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## SOVEREIGN HARBOUR SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

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# Supplementary Planning Document for Harbour

On 20th August 2011, about 500 residents turned up at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club to examine proposals, which had been put forward by Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC), with the support of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA), for the completion of the harbour development.

The proposals outlined a vision for the development of Eastbourne until 2027 based on two sustainable centres; the Town Centre and Sovereign Harbour.

Having had the opportunity to view the proposals and have their questions answered, residents were asked to complete a feedback form to register their opinions; about 300 were returned, many jointly by couples.

Analysis of the feedback from the questionnaires, and that given verbally at the event, showed strong support for the proposals and, at a follow-up meeting of all interested parties, it was agreed that EBC would now engage Sovereign Harbour Ltd (SHL) with the objective of ensuring that residents' wishes are given due weight in any future planning applications.

To support this vision, and to ensure that the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood would have the necessary infrastructure to support this vision, EBC planning officers proposed that a "Supplementary Planning Document" (SPD) should be created that would be used to reinforce the emerging Local Development Framework Core Strategy (the Eastbourne Plan) that was to be submitted for inspection in January 2012. This proposal received the support of both EBC political groups and the SHRA committee, and a group was formed to take the project forward.

The group, which is still working on the project, is chaired by Stephen Lloyd MP. EBC is represented by the council leader, Cllr David Tutt, the leader of the opposition group, Cllr David Elkin, the Chief Executive, Robert Cotrill, the three Sovereign Ward councillors and senior

planning officers; the SHRA is represented by four members of its committee.

At the beginning of the process, it was agreed that we must acknowledge that "we are where we are", and that "raking over old ground" would be non-productive.

However, it was agreed that, although Sovereign Harbour Ltd (SHL) is the land owner, the SPD must ensure that the lack of community infrastructure and the aspirations of residents, that were so clearly expressed at the Yacht Club consultation event in August 2011, were given priority.

It was agreed that the provision of a community centre, of appropriate size for the population it would serve, was a priority, *and that this must be delivered before any residential development was started*. It was also agreed that the plan must include significant areas of public open space for play and leisure in a number of locations.

The provision of a business park on "Site Seven" was seen to be vitally important for the creation of clean, well paid, jobs for Eastbourne and for the sustainability of the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood. This was seen as essential if the original concept of a "work-life" environment was to be rescued. It was accepted that delivery of the full 30,000 square feet of space for which EBC has ambitions would not be easy, so "additional uses" could be considered, but only after all other avenues had been exhausted. There was, however, unanimous accord that these uses should not include further residential development.

The 150 residential properties proposed at the consultation event, which would provide the profit to fund the community facilities, was seen to be the absolute limit that should be accommodated. In line with residents views, and the EBC housing policy, it was agreed that the majority must be family homes, not

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apartments.

Each available development site was examined to determine possible uses, and the most appropriate locations for the 150 homes. It was acknowledged that SHL's priorities would be somewhat different from those of the community, so some flexibility would be necessary. The result was the draft SPD that is currently out for consultation.

Since the publication of the SPD, the group has met representatives of SHL and had the opportunity to examine a draft of its vision for the sites. It is anticipated that SHL will be given the opportunity to present these at the consultation event

It is absolutely essential that as many residents as possible should respond to the consultation, and come along to the Yacht Club on 30th June. This is the final opportunity to have your say.

The proposals that have been presented represent what the group considered would be most likely to ensure that the harbour development was finally completed and which would provide the maximum community facilities possible. However, you should be aware that the draft SPD is just that, a draft document for your consideration; it is not a recommendation, nor is it set in stone.

There have already been a number of responses on the Borough Council website, expressing a range of views, please keep them coming. However, there appears to be some confusion with the Retail Park regeneration planning application, which is entirely separate,

and comments on this will not be considered in this consultation.

A number of respondents have noticed that adding the number of homes suggested, site by site, gives a total of over 200. Based on past experience, they have expressed concern that the 150 limit has already been breached, or is likely to be breached. These numbers present alternative ways of providing the homes but, whatever finally comes forward in planning applications, we have been assured that the 150 limit will be sacrosanct.

The consultation provides you with the opportunity to comment on every aspect of the plan; you should make your response as detailed as possible. You might, for instance, want to provide a detailed list of where *you* would put the 150 homes.

However, we hope you will take a balanced approach, based on what is best for the community as a whole. You should be aware that 150 homes located on the lowest value sites would not generate sufficient profit to guarantee the necessary community facilities. If the community is to be the winner, it is inevitable that there will be losers.

You should also bear in mind that, should the 150 limit be reduced, it will not be possible to deliver all the proposed social infrastructure. If you feel that the harbour cannot support the additional homes, you should indicate which parts of the community facilities you would be prepared to sacrifice.

## Eastbourne Plan Examination in Public

The Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy (The Eastbourne Plan), was submitted for inspection in January. Having examined the plan, and representations from interested parties, including the SHRA, the planning inspector conducted an "Examination in Public" at the Town Hall on 15th to 17th May to test the robustness of the plan.

The examination took the form of a "round table discussion", and the SHRA was invited to participate. Committee members, Jan and Ian Weeks, took part on all three days. The discussion was centred on representations made, and a number were relevant to Sovereign Harbour.

On day one, agents for Sovereign Harbour Ltd (SHL) contended that the proposed 30,000 square metres of office space at Sovereign Harbour was too ambitious. They said that 15,000 square metres was more realistic, and other uses should be considered for the remaining land, *including further residential*.

EBC planning officers said that reports they had commissioned showed that, over the life of the plan, the 30,000 square metre target was realistic. The SHRA representatives argued that SHL's predecessors had started out in the full knowledge that the land would be difficult to develop, but had made no attempt to improve the viability of the land and had made no serious attempt to market it for the designated purpose. In any case, they said, further residential development would further reduce the neighbourhood sustainability, and should not be considered.

On day two, one of the items discussed was the question from SHL, "Is there robust and up to date evidence to justify restricting future residential at Sovereign Harbour to 150 units."

EBC Planning Officers and the SHRA representatives argued strongly that 150 additional residential units was the absolute maximum that could be

accommodated, and only if that delivered substantial community benefits. No representative from SHL participated in the debate.

On day three, the main item for discussion was the question, "Is the classification of Sovereign Harbour as a District Centre consistent with National Planning Policy?" and should the EBC major modification to remove the District Centre classification be allowed.

Agents for Legal and General (L&G) argued for the acceptance of the modifications, on the grounds that to reject them would be detrimental to the Town Centre regeneration. They were supported in this by EBC Planning Officers, who failed to present any convincing argument.

Agents for SHL and Prudential argued strongly that there was no reasonable planning reason to accept them, and the debate became very technical.

The SHRA representatives noted that the District Centre classification had been included in the plan at all stages of the consultation since 2010, and to allow the changes would make a mockery of the process. In any case, they said, the EBC proposal was not sound as it was made as a knee-jerk response to threats by L&G to withdraw from the Town Centre regeneration.

Also on day three, another submission from SHL, "Is the sustainability rating of neighbourhood 14 (Sovereign Harbour) justified?" was discussed. EBC Planning Officers said their evidence supported the rating (2nd from bottom of the table), the SHRA representative suggested that even this low rating had been exaggerated. In any case, any increase in the rating would be totally unjustified; again, no SHL representative was present.

The Inspector has now taken away the evidence and will consider this, with further evidence from EBC, that is required to support compliance with recent changes to planning law. Her report is expected later this year.

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## SHRA AGM

SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, welcomed members to the Association's Annual General Meeting, which was held at the Haven School on 3rd May.

He drew members' attention to the booklet that had been distributed around the hall, which included the Agenda, the Committee's Report and the Treasurer's Report. These are available on the SHRA website. He added that whilst it had been a very busy year there was some glimmer of hope for the future.

A warm welcome was offered to invited guests including Stephen Lloyd M.P, Cllr David Tutt (Leader of EBC), Sovereign Ward Councillors, Gordon Jenkins (EBC), Philip Ede (EBC) and Patrick Warner (EBC). The Neighbourhood Policing Team had been in attendance but unfortunately had to leave as they had received a call to an incident. Cllr David Elkin (ESCC) had a previous engagement and offered his apologies.

Rick introduced those committee members present. He reported that Christine Runalls had stood down and would not be seeking re-election to the committee in the coming year. The Committee had been joined during the year by Des Davis. Two people had come forward to join the Committee from the membership in the run-up to the AGM. The existing Committee had agreed to serve for another year and constitutionally they would be automatically re-elected along with the two new members.

As a consequence it was confirmed that the SHRA Committee entering the 2012/2013 year would comprise Jan Weeks, Rick Runalls, Ian Weeks, Peter Thomas, Roger Kiernan, Chris Mephram, Anton Levy, Des Davis, Angelo Errigo and Shirley Davis.

At the first committee meeting, held immediately after the AGM, Rick stood down as Chairman. Jan Weeks was elected as the new Chairman, with Chris Mephram as deputy. Shirley Davis took over as Secretary from Chris Runalls.

Treasurer, Peter Thomas, reported that the Association's finances were in good order, and that no impact was likely from the change to a single "life membership" contribution. He thanked Jon Martin for, once again, auditing the accounts.

Rick proposed that £500 of SHRA funds be donated towards completion of the new Eastbourne lifeboat "*Diamond Jubilee*". This was seconded, and unanimously agreed by a show of hands.

Stephen Lloyd MP was invited to address the meeting. He stated that he had been working very closely with committee members on the Sovereign Harbour Trust. He had, he said, been in contact with Environment Agency Chairman, Lord Smith, to arrange a meeting to see if there was a way forward for the residents of Sovereign Harbour. Lord Smith had replied that he did not think there was a need for such a meeting.

Mr Lloyd advised that next stage would be to go back to Lord Smith to see if he would be willing to have a meeting with just himself. If this is unsuccessful he

would then ask questions in the House of Commons under Parliamentary Privilege.

The main topics of the open discussion that followed were the plans for the completion of the harbour development, and the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which is the headline article of this newsletter, and the regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park.

Council Leader, Cllr David Tutt, told the members that he had listened very carefully to their concerns, and would take them back to the council. He did, however, assure the meeting that the Borough Council was completely committed to improving social and leisure facilities at Sovereign Harbour, including a Community Centre. He added that EBC was also committed to ensuring the 150 homes allocated in the SPD would be an absolute maximum.

Allison Attwood, from the floor, offered thanks to Rick and the committee for their hard work over the previous year.

The meeting was then closed.

### Harbour WI (by Judy Latter)



The Harbour W.I. welcomed the new Chairman of the Federation, Kathryn Hudson, to their special 'Jubilee' meeting on 14th May. Everyone dressed in red, white and blue and the tables were laid out like a street party by Catering Secretary, Pat Pearce and her team. It looked festive and fantastic!

There was a delicious tea served,

followed by a light-hearted quiz with a Royal theme. As there were six bottles of wine for the winning team, the competition (and eavesdropping!) was anything but light-hearted!! The quiz was devised by Carole Kilby and her judge's decision was final!

It was also the Resolution Meeting and the ladies voted unanimously to lobby the Government for more midwives.

The two new clubs had very successful meetings. The Diner's Club went to the Moorings for lunch, and the 4th Monday Club met in Simply Italian for a chat about films. The Diner's Club meet next on the 19th June for lunch in the Printer's Bar in Eastbourne, and the 4th Monday Club is having a Beetle Drive on the 28th May, again in Simply Italian.

The Craft Club met on 21st May to be shown how to make cards by Chris French. They meet every 2nd Monday at Pevensey Bay Baptist Church and next month, on the 18th June, Heather Hyrapiet will be demonstrating cupcake decorating.

The Ladies have shown an interest in a trip to Kew Gardens in July, and the outing to Ladies Day at Goodwood in August is fully subscribed.

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2nd Monday of the month in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club at 2pm. Next month the meeting will be held on the 11th June. Mick Lynn will be giving a talk on 'Gardening for Bees'. No, we're not giving them trowels, it's to tell us what's best for them in the garden!

Membership for The Harbour W.I. has reached a maximum for the premises where it is held, but visitors are welcome by prior arrangement with Frances Harrap on 01323 472649





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**Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour**



The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour's second annual sponsored Harbour Walk was a great success. This year, as the beneficiary was the "Guide Dogs" charity, participants were invited to bring their dogs with them, which a large number did.

The weather stayed warm and sunny for the event, and everybody had a great time.

The participants were joined on the walk by Stephen Lloyd MP and the Mayor of Eastbourne, Cllr Carolyn Heaps. Eastbourne Borough FC mascot, Sammy Sunshine completed the walk and Eastbourne Buzz mascot, Barnaby Bee was at the registration, but was unable to walk the course because of his enormous feet!

At the time of publication, the total raised is in excess of £3,000, with more still coming in. The inclusion of dogs was so popular that it is expected to become part of future events.

**Harbour Community Association**

Because the Haven School will not be available, the HCA Carpet Bowls group will shortly be taking a break for the summer holidays, resuming in September.

However, there are still opportunities for anybody interested in joining to give the game a try before the break.

Membership of the HCA is free to all harbour residents over the age of 18. To register, pick up a form from the Haven School on Friday evening; or you can download a form from the SHRA website: [www.shra.co.uk/hca](http://www.shra.co.uk/hca) or email: [hca@shra.co.uk](mailto:hca@shra.co.uk).

**Harbour Community Market**



A non-profit cooperative has been proposed to sell home made produce and crafts, and small collectables, through a Community Market.

It is proposed that the market, which will be limited to thirty tables, will be held in the annex of Simply Italian at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront on Thursdays, from 9:30am until midday.

Anybody interested in helping to set-up and manage the market, or selling their goods or produce, is asked to contact Sam Sweiry on 01323-479111.



# SOVEREIGN HARBOUR

## SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

**The SPD is the subject of public consultation between 1 May and 24 July 2012.**

It has been recognised that the completion of the Sovereign Harbour development is long overdue and that the area is missing the social and economic infrastructure that is required for it to become a sustainable community. The Sovereign Harbour Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) has been prepared to guide development and ensure that new and improved community facilities are at the heart of future building plans.

The SPD provides guidance on the uses considered to be appropriate for each of the remaining development sites, including details of the size, scale and form of development and the specific community benefits to be delivered.



The Sovereign Harbour SPD can be viewed and downloaded free from:  
[www.eastbourne.gov.uk/sovereignharbour](http://www.eastbourne.gov.uk/sovereignharbour)

Sovereign Harbour currently lacks a dedicated community centre and the SPD acknowledges this needs to be delivered before any further housing development.

Other issues the SPD will address at Sovereign Harbour include a lack of open space and children's play areas, the provision of additional retail, leisure and employment uses, accessibility across the neighbourhood and the operational needs of the fishermen and boats.

In order to deliver the community benefits it is acknowledged some additional housing will be provided. However this would be a maximum of 150 dwellings - the majority being houses rather than flats.

Comments can be submitted via:

Letter: Planning Policy, 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne BN21 4TW

Email: [planning.policy@eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@eastbourne.gov.uk)

Online: [www.eastbourne-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal](http://www.eastbourne-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal)

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**SATURDAY 30 JUNE 2012 - 10am - 3pm** at  
**SOVEREIGN HARBOUR YACHT CLUB**

## Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour

The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm for a buffet dinner in the annexe of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront.

Visitors and prospective new members are very welcome.

For more information visit:

[www.sovharbour.rotaryweb.org](http://www.sovharbour.rotaryweb.org)

e-mail: [president@rotarysh.org](mailto:president@rotarysh.org).

## Sovereign Harbour Art Group

The Sovereign Harbour Art Group meets in the Christ The King Church Hall, Princes Road on Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm.

Learn to paint with acrylics, oils and pastels with an experienced art tutor in a friendly, relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Phone Angela on 07914-884378 or e-mail [acrylicart@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:acrylicart@hotmail.co.uk)

You might also like to visit the Art Group's page of the SHRA website.

[www.shra.co.uk/artgroup.html](http://www.shra.co.uk/artgroup.html)

## The Maritime Volunteer Service

The Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) is a charity-run organisation which aims to promote seamanship and maritime engineering for the young and old alike through local units around the country.

Training nights are held every Tuesday evening at 19:30 in the MVS unit hut. New members are always welcome.

For more information, visit:

[www.mvs-eastsussex.co.uk](http://www.mvs-eastsussex.co.uk)

E-mail: [eastsussexmvs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:eastsussexmvs@hotmail.co.uk)

Tel: 07738-286373.

## Harbour Friends

Harbour Friends continues to meet every Wednesday evening at 7.30 at the Yacht Club.

For the uninitiated, Harbour Friends is a social group of Harbour Residents, of all ages, both singles and couples, with the purpose of building friendships and generally enjoying life on our lovely harbour.

Events are open to members only so why not join. At only £12 per year (23p per week!) this is a bargain.

For further information please contact either Brenda on 01323 470114 or Gilly on 01323 470366'

or visit: [www.harbourfriends.co.uk](http://www.harbourfriends.co.uk).

## Vets Football

The Vets Football Team has now been running successfully for almost six years, but more players are welcome to join, from the ages of 36 plus, to play Sunday mornings on a casual basis.

All abilities and fitness levels welcome.

For more information, contact Frank:

[vetsfooty@hotmail.com](mailto:vetsfooty@hotmail.com)

[www.shra.co.uk/vetsfootball.htm](http://www.shra.co.uk/vetsfootball.htm)

## Garden Bar Golf Society

The Garden Bar Golf Society meets once a month for a day of golf at high quality courses.

Current members cover a wide range of abilities, with handicaps ranging from 6 to 28 and, although the golf is important, the social aspects of the day are equally significant. For more information, call in to the Garden Bar at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront, or e-mail [gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk).

## ubs and Groups

For more information, please visit the 'Harbour Clubs' page of the SHRA website ([www.shra.co.uk](http://www.shra.co.uk)).

### Sovereign Harbour Social Club

The Sovereign Harbour Social Club meets every Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Simply Italian annexe at the Waterfront for coffee.

Each month, there will be one outing or visit; lunch, theatre, places of interest.

All are welcome. For further details contact Sam Sweiry on 01323-479111.

[www.harbourseniors.co.uk](http://www.harbourseniors.co.uk)

### Garden Bar Football Club

The Garden Bar Sunday football team, which plays its home games at Hampden Park, is current champion of the Lewes and District Premiership. If you would like to join this very successful local team, call in to the Garden Bar at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront or e-mail [gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk)

### Strollers and Toners

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### Sovereign Singers

Sovereign Singers is an all female choir that performs in aid of the Eastbourne Blind Society. New members are welcome.

For more information, call 01323 470445 or email:

[sovereignpolyphony@uwclub.net](mailto:sovereignpolyphony@uwclub.net)

or visit:

[sovereignpolyphony.com](http://sovereignpolyphony.com)

### The Harbour Women's Institute

The Harbour branch of the W.I. meets on the second Monday of the month at 2:00pm in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Frances Harrap on: 01323-472649.

[www.shra.co.uk/wi](http://www.shra.co.uk/wi)

### Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

New members welcome. You don't need to own a boat - social members also welcome.

Enjoy the friendly clubhouse, good food and great fun. Open Tuesday-Thursday 17:00-22:30, Friday-Saturday 12:00-23:00 and Sundays 12:00-18:00.

Call in anytime, or contact the membership secretary, Lorna Hooper, at: [membership@shyc.co.uk](mailto:membership@shyc.co.uk)

### Sovereign Harbour Bridge Club

The Sovereign Harbour Bridge Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club at 1pm for 1:30pm start, finishing at 5pm

The club runs a host system and all levels are very welcome with or without a partner.

For further information including bridge tuition and educational material, please visit [www.sh-bc.info](http://www.sh-bc.info), or call Alan on 01323-645893.

### Brushstrokes Artists

A friendly, informal group of local artists, with a range of abilities, working in various media, meeting on Wednesdays, from 1 to 4pm in St. Richard's Church Hall, Etchingam Road, Langney, BN23 7AX. No tuition provided. Drop in to join, or just for an informal chat, or e-mail [marinaann@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:marinaann@hotmail.co.uk) for more information

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### Harbour Friends Update

(by Elaine de Biracli Levy)



Another issue, more news and Harbour Friends continues to meet every Wednesday evening at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

Alison Attwood recently hosted a very successful quiz. The proceeds of £232 have been donated to the Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Carnival Action Team and are being used towards the building of the Jubilee Carnival float which will form part of Eastbourne

Carnival on Saturday, 2nd June. What a day that will be!

As you can see from the picture, a lot of hard work is underway to ensure the float will be amazing. Well done everyone on the Carnival Action Team.

The lovely setting of the Yacht Club overlooking the inner harbour is an ideal place to meet friends and enjoy a drink. Harbour Friends meets there every Wednesday night and this is also an opportunity to take advantage of the excellent Italian cuisine offered by the Yacht Club. All this is open to members of Harbour Friends. Why not become a member. At a cost of £12 membership for a whole year it's a small price to pay to enjoy this lovely setting.

Events planned for the future:

13th June – Royal Quiz night hosted by Jim Powell.

22nd July – Indoor Mini Olympic Games night with a red, white and blue theme. Please note; level of fitness for this event definitely not important! An opportunity to wear something red, white and blue (optional). Prizes for the best dressed.

20th December – Dinner at the Langham Hotel. This should be a fantastic evening. Festive menu ticket includes a three course dinner with four choices and coffee. There will also be dancing to a disco and a casino with blackjack and roulette. Fun party money will be provided as well as party hats, crackers and party novelty box for each person. Cost £25 per person. This will be a very popular night. To avoid disappointment

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Further events in the pipeline: Summer BBQ and 'Who wouldn't want to be a millionaire'.

For more information contact Gilly on 01323 470366 or Brenda on 01323 470114.

**Medical Centre Vacancies**



Due to expansion, the Harbour Medical Practice currently has job vacancies for both administrative and clinical staff.

For more information, please contact Jane McWilton on 01323 470370.

**Haven School Summer Fair**



The theme for the Haven School Summer Fair on Saturday 7 July from 11am - 2pm will be "Best of British".

This year the PTFA has a licence for the raffle which means that the tickets can be printed and sold in advance so hopefully they will raise more than usual.

It is hoped that there will be several displays in the arena - amongst them the Eastbourne Scout band will be performing.

There will be all of the usual stalls, and the organisers hope to have a few more "have a go" games.

Some help will be needed to run some of these games so, if you would be willing to spare some time, please e-mail [info@shra.co.uk](mailto:info@shra.co.uk).

## Community Police Update by PC Ed Faulkner



**PC Ed Faulkner**  
**07787-685813**



**PCSO Martin Hylands**  
**07909-873787**

My colleague Martin has asked Eastbourne Borough Council to clear off some graffiti from various bins and walls near to the Haven School and Hamilton Quay.

This seems to have been caused with a marker pen, and so if any one sees anyone causing damage in this way please let us know.

I can also give an update on the dog attack incident that happened some weeks ago.

Sue Criddle, the dog welfare officer, has been working very hard on the information that residents gave us to move the investigation forward, and we are now at the point where we will be seeking a legal solution to the dogs that attacked the cat.

It is still to be formally resolved, however I am hopeful that an appropriate control order will be put in place to ensure that further incidents don't happen.

Finally, we are facing an exceptionally busy summer from a Policing point of view. The Olympics, European football, Diamond Jubilee, and numerous local events, mean that you may not see us on patrol as often as we usually are.

However this does not mean that we are not working hard to keep the Harbour safe, and are always just a phone call or email away.

Please let us know if there are any issues you would like us to look at.

## Sovereign Polyphony



At the two recent "In Harmony" concerts Sovereign Polyphony raised a total of £235 for the Eastbourne Blind Society. They wish to thank any local resident who came to support them. Sadly the audiences were small, and it was rather disappointing.

The group has a choral recruitment morning on 29th August, with refreshments, starting at 10.50. They hope some harbour ladies will come to meet them. This will be followed with an opportunity to sample a small selection of music for both their entertainment and concert programmes before deciding whether to join.

The annual "Simply Carols" fun evening of Christmas songs and music at Simply Italian will take place in the evening of 12th December.

The more formal concert, "Festive Fanfare for Christmas" is on Sunday 9th December at 7:45 pm in All Saints' Chapel, Meads. It is rare that carols are sung in this fantastic Victorian building and Sovereign Polyphony looks forward to filling the chapel with song, giving pleasure to the audience and raising money for the Eastbourne Blind Society. Tickets all £5.00.

The Sovereign Singers and Sovereign Polyphony are female voice choirs. Rehearsals are held weekly for winter and summer concerts,

For information on concerts and on how to join, visit: [www.sovereignpolyphony.com](http://www.sovereignpolyphony.com).

# Sovereign Harbour Welcomes "Diamond Jubilee"



Thousands of supporters lined the quayside in glorious sunshine at Sovereign Harbour on the afternoon of Tuesday 29th May to welcome Eastbourne RNLI's new all weather lifeboat "*Diamond Jubilee*" to her new home.

The state of the art vessel liaised with the station's current boat along with lifeboats from their flank stations, Newhaven and Hastings, at Beachy Head and paraded along the seafront to the delight of waiting holidaymakers. As she majestically swept into the harbour entrance she was greeted by thousands of flag waving supporters.

Coxswain Mark Sawyer later said that he was amazed that so many people had turned out to welcome the volunteer

crew home which, he said, demonstrates the fantastic level of support the town has for its lifeboats. Mark added that he was immensely proud to have been given the honour of bringing the new boat home and was looking forward to the weekend when she will take pride of place in the Queens Pageant along the Thames.

SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, said: "This is a great day for Eastbourne, and for the Eastbourne RNLI in particular. I'm sure that Sovereign Harbour residents will join me in expressing their pride that "*Diamond Jubilee*" will be stationed at Sovereign Harbour, and in wishing her, and her incredible crew, every success in her years of service."