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31st December 2011

Carpet bowls will resume at the Haven School on 5th January 2012 after the Christmas break.

New players of all abilities will be made very welcome.

[Click here](#) for more information.



30th December 2011

A happy ending.

Police have informed us that the man who went missing from Eastbourne yesterday (see below) was found safe and well in Bexhill yesterday evening.



29th December 2011

Police are trying to locate the whereabouts of 74-year-old Wilfred Ralph who has gone missing while on a short visit to Eastbourne from Derbyshire.

He is white, 5' 8", of slim build, with blue eyes and has thick set wavy grey hair. He suffers from low level dementia due to Alzheimer's and was last seen leaving the Oban Hotel on King Edwards Parade at about 8am this morning (Thursday, December 29). He was wearing blue jeans, black shoes, and a grey sweater underneath a blue Tommy Hilfiger rain jacket.

Wilfred doesn't know the area well and he way well be lost or unsure of the time. He enjoys long walks and is likely to approach dog walkers and engage in conversation.

If you see him please call Sussex Police on 101 quoting serial 0282 of 29/11. If he is in danger or in need of medical attention, please call 999 immediately.

Picture: [Sussex Police website](#)

22nd December 2011

Dispose of your old Christmas trees, help the environment and support Eastbourne new lifeboat appeal all in one move.

Local tree surgeons PJ Chaffin have donated their tree shredding equipment and trained staff to dispose of all old Christmas trees brought along to the inshore lifeboat station at Fisherman's Green, **on Saturday 7th January between 9am and 4pm.**



No charge will be made, but you can make a contribution to the new lifeboat appeal.

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22nd December 2011

A website, set up to support students with learning difficulties with information about consumer issues, has been expanded to help people of all ages.



The website – www.wiseguys.org.uk – was established by East Sussex County Council in 2008, with the primary aim of helping young people to better understand their consumer rights. Teachers are able to use the website as a resource for citizenship and PSHE lessons covering key stages 1-4.

Now the website has been developed to help all residents with information about their consumer rights.

The County Council's Trading Standards Service, working with the Council's Learning Disability Team, has provided clear information for all consumers about:

- Your rights when buying things
- Food and healthy living
- Your money
- How to protect yourself from being scammed
- Utilities – gas or electricity bills
- Keeping safe
- How to complain

For more information [visit the Wise Guys website](#) or contact Louise Baxter at East Sussex County Council. Telephone 01323 463346 or [e-mail Louise](#)

21st December 2011

Premier Marinas, National Boat Show and Lucketts Travel are offering boaters a £34, Park, Travel and Ticket Package to the Tullett Prebon London International Boat Show 2012.



Premier Marinas is pleased to offer their berth holders and south coast residents the chance to park at Premier's Swanwick or Port Solent marinas and travel to the boat show in comfort, by coach, for £34 only (£20 for children).

[Click here](#) for more information.

21st December 2011

After an entertaining first half of December, it now looks as though Christmas should be peaceful – at least on the wind and wave front. Machines will continue to work until Friday afternoon when they will stop for two weeks. It is very unlikely that everything will be back to normal by then, but PCDL hope to complete a survey between Christmas and New Year, which will give a better idea of what remains to be done.



It is therefore likely that some shingle will need to be moved around again, starting on Monday 9th January. In the meantime, work is likely to focus on Herbrand Walk, Normans Bay and Beachlands.

20th December 2011

A new scheme is being set up by East Sussex Adult Social Care and supported by Care for the Carers'.



The 'Carers Card' will be available to unpaid carers in East Sussex as from April 1st 2012.

The Carers Card pilot will run for a period of 12 months, only in Eastbourne and surrounding areas. Carers can use this card in local shops and businesses who have signed up to the scheme, to receive a small discount/offer.

If you would like further details about the scheme please [e-mail Ella Hebron](#) or [Mel Stratford](#).

[More information > >](#)

16th December 2011

Just a reminder that tomorrow, Saturday 17th December, will be a public open day for residents to visit the new Harbour Medical Centre for a guided tour.



The Medical Centre will be open from 10a.m. until 2p.m, the tour is available to everyone, patients as well as non patients. It will be a visitors' day only, so no medical appointments can be offered for that day.

16th December 2011

Get Safe Online, in partnership with Trading Standards and the association of Chief Police Officers, has published the 'Rough Guide to Online Safety', this handbook outlines the main security issues and recommended protective measures for consumers and small businesses.



Forty percent of computer users have experienced virus attacks and it is estimated that over a thousand new computer viruses emerge every month, according to Get Safe Online. With significant potential for online viruses, scams and privacy violations, the "Rough Guide to Online Safety" provides a snapshot on digital security and smart surfing for every scenario, from social networks to small business security to mobile phone usage.

[Download the "Rough Guide to Online Safety"](#)

[Visit the Get Safe Online website](#)

14th December 2012

Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood PC, Ed Faulkner, appeared on the BBC Newsroom Southeast programme yesterday evening.

Ed featured in an item about the effectiveness of "body cams" in providing evidence to help speed up the Criminal Justice process.

[Click here](#) to see a clip from the programme.



13th December 2011

Ian Thomas of PCDL reports:



"Last night's weather was – to say the least – interesting. I have to say the erosion I have seen today was much worse than I expected. By and large that seems to be because offshore waves forecast at 3.75m were recorded at 4.9m around high water.

The main problem we have now is limited access to the beach. Even the quad bike is unable to move freely along the entire frontage when the tide is in. So we will need to mound over some groyne heads so machines can get along. From 07:00 tomorrow there will be two recycling gangs working at opposite ends of the frontage, as well as an extra bulldozer. Normans Bay East will be recycled tonight ahead of the 01:00 high water. Hopefully the next couple of days will provide some respite before there is a further storm due on Thursday. From Friday winds seem to be veering to NW and then N, so next week should allow more time to repair most eroded areas."

12th December 2011

Ian Thomas of PCDL has issued the following warning:

"As most of you are probably aware this week's weather is not going to be good. Winds will be at gale force for most of the week, and in the last hour sea area Dover (which covers Dover to Beachy Head) has been issued with a storm force 10 warning for this evening. We are on spring



tides, although they are not especially high, and some substantial storm surges are expected, as are 4m height waves.

To put it in perspective, we experience all of the above at various times every winter, so are not anticipating any serious problems. We do however expect there to be some significant movement of beach throughout the week. There are already two bulldozers here and an excavator and two dumptrucks will arrive today. Therefore from tomorrow we will be moving shingle back from where it is being eroded. Obviously we can't work everywhere at once, but we will do our best to ensure that areas most at risk are protected.

After tonight, conditions will moderate (if force 8 instead of force 10 can be considered moderating), but there is a chance that Thursday into Friday maybe even worse. The end of the week is too far away to be able to predict exactly what will happen, but we will be monitoring things closely. One hopeful sign is that winds are expected to swing to the north from Saturday, so although it may be colder waves should disappear.

I will provide any further updates as and when some of the detail is confirmed."

11th December 2011

In the company of the Mayor and accompanied by musicians from the Salvation Army, local residents and supporters joined with the crew of Eastbourne lifeboats in a celebration of Christmas with a carol service on the Waterfront at Sovereign Harbour.



Despite the wintry conditions many people braved the elements to join the crew of Eastbourne lifeboats singing carols and listening to stories at Sovereign Harbour. Coffee and mince pies, kindly donated by Di Lieto's' restaurant, were served to the congregation afterwards with a bucket collection in aid of the new lifeboat appeal raising much appreciated funds.

9th December 2011

The Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Carnival Action

Team (SHECAT) has made considerable progress, but there's still work to be done.

SHECAT

SHECAT badly needs the help of someone with technical design skills. If you know of anyone with a technical design/construction engineering sort of background who may be able to help, the team would love to hear from you..

On the fund raising front, SHECAT has been awarded £500 from the Council's Devolved Budget, and the SHRA has generously pledged a further £200. With MVS's kind contribution of £75 and money raised at the yacht club, there is now £827 in the kitty. This is an excellent start, but more will be needed, which means lots of fun fund-raising in the New Year!

Keep up-to-date by visiting [the SHECAT website](#)

9th December 2012

Eastbourne RNLI's new inshore lifeboat 'Laurence & Percy Hobbs' was officially named by members of the benefactors family at a dedication service held on the beach at Fisherman's Green on Wednesday afternoon (8th Dec).



The new inshore lifeboat was funded from a generous legacy from Louise Hobbs who sadly passed away in 1999, aged 96 years; she 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.

Members of Louise's family braved the chilling wind on the beach outside the inshore lifeboat station to join the volunteer crew and local dignitaries in a ceremony of dedication where Mrs Margaret Rapp, niece of Miss Hobbs, officially christened the new boat with the traditional bottle of Champagne. Afterwards the party retired to the relative warmth of the boathouse for tea and cakes.

8th December 2012

When the yellow lines were painted on Pacific Drive in 2009, it was agreed that the situation would be reviewed in two years; that review is now underway.



As a precursor to the public consultation we would like to hear your views on the current Pacific Drive parking situation by 30th January.

[Please e-mail your comments](#)

All comments will be collated and sent to the Highways Department before the public consultation, at which point, you will have a further opportunity to comment.

7th December 2012

The new Harbour Medical Centre opened on Wednesday, 7th December 2011. The surgery at 2 Barrier Reef Way is now closed.



There will be a public open day to visit the new Health Centre for a guided tour on Saturday 17th December 2011 from 10a.m. until 2p.m, this is open to everyone, patients as well as non patients. It will be a visitors' day only, so no medical appointments can be offered for that day.

Dr Adoki and his staff would like to take this opportunity to thank Sovereign Harbour residents for their patience, and for their personal and public support for this project over the years, which has led to this new centre finally being built.

They look forward to continuing to serve the local community.

6th December 2011

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its December Newsletter.



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

To download the complete newsletter, [click here](#)

5th December 2011

Support for Eastbourne new lifeboat appeal was extended into Surrey over the weekend with a generous donation of £1,000 being presented from Sutton based Masonic Lodge 6245



The cheque presentation took place after the Sunday crew meeting at the all weather lifeboat station on Sovereign Harbour where senior lodge members handed over the cheque to members of the volunteer crew.

The money was raised in memory of John Stevens by his friends and colleagues after losing his battle with cancer in 2009. John and his wife Olive regularly travelled to Eastbourne and had always admired the work of the RNLI and made the Lifeboat Museum on the seafront one of their regular stopping points whilst enjoying the sea air. The contribution toward the town's new Tamar class all weather lifeboat was considered to be a fitting tribute to mark John's passing.

As part of an Eastbourne Real Ale and Arts Festival held at the Crown and Anchor over the weekend, a light hearted tug of war was held on the beach between the university boxing and rugby teams with a bucket collection for Eastbourne's new lifeboat appeal.



Fielding a distinctly light-weight, albeit energetic, team the boxers were overwhelmed by their heavier opponents. The general consensus however was that a good time was had by all

with Eastbourne lifeboats gratefully benefiting from the proceeds.

3rd December 2011

The official ticketing site for residents of the UK and designated European countries is www.tickets.london2012.com. Individuals from outside the UK and designated European countries should see the list of official suppliers. If you think you have purchased tickets from an illegitimate ticketing website contact Trading Standards 0345 60 80 197.



Trading Standards are concerned about the possibility of people being scammed by illegitimate companies or websites claiming to be selling tickets for the 2012 Olympics. There are a number of unofficial websites claiming to sell tickets, you are therefore advised to be extremely cautious and vigilant when attempting to buy tickets, and only purchase from an official source.

Always use caution online. If in doubt check on the official [London 2012 website checker](#)

2nd December 2011

Christmas is a time for giving but criminals just want to take. People in East Sussex who donate clothing to charities are being warned to check the charity first.



As the yuletide period approaches residents across the County may want to give to good causes using charitable collections to donate clothing. However, East Sussex County Council is asking people to be careful who they give to and double check that the charity isn't just one big scam. Council Trading Standards Officers say that not all the collections are for legitimate charities.

Councillor Carl Maynard, Lead Member for Economy, Transport & Environment said: "Unless you are giving to a recognised charity, the profits from your donation could end up in the pockets of criminals. This is not the most complicated scam in the world but the Association of Charity Shops estimates that between £2.5m and £3m is lost to these scams each year. This is money that could have gone to bona fide charities."

"Our advice would be to be wary of vague statements on packaging with examples including 'donations for work creation' or 'donations to help poor children'. Always check the charity first before you decide to donate."

Trading Standards say that when checking if a charitable collection is legitimate, consider the following:

Does the bag or leaflet have the number of a registered charity? If so, is there a registered charity number? You can use the Charity Commission website or contact them directly for an up-to-date list of registered charities.

Check that the registered charity does have a collection service and that it's not some pop-up company claiming it collects for a registered charity.

Does the leaflet or sack provide contact details? If not this is generally a sign that the collector doesn't want to be contacted because they are not a genuine charity.

If you would like to report a bogus charity please [e-mail Louise Baxter](#)

Telephone the Charity Commission on 0845 300 0218 or [visit its website](#).

2nd December 2011

Pevensey Coast Defence Manager, Ian Thomas, said: "It may be that November 2011 proves to be one of the warmest on record for the UK, and it has certainly been less windy than normal. But as we all know it is when the storms appear, not necessarily how many there are, that counts. So after a quiet



three weeks, which actually served to increase crest widths, it all changed this week.

A survey on Monday and Tuesday showed there had been no net loss of beach – indeed in many areas sand levels at the beach toe have increased – but there has been a draw-down of shingle from the crest to the lower foreshore. In time some will return naturally, but to help the process along we will have a second bulldozer working next week. The next series of spring tides are relatively low at 6.9m, before the highest for December are with us on 25th. I expect we will continue with the two machines for a couple of weeks and only bring in dumptrucks if we continue to get gales.

Hopefully it will all sorted in time for a relaxing Christmas. We can but hope!"

29th November 2011

Online shoppers in East Sussex are being warned to watch out for cyber scams in the run up to Christmas. East Sussex County Council is giving out the warning as forecasters predict that pre-Christmas web sales will peak on 'Mega Monday', 5 December.



With over half the adult UK population now shopping online, millions are set to be spent via web sales in the run up to the yuletide period and County Council Trading Standards Officers are warning residents to watch out for scams.

The cyber scams include websites that look legitimate but sell fake goods, with smart phones, digital cameras, designer goods, laptops and video game consoles amongst the most popular on the fraudsters' list.

Councillor Carl Maynard, Lead Member for Economy, Transport & Environment, said: "Last Christmas we had several complaints in East Sussex from people who had been conned into buying counterfeit goods online. Criminals will do anything in their power to take your money and this includes building flashy websites that look like the real thing."

"Always purchase from legitimate retailers and if you are in any doubt don't buy the goods – contact Trading Standards or Consumer Direct for advice."

Residents who would like further information about avoiding scams should visit our section [Getting consumer advice and making a complaint](#). Further advice is also available from the [Consumer Direct website](#).

27th November 2011

Television transmissions in the Eastbourne area will be switched to digital in 2012. The transmitter for East Sussex will be switched off in two stages, the first on the 30th May 2012 and the second stage on the 13th June 2012.

After the switchover Freeview signals will be boosted enabling thousands of homes to receive the digital service for the first time. At stage one, analogue BBC Two will be switched off and the first group of Freeview digital channels will become available from relay transmitters for the first time. At stage two the remaining analogue channels will be permanently switched off and replaced with additional digital TV, radio and text services.



The Switchover Help Scheme will offer equipment and practical support to older and disabled viewers. It will write to eligible viewers in the run-up to switchover. Call 0800 40 85 900 or visit [the Digital TV helpscheme website](#) for more details

East Sussex County Council Trading Standards department are concerned that during and leading up to the switchover residents may be given misleading advice about their aerials and television reception equipment.

East Sussex County Council Trading Standards department would urge residents that feel that may have been given misleading advice to contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 or via [the Consumer Direct website](#).

East Sussex County Council Trading Standards department are able to supply the details of aerial installers that are approved members of their Buy With Confidence scheme.

For a list of approved Buy With Confidence member please visit: [The Buy With Confidence website](#). You can also find out more about the Digital Switchover by visiting [Digital UK's website](#)

25th November 2011

Eastbourne Police District Commander, CI Jayne Dando wrote:



"We want to make sure that we meet the needs of our communities, and that covers many different people across the Town. We have begun work to develop key themes (known as Equality Objectives) which we hope will make a difference to diverse communities across Sussex and we need your help.

Most people who contact us do so because they need our help, but everyone who contacts us wants to be treated as an individual, to be listened to and for us to do our job as well as possible. Providing a single approach to how we deal with the public won't work for everyone - and maybe not for anyone. If we get it wrong, we are at risk of people not reporting crimes and incidents to us.

No matter what combination of factors and experiences makes you who you are - if you're male or female, younger or older, gay, straight or bisexual, black, white, asian or mixed-race, have firmly held beliefs that are part of how you live your life, have a disability that affects your day-to-day activities, have come to Sussex from a country where policing is very different or are in the process of a gender reassignment - the chances are that the services we provide could be better tailored to meet your needs. In short, we want to put YOU first.

We want to be as open and transparent as possible so local people can hold us to account. When you're ready to tell us what you think, please click on our survey [HERE](#). And if you want to leave your contact details, we can keep you informed of how our work on this is progressing over the next few months.

Within your neighbourhood team here in Eastbourne we have officers who act as a link to key groups within our community. From young people, to ethnic groups, religious groups to travellers and seniors, we try and make sure that we have a better knowledge of the community we serve in Eastbourne so that we can ensure our service is inclusive and adaptable.

If you would like to know more about our diversity leads, who they are and what they do, please contact myself or your local officer.

I look forward to the responses coming in!"

22nd November 2011

Important Notice. Due to essential maintenance work, there will be no access across the locks for three weeks, starting on Monday 28th November.

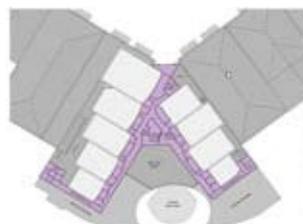


An alternative route is available, around the inner harbour, using the South and West bridges.

Premier Marinas apologises for the inconvenience.

19th November 2011

The documents, reports, plans and drawings submitted in support of the Planning Application can now be downloaded from [the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park website](#)



Objections, or statements of support, can be made on the [EBC Planning website](#), quoting application number EB/2011/0633.

18th November 2011

The funeral took place today of Adrienne Brecher. Adrienne sadly passed away peacefully at home on 16th November after a courageous twenty-five year battle against

cancer.

Adrienne moved to the Harbour from London in 2007, and soon became deeply involved in the community. She was a member of the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel and a member of the SHRA committee. She was as uncompromising in her support of the community as she was in her battle against illness; she will be sorely missed.

The SHRA committee is joined by the Neighbourhood Panel, the Sovereign Ward Councillors and the Eastbourne East Neighbourhood Police Team, in sending its sincere condolences to her husband, Ken, and her family.



18th November 2011

People across Sussex who choose to drive while impaired this Christmas season are being warned that the risks are too great.

Sussex Police launched its Christmas anti-drink/drug driving campaign in conjunction with Sussex Safer Roads Partnership on Monday 14th November.



From now until the beginning of January police across the county will be stepping up their usual activities to crack down on people who think that impaired driving is acceptable.

Chief Inspector Di Roskilly of Sussex Police Road Policing Unit said: "Like many other festive seasons previously we are concerned about the number of people who still choose to mix drinking or drug consumption with driving.

"It is the responsibility of the driver to make sure they are not impaired when they get behind the wheel, but this year we would also like to encourage other people to help us keep people safe and report those who still insist on driving.

"Mobile phone users can now report people they believe are drink or drug driving or those who are about to drink or drug drive by texting 65999. Some people may find this easier, especially as it can be done discreetly.

"Also this year we will be making applications to the courts for vehicles of persistent drink or drug drivers to be forfeited, along with our usual covert and overt operations and educational events alongside partners."

During the same campaign last year 6501 tests were carried out in a seven week period with 176 drivers arrested for being over the limit or refusing to provide a breath sample.

[Click here](#) for more information

17th November 2011

Sufficient shingle has built up on the south side of Sovereign Harbour for PCDL to undertake a first bypassing operation of the winter. Works will be for one week only and run Monday to Friday (21st to 25th) every day from 07:30 until about 16:30.



The route from Langney to Sovereign Harbour north will be as specified by Eastbourne Borough Council and ESCC Highways, and remains exactly as it has been in recent years. A road sweeper will be on hand to ensure the public highway is kept free of debris.

11th November 2011

The first open meeting of SHECAT, the Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Carnival Action Team, held at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club on Thursday 10th November, was attended by about thirty

SHECAT

people, mainly representatives of harbour clubs and associations.

SHECAT coordinator, Alison Attwood welcomed those present and introduced Andy Holter, deputy chairman of the Sunshine Carnival committee, who brought everybody up to date with the progress that has been made and confirmed that the date has been moved to Saturday June 2. The meeting agreed that Sovereign Harbour should enter a float in the event and will start raising funds to finance the venture.

SHECAT is keen to hear from any individual or group that would be interested in helping with the Sovereign Harbour community's entry.

For more information, visit www.shecat.info.

11th November 2011

The Christmas tree outside the Congress Theatre is a special tree, a "Tree of Light" covered in a host of white lights and dressed with white ribbons in memory of loved ones. Eastbourne's tree is supported by the five Rotary clubs in the town – Eastbourne AM, Eastbourne Sovereign, Eastbourne, Beachy Head and Sovereign Harbour. This is the 13th year that a tree has been erected by Rotary in Eastbourne and it has brought comfort to families and individuals throughout the area as well as raising money for local charities.



The tree is not just about raising money but giving service to the people of Eastbourne, a beautiful tree and a special place to come and remember someone special. The Rotary clubs raise sponsorship to cover the cost of erecting the tree and money raised supports local charities.

The tree is very important to those who attend the dedication service and tie a white ribbon to it in memory of loved ones. Each person dedicating a light is invited to write a message which is put in a book of remembrance which can be viewed in Eastbourne Library or on [the Tree of Light website](#). This year the dedication for the tree will be held on Sunday December 11, at 4pm, with the lights being turned on by the mayor of Eastbourne, Carolyn Heaps.

Everyone is invited to the dedication service in the foyer of the Congress Theatre, with readings from Rotarians, singing from Ratton Chamber Choir, a vote of thanks from Eastbourne's MP Stephen Lloyd.

The tree is blessed by Reverend Macdonald from Eastbourne College and carols played by the Salvation Army.

Refreshments will be supplied by Rotarians and Counsellors from CRUSE Bereavement charity will be on hand for anyone who feels they would like to talk to someone.

If you would like to make a dedication please complete visit [the Tree of Light website](#).

9th November 2011

Stephen Lloyd MP will be holding a surgery in the Harvester on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront on Friday 11th November from 12 to 2.30pm.

No need to book in advance, just turn up on the day.



8th November 2011

Eastbourne has been chosen as a host community to welcome the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay next year with visitors and residents invited to welcome the Olympic Flame through the town on Tuesday 17 July.

The Eastbourne community will have the chance to share in the excitement of the Relay and celebrate the achievements of the Torchbearers as they make their



way through the town.

Eastbourne is one of over 1,000 villages, towns and cities announced by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG) through which the Olympic Flame will be carried by Torchbearers during the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay.

[Click here](#) for more information.

7th November 2011

Issue 36 of the SHRA electronic newsletter is now available for download.



We understand that some subscribers have encountered problems with the link from the e-bulletin e-mail, which is being investigated.

You can, however, [download the newsletter from here](#).

5th November 2011

Parking charges on the Eastbourne seafront have been reduced for the winter.

The following charges will apply until 31st March 2012.

Changes to Pay and Display On-Street Parking Bays



Length of stay	Current charge	revised winter charge until 31 March 2012
Up to 2 hours	£1.50	20p
Up to 4 hours	£2.50	£1.20
Up to 6 hours	£3.00	£1.50
More than 6 hours	£4.00	£4.00

Roads affected in Eastbourne

- Royal Parade from it's junction with Cambridge Road to Marine Parade
- Marine Parade to Grand Parade
- Grand Parade to King Edward's Parade
- King Edward's Parade to the end of the on street pay and display parking bay 25m west of its junction with Wilmington Square (western junction).

Continue with current Pay and Display On-Street Parking Bays

Length of stay	current charge to remain until 31 March 2012
Up to 2 hours	20p

Up to 4 hours	£1.20
Up to 6 hours	£1.50
More than 6 hours	£2.00

Roads affected in Eastbourne

- King Edward's Parade from start of on-street pay and display parking approximately 25m east of its junction with Jevington Gardens to the end of on street pay and display parking (approximately 40m west of the junction with South Cliff and Bolsover Road)
- South Cliff from it's junction with Silverdale Road to it's junction with Bolsover Road and King Edward's Parade.

For more information, call the County Council's Parking Shop on 0845 680 1129.

4th November 2011

An e-mail referring to a postal scam concerning "Parcel Delivery Service" or "PDS" is being circulated. This is a hoax, The service in question was closed down in December 2005, and has not operated since then.



The e-mail is causing serious inconvenience to Crimestoppers, the Royal Mail Fraud Service and Trading Standards.

If you receive this e-mail, do not forward it, just delete it from your inbox.

[Visit the Crimestoppers website](#)

[Visit the Phonepay Plus website](#)

4th November 2011

Is your concessionary bus pass due to expire on 31st March 2012?



East Sussex County Council will send out new bus passes at least a week before the date of expiry.

If your personal details have changed, you should notify either:

- The concessionary bus pass team on buses@eastsussex.gov.uk, or 0345 6080194 or
- your local East Sussex library staff; or
- Eastbourne Borough Council helpdesk on enquiries@eastbourne.gov.uk, or 01323 410000

Requests for replacement bus passes due to a change in details which aren't notified before the end of January 2012, may result in a delay in receiving your new bus pass and you could also be charged a £5 administration fee for a replacement.

3rd November 2011

Sovereign Polyphony would like to hear from anybody who would be prepared to take on the role of "Press Officer" for the Sovereign Singers and Sovereign Polyphony female voice choirs.



This unpaid position is to promote the work of the choirs, encourage recruitment, and to enhance their ability to raise money for charity by increasing audiences.

If you feel you could help, please e-mail: musictime@uwclub.net

3rd November 2011

North Bridge Maintenance will begin on 7th November

2011 for approximately 10 days. The bridge will be raised for extended periods on some days, but normal pedestrian access will be available from 5.30pm until 8am.



Lock 1 Shutdown – week commencing 28th November 2011 for approximately 16 days for general maintenance.

2nd November 2011

On October 31, the Eastbourne RNLI officially launched an appeal to raise funds towards the cost of "Diamond Jubilee", its new Tamar class all-weather lifeboat which is currently under construction.



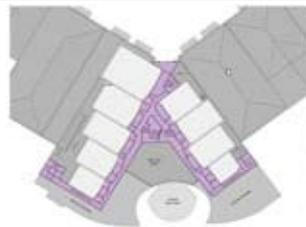
Eastbourne RNLI, and its supporters, will be holding fundraising events to raise the final £700,000 needed to meet the £3.3million cost of the vessel by the end of 2012.

There is also a raffle, the top prize of which is for two people to spend a Sunday morning training session with the crew of the new lifeboat. Tickets can be obtained from Paul Metcalfe, the Lifeboat Operations Manager, on 07841-915274 or e-mail: paul.sovereign@btinternet.com

Visit the Eastbourne lifeboat website <http://www.eastbournernli.org.uk>, and also follow the station on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

2nd November 2011

Prudential submits plans for the regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.



Following the very successful public consultation event held in the former fitness first unit, and attended by 430 visitors, Prudential has submitted a formal application for the £14 million regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.

Adam Birch from PRUPIM, which is managing the development on behalf of Prudential, said: *'We believe that the planned regeneration will make a real contribution to the area and the strength of support from Sovereign Harbour residents has shown that they share our vision for the future. In particular, our proposals will deliver improved shopping and leisure facilities, create jobs and facilitate the cross-harbour bus link. We look forward to continuing to work closely with the local community during the development process'*.

The proposed name change – to Sovereign Central – attracted a mixed response, with 34% of respondents agreeing or strongly agreeing, 46% disagreeing or strongly disagreeing and 20% ticking 'No opinion' or none of the options.

PRUPIM have noted the views expressed and decided that this matter requires separate consideration. The Planning Application has therefore been submitted under the current name 'Sovereign Harbour Retail Park'.

Full details of the application can be viewed on the [EBC website](#), using the application number, EB/2011/0633.

1st November 2011

The new way to contact the Police for non urgent matters has gone nationwide after a successful trial here in Sussex.

The new number, 101, will connect you to the local force wherever you are at that time. This is a better, simpler way for people to speak to the Police about any matters, be it reporting a crime that has happened, requesting information, or getting in touch with their local Neighbourhood Policing Team. The new system is designed to be simple, and easy for everyone to remember, regardless where they are in the country. It is important to remember however that 101 is for non-urgent matters, anything urgent, for example crimes in progress, should still be reported on 999.



PC Ed Faulkner, Neighbourhood Constable for the Harbour, said "Sussex Police

has been involved in the trial of this new number for the last few months, and we have found that people find it a lot easier to remember than the long 0845 number. The service is still the same, but the number has changed. It also makes it easier for people who travel a lot to know how to contact the local Police where ever they are. The 0845 number will work for a little while longer, however we are asking everyone to use the new, simpler number from here on.

Calls will cost 15p for the entire call. If you want to speak directly to your Neighbourhood Officers they are still available on their mobile numbers. PC Faulkner's is 07787 685813, and to contact PCSO Martin Hylands it's 07909 873787. Usual charges apply to these mobile numbers."

31st October 2011

Harbour residents are being invited to send their short stories and poetry for free publication on the [Sovereign Harbour Social Club website](#).

Material for publication should be e-mailed to: harbourseniors@aol.com



29th October 2011

Waterlines sponsor, 'The Dental Barn', has reached the finals in the 'Best New Practice' and 'Best Patient Care' categories in the 'Private Dentistry' awards, and the 'Best Practice South East' category in the 'The Dentistry' awards. Also, hygienist, Alison Thompson, is a finalist in the 'Best Dental Care Professional' category.

The practice has taken on two new dentists and to celebrate this, and the successes in the national awards, the Dental Barn is offering a half-price examination to new patients in November.

Contact The Dental Barn on:
Tel: 01323-325397 or [e-mail The Dental Barn](#)
[Visit The Dental Barn website](#)



27th October 2011

ROC on Eastbourne! - The Bishop of Lewes, the Rt Rev Wallace Benn, joined Sussex Chief Constable Martin Richards and the Borough Commander for the Fire & Rescue Service, Julie Gilbert-King to launch ROC - Redeeming Our Communities - at the Winter Gardens on 12th October. A recorded message from Mayor Carolyn Heaps provided inspiration to all with her plea to 'ROC on Eastbourne!' East Sussex Police Commander Ch Supt Robin Smith, Eastbourne's Ch Insp Jayne Dando joined around 400 people who attended the event to hear the speakers explain that through faith, partnerships and action, relationships within the community of Eastbourne can be created, improved and energised.



[Click here](#) for full report.

[Click here](#) for ROC Conversation Event

25th October 2011

Eastbourne District Police Commander, CI Jayne Dando has issued her "Autumn Message".

CI Dando gives details of the operational changes that have taken place across Sussex and the positive effects these changes will have on policing in Eastbourne.



Eastbourne is also bucking the national trends, with reported crime and anti-social behaviour both down.

[Click here](#) to download the complete message.

24th October 2011

Serious About Watersports this Autumn?

October is one of the best months for watersports in



the UK. The water is still warm, the days are still long and the weather has often been fair, it all makes for some serious fun. But the risks are serious too.

To help you stay safe, the RNLI has created a free DVD. It includes:

- Amazing action footage of eleven different watersports.
- Practical advice on staying safe in the water.
- Top tips on training and developing skills.
- First hand stories from lifeboat crews and the people they rescue.
- Advice from top trainers and sports experts.

[Click here](#) to get your **FREE Serious Fun! DVD**.

22nd October 2011

The first period of beach recycling has been completed, with all machines returning to the Environment Agency depot on Coast Road. "Tidying-up" will be completed after the weekend.



Bypassing of beach round Sovereign Harbour will not be starting straight away because the high spring tides towards the end of next week mean that there will be limited access to Langney beach either side of high water. It is now expected that this work will start sometime in November.

21st October 2011

Harbour Community Association Carpet Bowls got off to a great start at the Haven School yesterday evening.

Over twenty people, from beginners to experienced players had a very enjoyable evening, with both mats fully occupied throughout.



The group will now meet every Thursday evening, in term time, from 6.45pm until 9.15pm, starting on November 3. You can show your interest in this and other activities by registering in advance.

Membership of the HCA is free to all harbour residents over the age of 18. To register, you can download a form from the SHRA website, www.shra.co.uk/hca or email hca@shra.co.uk.

21st October 2011

Queen Elizabeth II Fields - Vote for your favourite.

To mark Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 an initiative has been entered to put local green open spaces under permanent protection. The areas protected will retain their existing names but also be known as Queen Elizabeth II Fields (QE2) and will be created across the nation.



During the autumn of 2010 local councillors were asked to nominate areas for entry into the scheme. By the end of 2010 names of nominated areas was passed to Fields in Trust (FIT) the guardian body. FIT was formerly known as the National Playing Fields Association.

After confirmation of all the legal details of land ownership and community input the recreation areas are now protected through a Deed of Dedication held by FIT.

Latest News: QE2 needs your vote

The final stage of the project is for local people to vote their support for the protected areas. Fields in Trust have a voting facility on their website that will be open for one month from **18th October**.

Please take this opportunity to endorse the scheme since a good response to this may lead to further areas being proposed.

Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Eastbourne

Six sites have so far been protected under the scheme in Eastbourne.

- Hampden Park
- Holly Park
- Old Town Recreation Ground
- Princes Park
- Tugwell Park
- Westlords Playing Field

[Click here](#) to register your vote

19th October 2011

St Barnabas House and Chestnut Tree House appeal for help.

NatWest is running a scheme supporting local projects and charities throughout England and Wales. The three most popular charities in each region will receive £6,000.



Chestnut Tree House, which is supported by the SHRA, and St Barnabas House, which does similar work, have registered for the scheme, and are appealing for support for their care services. The winners are decided by public vote and they will only have a chance of success if everyone who supports their work registers and then votes for them.

Once registered, you have three votes, so you can support St Barnabas House, Chestnut Tree House and another good cause.

To vote, firstly register by following this link:
<https://communityforce.natwest.com/user/register/>

You will then receive an email asking you to confirm - just click the link that's sent to you. Then, use the two links below to find the St Barnabas House and Chestnut Tree House entries. Just click on 'vote for us' and you'll have put them one step closer to £6,000 that they can use to improve and expand their care services.

For St Barnabas House:
<http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/2465>

And for Chestnut Tree House:
<http://communityforce.natwest.com/project/2608>

Please do take five minutes from your day to vote for them. Please also forward a link to this page to your family and friends and encourage them to support us.

Voting closes on Sunday 23rd October 2011.

19th October 2011

Free Counselling Consultation to the first three applicants.

If you would like more information on this offer, or would like to book an appointment please contact Tory Macdonald.

Mobile: 07976 399998
e-mail [Tory](#)
[Listening to You website](#)

*All contact is treated in the strictest confidence.
CCC Registered Counsellor; CRB Checked.*



18th October 2011

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its October Newsletter.

Following a period of small increases in overall crime in recent months, recorded crime for the 12 month period to the end of



September 2011, compared to the 12 month period ending September 2010, fell slightly; down by 0.5% which resulted in 27 fewer victims.

Burglary of houses for the same period is down by 6% – a reduction that means that ten fewer people were victims.

To download the complete newsletter, [click here](#)

17th October 2011

The Eastbourne Enterprise Centre is planning its first Christmas Market upstairs in the centre, behind the railway station, on **26th November**, and organisers are hoping to hear from stall holders interested in selling their wares. The date was incorrectly advised (see below) as 26th October.



They hope to have more than 30 specialist festive gift stalls selling everything from Christmas present gifts to food, body and home products.

There will be a mix of internal traders from the centre showcasing their festive ranges as well as many local craft people with lovely seasonal lines to offer.

There will also be free mulled wine and mince pies as well as a prize draw raffle and a gift wrapping service.

Pitches are £25 and anyone interested should contact Graham on 07595 848440 or Dawn on 07773 290668.

Or e-mail for more information

16th October 2011

The Harbour Community Association (HCA) Carpet Bowls 'taster session' will be held at the Haven School on Thursday 20th October from 6.45pm until 9.15pm. Thereafter, carpet bowls sessions will be held every Thursday evening at the same time.



Membership of the HCA is free to all harbour residents.

[Download a membership form.](#)

13th October 2011

Premier Marinas has updated its advance notice of bridge and lock maintenance work



North Bridge Maintenance – week commencing 7th November 2011 for approximately 10 days. We have now been told that the bridge will be raised for extended periods on some days, but normal pedestrian access will be available from 5.30pm until 8am.

Lock 1 Shutdown – week commencing 28th November 2011 for approximately 16 days for general maintenance.

12th October 2011

The eleven people who attended the inaugural meeting of the Sovereign Harbour Debating Society on 12th October discussed a wide range of subjects.

The subject for discussion at the meeting on Wednesday 19th October, in the annex of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront starting at 3pm, will be, "The Death Penalty". If you are interested in joining this group, please e-mail shdebatingsociety@gmail.com



10th October 2011

The launch of the Sovereign Harbour Debating Society will take place in the annex of Simply Italian on the Waterfront on Wednesday 12th October at 3pm. The subject for discussion at the inaugural meeting will be "Does

Sovereign Harbour need a Debating Society".

The objectives of the society are to discuss current affairs and to encourage public speaking. If you are interested in joining, [e-mail Sovereign Harbour Debating Society](#)



7th October 2011

Lifeboat volunteers at Eastbourne RNLI lifeboat station have been officially commended for the rescue of a Dutch yacht which was stranded in bad weather and rough seas.



The incident happened on 8 July 2011, when the station's all-weather lifeboat, *Royal Thames*, was launched at 6.55am, following reports that a Dutch-registered yacht, *Enterprise*, was in difficulties. At the time it was raining heavily and, following an engine failure, the yacht was stranded in south westerly force 7 winds, the crew facing very choppy seas and a two metre swell.

The lifeboat crew reached the yacht at 7.13am and Deputy Second Coxswain, Dan Guy, was safely transferred to the yacht despite the poor conditions. A tow line was passed from the lifeboat to Dan and established on the yacht. On approaching Sovereign Harbour, Dan deployed the drogue to give the lifeboat better control over the yacht through the large swell running across the harbour entrance.

Fortunately, once through the locks, the yacht was berthed on a pontoon and the lifeboat returned to station at 9.10am.

In his letter of commendation, Operations Director Michael Vlasto wrote: 'Although I have specifically mentioned coxswain Mark Sawyer and Dan Guy, it is readily apparent that they were supported by a very professional and committed crew, whose seamanship was of the highest order.' He continued: 'Everyone is to be thanked on my behalf - well done, all of you!'

[Full report and video clip](#)

6th October 2011

Eastbourne lifeboats has officially launched its new appeal to raise funds towards the cost of their new Tamar class all-weather lifeboat which is currently under construction and due for completion in the spring of 2012.



The appeal got off to a flying start with the presentation of a handsome cheque for almost £5000 from Eastbourne Hospitality Association who had nominated Eastbourne lifeboats as one of the charities to benefit from collections made at this summer's Airbourne display. Dr. Colin McKee, Chairman of Eastbourne Lifeboats Management Group, and Lifeboat Operations Manager Paul Metcalfe received the cheque from Marco Giorgi, Chairman of Eastbourne Hospitality Association along with Deputy Mayor Councillor Mike Thompson at Monday's launch.

Following the presentation Dr McKee praised the people of Eastbourne for their continued support and announced that due to their generosity much of the funding for the new boat was already in place. He continued, "A shortfall of £700,000 still exists however and that is the target we have set ourselves for this current appeal, we are confident that the good people of Eastbourne will help us achieve this figure by the end of 2012."

The lifeboat appeal team will issue regular updates, progress reports and ways to contribute throughout the coming months in the local media the station website and also on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#)

5th October 2011

The Eastbourne Enterprise Centre is planning its first Christmas Market upstairs in the centre, behind the railway station, on October 26, and organisers are hoping to hear from stallholders interested in selling their wares.



They hope to have more than 30 specialist festive gift stalls selling everything from Christmas present gifts to food, body and home products.

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4th October 2011

Indian Summer brings Sospan Dau Back Early

Our Indian Summer has helped Bulverhythe works finish early, so that Sospan Dau will be back at Sovereign Harbour in the early hours of today. Only five or six more loads are needed to complete this year's campaign, but there is a likelihood that tides may be lost on Wednesday or Thursday due to increasing winds. All being equal work should be finished by the weekend.



A bulldozer is now on site to remain working until Easter 2012. At the moment it also looks likely that recycling will start next Monday (10th), with the bulk of work being from Cooden to Herbrand Walk, and then Normans Bay East to Beachlands. There may be short duration works in other location to reflect the results of the survey that was completed on Friday. Look out for further updates

3rd October 2011

Premier Marinas has given advance notice of bridge and lock maintenance work



North Bridge Maintenance – week commencing 7th November 2011 for approximately 10 days. This will not affect pedestrian access.

Lock 1 Shutdown – week commencing 28th November 2011 for approximately 16 days for general maintenance.

2nd October 2011

Eastbourne Borough Council and East Sussex County Council have jointly developed a draft Cycling Strategy for Eastbourne.



Cycling is an important sustainable travel option for residents, commuters and visitors and the Strategy outlines a vision to create a safer, more attractive and accessible cycling network in and around Eastbourne. The councils would now like to hear the views of as many people as possible about the Strategy.

The draft Strategy highlights a number of potential and aspirational cycle routes in Eastbourne which will be subject to feasibility studies as funding becomes available. Any scheme progressing to a design stage will be subject to full consultation at a local level.

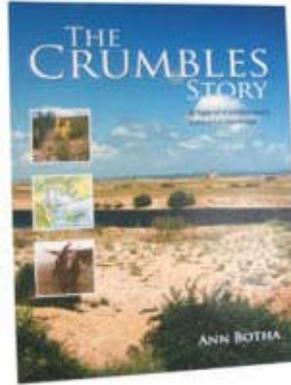
[Click here to download the draft strategy document.](#)
[Click here to download the survey.](#)

Completed surveys must be returned by **22 December 2011**.

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.

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. The book contains many illustrations in colour and B&W.



To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit or debit card, send an email to 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, payable to SHRA, with your name and address to:

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