

# Sovereign Harbour Residents Association



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### 31st December 2013

#### Any hopes for a peaceful start to the New Year

look as though they will be well and truly dashed. This morning's high water has further narrowed the beach crest in most places, this despite two days re-profiling at Normans Bay East and recycling at 'White Horses'.



As of now we expect to have three bulldozers working both tides everyday until such time as either the weather or water levels moderate. Two trucks have been working this week recycling shingle and they are being joined by two more. These too will work both tides.

After a brief period of respite it is expected that the Environment Agency will issue a **Flood Alert** for the 23:00 tide on 1st January. Again there is a brief period of (relative) calm before what is expected to be the worst storm of the sequence at noon on Friday 3rd. This I would expect to accompanied by a higher-grade **Flood Warning**.

As I have said machines will now be working continually in preparation for Friday's event, but with very high water levels and further gales forecast it is likely that some overtopping and flooding may occur.

Best wishes

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### 31st December 2013

**A few weeks ago the Neighbourhood Policing Team reminded everyone about the importance of the security around undercrofts.** This was in

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response to the fire in the Pacific Heights South undercroft. This has been further underlined by an attempted burglary at Hamilton Quay, and a cycle theft at Macquarie Quay.

Overnight on 30th December, it appears someone tried to force a private entry door within the undercroft of Hamilton Quay, which would have allowed entry to the rest of the property; thankfully no entry was gained, and no items stolen.

At Macquarie Quay a bicycle, which was locked up in the undercroft, was stolen.

Neighbourhood PC, Ed Faulkner, said: "This shows yet again how important it is for everyone to be vigilant around the security of entry and exits of such areas. Making sure no one follows you into any parking area, and no doors are left open is crucial to keeping everyone's belongings safe.

Our enquiries into these matters continue, and anyone with information is encouraged to get in contact with Sussex Police.

However lets start 2014 safely by making that extra effort to keep these secure areas secure, and all our belongings safe."



### **25th December 2013**

**In view of recent weather**, we have arranged to start works again from Friday 27th December. Everywhere has suffered erosion, although most of it is not as bad as first feared – and certainly nowhere near the level had there been a spring tide. There is however a 7.8m CD tide on Friday 3rd January, so our intention is to get some shingle replaced in the worst hit areas before then. Initially I hope to have three bulldozers working over the weekend to Monday 30th when two trucks will start recycling. Once we get past the first 2014 spring tides then we will increase the number of trucks to five – probably from Monday 6 January – and start to bring shingle back from Cooden towards Pevensey Bay.



Of course, if we get more storms over New Year, then it will be all change again! As they say; "Watch this space!" At least it looks as though we have some respite tomorrow and Thursday.

With best wishes for a dry Christmas

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### **19th December 2013**

**Having just completed seven solid weeks of work**, it seems the weather does not want to leave



things quiet for any time at all. Luckily we are just coming off a period of low spring tides and now moving towards the neap part of the cycle. It is still my intention not to do any beach works next week, but obviously if circumstance demand, then machines will be mobilised as and when necessary.

However, with a much bigger spring tides due immediately in the New Year, it seems less likely that we will be able to leave all works until Monday 6 January, particularly as the biggest tide is expected on Friday 3rd. Obviously at this stage it is too far away to know precisely what weather will accompany the highest tides, but it does seem as though we are to expect windy weather throughout the Christmas period.

As we have no desire to interrupt anyone's holiday season, we would prefer to wait until Monday 6th, but cannot rule out that between Monday 30 and Friday 3 January some works will be necessary. Let us hope for some seasonal frost and snow, which will indicate winds from the north – and a flat sea.

With best wishes for a peaceful and relaxing Christmas,

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### 19th December 2013

**All tickets for the evening of sixties music** at Pablo's on 30th January 2014 have been sold.

Thanks to all who have supported this event to raise funds for the Sovereign Harbour entry to the 2014 Eastbourne Sunshine Carnival. Our apologies to anybody who has been unable to get a ticket.



### 18th December 2013

The Fire Brigades Union has announced that its members will be taking industrial action over the Christmas and New Year period. The times and dates are as follows:

- Tuesday 24th December 7.00pm- midnight (Christmas Eve)
- Tuesday 31st December 6.30pm-12.30am (New Year's Eve/Day)
- Friday 3rd January 6.30am - 08.30am



East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS) contingency plans for these strikes remain the same. Crews, comprising non-FBU members and retained colleagues, will continue to provide emergency cover across East Sussex and Brighton and Hove during this time. Cover will inevitably be reduced and incidents will be prioritised where lives are in danger.

All three strikes take place at a busy time and members of the public are urged

to take extra care. People may be out and about, either returning home from work or preparing for Christmas/New Year Eve celebrations.

ESFRS advise you to follow the [Stay Safe](#) advice on its website. There are a number of simple checklists containing straightforward safety advice on a range of subjects.

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### 17th December 2013

**The Office for National Statistics estimates that over 31,000 people died needlessly last winter because of the cold**, up nearly 30% on the previous year; over 28,500 of them over 65. That's nearly 350 lives lost on the average winter day. These are shocking statistics.



It's unacceptable that so many mothers, fathers, grandparents and loved ones die because of cold homes, when older people in colder countries fare so much better; but you **can** do something about it.

By simply donating your clothes and other unwanted items to Age UK, it can use the money raised to keep people in later life warm and well this winter as part of its "Spread the Warmth" campaign.

Together with its local and national partners, Age UK offers winter benefit checks, hot nutritious meals at local lunch clubs and gives out essentials like warm clothes, heaters and blankets.

It couldn't be easier for you to help. Just drop your items off at your nearest Age UK shop which you can find by [visiting the Age UK website](#), or by calling 0800 169 8787.

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### 14th December 2013

**Further to the vehicle fire on 1st December** in the undercroft of Pacific Heights South in Golden Gate Way on the North Harbour, members of the Neighbourhood Policing Team and East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service will be available to address any issues and problems that local residents may be experiencing.



This meeting, which will take place outside Pacific Heights South on Wednesday 18th December, starting at 4pm, will be attended by neighbourhood PCs and PCSOs, as well as officers of ESFRS, members and officers of the Council and Neighbourhood Watch. This is an informal meeting, open to all, and a chance for you to raise any concerns that you may have directly to the people who can do something to help.

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### 14th December 2013

**Police are appealing for anyone who may have been given 'financial advice'** from Meads Financial Consultants Ltd in Eastbourne and feel that they may have been misled with their investments.



Meads Financial Consultants Limited was a firm offering independent legal advice. Up until recently it operated from a premises at 17, Gildredge Road Eastbourne. It is alleged that the firm may have deceived up to 31 victims into investing in fictitious investments.

Detective Constable Valerie Henwood said: "This could be fraud by abuse of position and we believe this could have been going on from 2004 until 2013 when the company went into insolvency. There may be other victims out there who have invested in these schemes with the company and we need to hear from them."

A 76-year-old man from Cooden has been interviewed by police as part of the investigation.

If you are a victim, or have any information, contact police on 101 quoting serial 1318 of 08/6.

### 13th December 2013

**In order to raise funds** for the construction of Sovereign Harbour's 2014 carnival entry, an evening of sixties music, with a two course meal, has been arranged on 30th January 2014 to coincide with the reopening of Pablo's restaurant at the Waterfront following its refurbishment.



This will be a fun evening at this very popular restaurant and places are limited. To ensure you don't miss out, early booking is recommended.

Tickets £15, of which £5 will be donated to the SHCA's carnival float fund.

For more information, and to download a booking form, [click here](#)

### 12th December 2013

**The Christmas Drink Drive Campaign is now well underway** in Sussex. Campaigns takes place twice a year, during the summer, and for one month from 1st December. The aim of the campaign is to educate drivers about the dangers of drinking driving, to make people aware of the impact that drink driving can have, and ultimately to work with partners to reduce the number of people drink driving throughout Sussex.



As part of this campaign, a Live Web Chat will take place on Wednesday 18th December, between 12:30pm and 2pm, where members of the public can ask questions about drink driving and find out more about how we work together to deal with drink driving offences in Sussex.

Chief Inspector Natalie Moloney from the Road Policing Unit, Tim Fellows from South East Coast Ambulance and Justin Goodchild from East Sussex Fire and Rescue will be on hand to answer your questions.

If you would like to pose a question [please log on between 12:30pm and 2pm](#)

### 12th December 2013

**The Motor Insurers' Bureau has launched the free mobile phone service** to help millions of accident victims a year to check vehicle insurance details at the roadside.



The new "askMID Roadside" service, which is only accessible via a smart mobile device at [www.askMID.com](http://www.askMID.com), can be used to check the insurance details of the other parties involved in a road traffic accident. MIB Chief Executive, Ashton West, believes the new mobile service will help these drivers and many others take some of the stress out of collecting important information at the time of the accident. The home page of askMID.com features a [short video demonstrating the service](#).

The "askMID Roadside" service provides drivers with an instant check of the Motor Insurance Database (MID) from their mobile phone – the user accesses the MID through a mobile-friendly web page. This confirms whether the other vehicle involved in the accident is showing as insured on the MID and provides the other party's insurance details so that the claim can be pursued quickly.

If the results from askMID checks are inconsistent with the vehicle involved in the accident, the user is advised to contact their insurer. In either scenario, the service signposts the user as to what to do next.

**11th December 2013**

**Community Speedwatch is coming to Eastbourne** and police are looking for local support for the initiative.



Volunteers are needed to help to reduce the number of speeding vehicles on the town's streets. The aim is to establish a group of volunteers who will receive training support and equipment, to give up a few hours of their time to carry out speed checks in areas of Eastbourne where speeding is most prevalent. Hotspots have been identified over the past few months by Neighbourhood Police and Community Support Officers using a SID (speed indicator device) in response to concerns raised by local residents in those areas.

[More > >](#)

**10th December 2013**



**The planning application for the Master Plan** for the completion of the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood has now been validated. You can now view and comment on the application on the [Eastbourne Borough Council website](#) using the application reference "131002".

**10th December 2013**

**Bypassing of shingle round Sovereign Harbour** started this morning, and will continue all week, finishing on Friday. Next week we should be back to a single bulldozer.



With no big spring tides until the New Year, hopefully there will be no machines working at all from Friday 20th December until the first week of January.

**9th December 2013**

**A planning application for the Sovereign Harbour Innovation Mall**, to be constructed in



a gateway location on the development land known as "Site Six", has been submitted by Seachange Sussex on behalf of East Sussex County Council.

The plans can be viewed on the [Eastbourne Borough Council website](#) using the application reference "130967".

### 6th December 2013

**There have recently been several burglaries** where the older generation have been targeted and given access to their homes to men posing as officials. While such occurrences are rare Eastbourne Police want to put out the following advice to residents: Doorstep callers come in various forms. The difficulty at the door is knowing whether or not they are genuine.



***Always report bogus callers to the police.***

[More information > >](#)

### 5th December 2013

**We are in the middle of a brief but interesting weather pattern.** High water this lunchtime is seeing the strongest winds, and reasonably high waves. But with a negative surge of -0.25m little is expected to happen. Conversely, tonight the wind dies down, and shifts to the north west, but the surge increases to an unusual +0.85m.



This means a water level of 4.8mOD (or 8.5mCD as in the local tide tables). This will be the highest water level seen since the scheme started 13 years ago, although by then waves are expected to be down to 1.2m and from WSW. Consequently we are somewhat in unknown territory, as we are more used to lower water levels but much bigger waves. My inclination is that there will be some erosion to the front of beach crest but I would not expect any overtopping.

It is expected that the Environment Agency will issue a flood alert for the 01:00 high water tomorrow.

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### 5th December 2013

**Our Neighbourhood PC, Ed Faulkner,** has issued this message to harbour residents in the run-up to Christmas.

"2013 has been another successful year from a Policing perspective. Crime will always happen,

however, our role is to make sure people are kept safe, and crime is kept low. The Harbour continues to grow as a community, and we are keen to ensure that it remains a pleasant place to live and work.

Recent events have shown that we need to constantly be on guard against risks. The Harbour design has created some unique challenges within Eastbourne, and we wanted to highlight some actions everyone can take to stay safe."



[Read the complete message > >](#)

### 5th December 2013

**Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne**, has established a new fund to support local voluntary and community groups tackle crime and improve community safety. The Fund, worth £200,000, will support local projects that address the priorities outlined in Mrs Bourne's Police and Crime Plan.



Awards of up to £5,000 will be granted for projects that meet the funding criteria following consideration by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and approval by the PCC. In exceptional circumstances the Commissioner will consider requests for funding above £5,000. Funding will be granted quarterly and the first deadline for applications is 31st March 2014.

[More information > >](#)

### 3rd December 2013

**Artsbourne has issued its Christmas Events newsletter**, with details of exhibitions, events, craft fairs, etc taking place in and around Eastbourne throughout the festive season.



[View the newsletter > >](#)

### 2nd December 2013

**Just before 10pm on Sunday 1st December**, there was a car fire in the undercroft of the Pacific Heights South apartment block on the North Harbour. Fortunately, there were no injuries and residents were able to return to their homes after the blaze had been extinguished by the Fire and Rescue Service.



Police are currently investigating the circumstances relating to the incident, and request that anybody with any information that might assist should contact them on 101, quoting reference: 1465 01/12/12

### 2nd December 2013

**On Thursday 5th December Premier Marinas** will commence emptying the lock furthest from the Harbour Office. With the dangers associated with





heavy lifting and cranes, pedestrian access over the locks will be suspended until the crane is off site.

Once safe, a temporary pedestrian access bridge will be installed, reinstating usual pedestrian access; hopefully all within the same day.

If you require more information, please contact either the Marina Manager, Daniel Heckford or Duty Manager, Mark Francis, on 01323-470099

### 30th November 2013



#### The three East Sussex NHS clinical commissioning groups

(CCGs) will hold extraordinary meetings in public on December 11 to consider proposals for the future of local health services. The meetings will have two items on the agenda for agreement:

- maternity and paediatric services.
- the future provision of dementia assessment beds.

Options for how high quality maternity and paediatric services could be safely and sustainably provided are currently being developed by the CCGs. This has been informed by an extensive period of patient and public engagement which began in July 2013. The governing bodies of each CCG will be considering these proposed future delivery options and will decide whether to submit them to East Sussex County Council's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC). HOSC will meet on 10 January to decide whether the proposals should be subject to formal public consultation.

A 12-week public consultation on the provision of dementia assessment beds in East Sussex closed on October 25 and the CCGs will be required to agree a preferred option at these meetings. This decision will be referred to the January HOSC meeting for approval. A report containing proposals and recommendations for both matters will be published on the CCG websites one week in advance of the meetings. These are extraordinary governing body meetings which have been convened on the same day because maternity, paediatrics and dementia services are jointly commissioned by all three CCGs and affect residents throughout the county. Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG and Hastings and Rother CCG will meet jointly to consider these two matters at the Horseshoe Inn, Posey Green, Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux, East Sussex, BN27 4RU, from 2.30pm. High Weald Lewes Havens CCG will meet at Lewes Sports Club, Kingston Road, Lewes, BN7 3NB, from 1.30pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings and there will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Amanda Philpott, joint chief officer of Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford CCG and Hastings and Rother CCG said: "The required timescales for decision-making on these two important issues fell outside of our normal cycle of public governing body meetings. Therefore the CCGs have convened these extraordinary meetings to ensure the public can see decisions being made.

In respect of maternity and paediatrics, governing bodies will be considering options for how these services might be delivered in a safe and sustainable way in the long term. If HOSC considers that these recommendations constitute a substantial change to local service provision then a 12-week period of widespread formal public consultation will commence in January. CCGs would then make a final decision next summer.

The proposals around dementia have already been subject to public consultation."

For further information visit the [CCG website](#)

### 30th November 2013

**Local charities have received an early Christmas present** from visitors to Airbourne as, next week, they will be presented with donations from the bucket collection held at the show. The Samaritans and Macmillan Cancer Support will each receive a donation of £4,183 from the bucket collections which were held over all four days of this year's Airbourne.



The collection, run by the Eastbourne Hospitality Association and the Rotary Clubs of Eastbourne, helps to fund the flying displays each year at the show with 30% of the proceeds being donated to local charities.

The Mayor of Eastbourne, Councillor Mike Thompson said "It is a pleasure to be able to hand over this money to these two charities who do such great work in Eastbourne. Our thanks go out to the many volunteers who made this year's airshow such a success, from bucket collectors to safety boat volunteers, and of course the members of the public who so willingly donated."

Local bus operator Stagecoach Buses sponsored the administrative operation of the collection, with volunteers collecting money along the seafront during all four days of the airshow.

The remaining 70% of funds from the collection will go towards the continuation of Airbourne, one of the most popular seaside airshows in the country.

Airbourne fans can still donate online for the 2014 show. For more information on Airbourne or to make a donation visit [www.eastbourneairshow.com](http://www.eastbourneairshow.com).

### 29th November 2013

**Long distance beach recycling will be completed today**, although two trucks will be kept into next week when the last big spring tides of the year will occur. At this stage the medium term forecast seems to indicate light, predominantly northerly winds will dominate, so no problems are anticipated. Of course that could all change.



Assuming it doesn't, Monday will see shingle moving from Normans Bay outfall to Beachlands, with machines gradually moving west to Sovereign Harbour by Thursday.

All things being equal, beach bypassing work will take place round Sovereign Harbour on Monday 9th December for five days. Some machines may be moved to Langney on Friday so that banks of shingle moving north around the inside of the Outer Harbour are removed in advance of the main works starting.

PCDL is conscious that some of the shingle inside the Outer Harbour is becoming vegetated. The theoretical beach width inside the harbour is 5m, so any vegetation within this strip will be left untouched as much as possible, but it is important to restrict northerly movement of this sediment otherwise it would reach the lock gates and could prevent them from functioning normally.

### 28th November 2013

**Eastbourne Police District Commander**, CI Steve Biglands, has issued his November message. He said:

"Its almost the festive season, so its time for some sensible crime messages.

The nights have drawn in and unless you make the effort it is completely obvious to Billy burglar which homes are a safe bet. My advice is to put lights on



timers and vary your routine."

[Read the complete message > >](#)

### 23rd November 2013

**Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch Association** (ENWA) is looking for a new volunteer Ward Co-ordinator to operate in the Sovereign area of Eastbourne. The job involves looking after the interests of Neighbourhood Watch by ensuring newsletters are delivered to street Co-ordinators for distribution. It will also mean promoting the objective of Neighbourhood Watch which is to assist the Police and other partners in crime reduction, reducing the fear of crime, whilst improving relationships with the Police and the community.



Eastbourne Neighbourhood Watch has 14,500 members and, in the Sovereign area there are 28 schemes covering 1316 homes. ENWA would, of course, wish to improve its membership in the area, and there is a great deal of potential to do this.

Ward Co-ordinators, once in position, are elected on to the ENWA Committee, which meets four times a year. There are nine wards in the Eastbourne, of which Sovereign is one.

The position would suit a retired. or semi-retired person, or a younger person not in full time employment who is a team player and wants to give something to the community, whilst at the same time meeting some really interesting people. You would not be alone, as you would be given the full support and training for you to become an active member of the team, by people who have been helping NHW for a number of years. This is a very satisfying position.

Why not give us then a call, they are happy to meet you at any time to discuss further details. Please call Alf Pulfer on 01323-507639 or John Rollison on 01323-507665.

### 22nd November 2013

**A new campaign, "Step Up To Serve"**, has been launched to encourage more young people to get involved with helping others.



**Step Up To Serve** calls for adults across the UK to [sign up and volunteer](#) to help double the level of participation of young people in helping others. [You can also pledge a personal #iwill commitment and share it on Twitter.](#)

HRH The Prince of Wales is the Royal Patron of Step Up To Serve, and the campaign is being supported by the Prime Minister, Deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the Opposition.

Step Up To Serve will expand existing opportunities for young people, encourage new ones and help overcome the barriers that stop young people getting involved. It will encourage 1.7 million more young people aged 10 to 20 to make helping others a habit for life.

Increasing the proportion of young people involved from 29% to 50% would add almost 90 million hours of voluntary work per year, worth almost £700 million to the UK economy.

With a fifth of young people aged 16 to 24 currently unemployed in the UK, increasing involvement in helping others can help tackle this growing concern. Evidence from the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) shows that helping others can develop optimism, determination and emotional intelligence - skills

which are key to employability.

### 20th November 2013

**Sovereign Harbour Limited (SHL) has submitted an outline planning application** for six sites around the harbour which will create jobs, new homes and community facilities.



The application is in accordance with the master plan designed to complete the harbour development which has been the subject of extensive consultation.

The plans include provision for a maximum of 150 new homes together with a range of facilities including a community hall, a park and two further significant open spaces which will become important amenities for the local community. The application will also provide the opportunity for further commercial development in North Harbour with offices and other employment generating uses including some new shops and restaurants at the Waterfront. Future investment in Sovereign Harbour is likely to be in excess of £80m and there is potential for the generation of 1,500 jobs.

The proposals have been developed by SHL in close association with a working group of local representatives chaired by the MP Stephen Lloyd, and included the ward councillors, Eastbourne Borough Council and the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association. The plans were well received during community consultation activity which concluded earlier this year.

Stephen Lloyd MP said: "this is a culmination of a great deal of work from all the stakeholders. I promised the residents that we would do what it takes to deliver a genuinely progressive and community focused master plan for the Harbour and I am delighted that this has been achieved."

SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks said: "This planning application brings the completion of the Sovereign Harbour development significantly closer and the proposals it contains will, when implemented, bring substantial improvements to the sustainability of the neighbourhood. We look forward to working with Sovereign Harbour Ltd and Planning Officers to ensure the overall delivery of the plan; in particular, the provision of the community centre and other social infrastructure"

Leader of Eastbourne Borough Council, Cllr David Tutt, said: "This is a welcome step forward in the completion of the Sovereign Harbour area and has come about as a result of joint working between local residents, the MP, the Council and the developers."

Councillor David Elkin, said: "The fact that the master plan has finally arrived demonstrates that we are at our best when we all work together"

Councillor Philip Ede said: "As we entered into this process of stakeholder consultation I and my ward colleagues were mindful of the historic shortcomings of past development and were therefore determined to ensure that this time round any new development should be sustainable, provide much needed community infrastructure and would include a much greater focus on leisure and retail space in order to enhance Sovereign Harbour as a top visitor destination. I think that the agreed master plan largely achieves this and this is a testament to the importance of identifying and involving key stakeholders in the planning of large scale developments, that I hope will be repeated elsewhere."

### 18th November 2013

As the weather gets colder it does mean we should avoid any further southerly or south-westerly storms for a couple of weeks. Repair works from the last storms are due to continue for the next two weeks and it is my intention to keep some trucks working until the next big tides in the first week



of December so they are on hand should storms return.

Shingle will continue to be taken from Cooden to Beachlands until Wednesday, before work will relocate to Normans Bay outfall, and beach being taken through the village to 'White Horses' and Sovereign Harbour. Bypassing shingle round Sovereign Harbour is generally not possible on spring tides because access to Langney beach is limited by high water being in the middle of the day, so at this stage it is not expected to happen until Monday 9 December. Of course, the weather may well have the final word in that decision!

Incidentally, I have had a look at the archived data for 28th October and 3rd November storms. Had the wind and waves from 28th October occurred one week later we would have been looking at a 1:100 year event and doubtless some serious flooding. If the highest tide, biggest storm surge and biggest waves from that 7 day period had all coincided in a single storm, then it would have exceeded 1:400. It just shows that all the elements needed for a major event occur reasonably frequently. Luckily it is very rare for them to coincide.

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### 16th November 2013

**We understand that one of the men who bravely intervened** in the dog-on-dog attack reported below was a passing cyclist. If you are that man, or know who he is, can you [please e-mail SHRA](#).

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### 15th November 2013

**We have received reports of a vicious dog-on-dog attack**, in which two men were also injured. The attack, by a slate coloured, unrestrained, pit bull type dog took place on the outer harbour promenade yesterday afternoon.



This dog, as any unrestrained dog, should be approached with caution, especially by children and older people.

If you witnessed this attack, or have any information that could identify the dog, please contact your neighbourhood Police officers:

**PC Ed Faulkner: 07787-685813**  
**PCSO Martin Hylands: 07909-873787**

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### 13th November 2013

**Lucky the cat has turned up at Bright Ideas**, as if nothing has happened; everybody was delighted to see him. If you have any idea where he spent the past five days, please [e-mail SHRA](#).

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### 13th November 2013



**Lucky, the well known harbour cat**, who can usually be found in or around Bright Ideas on the Waterfront, has gone missing . . . . again!!

Lucky hasn't been seen since Friday afternoon, so can you please check your garages and sheds to make sure he hasn't been locked in. Lucky is a very friendly cat and is not averse to making himself comfortable in somebody's home so, if you have recently been invaded by a black cat, it could be Lucky.

Lucky is easily recognisable as he has a flaw in one of his eyes. If you know where he is, please text the location to: 07770-621368.

### **6th November 2013**

**This time yesterday I was convinced that we had seen the worst** of this series of spring tides. However, overnight the timing of a brief spell of windy weather has been forecast to move back several hours so that 3m waves that would have come and gone before the 01:00 HW tomorrow now seem to be going to coincide with HW. Conditions are now expected to be on a par with those we saw overnight from Sunday into Monday this week.



The likelihood is that we will be back to square one by dawn tomorrow. More machines are on the way we intend to get shingle delivered to Normans Bay and Beachlands today. Bulldozers will be at 'White Horses' and Sovereign Harbour at some point but will be working this evening ahead of the high tide.

I now estimate that machines will be working at least until the end of the month, but most probably until early December. At least the second November spring tide is very low, so the big tides starting around 3-4 December. I am sure there will be still some machines here until we know what weather is expected for those tides as well.

Kind regards

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### 6th November 2013

**The national dispute between the Fire Brigades Union** and the Government has not yet been resolved and further strike action is now being taken as below: -

- Wednesday 13th November between 1000-1400hrs

Contingency cover arrangements remain current.

Please continue to use the fire safety advice on [the ESFRS website](#); the **Stay Safe** checklists covers a range of fire safety subject areas and is available on the ESFRS website homepage.



**East Sussex**  
Fire & Rescue Service

### 5th November 2013

**Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne**, is consulting taxpayers on the precept – the policing part of the council tax - for 2014/15.



The Commissioner wants to know if Sussex residents would be willing to pay an extra £4.95 a year towards reducing serious sexual offending and tackling child exploitation, strengthening the fight against cyber-crime and increasing the visibility of front-line policing.

Mrs Bourne said: "I have a statutory obligation to set the police budget. I fulfilled my election pledge to freeze the precept in my first year of office and, as a result, residents have paid the same amount for policing in Sussex for the last four years. However, in order to enable investment and ensure Sussex Police is sufficiently resourced to meet future challenges, I am consulting on a 3.6% increase which would add £4.95 per year per household for a Band D property.

"As a voice for local people on policing and crime it's very important that I know if Sussex residents are willing to pay a little extra towards policing in the county. Therefore, I would encourage as many people as possible to spend a few minutes filling out the Public Consultation Survey."

The Commissioner is duty bound to inform the Police and Crime Panel of her considerations and the consultation with Sussex taxpayers will help inform a decision in January 2014. This decision will be reviewed by the Panel.

[Click here to complete the online survey > >](#)

The consultation will close on Friday 10 January.

### 5th November 2013

**Yesterday, Police enquiries led to the arrest** of a male from the Langney Point area for a burglary committed on the harbour.



PC Ed Faulkner said: "He has now been charged with that offence, and was remanded in Police custody awaiting an initial court hearing. This is a very positive, and swift outcome to this incident which demonstrates that we will act fast to resolve any crime that takes place. It is important for residents to remain vigilant and keep their property safe and secure at all time.

There will always be opportunist thieves out there who will do whatever they can to take what doesn't belong to them. With the darker nights, we want to

make sure that the season isn't ruined by a burglar. Similarly please let your neighbourhood Police officers know if you see anyone acting suspiciously, any good intentioned call will be treated seriously."

**PC Ed Faulkner: 07787-685813**

**PCSO Martin Hylands: 07909-873787**

#### **5th November 2013**

**Spend £20 or more when purchasing anything** during the month of November at Lynley's the jewellers, inside Asda in the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park, and you will receive a voucher giving 15% off silver jewellery.



Sovereign Harbour Residents Association members are eligible for a 10% reduction off purchases on production of their membership card.

#### **4th November 2013**

**Last night's storm seems to have been much as predicted**, resulting in erosion along the entire 9km frontage. Although water levels are even higher now, the northerly wind has served to flatten the waves relatively quickly. Repair works have already started but have been limited because of reduced access along the beach.



Trucks will be delivering beach to Normans Bay East this afternoon and most likely Beachlands tomorrow. Initially all shingle will be sourced from Cooden and moved west into the most vulnerable areas so that minimum levels are achieved as quickly as possible. Thereafter, further material will be added until beach profiles are restored to their pre-storm condition.

Eventually trucks will reach the western end of the bay, but in the meantime two additional bulldozers will be brought in to start repairs at 'White Horses' and Sovereign Harbour. The next four tides are expected to see diminishing waves, although there is a chance they will be increasing again late on Wednesday. Current predictions show a short lived 2m+ wave peak around 21:00, which is 4 hours before the 01:00 HW on Thursday 7 November.

All the signs are that the worst has passed (for now...) so PCDL can try and



reinstate the beach in the most efficient manner rather than jump about doing little bits here and there. Of course if the situation changes, plans will be adjusted accordingly. However, with five trucks on the beach the contractors are in a position to respond quickly to any situation that may develop.

#### 4th November 2013

**The run up to Christmas is a busy time for everyone**, sadly including burglars. There has been a small increase in the number of burglaries to homes and shops in the Harbour and Langney Point areas over recent weeks. These appear to have been opportunist break-ins to premises, taking what they can, when a door or window has been left open.



It is essential that everyone takes extra care to keep their premises, including sheds, garages, and outbuildings secure and safe. Items, including Christmas presents, high value tools and other items should be hidden from view and, where possible, clearly marked with your postcode or some other unique identifier.

There will always be opportunist thieves out there who will do whatever they can to take what doesn't belong to them. With the darker nights, we want to make sure that the season isn't ruined by a burglar. Similarly please let your neighbourhood Police officers know if you see anyone acting suspiciously, any good intentioned call will be treated seriously.

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#### 2nd November 2013

**Ian Thomas of Pevensey Coast Defences has issued the following warning.**



*"High Water at 23:00 for tomorrow, Sunday 3rd November is not looking particularly good, and I estimate we could be in for about a 1 in 5 year storm.*

*With 3.2m offshore waves this will inevitably mean significant beach erosion and probably some over-topping. This is my personal view of the data received so far, but I feel it is worth passing it on so those living right on the beach have the opportunity to remove or make safe any boats or other items that could be affected by the storm.*

*We have five dumptrucks on the beach so we will start to repair any erosion first thing Monday morning. Obviously we won't be able to work everywhere at once but will endeavour to restore defences as soon as we can.*

*It looks as though there will then be two days respite over the highest tides of the period, with the potential for bigger waves again overnight Wednesday/Thursday 6/7th November. At this stage I wouldn't read too much into that as being 4/5 days ahead there is plenty of time for things to change."*

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### 29th October 2013

**Despite positive signs earlier last week** the national dispute between the Fire Brigades Union and the Government has not yet been resolved and further strike action is now being taken as below: -

- Friday 1st November between 1830-2300hrs
- Monday 4th November between 0600-0800hrs

Contingency cover arrangements remain current and the continuing advice to communities is to follow fire safety advice through the [Stay Safe](#) campaign.

Further fire safety advice is available on [the East Sussex Fire and Rescue website](#). Given the time of year, extra care should be taken when having bonfires or using fireworks.



**East Sussex**  
Fire & Rescue Service

### 29th October 2013

**e-on has issued its fourth newsletter**, bringing news of some survey work they're planning to do this autumn along the onshore cable route for the proposed Rampion Offshore Wind Farm .



The work will start this month and will be carried out at various sites along the cable route, from Brooklands Pleasure Park, to the proposed substation site next to National Grid's existing Bolney substation in Twineham. It will help work out the best way to lay the onshore cable, if the wind farm is given consent to go ahead.

[Download the Autumn newsletter.](#)

### 28th October 2013

**Operation Blitz is being extended** to cover the whole of half term week from Monday 28th October to Saturday 2nd November.

Police in Eastbourne are stepping up operational patrols in the town next week in support of a national campaign to prevent the nuisance and harm associated with "*trick or treat*" and fireworks.



The extended Blitz patrols will coincide with a national "In Focus - Anti-social behaviour" campaign set up to cover the Halloween period.

Eastbourne Neighbourhood Police, in partnership with Eastbourne Borough Council, local fire and ambulance services and trading standards will be running a local campaign to encourage safe celebrations and to prevent harm.

As well as targeting ASB the aims of the initiatives will involve providing public advice on Halloween and fireworks safety, engaging with children, young people and families and using social media to promote best practice – including a "Trick or Tweet" campaign. Police will be sending out live tweets each night of the operation.

You can download a poster from Sussex Police to display in your window to let the Trick or Treaters know whether you want to participate.

[Download Poster - Trick or Treaters welcome](#)

[Download Poster - Trick or Treaters not welcome](#)

### 26th October 2013

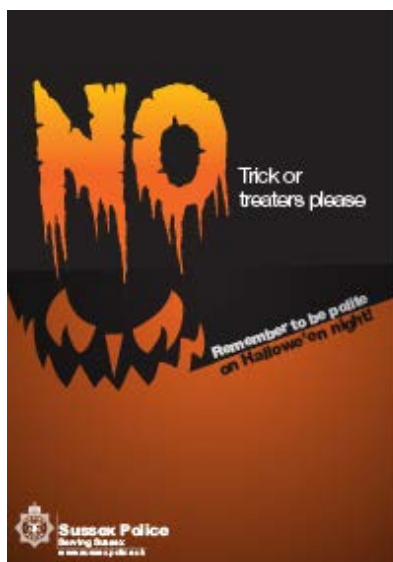
# YOUTH FAIR

The Winter Gardens is the venue for the Eastbourne Youth Partnership Youth Fair on Tuesday 29th October; drop in any time from 11am to 4pm.

There will be displays, competitions, performances, bike marking, and more.

## 26th October 2013

**Hallowe'en falls on 31st October** and is a time when the evenings begin to get darker and colder and a rise in anti-social behaviour relating to noise, nuisance, criminal damage and fireworks can occur. For some, especially the elderly and vulnerable, Hallowe'en can be a very distressing time.



If you are a parent or guardian, you need to play your part in the festivities. Never allow young children to go out without an adult and if you and your children are planning to go trick or treating please respect notices at the homes of residents asking not to be disturbed. Please also be alert to any unaccompanied children who may be without adult supervision. If your teenage children are planning to trick or treat without you, ensure you know exactly where they are going, what time they will be home and remind them not to knock on the doors of strangers and to stay with their friends at all times. Please also remind them to respect the wishes of those who choose not to take part.

Superintendent Laurence Taylor of Sussex Police says: "Thousands of people throughout Sussex enjoy Hallowe'en and we do not want to spoil their fun. However, there is a minority who make the evening a real nightmare for those who choose not to participate in Hallowe'en traditions. We expect many people of all ages to be attending parties and enjoying the evening. As always, we will remain vigilant and will not tolerate unacceptable behaviour that causes unnecessary distress to others."

You can download a poster from Sussex Police to display in your window to let the Trick or Treaters know whether you want to participate.

[Download Poster - Trick or Treaters welcome](#)

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## 25th October 2013

The Eastbourne Crime and Safety Partnership has published its October 2013 Newsletter.

There's lots of news and advice to keep you and you hard earned



cash safe from criminals.

[Download the complete newsletter > >](#)

### 24th October 2013

I think we can safely say that autumn has now arrived, and although today has been a pleasant interlude, Sunday and Monday could well be particularly nasty.



It seems hard to believe, but since 8 February we have only undertaken 5 days of recycling. Unfortunately, that is all about to change, as we have delayed the first recycle of autumn longer than usual. As things stand, we need to move around 16,000 m<sup>3</sup> of beach before we are fully prepared for the worst of winter.

We are presently on falling tides, but the next 7.7mCD tides coincide with Bonfire Night. With this in mind we will start moving shingle from Cooden to Herbrand Walk, Normans Bay East and Beachlands from next Wednesday, subsequently moving beach from Normans Bay outfall and the Beachlands camp-site to 'White Horses' and Sovereign Harbour.

All in all machines are expected to be here for three weeks, although if the spring tides are accompanied by big waves we may have to postpone the current plans and concentrate on repairing erosion as and when it occurs.

After that, we hope to bypass shingle round Sovereign Harbour from Langney, but as this at least three weeks away there is plenty of time for things to change.

All in all it looks as though November will be a busy month, but I will keep you updated as things progress and in light of what weather we actually receive in the coming weeks.

Best wishes

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### 18th October 2013



**East Sussex Trading Standards** has issued the October issue of its newsletter.

In this issue:

- Jail term for 'cold caller' who targeted elderly
- Look out, Trading Standards are about!
- Erols licence revoked
- Halloween
- Counterfeit sellers can't hide from Trading Standards
- Shopping advice in the run up to Christmas
- Buy and Support With Confidence Ceremony

[Download the newsletter](#)

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

**16th October 2013**

### **The Funeral of Christine Runalls**



**A celebration of Christine's life will be held on Monday, 28th October at 10:00 at:**

**Christ the King Church,  
3, Princes Road,  
Eastbourne, BN23 6HT.**

**This will be followed at 11:30 by a service at:**

**Eastbourne Crematorium,  
Hide Hollow,  
Langney,  
Eastbourne, BN23 8AE.**

**Family flowers only, but donations may be made to St. Wilfrid's Hospice. Cheques should be payable to St Wilfrid's Hospice (please write ref. Christine Runalls on the reverse) and sent to.**

**St. Wilfrid's Hospice,  
c/o Haines & Son  
19 South Street  
Eastbourne, BN21 4UJ**

**14th October 2013**



**We are very sad to report the death of Christine Runalls.**

Christine, wife of former SHRA chairman Rick Runalls, died peacefully in her sleep, surrounded by family and friends, in St Wilfrid's Hospice on 11th October, after a long struggle against cancer.

Christine will be sadly missed and we offer our sincere condolences to Rick, and to her twin children, Stephen and Helen.

**8th October 2013**

As you are most likely aware, it is around this time of year that we do a first recycle in advance of autumnal gales. This year will be no exception, but I am conscious that with continuing fine and dry weather significant truck movements would be more obtrusive than usual because of the dust they would generate.



Of course if it stays fine and dry there is less urgency to undertake the work. In general the beach is in good shape after the summer, but more vulnerable areas can always do with some additional reinforcement before some proper storms come along.

With this in mind it is probable that dump truck arrival will coincide with a period of spring tides. Last weekend's spring tides are now gone, so the next potential start date would be Monday 21 October. If it remains dry and with winds from the north then it could be delayed until the spring tide during the first week of November.

When we do start it is expected that works will cover the whole bay, with at some point shingle being moved west from Cooden/Herbrand Walk to Sovereign Harbour as well local movement at Cooden, Herbrand Walk, Normans Bay, Beachlands and 'White Horses'. Following on from that, shingle does need to

be bypassed round Sovereign Harbour from Langney beach.

So, several different facets of work are planned, but hopefully they can be timed to minimise disruption to residents, whilst still ensuring that a suitable sea defence is maintained. I will provide more detail about where and when we will start once the weather patterns change.

In the meantime Darren is back with his bulldozer for the winter and he will continue to box shingle to Beachlands for a few more days before moving to 'White Horses' and Sovereign Harbour.



Kind regards

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#### 5th October 2013

**On Monday 7th October, the front counter services** at Grove Road Police Station, Eastbourne will relocate to sit alongside Eastbourne Borough Council services at 1 Grove Road (next to Eastbourne Library). Eastbourne Police Station will be closed to the public but will still be used for the time being by some office based staff.



As well as police services such as reporting incidents, crimes and lost or found property, the public will continue to be able to access a range of council services such as council tax, planning and housing enquiries.

There will be no changes to the availability of council services at 1 Grove Road as a result of the police relocation. Council services will continue to be available from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday, but in addition to this the building will be open on Saturdays for police enquiries only from 9am to 5pm.

Eastbourne's Neighbourhood Response Team, officers responding to 999 calls, will continue to be based at Hammonds Drive Patrol Centre and our response to emergency calls will not change.

Chief Inspector Steve Biglands, Eastbourne District Commander, said: "We are all very much looking forward to being able to offer an even better service to the public in a more joint up approach with Eastbourne Borough Council.

If you want to learn more about this move please do not hesitate to speak to your local Neighbourhood Policing Team whose contact details can be found at our website, [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk), or by calling 101."

#### 4th October 2013

The Auction of Promises is the main fundraising event for the year for the Eastbourne Salvation Army. Members of the local community are asked to provide a 'Promise' which will be auctioned on 12th of



October from 7pm until 10pm at Eastbourne Town Hall.

Tickets for the event cost only £10 and it will be great fun. Tickets can be brought from Pauline Peagram from the Salvation Army on 01323-417149.

Please try to come along. The Salvation Army do great work in Eastbourne (and globally for that matter) Every penny raised will be put to good use.

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### 3rd October 2013

**Southern Water and their contractor Morrison Utility Services** will be undertaking repair works within one of the chambers at the Waste Water Treatment Works, located beneath the seafront promenade. For safety reasons, while they have people working within the chamber, they want to restrict vehicle movement across the top to minimise unwanted vibration.



Bollards will be placed on the promenade to the East and West (a distance of approximately 15m). The cycle lane will be left open and there will be sufficient space for wheel chair access, push chairs etc. Information boards will also be installed to inform members of the public about Southern Water and the Treatment works.

Access to the promenade will now be through the car park to the West of the Works.

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### 2nd October 2013

**Yesterday evening (1st October)** the Eastbourne Borough Council Planning Committee unanimously approved the application by the Eastbourne Fishermen to develop the land behind the Harvester at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront (Site Three) as a "Fishing Quay".



This development will, at last, provide a permanent home for the fishing fleet.

[View the plans.](#)

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### 2nd October 2013

**As we head into bonfire and firework season,** East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service is calling on locals to be extra careful. If you want to get rid of garden waste Here are some handy hints in how to Stay Safe this autumn.



#### Bonfire checklist

- If you want to get rid of garden waste – consider recycling rather than burning. If you must have a bonfire, please follow our safety advice:
- Never leave a bonfire unattended
- Think about when you are having your bonfire – avoid having them on a day affected by industrial action and at a time least likely to affect your neighbours
- Have you told your neighbours beforehand? They are much less likely to complain or to alert the fire service
- Make sure you build the bonfire away from sheds, fences and trees and check there are no cables - like telephone wires - above the bonfire



- Never use petrol or paraffin to get the fire going - it may get out of control quickly
- Have you got a bucket of water or a garden hose nearby in case of emergencies?
- Have you made sure children and pets can't get near it?
- Don't burn aerosols, tyres, canisters or anything containing foam or paint - many produce toxic fumes and some containers may explode, causing injury
- Take care around bonfires - all clothes, even those labelled 'low flammability' - can catch fire
- Once the bonfire has died down, spray the embers with water to stop it reigniting

### Fireworks checklist

- There are lots of organised events for fireworks nights and we would encourage you to support these. If you do decide to buy fireworks for your own use, please follow our advice.
- Never buy fireworks from anywhere you're not sure about, like a van or a temporary, unlicensed market stall
- Have you checked for safety standards information? Only buy fireworks marked BS 7114 or with a CE mark - this shows that the firework meets British or European safety standards - a reputable shop will know this
- Make sure you read and understand the instructions on each firework carefully in daylight or by torchlight, never by a naked flame
- Make suitable supports and launchers if you're setting off Catherine wheels or rockets
- Have you got the following things together? a closed metal box to store the fireworks - take them out one at a time; a bucket of water - to cool sparklers and put out any small fires; eye protection and gloves and a bucket of earth to stick fireworks in
- Have you decided who will let the fireworks off? It is best to only have one person do this, they shouldn't drink, they should make sure everyone else stands well back and use a tape to light the fireworks at arm's length
- Never go back to a firework that has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode
- Never throw fireworks on a bonfire, put them in your pocket or throw them
- Have you told your neighbours you are going to let off fireworks? Are all pets safe inside?
- Make sure you always supervise children with sparklers and never give them to a child under five, they should wear gloves and sparklers should be lit one at a time
- Put used sparklers hot end down into a bucket of sand or water

### 1st October 2013

**The Eastbourne Police District Commander**, Chief Inspector Steve Biglands, has published his October message.

CI Biglands says, "I hope you all enjoyed the summer. Eastbourne Police have worked tirelessly to keep you safe and I hope that the thoughts of crime have been far from your mind."

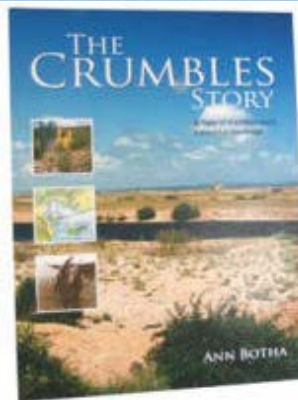
You can read the full text of the message on the [Eastbourne Neighbourhood Panel website](#).



### **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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