

Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



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28th June 2015

The West harbour bridge will be out of use for about a week. The bridge is stuck in the raised position, which means there is currently no pedestrian access.

The fault has been identified, and a replacement part ordered, but delivery could take up to a week. The repair will be effected, and normal operation will be resumed, as soon as possible. Premier Marinas apologises for any inconvenience caused.



27th June 2015

We have been informed by Premier Marinas that there has been a failure in the system that operates the West harbour bridge. The bridge is stuck in the raised position, which means there is currently no pedestrian access.

The problem is being urgently worked on, and normal operation will be resumed as soon as possible. Premier Marinas apologises for any inconvenience caused.



24th June 2015



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As the number of women regularly taking part in physical activity continues to decline the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) launch their UK wide initiative that aims to get more women playing tennis more often.

Women across the UK are set to enjoy a new way of playing tennis this summer with the national launch of Tennis Tuesdays. The initiative, in association with Nike, aims to tackle the gender gap in sports participation, offering pop up female only tennis events across the UK. The sessions offer informal coaching, weekly themed sessions and fun match play.

The LTA is bringing Tennis Tuesday's to over 90 venues with sessions taking place in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff, Eastbourne, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Leeds.

According to the latest Sport England figures, the number of women playing tennis weekly is just over 165,000 and the LTA hopes Tennis Tuesday's will offer the perfect gateway for women wanting to get back into tennis in a less formal setting. Tennis Tuesday's has been specifically designed to remove some of the barriers to sport women can face, such as, time constraints and opportunities to play. Supported by Women in Sport, the leading charity transforming sport for the benefit of every woman and girl, the LTA is offering a sporting activity that fits within busy lives and offers tennis in a social environment.

With nearly two million fewer women than men exercising regularly and over five million women stating they would like to be more active, there is huge potential for sport to cater directly for these women.

Anyone can find and book via the website: www.tennistuesdays.co.uk

Equipment will be provided if you don't have your own. Many venues will have additional special offers in place if people enjoy the experience and want to carry on playing.

23rd June 2015

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Waterlines Comment

At the recent SHRA Annual General Meeting, the open discussion once again raised two issues that have been bones of contention for many years; dog fouling and anti-social parking.

These issues are not just isolated to the harbour, they are constantly raised by residents' groups all over the Borough.

What is particularly frustrating is that none of the agencies with the powers to tackle the problems seem willing to take action, despite having the legal authority to do so.

Despite having Traffic Regulation Orders in place, parking enforcement officers rarely visit the harbour, so illegal and anti-social parking goes unpunished and is on the increase.

We are consistently told that the strategy being adopted is to educate offenders. Fixed Penalty Notices are only being issued as a last resort and, in the rare event that action is taken, the policy is that offenders should not be "named and shamed". It would seem that this strategy just isn't working.

We understand that resources are stretched, but their allocation must take the views of local communities into consideration.

It really is a matter of who should set priorities; those responsible for enforcement, or Council Tax Payers?

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3rd June 2015

New sign at entrance to the North Harbour.



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3rd June 2015

At yesterday's meeting of the SHRA committee, Jan Weeks was unanimously re-elected as Chairman of the association for the current year. All other officers will also continue in their roles.



[Click here](#) for committee contact details.

2nd June 2015

Motorists illegally using **Blue Badges** to park in disabled bays and avoid parking charges are being given the opportunity to hand over permits.



An amnesty for Blue Badges being fraudulently used in East Sussex will take place next month, giving drivers a chance to escape further action.

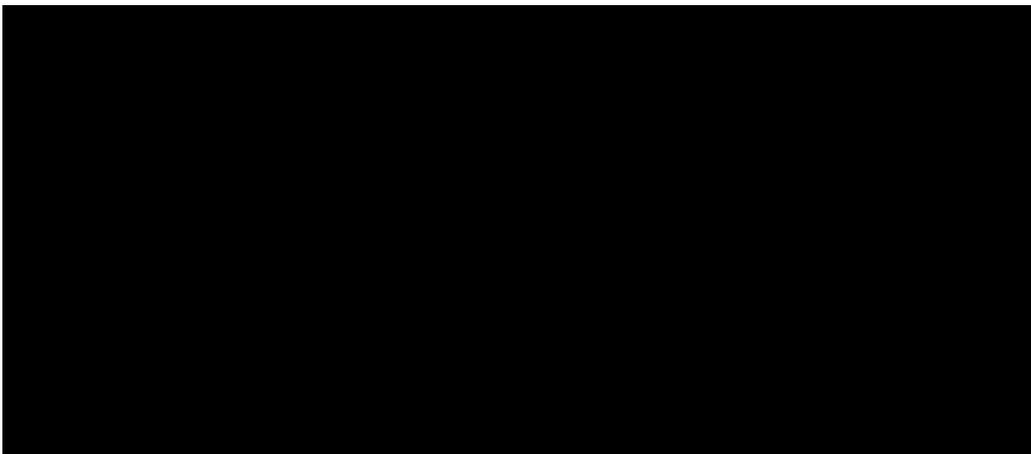
The amnesty follows a recent crackdown on the illegal use of Blue Badges and is part of Operation Bluebird, a joint initiative between East Sussex County Council, Brighton and Hove City Council and Sussex Police to tackle the issue.

Anyone fraudulently using a Blue Badge can hand the permit over at a number of locations across East Sussex between Monday, 8th June and Monday, 22nd June. These include libraries, parking shops and county council offices.

[More information > >](#)

27th May 2015

Police have issued a video warning showing the way that criminals target vulnerable individuals, persuading them to part with large amounts of cash.





21st May 2015

The **SHRA Annual General Meeting** will be held this evening at the Haven School, Atlantic Drive. This meeting is for **members only**, and entry will be by a current membership card.



Guests will include Caroline Ansell MP and Stephen Lloyd.

The meeting will start at 7:30pm, doors open at 7pm .

21st May 2015

Harbour residents are warned that there is currently a syndicate operating in Sovereign Harbour with the sole intention of cloning identities and acquiring **your** money fraudulently.



The system works by initially targeting low security and highly vulnerable apartment mail boxes. They obtain bank and credit card statements, utility bills or similar and then research the individuals in order to obtain further personal information such as dates of birth etc.

They then contact your bank and order a replacement credit or debit card, with the excuse that the original has been lost or stolen. ***(Please don't think this would be impossible because of security checks; the banks are nowhere as meticulous as you might think).***

They then park outside the apartment block (always in a rented car so that they can't be traced), and lay in wait for the postman to deliver the replacement PIN number initially. They often hide in the stair well or similar area (out of sight) until the moment the postman leaves and then target the postbox to get the mail and, of course, will then return on subsequent days to get the card itself in the same way. Most mail boxes aren't that difficult to get into without leaving signs it's been tampered with.

You will be totally unaware you have been targeted, as you are still holding a valid credit/debit card, with no idea a replacement has been ordered without your knowledge. The only indication you may encounter is if a shop declines your card, because unbeknown to you a new one has been issued. There is then that horrid moment when you find substantial funds missing from your bank account.

Protect yourself and others:

- Be vigilant and wary of loitering strangers
- Be especially careful when the postman is around
- Perpetrators will usually be young and slightly built and therefore able to get their hands into mailboxes.

21st May 2015

The **Rampion Offshore Wind Farm** has received £1.3bn green light from E.ON and UK Green Investment Bank.



- A partnership between E.ON and the UK Green Investment Bank plc (GIB) means the project, 13km off the Sussex coast, will now enter construction;
- Construction could power around 350 to 450 jobs during the main building

- phase;
- The completed wind farm could provide enough electricity for around 300,000 homes.

E.ON has today (Monday) confirmed that it will invest in and build the £1.3bn, Rampion Offshore Wind Farm, which will be situated 13km off the Sussex coast, alongside partners in the project, the GIB(1).

The partnering approach taken by E.ON and GIB, an organisation which has a mission to accelerate the UK's transition to a greener economy, means the green light has been given for full construction to begin on the 400MW capacity, 116 turbine(2), 72km² wind farm. When complete the wind farm could provide enough electricity to supply the equivalent of around 300,000 homes(3) and reduce CO₂ emissions by up to 600,000 tonnes(4) a year.

Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change, the Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP, said: "This huge investment is a vote of confidence in the UK, creating local jobs, bringing business opportunities and providing clean, home-grown energy."

20th May 2015



The Good Neighbour Scheme plays a key role

in Eastbourne as, not only does it provide practical support, but also a befriending service, which helps reduce isolation and loneliness and may also contribute to towards some people maintaining their own independence.

[Click here for more information.](#)

18th May 2015

A lone yachtsman in his German registered yacht got into difficulties whilst leaving Sovereign Harbour on Saturday morning, 16th May, when he struck the sunken wreck of the "*SS Barn Hill*", and holed his vessel.

The yacht began taking on water at such a rate that the bilge pumps were unable to cope with the ingress. The yachtsman called for help, first to the marina and then by a 'Pan Pan' distress call on VHF radio. Fortunately local fishing vessel *Beachy Head* was close by and went to the assistance of the stricken yacht. Thanks to Tony Smith for the picture.



One of the fishermen transferred to the yacht to assist with bailing out the water whilst the vessel was taken under tow back the short distance to harbour. Meanwhile Eastbourne all-weather lifeboat was preparing to launch.

The lifeboat's powerful salvage pump was put aboard the yacht and was able to remove sufficient water to keep the yacht afloat whilst it was taken to the hoist bay for an emergency lift out.

14th May 2015

The Wellcome Trust announces today that it has acquired marina operator Premier Marinas Limited ("PML") from the BlackRock UK Property Fund ("BlackRock") for an undisclosed amount. PML's existing operations include:



- Over 5,000 wet and dry berths, and shore storage for over 2,000 boats, including fully serviced boatyard facilities.
- 300,000 square feet of rental property across its marinas, housing tenants operating a wide variety of businesses, such as boat sales and repair services, retailers and catering companies.

Established in 1994, PML owns and operates eight of the UK's most prestigious marinas, which are located on the South Coast. The purchase of the company is consistent with the Wellcome Trust's approach to long-term investment and adds another major business to the Trust's £18 billion endowment that already includes substantial property and agricultural operations.

Peter Pereira Gray, Managing Director of the Wellcome Trust's Investment

Division, said, "Taking sole ownership of PML adds a third wholly-owned UK asset backed operating business to the Trust's investment portfolio and is a demonstration of our commitment to the industry and our confidence in the management team and employees. We will take a long term approach to the ownership of the business and look forward to the continued success and growth of PML."

Paul Tebbit, Director at BlackRock, said, "PML has generated strong returns for BlackRock over the last decade during which time we have expanded the business significantly. We are very pleased to have sold PML to the Wellcome Trust and are confident that the business will continue to thrive under their stewardship."

11th May 2015

It had to happen one year. The bulldozer leaves and a spring tide sees gales 4m+ waves. Some cliffing resulted, so the dozer is back for five days to reduce the beach steepness.



Starting today at 'White Horses', he will work east through Beachlands and Normans Bay to reach Cooden by the end of the week.

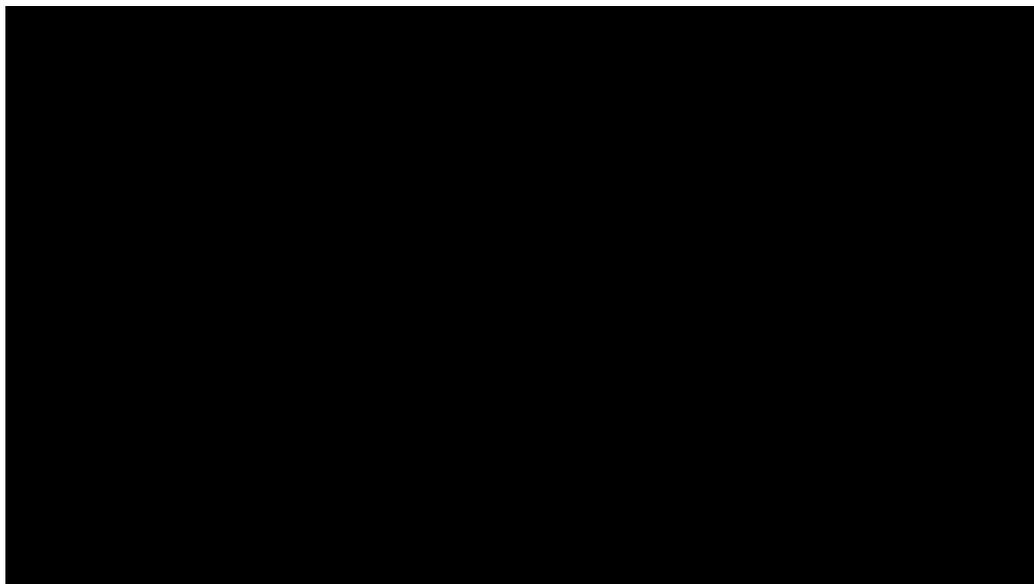
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9th May 2015

At the elections to Eastbourne Borough Council held on 7th May 2015, Sovereign Ward returned three Conservative councillors; Ray Blakebrough, Penny di Cara and Gordon Jenkins.

The video below shows the declaration of the results and introduces the new councillors and the new Member of Parliament for Eastbourne and Willingdon, Caroline Ansell MP.



28th April 2015

The **planning application for the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre** has now been validated and is available to view on the Eastbourne Borough Council Online Planning page.



The application is now open for your comments; search for application no. 150352.

[Click here to download the "Design and Access Statement".](#)

28th April 2015

Some minor cliffing at Normans Bay East and Herbrand Walk appeared as the result of last week's spring tides and easterly winds, so the bulldozer has been kept on for a few more days. In the meantime Sospan Dau has completed dredging at Sovereign Harbour ahead of schedule, so from this evening will be delivering sea dredged aggregate to Sovereign Harbour revetment for a few days before she heads to Littlestone for much of the summer. The remaining shingle required to reinstate the area east of the harbour will be delivered in late summer or early autumn.



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27th April 2015

At 3pm on 4th May, a memorial service will be held at Beachy Head to acknowledge the sacrifices made by 55,573 aircrew of RAF Bomber Command who gave their lives in WW2.

There is plenty of parking available, so please put it in your diary or on your calendar and show your appreciation by being there.

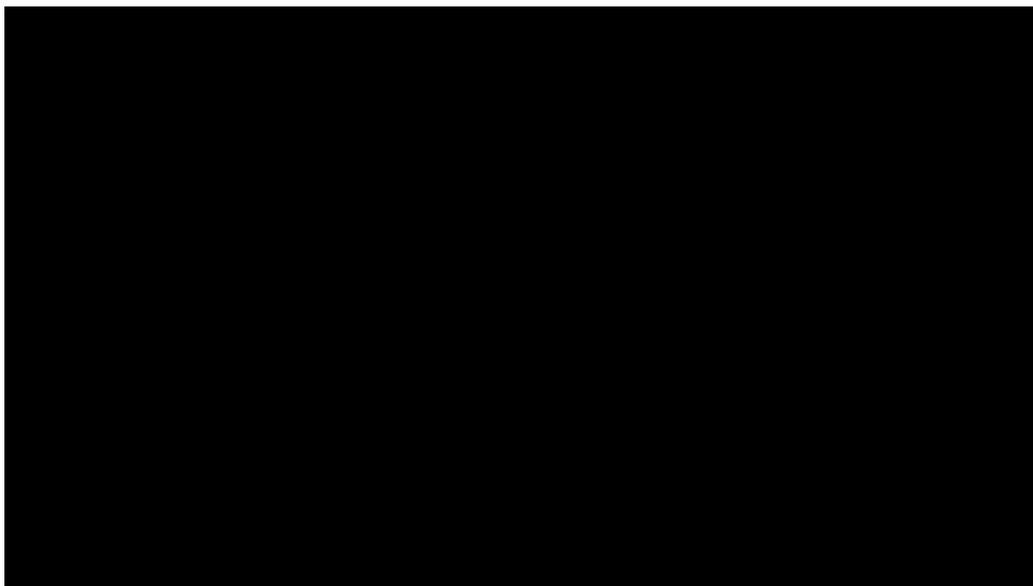


23rd April 2015

On 27th March, the Worshipful The Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr Janet Coles, unveiled an interpretation board on the North Harbour beach, at the end of Macquarie Quay. The board commemorates the sinking of the SS Barn Hill off

the coast of Eastbourne by a German bomber 75 years ago.

Following the unveiling, the board was dedicated by Father David Charles, the RNLI Chaplain. The project to commemorate the event was started by aviation historian, Andy Saunders, and seen to conclusion with the help of Eastbourne Lifeboat Operations Manager, Paul Metcalfe and SHRA Chairman, Jan weeks.



Apologies for the poor quality of the audio in places, cause by a strong cross wind.

23rd April 2015



The Sovereign Harbour Veterans Football Club is now open to new players.

The Football Club, for the over 35's, plays on Sunday mornings for fun and to keep fit; it has now been running successfully since 2006.

It's not just football, there are social events, weekends away, BBQs, Christmas parties, etc for players and wives/families.

For more information, contact:
Frank Milmo 07443-495453

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22nd April 2015

This year the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour will be arranging all of the on site and bucket collections over the four days of Airbourne.



The club is looking for as many volunteers as possible to help.

If you would like to assist, please contact Don Perman on 01323-479713 or [e-mail Don](#)

22nd April 2015

Construction work to create Pacific House - the first offices on Eastbourne's new Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park - has achieved a vital step forward: the roof, floors, external insulation and windows have now been installed.



Pacific House will be a contemporary, three-storey business centre. It will be completed later this summer.

With offices available within it ranging from 627 sq ft to the whole 25,235 sq ft property, it is suitable for small, medium and large companies. Letting enquiries are already coming in from interested companies.

Construction work began last September. As the above photograph shows, the roof, floors, external insulation and windows have now been installed, and work to install the external cladding in a dark, slate-like material, and the internal fitting out of the building is well underway.

Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park is being developed by regeneration company Sea Change Sussex to help local firms expand and to attract companies to the area, creating jobs.

Three miles from Eastbourne town centre, it is accessed from Pacific Drive, just off Pevensey Bay Road. It is five minutes' walk from the cafés, restaurants and boutiques of Sovereign Harbour's prestigious marina.

In addition to Pacific House, the Innovation Park has sites for up to a further 80,000 sq ft of premises. Companies can commission Sea Change to develop freehold or leasehold properties for them, or buy the sites to develop their own.

Anyone interested in offices in Pacific House or elsewhere on the Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park should contact one of Sea Change's agents:

- Richard Harding, Bray Fox Smith: richardharding@brayfoxsmith.com, 020 7629 5456
- Chris Broome, Cluttons: christopher.broome@cluttons.com, 01273 738383
- Alex Hobbis, Dyer & Hobbis: ahobbis@dyerandhobbis.com, 01424 423626

22nd April 2015

For those who can see Sovereign Harbour

entrance, Sospan Dau has this lunchtime finished a short recharge on Eastbourne's beaches and has immediately started the annual dredge of the marina's approach channels. Rather than deposit all materials offshore as is usual, she will this year deposit clean sand in a corridor perpendicular with the coastline close to Pevensey Bay Sailing Club. Hence, you may periodically see the vessel heading east rather than south as is usually the case.



All being well, immediately the maintenance dredging is complete, the dredger should spend about a week delivering the first instalment of this summer's Pevensey recharge, probably in 8 or 9 days time.

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18th April 2015

Lorries bypassing shingle round Sovereign Harbour finished yesterday afternoon, and won't return until the beginning of October at the earliest.



Because the lorries are currently unable to travel along the beach to the stockpile area, the bulldozer will remain at Sovereign Harbour for another day or two, to push some of the new pebbles further towards the harbour. He will then work back through the bay levelling the beach out for summer. He, too, should be gone by next Friday.

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15th April 2015

The Sovereign Harbour Community Centre came another step closer yesterday when the demolition of the Sovereign Harbour Ltd Project Office was completed, leaving "Site 5" clear.



13th April 2015

It has been reported that cars and motorcycles are driving at excessive speeds and performing hand brake turns in and around the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park car park. Officers from the Neighbourhood Policing team are aware of this and are performing more targeted patrols at this location together with specialist officers from the Roads Policing Department based at Polegate.



On 9th April at approx. 8.15pm two persons riding mopeds at the rear of Asda were stopped by officers. One of the riders received a formal warning under section 59 of the Police Reform Act. What this means to the person concerned is that if found driving in a careless or inconsiderate manner again over the next twelve months, and their driving is in a manner which is causing, has been causing or is likely to cause alarm distress or annoyance to members of the public, then their vehicle can be seized and, if not collected after paying for recovery and storage costs, it will be crushed.

Officers will continue to adopt this response to anti-social driving in this area.

11th April 2015

The dredger "Sospan Dau" is expected to commence dredging the outer harbour channel into the marina on 19th April 2015.

The work is expected to take about three weeks.



10th April 2015

The list of candidates for the 2015 Eastbourne Borough Council elections has been published. There are thirteen candidates standing for Sovereign Ward representing five different parties.

[Download the list.](#)

10th April 2015

The Eastbourne Shed provides a place where men and women can come along and take part in activities similar to what you do in your own garden shed but with other like minded people supplying good company.



There are mixed sessions for men and women so everyone can join in.

Projects will include:

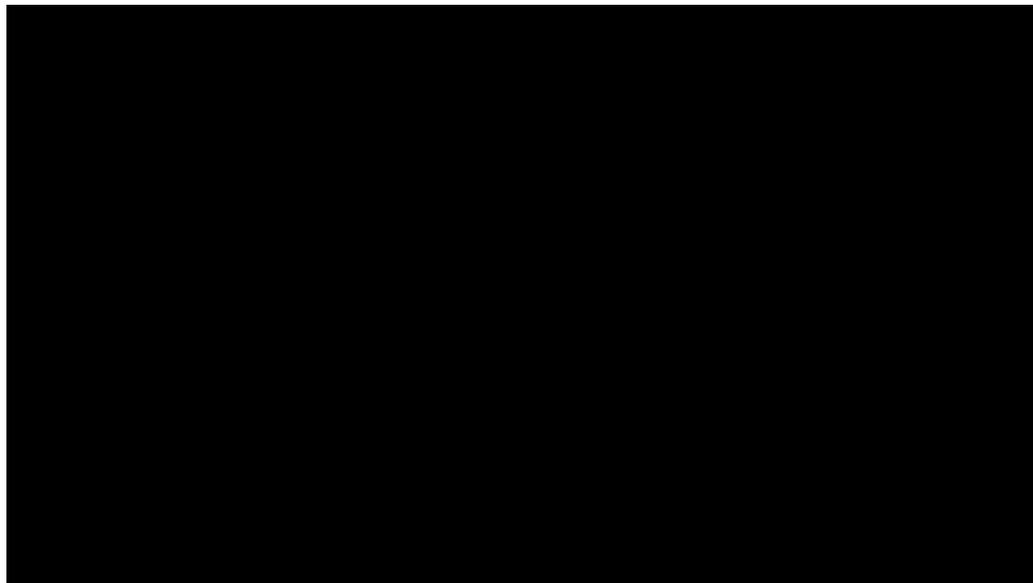
- Woodworking and carving
- Model making
- Engine restoration
- Refurbishing old tools and machines
- Metalwork
- Personal projects such as mending broken objects or building a display cabinet
- Model railway making
- Community projects such as building bird tables for nursing homes
- Inter-generational and skill share projects

[Click here for more information.](#)

[Click here for details of Open Day on 18th April.](#)

9th April 2015

At 08:00 on 9th April, work was started on the demolition of the Sovereign Harbour Ltd Project Office on Site Five. The site is being cleared in preparation for the construction of the long-awaited Sovereign Harbour Community Centre.



5th April 2015

Recycling machines have been parked-up and, hopefully, will not be needed again until autumn.

Some pushing up will be done by the bulldozer from Tuesday, as well as final grading of the beach prior to summer.



**Wednesday 8th April 2015, St Wilfrid's's Hall,
Pevensey Bay between 14:00 and 18:00**

Next Wednesday is the afternoon of our Annual Public Forum ([click here for more information](#)) so, if you are around that afternoon it would be useful to get feedback about our works. I am working on including a display of information and pictures relating to war time beach defences, and various other methods employed during the 1950s and 1960s.

Please pass this information on to anyone who may be interested in attending the event.

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