

# Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



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### 30th September 2015

**Please keep your eyes open for a grey "Staffy" pup** which has gone AWOL from Macquarie Quay. Although it's only a pup, it's quite well-grown.

If seen, please call 01323-479525.

### 29th September 2015

**The first office within Pacific House** - the new development on Eastbourne's Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park – has been let to transport engineering company Bourne Rail.



Bourne Rail provides civil engineering services to the rail industry, handling projects such as installing and upgrading signalling systems and high voltage

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cables. The firm is just starting its third year of operation and has grown rapidly, expanding its workforce from 12 to 30 in the last year. It has taken an office on the ground floor of Pacific House.

Tim Clifford, owner of Bourne Rail, explains: "We had a small office in Eastbourne town centre but we need more space and a more professional working environment where we can meet our clients. Pacific House is designed really well - contemporary, light, full of modern features and well laid-out with plenty of parking. It's the perfect place to help me take my business to the next level."

Pacific House is a three-floor business centre which was completed in late July. With offices available from 627 sq ft upwards, it is suitable for small, medium and large companies.

There are 10 small suites remaining on the ground floor (from 627 to 952 sq ft), six medium-sized offices on the first floor (1,258 - 1,897 sq ft) and two large offices on the second floor (4,402 & 4,412 sq ft). These could be combined or sub-divided to suit occupiers' needs.

Pacific House also incorporates a light-filled atrium, break-out areas for informal meetings and a conference room. It is designed to be a low-energy building and has parking spaces for 130 cars.

Developer **Sea Change Sussex** – the not-for-profit regeneration company for East Sussex – and its agents are undertaking viewings for other companies and are in discussions with several about letting offices.

In addition to Pacific House, Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park has sites which can accommodate further business premises up to 80,000 sq ft. Companies can commission Sea Change to develop bespoke freehold or leasehold properties for them, or buy serviced sites to develop their own.

The Innovation Park project is designed to provide an economic boost to the area by providing high-quality premises and sites on previously disused land. It aims to help local firms expand and to attract companies to the area, creating jobs.

The Innovation Park is three miles from Eastbourne town centre and accessed from Pacific Drive, off Pevensey Bay Road. It is five minutes' walk to the cafés, restaurants and boutiques of Sovereign Harbour's prestigious marina, as well as a retail park including a large supermarket, cinema and gym.

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

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Interested parties can also visit [www.sovereigninnovationpark.co.uk](http://www.sovereigninnovationpark.co.uk) to see more information and images of the scheme and download a brochure.

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**24th September 2015**

**Amendments have been submitted to the planning application** for the construction of 70 new residential properties and a public park on land between Pacific Drive and Pevensey Bay Road.





Details of the application (no. 150796) can be viewed, and comments submitted, through [the EBC Planning Website](#). Closing date for comments is 13th October 2015.

**24th September 2015**



**The consultation period for the Seafront Local Plan** Issues and Options Report has been extended to Friday 23 October. You now have an additional two weeks to put forward your views.

Eastbourne Borough Council is preparing a Seafront Local Plan that will develop a strategy for the seafront area of Eastbourne, identifying and managing the major pressures for change and development along the seafront. It will aim to stimulate economic regeneration and provide a seafront that will continue to be a major asset for the town.

This Issues and Options consultation is the first stage in the process of preparing the Seafront Local Plan, and asks residents, visitors and businesses what they think the Seafront Local Plan needs to address, and which option they

would prefer for addressing the issues.

To have your say, please go to [www.eastbourne.gov.uk/seafront](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/seafront) and follow the link to the Issues and Options Consultation.

Alternatively, you can email your comments directly to [planning.policy@eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@eastbourne.gov.uk)

Consultation closes on Friday 23 October 2015 at 5pm.

### 16th September 2015

It is currently expected that **Sospan Dau** will start beach recharge works on Saturday. A bulldozer will start work on Monday 21st September in preparation for a recycling team to begin a week later.



At present the weather forecast for next week is fairly good, so with any luck plans will not need to change. If weather conditions worsen in advance of the big tides then machines will be brought in earlier.

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### 13th September 2015

**Brushstrokes Art Club** will be holding its final exhibition of the summer in front of the Bandstand on Sunday 20th September from 10am to 5pm.

Art at affordable prices from a collective of talented local artists. We look forward to seeing new and old friends.



### 12th September 2015

**On the evening of Wednesday 9th September**, Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA) representatives, Rick Runalls and Ian Weeks were joined by Sovereign Ward County Councillor, David Elkin, on a trip to the House of Commons for a meeting with the Secretary of state for DEFRA, Liz Truss MP and Eastbourne's MP, Caroline Ansell MP. This was a follow-up to a meeting that took place at Sovereign Harbour in March 2015.



**Liz Truss MP and Caroline Ansell MP at Sovereign Harbour**

The purpose of the meeting, which had been arranged by Mrs Ansell, was to discuss the injustice of the Marina Rent Charge that all Sovereign Harbour property owners are obliged to pay, and to the failure of the Environment Agency (EA) to respond to legal evidence provided to it, showing it had no authority to collect the charge.

M/s Truss Liz Truss said that if the charge was cross-subsidising sea defences that protected other areas, residents had a valid case. She also said that the EA need to explain how the rent charge, about £180 per household per year, is spent and would help to arrange a further meeting with the relevant EA manager.

### **12th September 2015**

**In preparation for the coming autumn**, Sospan Dau is expected to arrive on the Sussex coast next week. With some strong winds forecast for the early part of the week it is unclear when shingle deliveries



to Sovereign Harbour will begin, but it is not likely to be before Wednesday or Thursday. Assuming the weather then remains reasonable, we expect deliveries to be completed by the end of the month.

Before autumn proper arrives, we will also need to start beach recycling from Cooden to Herbrand Walk, Normans Bay East and Beachlands, but hopefully that will not be before the start of October. Mindful of the 8.2m tides at the very end of September, it maybe that work will have to begin earlier should it be necessary.

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**11th September 2015**

**Saturday 12th September will see the Commodore's Sail-past**, a water-borne carnival. Boats are decorated, either dressed overall with flags and bunting in the traditional way, or in fancy dress according to the formula advertised, competing for a coveted glass trophy.



The boats will muster at the end of North harbour at 5:30pm and the parade starts at 6pm on a route around the harbour, past the Waterfront giving the visitors a chance to see the boats; a simple occasion easily enjoyed, not too weather dependant and great fun..

**5th September 2015**

**The Berth Holders Association of Sovereign Harbour (SHBHA), along with Premier Marinas, have donated £508 to Eastbourne Lifeboats.**



This generous donation, raised at the recent 'flare amnesty' event organised by the Berth Holders Association and sponsored by Premier Marinas, was as a result of local boat-owners being able to dispose of their out-of-date flares in a safe and environmentally friendly manner to a professional organisation.

The cheque was presented by Sue Sydney, chair of SHBNA and Peter Pring, Manager of Premier Marinas, to Lifeboat Coxswain Mark Sawyer and Deputy Launch Authority Bob Jeffery.

**5th September 2015**

**Ladies, would you like to Top up your essential car knowledge including changing tyres, checking oil/coolant as well as great money saving tips?**

On 30th September 2015 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm, Ebley in Courtland Road is offering a free, fun, relaxed evening, with refreshments to boost your car confidence, but you must call Centre Manager, Kevin Wilson on 01323-417111 to book your place

[Click here for more information.](#)



### 31st August 2015

To celebrate the handover of the Columbus Point Water Feature in June 2015, **the Sovereign Harbour Photoclub** ran a competition, "Cascades and Fountains".



The winner was Carl Slezacek, a resident of South Harbour; one of his winning photographs of the Water Feature can be seen above. More of Carl's Sovereign Harbour photographs will be published in the October issue of Waterlines and can be found [on his website](#). Thanks to SHPC and congratulations to Carl!

SHPC meets at 7 pm on Monday evenings at The Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

### 31st August 2015



**As a prospective purchaser, or an existing home owner**, you may be looking to extend your property in order to meet your changing family needs.

In many circumstances this form of extension could be built without the need for planning permission (this is known as permitted development rights), however Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC) may have removed permitted development rights as part of the original Sovereign Harbour scheme, but only in certain parts of the harbour (please see below).

Permitted development rights only apply to houses, so if you are looking to extend/adapt/alter an apartment, and these have an external consequence,

then planning permission would be required.

If your property has its vehicle access from any road that feeds off/from Atlantic Drive, Pacific Drive or Harbour Quay, then you cannot build an extension, conservatory or erect any outbuilding without first obtaining planning permission.

If your property falls within the area and there is the need for you to obtain planning permission then EBC will not charge you an planning application fee.

By formally engaging with EBC then you will receive written confirmation that your extension or outbuilding is either acceptable or not. EBC has advised that retention of this sort of record can often assist in the future sale of your property as the confirmation of the legality of extensions/outbuildings is often sought by conveyancing solicitors.

In this regard SHRA wholeheartedly recommend that it would be in the best interest of you as home owner, EBC as the planning authority and the wider community of Sovereign Harbour, that you engage with EBC on your plans and aspirations for the way you wish to extend your home before proceeding.

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### 28th August 2015

**Back in October 2014 the then building site** that was erecting the Pacific House Innovation Centre at the entrance to the Sovereign harbour suffered a burglary where some surveying and computer equipment was stolen. A DNA sample was obtained from the crime scene which did not belong to any of the staff on the site and a detailed investigation followed led by the Priority Crime Team supported by Neighbourhood Officers.



On 27th August 2015 Tom Fear, an Eastbourne resident, appeared at court charged with the burglary and admitted the offence. He was handed an 18 month custodial sentence for the offence.

PS Julian Williams, Neighbourhood Sgt for the area said, "This is yet another demonstration of our determination to bring people to justice for crimes they have committed. This offence caused significant disruption to the building work that was taking place on the site and the fact that we have been able to identify the offender is a good example of the contribution the community makes to keeping Sovereign Harbour safe for residents and businesses. Let this be a message to any offenders that we will not relent from getting justice for victims."

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### 27th August 2015



**People across East Sussex are invited to get aboard** the Healthwatch East Sussex Big Red Bus.

During 1-5 September, the original London bus, in its signature red colour, will be at locations in Eastbourne, Seaford, Lewes, Bexhill, Hastings, Crowborough, Forest Row, Rye and Battle.

The tour is your opportunity to come and speak with Healthwatch East Sussex, about your experiences of local health and social care services. You will be able to hear about the work we do, and how we use your experiences to make a difference locally and nationally.

[Click here for more information.](#)

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### 25th August 2015

**Pevensey Bay Sailing Club - Open day Saturday 29th August 2015**





**Come on Saturday 29th August** for a look round the club and, if not too windy, a taster sail with an experienced member of the club. The day will start at approximately 11am and continue for most of the day. Food will be available and the bar will be open all day.

The Club has excellent clubhouse facilities, four safety boats, fifteen club sailing dinghies, windsurf training boards and is situated right on the beach at the eastern end of Sovereign Harbour. Come down and see for yourself.

A Sailing School operates within the Club and so if you are new to sailing or want to brush up your technique, sign up for a course. Buoyancy aids will be provided, but wet weather gear and a change of clothing will be needed for sailing.

Any questions please email the membership secretary Chris Clarke on – [membership@pbsc.eu](mailto:membership@pbsc.eu) or call the club on 01323 761002  
[www.pbsc.eu](http://www.pbsc.eu)

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### **21st August 2015**

**A photograph of harbour residents picking up litter** from the North Harbour beach has been featured in a "Not On Our Beach" poster campaign. (See news item 7th August).



**21st August 2015**

**AGE concern**  
Eastbourne

**'Building Stronger Bridges' is a project within the community** of Eastbourne. The aim is to set up a group of good neighbour schemes which include a co-ordinator and volunteers, who will provide support for the local people who may need help with some of the basics of day to day living.

The Good Neighbour Scheme is supported by Age Concern Eastbourne although its vision is that the groups will eventually run independently. As the network of good neighbour groups develop, then these will begin the network of building stronger bridges in the community.

There is need to support vulnerable communities and also recruit local co-ordinators and volunteers.

[Click here for more information > >](#)

**18th August 2015**

**EASTBOURNE**  
Borough Council

Eastbourne Borough Council is currently in the process of preparing a new Corporate Plan. This is the document that sets out what its priorities are for the town and how it aims to help deliver them. It is important that a document like this is based on robust information and feedback and the council is actively seeking input from residents, businesses, community groups

and other local stakeholders to ensure that the chosen priorities are right for the town as a whole. Anybody who lives, works, shops or spends their leisure time in Eastbourne is invited to share their views.

A recently commissioned residents survey was sent out to 4,000 randomly selected households across the borough but, to make sure that others have a chance to help shape the future of their town, a short online survey has been set-up to gather feedback on the services the council provides and what future priorities should be. All of this feedback will be used to help decide priority projects and aims for the next five years.

**Please take a few moments out of your day to complete the survey** and share the link with as many of your friends and neighbours as you think appropriate. The survey will be "live" until the end of August and all responses are anonymous.

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**17th August 2015**



**Eastbourne seafront is one of the first things** that people associate with the town, and is a big drawing point for tourists and the tourism industry, which is a big contributor to the town's economy. It also has a massive social significance to local people. Therefore it is important that the future of the seafront is properly planned to ensure that it continues to meet residents and visitors expectation.

Therefore, Eastbourne Borough Council is preparing a Seafront Local Plan to provide a strategy for the seafront area of Eastbourne. It will identify and manage the major pressures for change and development, and aim to stimulate economic regeneration to provide a seafront that will continue to be a major asset for the town.

[Click here to read the plan and respond to the consultation.](#)

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**14th August 2015**

**Residents overlooking the harbour peninsula** were surprised yesterday morning when a Royal Navy Sea King helicopter landed on it.



It is believed that the landing was made for safety reasons due to the torrential rain experienced yesterday. Thanks to Tony Smith for the picture.

**13th August 2015**

**A planning application has been submitted** for the construction of 70 new residential properties and a public park on land between Pacific Drive and Pevensey Bay Road.



Details of the application (no. 150796) can be viewed, and comments submitted through [the EBC Planning Website](#).

**7th August 2015**

**A group of harbour residents met this morning** to clean up litter and "dog poo" from the North Harbour Beach under the banner "Not On Our Beach".

The residents spent ninety minutes, cleaning the beach from end-to-end, picking up a considerable amount of material. Many thanks to all who came along to help.



This was a joint event organised by SHRA, SHCA, SHNP and Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour. With thanks to Asda and Neighbourhood First Advisors for providing litter pickers, bags and protective gloves.



## 4th August 2015

A "litter and dog poo" pick will take place on the **North Harbour Beach** on Friday August 7th from 10.30 to midday; all are welcome. Participants should meet by the Martello Tower at the end of Beach Road between Eugene Way and Caroline Way.



Gloves, pickers and bags will be supplied; please make sure you are wearing sensible footwear and clothing.

Children under 15 are welcome but must be supervised by a responsible adult. Children must also be made aware of the dangers of dog faeces, and broken glass and "sharps" which may be on the beach.

There will also be a photo shoot of residents with the anti-dog fouling banner "Not on our Beach", which will be followed up with a poster campaign around the harbour.

This is a joint event organised by SHRA, SHCA, SHNP and Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour. With thanks to Asda and Neighbourhood First Advisors. If you know of anyone else who may be interested please let them know.

## 1st August 2015

The **Sovereign Harbour Community Association (SHCA)** has today launched its "Fill the Community Chest" campaign to raise the £40,000 required to ensure the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre is equipped to the highest possible standard when it opens in mid-2016; the SHCA is asking all harbour household to chip in just £10 to help.

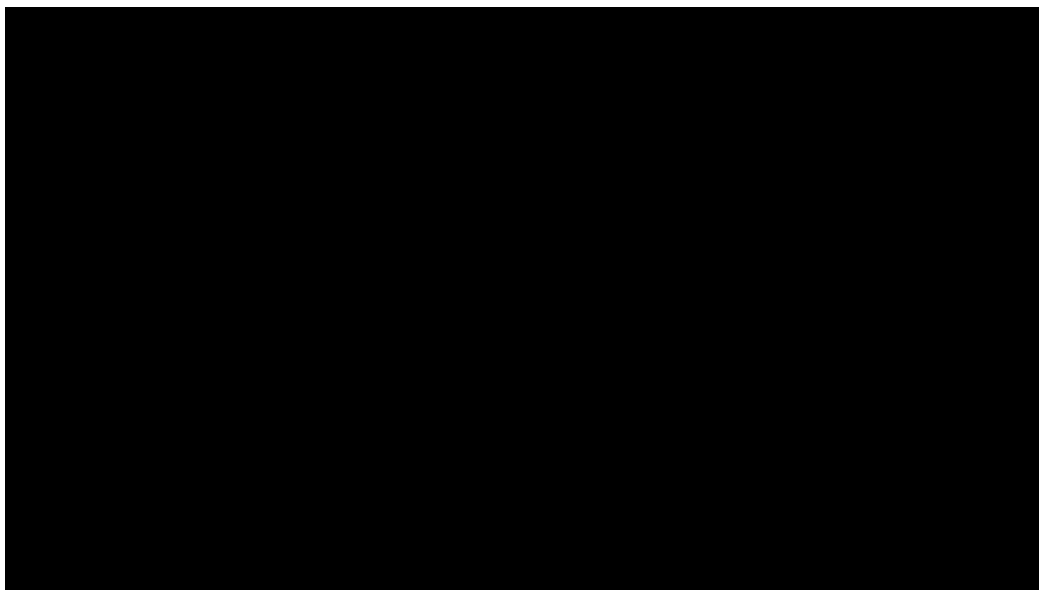


Funding will also be sought from other sources, and the SHRA, as agreed by its members at this year's AGM, has donated £500 to get the ball rolling.

[Click here to support this campaign.](#)

## 26th June 2015

On **24th July**, members of the **SHRA committee**, and other community groups, were given a tour of Pacific House, the first building in the Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park, which is now open for business.



## 24th July 2015

**Lucky, The Waterfront cat, was seen on Tuesday evening outside the Harvester.**



A woman from the Battle area, who was sitting outside the Harvester enquired as to whether he was a stray. At this point the staff were unsure if Lucky was a stray, and had not seen posters stating that he has been missing for several weeks. The lady said she rescues stray cats, and when she left the Waterfront, she took Lucky with her.

If this is you, or you know who this might be, please please call Gemma on 07715-478230 to arrange for Lucky to be returned.

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### **21st July 2015**

**Pacific House - the first office centre on Eastbourne's emerging Sovereign Harbour Innovation Park – has now been completed.**



To coincide with this, a web site for the Innovation Park has been launched at [www.sovereigninnovationpark.co.uk](http://www.sovereigninnovationpark.co.uk).

Twenty two prospective tenants viewed the offices on the first open afternoon last Thursday, 16 July, with a number reserving offices and further viewings booked.

Pacific House is a three-floor business centre of striking contemporary architectural design. With offices available within it ranging from 627 sq ft up to the whole 25,235 sq ft building, it is suitable for small, medium and large companies.

There are 11 small suites on the ground floor (from 627 to 952 sq ft), six medium-sized offices on the first floor (1,258 - 1,897 sq ft) and two large offices on the second floor (4,402 & 4,412 sq ft). If appropriate, these could be combined or sub-divided to suit occupiers' needs.

In addition to the office suites, Pacific House incorporates a light-filled atrium, break-out areas for informal meetings and a conference room. It is designed to be a low-energy building with parking spaces for 130 cars.

Developer Sea Change Sussex – the not-for-profit economic development company for East Sussex - has already received a significant number of letting enquiries from companies in Eastbourne and further afield.

In addition to the 22 prospective occupiers who viewed the property last week, further viewings are being arranged over the coming days. Sovereign Harbour Residents Association members and Eastbourne Borough councillors are also being shown the building in late July.

**Buckingham Group Contracting** began construction work for Pacific House in September 2014 and completed the project on schedule.

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**11th July 2015**

**Have you seen Lucky the cat?**



**Lucky, the Waterfront cat, has gone missing again.** He has a habit of doing this every now and again, but it would be good to know he's safe and sound.

If you see him, or he turns up at your home, please call Gemma on 07715-478230.

**7th July 2015**

**At this evening's meeting of the Eastbourne Borough Council** Planning committee, the members unanimously approved the application for the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre.

Members praised the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association and Sovereign Harbour Community Association for all their hard work in finally making this centre a reality.



**5th July 2015**

**Pacific House, the new Sovereign Harbour Innovation Mall, is near completion.**



**2nd July 2015**

**Premier Marinas has issued an update on the West Bridge closure.** It was expected that the repair would be completed on Friday but unfortunately a problem at the manufacturer's premises has caused a delay in despatching the required component.



Although there is still a small chance that work can begin over the weekend, it is now looking likely that nothing can be done until Monday

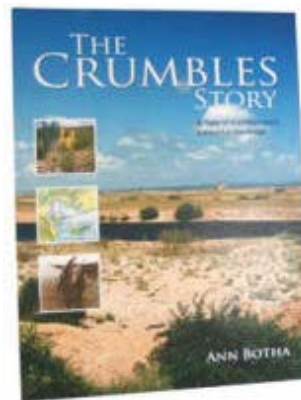
Marina Manager, Peter Pring, offers his sincere apologies to residents for any disruption that this has caused.

As a precaution the faulty unit will be replaced on all three bridges to avoid any similar events in the near future.

**The Crumbles Story - available from SHRA -**

Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?

We have a limited number of copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions. The book contains many illustrations in colour and B&W.



If you are interested in the history of the land on which Sovereign Harbour is built, the industry and events that took place on it, and its unique flora and fauna, this little book is for you, and at just £7.99, it won't break the bank.

***Delivery is free within Eastbourne, but for delivery elsewhere, please add £2.00 for postage and packing.***

**To order a copy** and pay on-line with your credit or debit card, send an email to [crumbles@shra.co.uk](mailto:crumbles@shra.co.uk) simply saying you would like a copy of the book and we'll email you a PayPal payment request link which will take you through the online paying process (you don't need to have a PayPal account).

**Or send a cheque** for £7.99 (£9.99 if you would like postal delivery), payable to "SHRA", with your name and address to:

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