



## SHRA and Harbour Area News

### News Archive for July to September 2011

**NEW!** ▶ **30 Sep The Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel** has been in discussions with the Neighbourhood Policing Team and Borough Council Enforcement Officers concerning increasing incidents of fly-posting and fly-tipping in the harbour area.

Residents are asked to keep their eyes open for this anti-social behaviour, to note details of any vehicles involved and to report this to the Sussex Police non-emergency helpline 0845 60 70 999.



Recordings of recent CCTV images are being examined in an attempt to identify offenders.

**NEW!** ▶ **25 Sep Sospan Dau is now back in Sussex** - but the time lost to bad weather 10 days ago means another change of plan. With the highest tides of the year due towards the end of next week, she has been diverted to work at Bulverhythe where the foreshore is shallow and hence high tides are more important than they when working here. I do not expect her back in Sovereign Harbour until early October.



In the meantime the bulldozer will be returning for its winter stint on Monday. It will probably not be long before the first recycling starts, although I hope to delay it until October as well. The only reason it will start sooner would be because stormier weather was forecast for next week's spring tide and having trucks here during a storm enables any resulting erosion to be repaired more quickly.

**NEW!** ▶ **24 Sep 'Save the DGH' campaigners** will be meeting on the green outside the hospital on Wednesday 28th September.



As you may have seen in the local paper we are facing some serious challenges at the DGH – both with regard to maternity services and emergency cardiology services. The cross party SavetheDGH Campaign, led by the superb Liz Walke, has been working actively to fight any downgrading of these services happening to our Eastbourne Hospital.

In order to keep the pressure up at this difficult time, the SavetheDGH campaign group is organising a demonstration outside DGH in advance of the NHS Trust's AGM at 9.30 that morning, and hopes to send the trustees a clear message!

Campaigners will be congregating at 7.30am on the green outside the hospital. Stephen Lloyd MP, said: "It will only be for a short time; 30 minutes, so I'd be grateful if you were able to turn up to show your support for DGH, its staff and patients, and the retention of our care services long into the future."

[Click here to visit the 'Save the DGH' website](#)

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**NEW! ▶ 23 Sep Harbour Consultation in the Spotlight** - A group of key stakeholders led by Eastbourne MP Stephen Lloyd have scrutinised the results of the recent Sovereign Harbour development consultation.



This latest initiative follows the return of 300 questionnaires from harbour residents and a consultation event in August when 500 people considered draft proposals for new community facilities.

Over 78% agreed that the top four facilities most needed are a community centre, public open space, children's play grounds and business/employment space. The majority also agreed that homes would be acceptable but only if the community facilities would be guaranteed.

Stephen Lloyd said: "We all agree that community facilities must come first, second and third as we take the next step towards preparing a community masterplan for the harbour. This understanding is fundamental to the process and must be the basis upon which any other development proposals are considered."

Rick Runalls, Chairman of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association, said: "We were delighted with the excellent turn out at the August consultation event and the strength and consistency of residents' feedback. The accord between the Council and SHRA is a cornerstone in this final stage of development of the Harbour and an essential element in balancing the needs of residents, the broader Eastbourne community and the land owners. There is cause for optimism that at long last Sovereign Harbour can become a truly sustainable community."

Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, Councillor David Tutt, said: "We have created a really positive momentum and significant community support for the draft proposals. The agreed way forward is to provide new community facilities and a strict limit of no more than 150 new homes. We are on the right course to deliver the essential services needed in the harbour area."

Conservative Group Leader, Councillor David Elkin, said: "We've been given an opportunity, perhaps a final opportunity, to make a really positive and long-lasting contribution to the future of the harbour. Our progress is a cause for real optimism and thanks in large part to the excellent cross-party support and valuable contributions made by so many residents."

[Click here to view the full Consultation Report](#)

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**NEW! ▶ 22 Sep SHECAT Website Launched** - The Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Carnival Action Team has launched a new website to support its plans for Sovereign Harbour to participate in the relaunched Eastbourne Carnival.

**SHECAT**

The team is looking for support in a number of areas; skills, materials, premises and, of course, financial. If you would like to get involved, [visit www.shecat.info](http://www.shecat.info)

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**▶ 21 Sep Eastbourne Police District Commander, Jayne Dando** has sent out the following message.

"As you are aware the way we work in East Sussex is changing. Our go-live date for this new way of working is September 27th - only one week to go. This is an exciting and challenging period of transformation for East Sussex Police and we look forward to doing things differently across the Division in order to better serve the communities of East Sussex into the future.



Our new hub model sees both CID and Response teams working out of five key hubs across East Sussex. This allows us to make better use of our resources and officers and will help us maintain the levels of service you expect in a changing financial future. The hub model is being used by other Forces around the country and also by other Sussex Police Divisions in Brighton & Hove and West Sussex.

The model is achieving good results in these areas and we have every confidence East Sussex will see the same benefits this way of working delivers.

We will also see the new RIT teams working from three hubs from 27th September. These new teams will focus on the investigative side of policing allowing our response teams to get out and about sooner after dealing with a crime. Because the response teams will not be spending time in the office dealing with prisoners or conducting interviews they will be out in their areas providing a visible presence for all our communities across East Sussex.

The Neighbourhood Police Teams will not change how they work; they are a valuable link into the communities we serve and you will be able to work with them in exactly the same way as before we go-live with the Restructure.

Of course any period of change brings with it bedding in issues and we want to work with you to address any areas of concern that may arise. Please do let us know how you find the new model and how we can help you get the most of the service we deliver."

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► **20 Sep The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership** - has published its September Newsletter.

"Eastbourne is a low crime area and is a very safe place to live, visit and work." These are the words of the Police District Commander Chief Inspector Jayne Dando as she introduces the new Community Safety Plan that will help steer what the Partnership does from 2011 until 2014.



[Click here](#) to download the complete newsletter

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► **19 Sep Sovereign Harbour Community Groups are setting out to make a big splash at the Eastbourne Carnival next year**

As a first step, the 'Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Carnival Action Team' (SHECAT) has just been launched. Supported by Sovereign Harbour Residents Association, the Neighbourhood Panel and the Harbour Community Association, SHECAT's ambition is to make Sovereign Harbour's carnival entry a real community-based venture.



Rick Runalls, Chairman of Sovereign Harbour Residents Association, said: "We are delighted that the Eastbourne Carnival is being revived. As the last carnival pre-dates the harbour, this is a first for us and we are determined to give the event our full support."

Neighbourhood Panel Chairman Jan Weeks said: "We hope many harbour-based organisations, social groups and residents will join forces with SHECAT to make this happen – and have lots of fun along the way."

Alison Attwood, who is coordinating the SHECAT project said: "We're the new kids on the block and on a learning curve, so we're looking for good people to get involved. If you're handy with a hammer, nifty with a needle, proficient with a paintbrush or just enthusiastic and looking for fun, we want to hear from you."

Harbour residents and groups interested in joining the team should contact Alison on 07764-677363 or email [alison.attwood@shecat.info](mailto:alison.attwood@shecat.info)

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► **18 Sep Eastbourne RNLI have received a new inshore lifeboat** thanks to the generosity of lifetime RNLI supporter and Shoreline member Louise Hobbs, who sadly passed away in 1999, aged 96 years. Louise bequeathed part of her estate to Eastbourne RNLI lifeboat station. The legacy was for the specific purpose of funding a replacement for their D-class inshore lifeboat (ILB) when it reached the end of its serviceable life.



The new £39,000 lifeboat, *Laurence and Percy Hobbs*, is named after Louise's

father, Laurence John Hobbs, and brother Percy, neither of whom are alive today. The lifeboat replaces the old D-class inshore lifeboat *Joan & Ted Wiseman 50*, which has been on station since August 2003.

Eastbourne's outgoing D-class lifeboat, *Joan & Ted Wiseman 50*, was funded by Middlesex based couple Joan and Ted Wiseman, who wanted to mark their golden wedding anniversary in a special way. They donated funds for the lifeboat because Eastbourne held fond memories for them.

*Joan & Ted Wiseman 50* went on service on 15 August 2003 and has been launched on service 337 times, rescued 194 people and, using strict RNLI criteria, has saved 6 lives. Sadly Eastbourne's shingle beaches and her constant use have taken its toll and she is now due for retirement to the relief fleet or possibly for crew training at RNLI headquarters in Poole. She has served Eastbourne well and will be missed by all the crew.

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► **17 Sep Fireworks Display Announced** - We have had a number of enquiries as to the possibility of a repeat of last year's spectacular harbour fireworks display. The bad news is that the Haven School declined the organisers' offer, and so it will not take place. The good news is that the Tollgate School, which is attended by many harbour children, accepted the offer, so there will be a display close to the harbour, which will be run for the benefit of the local community.



[Click here](#) for more information

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► **17 Sep Public Information Events on Sussex Coast Windfarms** will be held in the region over the next fortnight.

Rampion Projects were awarded the exclusive right to seek consent to build a wind farm off the Sussex coast, and have been engaging with politicians, local authorities, statutory consultees and those with a commercial interest in the Rampion site area.



Events, which will complete the early engagement process and introduce the Rampion Project to the wider community, will be held as follows:

Monday 19 September, 12pm–8pm  
Hillcrest Community Centre, Hillcrest Road, Newhaven BN9 9EA

Tuesday 20 September, 12pm–8pm  
Henfield Village Hall (off the High Street behind Budgens), Henfield BN5 9DB

Wednesday 21 September, 9am–5pm and 5.30pm–8pm  
At South Street Square (junction of Warwick Street and South Street), near the entrance to the Guildbourne Centre, Worthing Town Centre until 5pm and then at Worthing Train Station (south side) from 5.30pm.

Wednesday 28 September, 9am–5pm  
At a stall at the Farmers' Market on the plaza at Churchill Square, Brighton City Centre.

[Click here](#) to download the first Rampion Project Newsletter

[Click here](#) to download the latest Project Information Sheet

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► **16 Sep Consultation feedback shows strong support for harbour development vision**

The leaders of both groups on the Borough Council, Sovereign Ward councillors, senior officers of the Borough Council and representatives of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association attended a meeting, chaired by Stephen Lloyd MP, on September 15 to review the feedback from the harbour development consultation event held at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club in August.



The feedback showed a high level of support for the joint vision that was presented at the event and this will now be used as the basis for the creation of the Supplementary Planning Document as agreed at the meeting of the full council on September 14.

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► **15 Sep You can now get SHRA news on your smartphone** by visiting [www.shra.co.uk/mobnews](http://www.shra.co.uk/mobnews).

To save download time, this page will contain only the past two weeks news and small graphics. Your feedback would be much appreciated. Please [e-mail the webmaster](#) with your comments



► **15 Sep A report of a possible fire on the harbour**

turned out to be a false alarm but, as the picture shows, there was a lot of smoke and it looked serious.



On Wednesday afternoon a resident reported what looked like a fire on the North Harbour, so SHRA webmaster, Ian Weeks, grabbed his camera and went out to investigate. In the event, the smoke was from a vehicle fire in the woods close to the Bay View Golf Course. Thanks to resident for the information and the picture, click on the image for an enlarged view.

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► **13 Sep The DVLA Enforcement Team visited Eastbourne** on 8th and 9th September to target unlicensed and uninsured vehicles.



We understand that Sovereign Harbour was included in the operation, and a number of vehicles were clamped and/ or removed.

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► **09 Sep Do you know what drowning looks like?**

The Instinctive Drowning Response is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water, and it does not look like most people expect. There is very little splashing, no waving, and no yelling or calls for help of any kind.



To get an idea of just how quiet and undramatic from the surface drowning can be, consider that drowning is the number two cause of accidental death in children, age 15 and under (just behind vehicle accidents). Sadly, half of them will drown within 25 yards of a parent or other adult. In ten percent of those drownings, the adult will actually watch them do it, having no idea it is happening. Drowning does not look like drowning.

[Click here](#) for a detailed description of the drowning process.

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► **08 Sep New President** for Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour.

The President of the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour, Jim Hull, has reluctantly resigned due to health problems. At the club meeting on 6th September, the members decided that President Elect, Peter Thomas, should take over the presidency for the current year, and also for the year 2012/2013.



The President's nominated charity for the current year will be "Guide Dogs for the Blind".

[Visit Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour website.](#)

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► **05 Sep Beach Work Update** - The return of the dredger *Sospan Dau* has been delayed. Recharge works is due to

restart at Sovereign Harbour on Thursday 15 September.

Although *Sospan Dau* was due back this week, it is unlikely that she would have been able to start work given the current weather forecast.



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► **05 Sep Cookery Clubs due for launch**- Two new Sovereign Harbour cookery clubs are being launched on Monday 12th September.

Both clubs are free to join and are open to harbour residents and also others. For more information, visit the 'Events Announcements' page.



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► **02 Sep Emergency Repairs at Water Treatment Works** - Emergency repair work is being carried out near the Eastbourne Wastewater Treatment Works in Prince William Parade. The work, to repair a broken pipe in an underground storm water tank, is likely to last until Thursday 8th September and may result in some noise from a diesel pump in the immediate vicinity.



A temporary pipeline has been set-up around the public car park in front of the works, and this emergency repair will ensure the normal operation of the works is maintained.

The car park will remain open at all times and there will be no disruption to the Dotto Train. A footpath leading into the car park has been temporarily closed, but will be re-opened as soon as possible.

Southern Water will do everything possible to minimise the effect of this work and offers its sincere apologies for any inconvenience this important repair may cause residents.

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► **29 Aug Sovereign Polyphony** - female harmony choirs are recruiting now.

The choirs sometimes perform alone but always combine for four concerts annually. [Click here for more information](#) or call 01323-729511 or 01323-470445.



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► **26 Aug The Harbour Friends meeting on Sunday**

**28 August** has been cancelled as the Yacht Club will be in use for the RNLI Regatta.

Next meeting 4 September.



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► **26 Aug Feedback on the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park regeneration consultation** is currently being considered by the Design Team and other Consultants and used to shape final proposals.

If you haven't yet submitted your feedback and would like to do so, please [click here](#)



The final day for feedback to be submitted is Sunday 28 August.

All feedback received will be analysed and reported in a Statement of Community Involvement that will accompany the Planning Application.

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► **25 Aug The Eastbourne Community Safety Partnership Newsletter** August issue has been published.

Following the outbreak of disturbances that spread across many areas



of England earlier this month Sussex Police and the Community Safety Partnership were quick to release information messages reassuring the community that there was no likelihood of similar disturbances occurring in Eastbourne.

To read this and other articles, [click here](#) to download the complete newsletter.

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▶ **24 Aug The Harbour Development Consultation Event**

held at the Yacht Club was attended by over 500 visitors. About 250 feedback forms were completed, and a number of people took their form away to complete at home.



The consultation is still open so, if you were unable to get to the Yacht Club on Monday, [click here](#) to complete the feedback form online, or, [click here](#) to download a printable form.

Completed forms should be returned to: Sue Holland, Planning Policy, Eastbourne Borough Council, 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4TW.

Analysis of the feedback is ongoing and will be published as soon as possible after the consultation closes on 2nd September.

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▶ **20 Aug Harbour Development Consultation Event** - A three week, public consultation about the future development of Sovereign Harbour is in progress.



As part of the process, a drop-in consultation event is being held in **the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm, on Monday 22nd August** to get the views of residents on issues such as priorities for social infrastructure and possible locations for housing and amenities.

The short consultation questionnaire can be downloaded and printed from the web site below, or completed on-line, or at the exhibition. Completed paper questionnaires may be handed in at the exhibition or posted in.

Full details, including a development sites map, are available from the [EBC website](#)

***It is crucial that as many harbour residents as possible come to this event. It could be the final opportunity for us to shape the future of our community.***

***If you were one of those who supported the Haven School LDF consultation, you won't want to miss this event. Please make sure your friends and neighbours know about this.***

**The consultation period finishes on 2 September.**

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▶ **20 Aug Cormorants relocated-** Following the recent maintenance carried out on the bird pontoon at Sovereign Harbour, and by popular demand by the Sovereign Harbour Residents, Premier Marinas are pleased to announce that it has now relocated the pontoon into the North Harbour. It did not take long for our Cormorant population at Sovereign Harbour to relocate to the quieter waters in the North Harbour where they can bask in the sunshine.



An added bonus of this relocation for Premier Marinas and their customers is that the pontoons and boats in the Inner Harbour are much cleaner and safer following the relocation of the pontoon. It has also assisted our larger boats when manoeuvring and turning to lock out.

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▶ **20 Aug Eastbourne Netball Club-** trains every Monday at the Harlow Sports Centre, Cross Levels Way, between 7.30pm and 9.30pm.

A session costs £5 for the 2 hours.

Whether it's a way to keep fit & have fun, or to train and play in a team, everyone (16 and over) is welcome.

Contact: Samantha: 07792-820374

[Website](#)

[E-mail](#)



► **19 Aug The Sovereign Harbour Retail Park regeneration consultation event** was a great success. About 450 members of the local community turned up to view the plans and make their comments.



Adam Birch, of PRUPIM, said, "We've been delighted by the interest from the community today and we look forward to reviewing all the comments we've received. Feedback forms will continue to be available on the [Sovereign Central website](#) until 28th August."

► **18 Aug Change to website management** - Following Tony Smith's resignation as webmaster, Ian Weeks, who managed the site before Tony, has again taken up the reins.

For technical reasons, it has been necessary to make some minor changes to the site. There are further cosmetic changes that will have to be made, as time permits, but if you find any mistakes, or broken links, please [e-mail ian](#)



On behalf of the Committee, SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, said: "It is with much regret that I confirm Tony Smith's resignation as SHRA web manager. Tony did a magnificent job in taking over the web site from Ian Weeks (SHRA Communications officer) and developing it into the outstanding site we have today. His resignation came as a surprise and he will be sadly missed by the SHRA committee. My thanks go to him for liaising closely with Ian to ensure that the management of the site transfers back smoothly. I do not anticipate any significant disruption to communications at what is a time of critical importance to the harbour community."

► **16 Aug Police carry out drugs warrant**- Yesterday Police carried out a drugs warrant at Campbell Mews, Sovereign Harbour.

The warrant was successful and drugs to the approx value of £7,000 were recovered. A male was arrested this morning and is currently in custody. The investigation is likely to take some time while evidence to support the case is built.



Eastbourne East Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant, Ed Ripley, said: "Local residents have been extremely helpful and very supportive; I have thanked some residents, and my PCSOs carried out some reassurance visits in the area. Please pass on my thanks."

► **16 Aug Message from Chief Constable of Sussex Police**- Dear Partners,

I am pleased to report that the weekend passed without any significant incidents of unrest, not only in Sussex but across the country.

Over the coming days we shall continue to provide mutual aid to colleagues in the Metropolitan Police, monitor intelligence and provide an increased neighbourhood policing presence in our communities. We remain prepared should any incidents of





disorder arise. In light of the local and national picture, however, some of the extra arrangements that have been in place, such as extended working hours for staff, will be scaled back.

This last week has seen Sussex Police, members of the public, partner agencies and organisations such as Neighbourhood Watch pulling together, offering reassurance and ensuring that our communities remain peaceful. This has been a challenging week for the county as a whole but it has been reassuring and rewarding to see so many people working together to keep our county safe.

Martin Richards  
Chief Constable

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▶ **15 Aug - Retail Park Development Consultation Opens** - The proposals for a digital and 3D capable 9 screen cinema, new restaurants and additional shops in the retail park, opened to public consultation on Monday 15th August.



The proposals are published on the [development's web site](#). Feedback forms will be available for two weeks until 28 August.

A public exhibition will be held on **18 August 1.00pm to 8.00pm in the Fitness First Building, Sovereign Harbour Retail Park**, to give everyone a chance to discuss the proposals with the design team.

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▶ **14 Aug - South Harbour Weathervane Maker Passes Away** - We sadly learnt that Dominica Court resident, Kevin Connolly died on Friday evening at home after a long and courageous battle against cancer. Kevin and his wife Theresa have been resident at Dominica Court since it was built.



His neighbour, George Gatland, had this to say about Kevin. "His positive outlook on everything never allowed his illness to get him down. He loved his garden and his sculptures and the unique weathervane which he designed. All these were constantly admired by passers-by. (see [this article from Issues 48 of Waterlines](#)).

"He greatly enjoyed his time here at the harbour and always had a friendly greeting for those who wanted to stop and talk. Despite his terminal illness he never complained. He always focused on the good side of life and the many happy times he had enjoyed with his wife and family. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are now with Theresa who has looked after Kevin bravely and tirelessly throughout his long illness and also with his daughters Gail and Nicky."

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▶ **13 Aug -Cookery Clubs Update** - As we reported below (14 July), a new cookery club opens in the Harbour on 12 September. There will, in fact, be two new clubs.

**Sovereign Harbour Cookery Club**, will focus on traditional cooking and will meet at 10am in Seamors Wine Bar on Monday mornings.



The more specialised **Gluten Free Cookery Club of Sovereign Harbour** and will meet at 3 pm at the Simply Italian Annex on Monday afternoons.

Activities for both clubs will be held every Monday starting on the 12th of September.

It is FREE Membership but 50p will be collected from each member each time to cover the cost of paper and ink. Those attending must purchase a drink as part of the arrangement made between the organiser and the hosting establishments who are opening especially 'out of hours.'

Visit the blog for details at... [www.shcookeryclub.blogspot.com/](http://www.shcookeryclub.blogspot.com/) and to register an interest in this new club please email Sam Sweiry now at [shcookeryclub@gmail.com](mailto:shcookeryclub@gmail.com)

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► **13 Aug - SHRA Web Manager Resigns** - Tony Smith has resigned from the SHRA committee and as its web manager.



The SHRA web site will continue, and in his resignation letter to the SHRA Chairman Tony has offered to manage updates during the hand-over period.

He also said that he's grateful to the committee for trusting him with the web site for the past couple of years, and for all the positive feedback about the web site he received from the SHRA members and Harbour residents.

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► **12 Aug - Consultation on Harbour Future Begins** - A three week, public consultation about the future development of Sovereign Harbour has begun today.



Among its purposes is getting the views of residents on issues like priorities and possible development locations for housing and amenities.

As part of the consultation process an exhibition will be held at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on Monday 22 August between 4-7pm.

The short consultation questionnaire can be downloaded and printed from the web site below, or completed on-line, or at the exhibition. Completed paper questionnaires may be handed in at the exhibition or posted in.

Full details, including a development sites map, are available from the EBC web site at: [www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/consultations/sovereign-harbour/](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/council/consultations/sovereign-harbour/)

**The consultation period finishes on 2 September.**

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► **09 Aug - Thrown Back Dead** - Have you heard about Hugh's Fish Fight campaign? I've just added my name to a petition and you may like to as well. You can sign up here [www.fishfight.net](http://www.fishfight.net). It only takes a few seconds to do and could make a real difference.



Around half the fish caught in the North Sea are thrown back dead and the Fish Fight is campaigning to change EU laws to stop it. Together we can help stop this madness. Find out more on the [Fish Fight web site...](#)

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► **08 Aug - Airbourne - Red Arrows Display Times** - [See our Events page...](#) or the [Airbourne web site...](#) with live video feed.

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► **05 Aug - Consensus Reached on Future Harbour Development** - A consensus has been reached over future development at Sovereign Harbour to ensure that new and improved community facilities are at the heart of any further building plans.



At a meeting chaired by Eastbourne MP Stephen Lloyd, attended by the leaders of both political groups, the three new Sovereign Ward Councillors, senior officers of the council and representatives of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA), there was strong commitment to ensuring any future development at Sovereign Harbour must be sustainable and in the best interests of residents.

At the meeting it was recognised that the original plans for the harbour were drawn up over 25 years ago; under today's planning system, similar applications submitted now would have been dealt with very differently.

Consensus was reached that:

- Any plans must include, as an absolute priority, a purpose built community centre

located at the heart of the harbour, children's play areas, several public open spaces, and the completion of the promenade from Atlantic Drive to the harbour arm.

- The development of the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront and marina as tourist destinations, and the creation of "clean jobs" by developing a business park on the commercial sites, were also considered to be vital, not only for the benefit of the local community, but for Eastbourne in general.

- A strictly limited amount of sympathetically located residential development, of the appropriate mix, could be accommodated, subject to the normal planning process and considerations.

- A Community Centre of an appropriate size would be delivered before any residential development was started while other community facilities must also be provided.

A public exhibition of a plan to illustrate the preferred locations of the community facilities will be held at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club from 4pm to 7pm on Monday 22nd August, to give everyone the opportunity to express their views. Residents will be invited to complete a questionnaire about the scheme.

SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, said: "It has taken a lot of heart searching for the SHRA committee to endorse this solution, but we concluded that we now have the prospect of seeing the harbour development completed with many of the facilities that residents need. The alternative is more wasted years, with little guarantee of greater success. I hope that residents will grasp this opportunity, which we believe will strengthen our community."

[Click here to read the full Joint Statement...](#)

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**NEW!** ▶ **05 Aug - Two Important Harbour Development Consultation Exhibitions Announced.**

(1) **Thursday 18th August** from 1pm to 8pm in the former Fitness First unit on the [Regeneration of the Retail Park](#).



(2) **Monday 22nd August** from 4pm to 7pm in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on the **Completion of the Harbour Development**.

Both exhibitions, where you will be able to view initial proposals and talk to planners, are drop-in events, so pop in at anytime during the hours shown.

The retail park developers have also released some [small drawings of the proposed design](#), including an impression of the view from Daytona Quay. [Click here for a plan....](#)

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**NEW!** ▶ **05 Aug - Help Needed to Deliver *Waterlines*** - Due to holidays and people moving away, distribution of *Waterlines* in a number of areas of the Harbour is taking longer than we would like, especially at this time when important Harbour issues are in the pipeline.



**HELP!**

If you can spare 45 minutes or so once every two months to help get *Waterlines* out in your local area (or elsewhere on the Harbour if you'd prefer), your assistance would be greatly appreciated. It is simply a matter of pushing copies through letter boxes during a short walk.

To join the team of *Waterlines* distributors, please call the SHRA helpline, 07770 621 368 or e-mail [waterlines@shra.co.uk](mailto:waterlines@shra.co.uk) with details of: • Your name • The area(s) to which you can deliver • A contact telephone number and/or email address.

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**NEW!** ▶ **03 Aug - Beach Work Update** - The dredger

*Sospan Dau* is due to resume recharge works at Sovereign Harbour in the early hours of Thursday morning (she is currently [on her way](#) from a job in Cardiff). She will be delivering shingle here for about a week before needing to be in Rotterdam for her refit. Any deliveries not completed in this phase will be completed in September when she returns to Sussex primarily for recharge works at Bulverhythe.



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**NEW! ► 29 July - Retail Park Development Unveiled**

- Major improvements to the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park have been announced.

Its owners, The Prudential Assurance Company, are proposing a 14 million pound investment to revitalise the area. They also propose to give it a new name, 'Sovereign Central' that is very similar to the popular 'Sovereign Centre' near by.



The main work will be the construction of a large building replacing the closed Fitness First gym and extending to fill the whole gap between that and Harvey's. The building will widen and reach back as far as the rear service road and will be bisected by a new pedestrianised access walkway that will house the entrance to a new cinema.

The new building will offer restaurants and cafés on the ground floor and a new 9-screen cinema on the upper levels, which will stretch over the pedestrian walkway. The existing cinema building will be converted back into shop units to attract new retailers.

The development will also include the long-awaited cross-harbour bus lane.

More detailed plans are expected to be released in a couple of weeks, and the developers are holding a short public consultation to commence on 15 August. There will also be a [public exhibition](#) on the 18 August at the Yacht Club.

[Click here to view the developer's Press Notice and an outline plan.](#) Visit the following web site for further information and to sign-up for email updates... [www.sovereigncentral.co.uk](http://www.sovereigncentral.co.uk)

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**► 28 July - Medical Centre build up to the roof -**

construction of the medical centre continues. The walls are up and the roof's woodwork is almost complete. On target for completion in the Autumn. [Click here to view enlarged photo...](#)



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**► 28 July - Police District Commander's Message** - Chief Inspector Jayne Dando, District Commander Eastbourne, reports on falling crime rates, property security, recent arrests and successes.



She also reports that the police have recovered a haul of marine goods including an aluminium boat, some anchors, buoys, outboard engines, a fish finder, GPS, numerous fishing rods and fuel containers, and are seeking the owners. [Click here to read the message...](#)

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**► 23 July - Views Sought on Town Centre Area**

**Action Plan** - The plan sets out proposals for Eastbourne Town Centre up until 2027. You can view or download the plan [by clicking here...](#)

The overall aim of the Plan is to ensure that the Town Centre remains a vibrant, attractive and welcoming place for the whole community with a strong mix of



shopping, leisure and tourism attractions together with great places to live, work and relax.

Visit [this EBC web page for more details about](#) The Plan, Library Exhibitions, the Public Surgery on 1 September in the Town Hall, and how to make your representations online. **Comments must be received by 22 September.**  
[EBC Information leaflet...](#)

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► **15 July - The Waterfront Granted Entertainments**

**Licence** - The Waterfront has been granted an Entertainments Licence by EBC, and is looking to start a programme of managed, open air, street entertainment on weekdays and weekends. The licence allows for entertainment every day between 10am and 10pm.



The plan is to invite a variety of musicians, entertainers, performers and 'buskers' to entertain visitors to The Waterfront on a fairly relaxed and informal basis between noon and 9pm. Performers will have to sign up to a Performers Charter & Protocol ([see extract here...](#))

If you, or anyone you know, would like to perform at The Waterfront, then please email full details to [info@eastbourneharbour.com](mailto:info@eastbourneharbour.com) or visit The Waterfront web site [www.eastbourneharbour.com](http://www.eastbourneharbour.com) for an application form and further info.

A full list of dates and performers will be published on the The Waterfront website when details have been finalised.

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► **14 July - Sovereign Harbour Cookery Club** - A new private members club based around cooking is planned to start in September.

Meeting in Seamoors Wine Bar every Monday morning at 10am from September 12, the basis of the Cookery Club will be a different recipe every week. The week's recipe and its ingredients will be discussed, including how it might be adapted for vegetarian, cealiac, salt free or other types of cooking. Members will be encouraged to cook the recipe at home and report back the following week.



For more details [visit the Club's blog by clicking here...](#) and to register an interest in this new club please email Sam Sweiry now at [shcookeryclub@gmail.com](mailto:shcookeryclub@gmail.com)

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► **11 July Boots Fire Charges** - Two local 17-year-old boys have been charged with arson following an investigation into the [fire at Sovereign Harbour Retail Park](#), The Crumbles, Eastbourne last December. The fire caused millions of pounds worth of damage to four national stores.

**Update:** The two 17-year-old boys, who live in Eastbourne but cannot be named because they are under 18, pleaded not guilty to arson when they appeared before Hastings Youth Court on 20th July. They appeared before a district judge who agreed their trial should be held at the Hastings court. The case against both boys was adjourned for four weeks when they will return to court and be told the date for their trial.



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► **10 July - The Other SHRA - Strawberry Hill Residents**

**Association** - Strawberry Hill is a community in West London on the north (Middlesex) bank of the River Thames. In 1747, Horace Walpole acquired a house there which he developed into his "little gothic Castle". He named it Strawberry Hill and the immediate area is named after his creation. [Strawberry Hill](#) house re-opened this year after extensive restoration.



[Strawberry Hill Residents Association \(SHRA\)](#) is a lively and busy organisation involved in many issues that affect the lives of local people. The Association was formed in 1965 and over the years has campaigned on many subjects from road safety to urging improvements to Strawberry Hill railway station. Traffic, parking and over-development are some of the more recent concerns they have addressed (sounds familiar!)

Like us, it publishes a well-designed, [printed bulletin](#) that is delivered to homes in the area.

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► **09 July - Note of SHRA AGM and Annual Report Published**

- The Note records the decisions taken at SHRA's AGM held in May, and lists the questions and responses of the open discussion session with our local MP and new Councillors. The Annual Report gives a summary of SHRA's activities during the previous year and of the audited accounts. [Click here to read it...](#)



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► **08 July - SHRA has a new Chairman** - At the first official SHRA committee meeting since the AGM, in accordance with the constitution, Jan Weeks stood down as Chairman. Rick Runalls has been elected as SHRA Chairman for the coming year, and Jan was elected as Vice Chairman.



As most you you will know, Rick has served as Chairman in previous years and has a wealth of knowledge about the development of the harbour and much experience in negotiating with the EBC planners and other bodies.

The committee wish to thank Jan for her excellent stewardship and hard work during her term as Chairman as she steered SHRA through some important issues.

The committee also welcomed a new committee member, Des Davis.

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► **03 July - Council Tax Scam Caller Warning** - EBC are reporting that some residents have received phone calls from a person saying they are from the Council Tax Team and that they are entitled to a refund. The caller tells them they have overpaid their council tax or that their property has been re-banded.



Unlike the genuine Council Tax Team the caller says they can arrange an immediate refund if the resident provides their debit or credit card details.

This call is a scam. **Never give your card details out over the phone to someone for a refund of Council Tax.** [More details here...](#) including how to report such calls.

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► **02 July - Towner Web Site Opens** - at long last Eastbourne's Towner Art Gallery has a proper web site.

The web site contains details of current and forthcoming exhibitions and events, opening times, etc. Hopefully, in the future some enlightened soul will start putting up copies of the collection on-line. [Click here to visit the web site...](#)



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► **02 July - Red Means Stop** - People 'jumping the red

light' on the pedestrian gangways that cross the lock gates are putting themselves in danger says Marina Manager, Janet Taylor, and their behaviour is causing unnecessary delays to other pedestrians and boat owners.



Pedestrians should note that there is no right of access across the locks, and continued abuse of the system could have serious consequences for everybody.

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► **01 July - Vetted and Approved Trades People - Local Contractor Call** from Age Concern, Eastbourne provides a free referral service to home owners of all ages in Eastbourne and surrounding areas.



All contractors on our register have been trading for minimum of 12 months and have been thoroughly vetted and approved. We also ensure that we have current Public Liability Insurance certificates for each of them.

If you have maintenance, repairs or improvements to be done then call us and we will personally match your needs to the most suitable contractor for the job.

We track all jobs placed with us, to ensure high standards are delivered to you, and should problems arise we will mediate to help reach a successful outcome.

Our phone lines are open 9.30 – 13.00hrs Monday to Friday on **01323 724 433**. We can be contacted by email: [emma.viera@ageconcerneastbourne.co.uk](mailto:emma.viera@ageconcerneastbourne.co.uk) If the phone is busy leave a message and we will get back to you. [Click here for a flyer...](#)

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