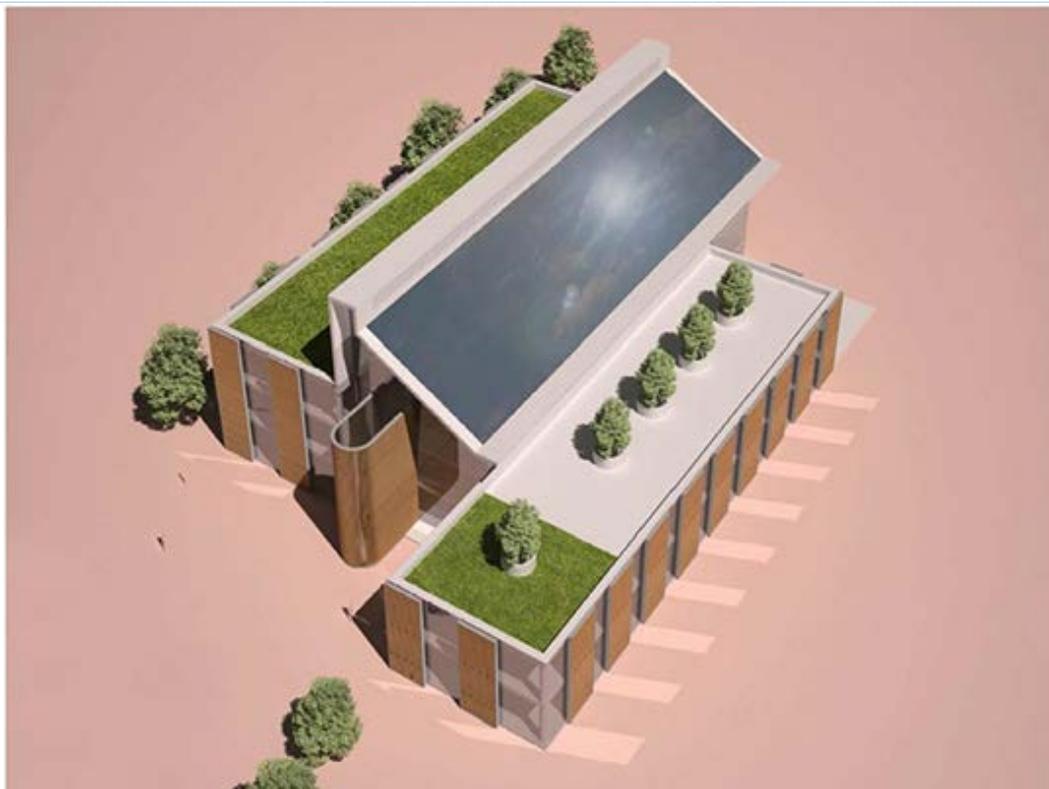
The mall, which will deliver 30,000 sq ft of flexible, serviced, accommodation, and deliver about 300 new jobs, will be located on the land adjacent to Pevensey Bay Road (known as Site Six). The proposal has a strong strategic fit with SELEP objectives, and addresses the regeneration of a key priority area in Eastbourne. The scheme is ready to be taken forward with all approvals in place; a planning application can be expected within a very short time-frame.

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Sovereign Ward County Councillor, David Elkin, said: "This very exciting project is the result of a great deal of hard work by many people within East Sussex County Council working closely with their counterparts in Eastbourne Borough Council. It is an excellent example of what can be achieved when the benefit to the local economy is put before party political considerations. This is the project that we have been waiting for to "pump-prime" the development of the Sovereign Harbour employment land ."

Eastbourne Council leader, Cllr David Tutt, said: "This is going to be an absolute game changer in terms of the future of Sovereign Harbour and the development of the employment land. It will attract new, high-tech businesses that will be of benefit to the area and of Eastbourne in general. I'm absolutely delighted."

SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, said: "This is excellent news, and builds on the work done to create the Sovereign Harbour SPD. Our thanks to everybody who has contributed in bringing this excellent project to fruition. It will, I believe, be the catalyst for the creation of the work-life environment that was the vision for Sovereign Harbour".

29th June 2013

The new waste and recycling services for Eastbourne will start from 22nd July 2013. The changes are part of the new joint waste contract agreed by Eastbourne, Wealden Hastings and Rother councils to improve recycling rates and save money.

Working in partnership with the new waste contractor Kier the Borough Council is aiming to reach a target of 50% of waste recycled.



Key things you need to know about the new waste and recycling services.

28th June 2013

Street lighting in East Sussex is changing. In Eastbourne, all existing yellow and orange lights will be converted to white LED lights. It is also proposed that

some of these lights will be dimmed between midnight and the early hours.



These lights have been successfully trialled in other areas of the county and have been shown to:

- Provide better quality lighting
- Improve visibility
- Reduce energy costs
- Reduce long term maintenance costs
- Reduce light pollution

You can have your say at an event to be held at the Sovereign Centre on 6th July. [Click here](#) for more information

27th June 2013

A number of Sovereign Harbour residents have reported suspicions that their mailboxes have been tampered with. There have also been reports of incidents of identity theft (see item 20th June below).

Residents are advised to take care with their mail and to report any suspicious activity to Police on 101, or 999 if it is actually happening.



27th June 2013

Eastbourne District Police Commander, Chief Inspector Biglands, has issued the following message about **Operation Gryphus**, a day of action targeting



those who cause the most harm in our communities in Eastbourne.

"We know that those who disrupt the lives of ordinary residents by their anti social behaviour, whether it be playing loud music or having late night noisy visitors, are also often those who are linked to other criminality in the town. We know that many of these people live in a way that evidences their wealth and at the same makes it is clear that they do not work. This is a combination that irritates and blights the lives of the people who live and come to Eastbourne.

We are here to day, acting on community information, with partners from Eastbourne Homes and Eastbourne Borough Council to target those who are causing the most issues locally. Earlier in the year we had a similar day of action under the banner of Operation Compton, the feedback from that was very positive and has generated many more pieces of information from the community, for which I am very grateful.

We are today specifically targeting members of Organised Crime Groups and will continue to do so.

Those who are arrested today will be assessed as to their needs and if appropriate will be offered support with any addiction issues.

Local Officers will be on hand as warrants are executed to speak to members of the community to offer reassurance and receive feedback. There will be such more scheduled meetings with the community in the days and weeks to come."

22nd June 2013

At approximately 4:30 on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th June 2013 a female was assaulted by the roundabout at the end of Atlantic Drive. The victim was pulled to the ground and kicked by another person known to her.



The victim has reported that there were several bystanders in the area, one of whom came to her aid when she was on the ground. A suspect has been arrested for this assault, but at this time the witness has not been traced.

The information from the witness will be very important, please get in touch if it was you, or you know who it was. If you were in the area at the time please contact Sussex Police on 101, quoting serial 1050 19/06/2013.

20th June 2013

When a harbour resident returned home from a recent holiday, he found some mail that indicated he had recently requested a new replacement credit card. Knowing that he hadn't, he immediately called his bank who said that he had phoned them on a specific day to request one. He denied this, which set the ball rolling for them, and they immediately blocked his card. When he asked how some person was able to do this, they said that certain security questions must have been answered correctly, albeit that was probably just his date of birth and mother's maiden name.



It transpired that this criminal had subsequently made two cash withdrawals at banks in Eastbourne using the correct PIN number, which the resident never divulges and which he is careful to guard when entering it into any machine.

During the following week it became apparent that someone was applying for more credit cards in his name with other banks, fortunately without success. He then received a new card from another of his bank accounts (also unrequested).

The victim of this fraud believes the thief may have targeted his mail box, but has no firm evidence to support it. He is also aware that another resident of the same development has suffered a similar problem.

Until the perpetrator of these crimes is apprehended, take extra care of your personal information and look out for unusual activity on your accounts.

15th June 2013

Aged 11 to 16 years? Ever wanted to know what it's really like to be a police officer?

As part of the "Sussex Police People: 10 Days Live" event this summer, Sussex Police is offering one hundred competition finalists a unique opportunity to get hands-on in a variety of police roles at its specialist training facility, Kingstanding, in East Sussex. Kingstanding is not ordinarily open to the public and it will be opened for one day only on Thursday 25 July 2013.



The finalists will get to see behind the scenes at this one-of-a-kind site, which was first used to house a World War 2 transmitter before being re-commissioned as a nuclear bunker.

On the day, the finalists will receive a briefing in the old underground bunker, before using high-spec kit to investigate a car crash, deploy search dogs, forensically examine a crime scene, and find out what it takes to be a police diver. The day's events will be broadcast live on the Sussex Police website, enabling all children, as well as friends, family and the wider community, to get involved.

To enter this unique competition Sussex Police want you to tell them "**what you would do if you were a police officer for a day**". You can create your entry in any format - write a story or a poem, take a photo, design a poster, create an animation or record a short film. They are interested in your ideas, not your artistic skill, so get thinking and have a go.

You can enter on your own or as a group of up to five friends.

Enter on [the Sussex Police website](#) or post your entry to:

Sussex Police People:
10 Days Live,
CCPED, Sussex Police HQ,
Church Lane,
Lewes BN7 2DZ.

8th June 2013

Following his nomination by the SHRA committee, and his unanimous endorsement by the members at the SHRA Annual General Meeting as the association's candidate for the boards of the Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) CIC and Sovereign Harbour Trust, Rick Runalls submitted his application.



He was invited to the recent CIC board meeting for interview and we are delighted to announce that he has been offered a seat on the board.

Rick will be working with existing board member, Cllr Patrick Warner, to encourage greater transparency in the CIC's operation and to get better value for residents.

7th June 2013

At its first business meeting since the Annual General Meeting, the SHRA committee unanimously re-elected Jan Weeks to serve as chairman for the 2013/2014 year.

Chris Mephram was re-elected as vice-chairman, Shirley Davis as Secretary and Peter Thomas as treasurer. Ian Weeks agreed to continue as webmaster and editor of Waterlines.



The committee also co-opted North Harbour resident, Clive McGrane, to join the committee.

30th May 2013



East Sussex Trading Standards has issued its May newsletter. In this issue:

- Trading Standards Moving Forward
- Testing supports local butchers affected by horse meat concerns
- TS Officers featured in CareLine
- Changes to the benefits system
- Scams Awareness Month
- Buy With Confidence and Support With Confidence Supermarket Campaign
- FAQs about the Green Deal

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For more information about any of these stories please [e-mail Trading Standards](#).

29th May 2013

Quality Streets is taking on a new shape this month. The partnership initiative which is designed to increase community safety, public satisfaction and confidence, is being trialled in Willingdon Trees in a new style three-day event, which began with a ward walk last Thursday 23rd May.



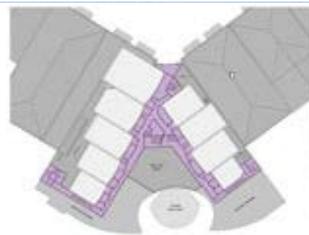
Ward Councillor Mrs Pat Hearn and County Councillor Mike Blanch led two teams comprising PCSOs, officers from Eastbourne Homes Ltd or Place for People and Eastbourne Borough Council's Neighbourhood Advisors on a walk through Willingdon Trees estate, knocking on doors inviting residents to express their views about their neighbourhood. The majority of residents were happy and had no particular concerns but they clearly welcomed the attention the estate was receiving. A third team from the council walked the estate looking for areas that needed tidying up, either from tree/bush growth or for graffiti, littering or fly tipping. In all 21 'grot spots' were identified, with some cleared immediately and the rest programmed for action.

Day Two is a 'Drop-In' event in Willingdon Trees Community Centre on Wednesday 29th May from 2.00-5.30pm. Residents have been invited to come and talk to people from their local Neighbourhood Policing teams, East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Watch, Trading Standards, Eastbourne Borough Council, amongst others.

Day Three on Thursday 30th May, 6-8pm provides an evening opportunity for residents to discuss some of the problems identified in the area. Neighbourhood Policing officers will be joined by Neighbourhood Watch providing general advice and reassurance. If you would like more information about Quality Streets and feel you might benefit from one in your area, please visit www.eastbourne.gov.uk/crime

25th May 2013

As you might have seen in the Eastbourne Herald, PRUPIM, the operator of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park, has abandoned its current plans to regenerate the facility.



Andrew Dakin, Director of Development at PRUPIM comments: *"PRUPIM is committed to its investment in the Sovereign Harbour area. As part of PRUPIM's investment, we submitted a planning application for the redevelopment of our Sovereign Harbour retail park in October 2011. The plans include a new layout for existing retail provision, a new cinema, restaurant and cafés. Full planning permission was granted by Eastbourne Borough Council in January 2013.*

Unfortunately, between application and permission, wider economic factors and a changing local context have meant the scheme - as consented - is no longer financially viable. However, this does not mean that another scheme cannot be taken forward. PRUPIM are now exploring options to update our proposals including alternative designs and layouts, which would undergo local consultation and allow us to realise a redevelopment of Sovereign Harbour that responds to the needs of local residents and businesses. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who support our continued investment in this area and reassure them that PRUPIM is fully committed to Sovereign Harbour and Eastbourne."

24th May 2013

Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership issued the following statement from Chief Superintendent Paul Morrison:



"Along with millions who have been shocked at the tragic event in Woolwich on Wednesday 22nd May, Sussex Police extends its sympathies to the family, friends and colleagues of the young soldier who lost his life and to all those in the wider military community.

While we are not aware of any specific threat to Sussex, we are liaising with military partners in the county over security arrangements at military sites and there will be enhanced policing patrols in those areas. Similarly, we are aware of the potential for heightened community tension, but there are no indications at this stage of any problems in Sussex.

We are working closely with community leaders and partners across the county who share our desire to ensure that this dreadful event is not used as an excuse for disorder or harassment of any individuals or groups.

Anyone who has concerns as a result of the incident in London can speak to their local neighbourhood officers or PCSOs. However, while an increased level of vigilance is prudent, we would reiterate that there is no specific threat to Sussex."

18th May 2013

Sospan Dau has become unexpectedly available at very short notice as a scheduled job in the Irish Sea has been withdrawn.



Since she is finishing off work at West Sands, Selsey, it makes sense for her to stay on the south coast for a couple of weeks, so this summer's beach recharge of Sovereign Harbour will commence on Tuesday morning, 21st May.

17th May 2013

The minutes of the recent SHRA Annual General Meeting have now been posted on this website.



Also included are the Committee Report and accounts for the year 2012/2013.

[Click here to view.](#)

1st May 2013

For the past three years or so, a male blackbird regularly visited the garden of Linda Bostok in Long Beach View in the North Harbour.



Linda said: "I have never fed the birds as we have a cat living next door who also visits the garden, but the blackbird comes and sings for us and collects things from the garden. Yesterday we were in the house with the windows open and I heard an horrendous squawking from a bird, so both Mike and I ran out thinking it was the cat, but there was a hawk out there with the blackbird in its claws. From a book, I think it was a Hen Harrier but the twitchers on the harbour may know. Sadly, although I tried to chase the hawk off, it just flew off with the blackbird.

The hawk looked like a large pigeon (which at first I thought it was), with a small hooked beak. I have never seen a hawk on the harbour, but have seen them on the levels and downs. Was this a stray or have other people seen hawks on the harbour?"

[Please e-mail any harbour hawk sightings.](#)

25th April 2013

We have been contacted by two TalkTalk customers who have had their telephone service arbitrarily cut off without explanation.



- Both had letters from Talk-Talk giving advanced warning of disconnection.
- Both called TalkTalk to say they hadn't asked to be disconnected.
- Both were told not to worry, it was a mistake.
- Both were disconnected anyway.
- Both were told they would have to take out new contracts, which would take at least two weeks.
- Both were told they would have to lose their telephone numbers.
- Both had great difficulty getting any sensible response from TalkTalk customer service.

Have you suffered a similar experience with TalkTalk? [If so, we would like to hear from you.](#)

23rd April 2013

All trucks have now finished recycling and left the beach. The bulldozer will be here until Friday when it too will leave, hopefully, until October.



This week will be spent primarily tidying up before summer.

22nd April 2013

Members of the Eastbourne fishing fleet, based at Sovereign Harbour, have unveiled details of their plans to purchase and develop the land behind the Harvester at The Waterfront (development site three), which they currently lease to store their equipment



and land their catch .



The group has formed a Community Interest Company to manage the project, and hope to be able to develop the land and create a Fishermen's Quay, consisting of traditional net huts, wet fish sales, offices, workshops and a 'learning centre'.

The plans are currently being considered by all relevant parties.

For more details of the plans, [visit the Eastbourne Fishermen's website.](#)

13th April 2013

Although March was the coldest month of the winter, the north and east winds that made it so did at least mean there was relatively little beach movement. A survey has been completed, which will tell exactly how much shingle needs to be moved so all beach machines can be released for the summer.



It is estimated that about a week's recycling will be needed, so two trucks will start on Monday at 'White Horses'. Thereafter they will move east to Beachlands, Normans Bay East and Herbrand Walk/Cooden.

A significant amount of beach has built up at Langney and it is anticipated a final week of harbour bypassing works. However, constant easterly winds have driven all the shingle away from the harbour arm and back to the final Eastbourne groyne, so currently it isn't even possible to get on the beach let alone move it. That operation will have to be left until October.

Updates will be provided during the week and hopefully confirm the final truck departure next Friday. The bulldozer will remain for a final week to tidy up.

12th April 2013

Bunch of keys, with blue tag lost at Sovereign Harbour, somewhere on the cycle route between Long Beach View and the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.



If found, please call the SHRA helpline (07770-621368) or [e-mail the SHRA](#)

8th April 2013

East Sussex Welfare Reform Project group has commissioned a video explaining the changes to benefits for people of working age in East Sussex as a result of the Welfare Reform Bill March 2012.



It is anticipated that this will be a simple tool to share information with members of the public and other interested parties.

[Watch the video > >](#)

8th April 2013

On 1st April, a new waste collection service estimated to deliver savings of £30million came into operation. The service, operated by Kier for Eastbourne, Wealden, Hastings and Rother Councils, will be gradually rolled-out over



the next three months; look out for leaflets that will be delivered when appropriate.

At the heart of the service are new procedures for increasing the amount of refuse that will be recycled and the range of acceptable materials. Residents will be given a new, green, wheelie-bin for all recyclable waste, except glass, which should be put into the existing green box. Resident with green garden waste bins will be issued with a new brown bin for garden waste and should use their green bin for recycling.

[Download the hand-out](#) for full details of the service.

8th April 2013



East Sussex Trading Standards has issued its March 2013 newsletter. Subjects in the newsletter include:

- Young Consumer of the Year 2011
- BWC & SWC on Facebook
- Rogue Trader Update
- The Government's Green Deal
- Sheepgate and the Animal Health Team
- East Sussex Students pipped at the post in quiz finals

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For more information about any of these stories please contact trading.standards@eastsussex.gov.uk.

6th April 2013



The council's new Neighbourhood First team got their teeth into their first community project on Wednesday, cleaning up the litter and undergrowth along Cross Levels Way.

The clean-up was done jointly with a Community Payback team. Surrey and Sussex Probation Trust's Community Payback involves offenders working unpaid as part of their punishment from the courts.

The Neighbourhood First team was launched on Tuesday and are based in three zones around the town. They are there to answer questions, report and resolve environmental issues and put residents in touch with the right people and services within the council. More importantly, they will also be working proactively with residents and other organisations to improve the standards in their neighbourhoods.

The Cross Levels Way clean-up project demonstrates this concept in action: an immediate response to the environmental issue – getting things cleaned up to a high standard; partnership working with the Community Payback team, and a longer-term initiative of engagement with the local businesses, schools and college to eliminate the causes of the litter problem in the first place. This could include activities such as educating the shoppers and students who use the area as a thoroughfare and assessing the number of litter bins needed in the area.

If you would like to talk to Neighbourhood First about projects in your neighbourhood you can stop a neighbourhood advisor out and about in your zone – they are easy to spot in their blue Neighbourhood First uniforms. Alternatively you can [complete the enquiry form](#), or email the team at: CustomerFirst@eastbourne.gov.uk.

Future Community Payback projects will be led through Neighbourhood Panels.

4th April 2013

The Green Room Productions presents: The Wife, The Mistress, The Chair opening at The Little Theatre



on Thursday 18th April and running until Saturday 20th April 2013.

Performance times:
Thursday 18th April to Saturday 20th April, 7.30pm.
Doors open 7:10pm

Prices: £11.00 and £10

[More information](#)

4th April 2013

Bourne Chorus, the Eastbourne based close vocal harmony group, is proud to announce the 'birth' of [their new website](#).



Since the group was formed in 2010, Bourne Chorus have had three consecutive winning years at the Eastbourne Music Festival, as well as regular bookings with a number of prominent establishments and events in Eastbourne. The group also sings at Weddings and other private functions, and is available for booking via their new website, which includes sound-bites and videos of some of their work.

Bourne Chorus is seeking an additional Bass singer to join their eight existing members. If anyone would like to find out more, [please take a look at their website](#) and contact them with any queries on 07799-116653.

3rd April 2013

Preparations are underway for the annual dredging of the channel into the Sovereign Harbour marina.

The buoys marking the channel are being removed by the crew of the tender "Coastrunner", ready for the arrival of "Sospan Dau".



The process is expected to take about a week.

1st April 2013

The appearance, functionality and costs of the huge water feature in the Columbus Point area of the South Harbour have been concerning local residents for many years. Matters came to a head last year when the developer, Persimmon Homes, started the process of handing over responsibility for the feature to local residents.



Following campaigning by the Water Feature Action Group (WFAG), Eastbourne Council and the developer agreed to a professional survey of the feature, which took place in October 2012.

EBC have now posted [letters to residents of affected local properties](#) to announce publication of the long-awaited confidential report on the survey, which contains a brief history of the water feature, and details past and current maintenance problems and repairs. It records the current condition of the feature and its equipment, and suggests the following four options as possible ways forward.

1. Re-coat, repair and run the feature in its current configuration.
2. Fill in the feature, remove equipment and decommission.
3. Shut down the long curved legs (Legs 1 & 3) but leave Leg 2 (the straight

leg from the Outer Harbour prom) operational as present.

4. Run the water feature to the original concept, but have Legs 1 & 3 as shallow rills.

The Report gives some indication of the costs of the various options but is silent on who would pay for them.

During the next month the WFAG, Columbus Point Residents Association and the Dominica Court Residents Association will be consulting their members to obtain their views of the Report prior to deciding a joint response.

[Further information](#)
