



SHRA and Harbour Area News

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NEW! ▶ **15 March - Dog Poo Fairy Awareness Campaign -** EBC are running a new dog fouling awareness campaign in partnership with [Keep Britain Tidy](#) to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets. [Click here for details and poster...](#)



Eastbourne has local Dog Control Orders to promote responsible dog ownership. The Orders cover:

- poop scoop requirements
- where and when dogs must be on leads
- areas where dogs are banned.

Under the Poop Scoop Requirements you must bag and remove any mess caused by a dog under your control. Bagged dog mess can be deposited in the special red bins provided or any other official bin. Any person who commits a Poop Scoop offence is liable to prosecution or a fixed penalty fine of £75.

Poop Scoop requirements apply to all land open to the air to which the public have access, including:

- All roads, footpaths, verges, walkways and passageways
- Parks and gardens, including the woodland area of Hampden Park
- Recreation and sports grounds
- Open amenity areas including the downland estate
- Surface area car parks
- Beaches and promenades

[Click here for more info on the Dog Control Orders...](#)

NEW! ▶ **15 March - Harbour Walkers Sign Up -** Local Rotary clubs report that sponsored walkers are signing up to the 5Km walk around Sovereign Harbour they have organised for the morning of **Sunday 17th April 2011**. This community event is not a race but a stroll around the Harbour to raise money for the Help For Heroes charity.



[Click here to visit the event website \[www.h4h.rotarysh.org\]\(http://www.h4h.rotarysh.org\)](#) where you will find further registration details and can download registration forms, maps, sponsorship forms, posters and register on-line.

Latest news from...



Neighbourhood Watch schemes increasing

Planners say people support new supermarket plans

Plans to convert 'hotel' into flats given the go-ahead

Campaign to tackle dog mess problem

Police seek whereabouts of woman in CCTV picture



NEW! ▶ 14 March - Spring Offer From Harbour

Counsellor - As a Spring incentive, professional counsellor and Harbour resident Tory Macdonald, is pleased to offer half-price initial Counselling Consultations until the end of May 2011. SHRA members will also receive a 10% discount on subsequent consultations (usually £40, reduced to £36 per hour). All contact is treated in the strictest confidence. [Click here for flyer and contact details...](#) or visit the web site at: www.listening-to-you.co.uk



NEW! ▶ 12 March -SHRA Response to the Eastbourne Plan

Consultation - On Friday afternoon (11th March) SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, and Vice-chairman, Rick Runalls, presented SHRA's formal response to the Eastbourne Plan consultation to the Council, along with a supporting petition containing 1,550 signatures. The document was received on behalf of EBC by the Mayor, Cllr. Carolyn Heaps.



Jan Weeks said, "The Eastbourne Plan, as far as the vision for Sovereign Harbour is concerned, is a flawed document that gives harbour residents absolutely no confidence that anything will change, except for a further reduction in the sustainability of the community.

The negative comments of residents who responded to the online consultation and the number of residents who signed the petition is a clear demonstration of the strength of feeling that exists on the harbour.

The Borough Council and the land owner cannot continue to ignore residents' justifiable aspirations."

Members of the SHRA committee will be meeting with Stephen Lloyd MP and members and officers of the council on 21st March to discuss the issues.

[Click here to read SHRA's response document...](#)



NEW! ▶ 10 March - Good News! -Seniors Free Bus Pass

Start Time Retained -Following representations from [Eastbourne Seniors Forum](#) and [East Sussex Seniors Association](#), the East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Cabinet have agreed to keep the start time for the use of Seniors Free Bus passes at 9 am.



This is great news and will be appreciated especially by Seniors wanting to attend the DGH for early appointments.

Eastbourne, along with other areas in the county, had an earlier start time than many counties but with the Tory cut backs and the move of responsibility to the County Council, this extra time was under threat.

Following lobbying by ESSA and ESF at their regular meetings with executives of ESCC and approaches to Stephen Lloyd MP, this important extra time has been saved.

NEW! ▶ **07 March - Harbour Yacht Beached** - Harbour resident Mick Cox has sent us photos of the yacht *Puffin* beached at Langney Point on Sunday afternoon with the RNLI in attendance and trying to get a line to her.



We don't know the full circumstances of the incident, but there were strong winds blowing on-shore at the time. [Click here for the photos...](#)

NEW! ▶ **05 March - Tax Refund Email Scam** - A couple of residents have asked us to warn others about receiving emails purporting to come from HMRC ([HM Revenue and Customs](#)) saying they are entitled to a tax rebate and to fill in an online application form. The emails and form are actually part of a 'phishing' scam, designed to get you to reveal your bank and credit card details to crooks.



The genuine HMRC never send notifications of a tax rebate by email, or ask you to disclose personal or payment information by email. Any suspect emails received may be reported or forwarded to HMRC at phishing@hmrc.gov.uk

Never give out your bank or credit card details via unsolicited emails, and only disclose them on shopping or other sites you know to be safe and trustworthy. Never, ever disclose any PIN numbers to anyone.

- Check out [Consumer Direct web site](#) for general advice about scams.
- Check out the [Get Safe Online web site](#) for safe surfing advice.
- Check out [Financial Fraud Action UK web site](#) for advice on credit card fraud and identity theft protection for consumers, and for retailers and traders.

NEW! ▶ **04 March - Missing Cat Update** - Sadly, Pat Ferguson's missing cat Hamish has been found dead. Apparently he fell in to the harbour and drowned. Some kind person fished his body out and took him to the vet in Seaside who traced Pat through his micro chip.



Pat is very grateful to whoever recovered him and took him to the vet, and says "I tried to find out who it was but they only have 'a member of the public' on their records. If the person concerned is reading this, please accept my grateful thanks; not knowing what had happened to him was so hard. Hamish was a much loved friend and companion."

Pat also wishes to thank all her wonderful neighbours who have been so kind.

NEW! ▶ **03 March - Harbour Part Time Job Vacancy** - Local company require part time person(s) to work on small boat within the inner harbours keeping waterways clear of litter, debris and weed. Some beach cleansing work on foot also required. 4 hours per morning, Monday to Friday.



Full company induction training as well as RYA powerboat level 1 training provided. Uniform and Personal Protective Equipment supplied. Initially the position is for six months. There may be an opportunity for additional hours with the company working on other projects.

Please e-mail john@southernlandservices.co.uk with brief c.v. or call: 07734 579 561 for more details.

NEW!

▶ **01 March - Tory Litter Pick** - local Conservative Party members arranged and took part in a litter pick on Pacific Drive last Saturday afternoon. They covered the area from Harbour Quay through Pacific Drive to The Waterfront and left it looking a lot more tidy.



[Click here for a Conservative Party press release and enlarged photo...](#)

NEW! ▶ **26 Feb - Hot Fat Smell** - from a Henley Park area resident comes a report of an obnoxious hot fat smell in the air at lunch times and in the early evening. It is difficult to pin-point where the smell may come from - blown by the wind, in that area it could come from the retail park, the Yacht Club, any one of the Waterfront restaurants or even from a neighbour's extractor.



Our advice to anyone having problems with strong and regular cooking smells is to report it to the Eastbourne Borough Council Environmental Health Team on 01323 415 353 or by emailing them environmentalhealth@eastbourne.gov.uk

If you do report such a problem, it would be helpful if you could please let us know as well, so we can determine how many people are affected and in which areas.

▶ **25 Feb - Police District Commander's Message** - read about the falling crime figures, the new 'Community Resolution' system, and a warning about thieves targeting bank card users at supermarkets. [Click here to read it...](#)



▶ **24 Feb - Update from the Harbour Office** - Premier Marinas would like to inform everyone of the following forthcoming work and events.



- **North Bridge** - We have been experiencing problems with the new surface on the North Bridge. Unfortunately, the freezing and snowy weather conditions in December were unsuitable for the materials used and therefore the contractor will be returning early in the Spring to re-surface the bridge. This may cause a little disruption, mainly to the boating community but I will keep you up to date as and when.

- **Dredging** - This is programmed for the week commencing 28th March 2011 when the dredger *Sospan Dau* will be with us to dredge the outer harbour channel ready for the coming Spring.

- **Open Day - 9th April 2011** - We are planning an open day at the Marina for prospective customers. There will be a Boat Jumble Sale outside the Marina Office, and the Yacht Club will be open for anyone to pop in and see the facilities, and meet some of the Sovereign Harbour Tenants who will be happy to offer any advice regarding the maintenance of vessels.

▶ **19 Feb - CBBC Seek Kids and Family** - The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership (SSRP) tell us that CBBC are looking for 11 - 14 year olds (and their parents) to star in a new show about road safety.



The information from the production company behind the new show is as follows:

"According to road safety charity Brake, in 2009, 12 children under the age of 18 were killed or seriously injured on UK roads...every day. Now in a unique venture, we are giving children the chance to take their parents to task over their poor driving habits and the opportunity to prove to them just how easy it is to be a safe driver.

During an intense fortnight of master classes, under the watchful eye of Approved Driving Instructors, the children and their parents will learn about all aspects of road safety and safe driving.

Parents will be given expert help and training to make them better drivers and their children will also learn first-hand the importance of road safety... when they are put in the driving seat too – always under the watchful eye of the Academy's driving professionals."



Details on how to apply are [on the SSRP website](#) and applications need to be in by **11 March**. SSRP are hoping that the production company will also be interested in using some information from their ground-breaking [ROUTES package](#) as well since it focuses on reducing death and injury amongst this key age-group.

► **17 Feb - Dredger Operations Begin.** As anticipated below, the large dredger *Prins der Nederlanden* has arrived this morning to start pumping its first load of dredged shingle ashore via the temporary underwater transfer pipe.



The deliveries will continue on a daily basis, weather permitting, for a week or more. At times her radio signal is intermittent, but you can often track *Prins der Nederlanden's* position on our [Live Ship Movement page](#) (you'll find her listed in the drop-down vessel list as "Prinsdernationalen"). She should either be off Eastbourne or picking up shingle off Littlehampton, or travelling between the two.

► **15 Feb - Some Council Tax Banding Reduced** - We were interested to learn that some of the residents of 4/5 bedroom town houses in St. Kitts Drive have received a letter from the [Valuation Office](#) informing them that their Council tax banding is being altered. The banding runs from A (the lowest) to H (the highest).



Apparently a new tenant moved in and challenged why the Council tax band was F when a similar property on another part of the estate was E.

It seems the Valuation Office agreed and have altered the existing entry from F to E and back dated the valuation to the date of moving in. This means residents can expect not only a lower Council tax bill from now on, but also a refund on any over-payments.

On such a large estate with so many similar dwellings it could benefit residents to check on the valuation office website what band their neighbours are in. [Click here to start the on-line search process...](#)

► **15 Feb - Planning Shenanigans** - Documents have come to light that confirm that EBC, without officially informing anyone, changed the boundary of the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood (No. 14) after the Local Development Framework (LDF) consultation processes began.



[These 2009 LDF documents](#) clearly show that Kingsmere was firmly designated part of the Langney Neighbourhood (No 8), and that Sovereign Harbour (No 14) was, quite rightly, its own self-contained area.

In the [2010 LDF Eastbourne Plan document](#) Kingsmere has been added to the Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood (14) in what we believe is a deliberate attempt to boost the Harbour's sustainability figures by having it now contain the Kingsmere Community Centre.

Interestingly, at around the same time as this boundary bending, EBC started the process of moving our Polling Station away from Kingsmere Community Centre because it recognised that it was too far away from the harbour!

► ♥ **14 Feb - High Tides, Pevensey Beach Work, Big**

Dredger - Report from Ian Thomas of Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd (PCDL) - Although the odd day now begins to hint of spring, we have some significant tides to negotiate before we can look forward to summer.



Two of the **highest springs of the year occur next Sunday and Monday**, and with that in mind we will be starting two dump trucks and an excavator on Thursday morning so they are already here should there be any sudden need to move shingle over the weekend. Small amounts of work are required at 'White Horses'/Sovereign Harbour, Beachlands and Herbrand Walk, and it is likely that we will start at Sovereign Harbour on Thursday.

Currently the forecast is for light winds at the end of the week, but "changeable" from the weekend onward. It is still far too far away to guess what weather we actually might get, but March has produced a significant storm in each of the last three years.

Thursday 17th will also see the start of 200,000 m³ of shingle being pumped ashore at Eastbourne. Dredger *Prins der Nederlanden* is ten times the size of *Sospan Dau* (the dredger used to clear the harbour), and will be pumping ashore more than 10,000 m³ per day via a temporary 1km long pipeline laid on the sea bed.



It is much different from the technique used at Pevensey and makes for quite a spectacle. Discharge starts one hour before high water and last about 4 hours should anyone care to watch.

I will update you on Pevensey progress once works are in progress.

Kind regards

Ian Thomas

Project Manager

Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd www.pevensey-bay.co.uk

[Click here for a few photos of the beach work in town...](#) beyond the pier where the excavations are deep and the lorries drive up and over the groynes on banked-up shingle.

▶ ♥ **14 Feb - New Member's Discount - Elbrus Tolima Land and Estates Management Ltd** of 63 Seaside, Eastbourne BN22 7NE, are offering a 10% discount to SHRA members (landlords and tenants). For details contact them on 01323-419 657 or email info@elbrustolima.co.uk



▶ **10 Feb - For Sale and Wanted Small Ads** - Don't forget we offer a free listing on our '[For Sale](#)' or '[Wanted](#)' pages where you can advertise your goods for sale or 'swaps' and wanted items.



To be honest, we don't seem to generate a lot of sales... whether this is because people are not aware of the service or are just not interested in the items on offer, we don't know. But, it is worth a look now and then to may be spot the odd bargain. On offer at present are such items as hoovers, blinds, telescopes, electrical goods and even a lovely house in France. [Click here...](#)

▶ **09 Feb - Haven School Enlargement** - Statutory notices for the proposed enlargement of The Haven CE/Methodist Primary School from one form of entry to two forms of entry were published on Friday 4 February 2011.



There now follows a four week representation period, after which the Local Authority must determine the notice within two months. A copy of the notice and

the full proposals are available at:

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/2010/thehavens/default.htm

► **09 Feb - Torpedo Netted** - The fishing vessel *Royal Sovereign*, which operates out of the harbour, hauled up an old WWII torpedo on Tuesday night. [Full story and photo is on the Premier Marinas blog...](#)



Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team. The torpedo has been recovered and taken to the harbour's hoist bay where it is currently sitting. It has been declared safe by the authorities; the "warhead" part of it has fallen off sometime ago. Apparently the Redoubt Museum is interested in taking it away for their site.

► **28 Jan - Medical Centre Piling to Commence** - Piling work for the Medical Centre will commence on Monday 14 February and will continue for about two weeks. This essential operation will be quite noisy. Should you have any queries or concerns about this work please do not hesitate to contact the Project Manager Dave Thomas on 07957 366364.



Further information and contact details will be found in the [attached Residents Newsletter](#) issued by the contractors...

► **27 Jan - Eastbourne Beach Management Works Commencing** - The reason for the appearance of the Portacabin offices on Site 1 (see below) is [explained in this EBC leaflet...](#) which gives details of the beach replenishment work that will be carried out at a number of locations along the Eastbourne seafront.



The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of March, and at some times public access to the beach will be restricted because of the heavy plant moving about.

► **26 Jan - Portacabins appear on Site 1** - a local resident has informed us that two Portacabins have appeared on the area of land that was originally designated for the hotel, between the Martello Tower and the water treatment works, and where the fireworks took place last November.



On making some enquiries we have learnt that they are for the use of contractors on an EBC sea defences project. A press release with further details is expected by the weekend.

► **23 Jan - Huge Turnout at Local Consultation Event** - over 460 residents attended the Eastbourne Plan consultation exhibition at The Haven school on Saturday.



Judging by the swarms of voting stickers on the response boards, and by the comments left by visitors on hundreds of post-it notes, the vast majority of those attending left the Planning Officers in no doubt as to their feelings regarding the proposal for 150 additional properties at Sovereign Harbour.

Pictured below are SHRA and Conservative Party members demonstrating their opposition to the proposals outside the school. They collected nearly 440 signatories to a petition calling for no more housing at the Harbour.

It is not too late to comment on the plan. You have until March 11 to write in to EBC or comment on-line. There will be another exhibition event at the **Town Hall**

on February 21st from 2pm-6pm, showcasing all the neighbourhoods and policies detailed in the Eastbourne Plan.

Copies of the Plan and consultation procedures can be found on the Council's website at: www.eastbourne.gov.uk/eastbourneplan or by contacting EBC on 01323 415255. The recent history of the LDF is outlined on [SHRA's LDF page...](#)



► **20 Jan - Bus Link Update** - SHRA continues to apply pressure to get the long awaited bus lane linking the South and North Harbour constructed. The buses-only lane would enter the retail park from the end of Atlantic Drive, cross the car park and join the road that leads to the Pevensey Bay Road roundabout.



A cross-harbour bus route would likely lead to an increase in services, while stops right in the retail park would benefit not only residents, but also the retailers and The Waterfront businesses.

We wrote to Stagecoach about the bus link late last year, and they have now responded. Their letter makes clear that the long-term sustainability of bus services to the Harbour may depend on the construction of the bus lane. [Click here to read letter from Stagecoach...](#)

Also, we understand that a meeting took place in mid-January between representatives of ASDA, Prudential (as landowners) and the County and Borough Councils, all of whom recognised the strong desire for a cross-harbour bus connection and the benefits it will deliver.

Because previously suggested routes for the connection are no longer feasible, the meeting identified a workable alternative that in principle appears acceptable to all parties. If this is confirmed we hope that a firm timetable can be quickly established for delivery of the link.

► **18 Jan - Work Begins on the New Health Centre** -

After years of hope and protest and battles, site leveling and clearance has begun in preparation for the Health Centre build on the parcel of land between Pevensey Bay Road and Pacific Drive, North Harbour (Site 7).

At times we thought it might never happen, so it is good to see the work beginning. [Click here for more photos...](#)



[Click here to watch](#) a short video on YouTube of the activity!

► **15 Jan - More Housing at Sovereign Harbour - Report.** A

Report has come to light that was commissioned last year by EBC entitled '*External Review of Sites with Residential and Employment Potential*'. The results of this review, which assessed in particular the economic viability of each site, were used by EBC to complete its evidence base for *The Eastbourne Plan* which has consequences for Sovereign Harbour (see below).



You can download the Report from the EBC web site [by clicking here...](#)

The table commencing on page 26 of the Report, and pages 120 onward, give details of the development proposals and viability findings for 7 sites at Sovereign Harbour. It is worrying that flats are proposed for the majority of these sites, and that the sites are generally considered viable, when there is clearly already a glut of flats on the Harbour.

The proposals, which would probably form the basis of any new 'Master Plan' for the Harbour, also appear to drive a residential bulldozer over land originally intended for the Business Park development, and would completely surround the inner North harbour with buildings.

The proposals in this Report are further evidence of the Council's intention to hoist more residential development on Sovereign Harbour.

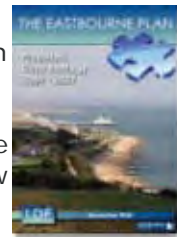
► **12 Jan - Sovereign Harbour Veterans (40 plus) Football** - If you are over 40 and still have an interest in playing friendly football matches on Sunday mornings, (winter and summer), with people similar to yourself, the Sovereign Harbour 'veterans' (40 plus) football team would love to hear from you. [Click here for more details.](#)



► **02 Jan - Sovereign Harbour 'Eastbourne Plan' Drop-in Event**

- Last month (see 17 Dec below), we announced that the consultation period for '[The Eastbourne Plan](#)' had commenced.

SHRA and EBC hope all Eastbourne residents will have *their* say in the future for *their* town, and EBC's Planning Policy Department have now arranged a drop in-event at Sovereign Harbour and sent us the following article to encourage everyone's participation in this important consultation process.



"Over the next three months until 11th March 2011 a series of consultation events, exhibitions and stakeholder meetings will take place around the Borough.

The Council hopes to engage with residents and businesses in Sovereign and deliver the necessary community infrastructure required. We aim to address existing service provision deficiencies in Sovereign, whilst at the same time increasing access to public transport and levels of employment activity".

'The Eastbourne Plan' will form the basis for the town's future development over the next 15 years. The current consultation and meetings are probably our final chance to have an input over the future development of the Harbour.

SHRA strongly oppose the plans proposal to build 150 more residential properties at Sovereign Harbour, which goes against statements made by the Lib Dems when in opposition. Our opposition to further residential development at Sovereign Harbour is supported by our MP Steven Lloyd [in this letter from him...](#)

There will be an opportunity for Sovereign's residents and businesses to make their comments at the Council's dedicated neighbourhood drop-in event being held in the **Haven School, Atlantic Drive between 10am -2pm on Saturday 22nd January 2011.**

In addition there will be an event held on **February 21st from 2pm-6pm, at Eastbourne Town Hall**, showcasing all the neighbourhoods and policies detailed in the Eastbourne Plan.

Comments on the plan may also be submitted on-line or in writing by 11 March 2011. The [EBC Eastbourne Plan web site](#) has a useful guide on how to respond to the consultation on-line.

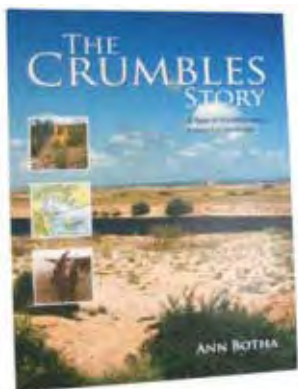
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SHRA believes parts of the Plan are flawed and biased against Sovereign Harbour and intends to offer a formal response, but all residents are strongly encouraged to also respond and to submit *their* views on *their* town.

► **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 signed copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions.

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



To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit card, send an email to the webmaster webmaster@shra.co.uk and we'll email you a PayPal payment request link (you don't need to have a PayPal account).

Or send a cheque for £7.99, payable to SHRA, with your name and address to:

The Crumbles Story
SHRA
PO Box 124
Eastbourne
East Sussex BN24 9AW

The price includes delivery - we will pop your book through your letter box, or post it to you if outside the area.

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NEW! ▶ 30 Jun - Local Councillor Joins Trust Board -

Newly elected Sovereign Ward EBC councillor, Patrick Warner, has been appointed to the boards of the [Sovereign Harbour Trust](#) and the Sovereign Harbour Sea Defences CIC.



These bodies are responsible for collecting the annual 'Rent Charge' from Sovereign Harbour residents that is used to maintain the marina and carry out flood protection work.

Cllr Warner said, "I know that many residents have had concerns about why we have the Trust and how it operates. Following my appointment to the Trust, I look forward to playing my part in ensuring that the Trust is seen to be more open and accountable in the work it does on residents behalf. I am also keen to see that a further seat on the board is offered to a member of SHRA at the earliest opportunity".

NEW! ▶ 30 Jun - Hello, hello, hello - On 1st July a new way of contacting Sussex Police will come into effect. For non emergency enquiries people can now dial 101 from their phone to speak with the Police contact centre.



Urgent calls should always be made to 999, but this new way will work alongside the existing non-emergency number for Sussex (0845 60 70 999) for the time being.

101 will become the national standard for residents to phone their local Police from November, however Sussex is one of the first forces to go "live" and so now it's even easier to contact Sussex Police. Calls will cost 15p for the entire call.

It is worth remembering however that 101 only contacts the Police and not the other emergency services.

NEW! ▶ 27 Jun - Cormorant Pontoon to be Reinstated - Good News! The Marina Manager has now decided to arrange for the cormorant pontoon to be cleaned and repaired and then to be reinstated.

This follows after a number of residents let Premier know, in no uncertain terms, how much they valued the pontoon.

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Herald

Drink-driver almost four times over limit

Cash boost for emergency team

Woman, 70, dies in car fall tragedy

Frustration over apprenticeships and the 'vicious circle' of youth employment

Flare helps save young angler's life in rescue drama





Apparently Premier were unaware of just how much pleasure that it brought to residents, and we are very pleased that they have now decided to invest time, effort and money to clean and replace it - and so, I suspect, are the cormorants!

NEW! ▶ **24 Jun - Notice Served on Southern Water** - Sovereign Ward Councillor Gordon Jenkins has let us know that following his meeting yesterday with Jeff Collard, EBC's Senior head of Service, a 28 day notice has been served on Southern Water regarding the smells that have been emanating from their treatment works at Langney Point.



Southern Water have been given 28 days to ensure that the smells are eliminated. If they do not, then a meeting will be held with local councillors and the relevant EBC portfolio holder to agree that further action, in the courts, should go ahead.

NEW! ▶ **23 Jun - Cormorant Pontoon Removed** - Premier Marinas have removed the pontoon moored near the bridge that was used by the cormorants. According to the Marina Manager it was in a very poor state and considered dangerous.



It is a shame that Premier couldn't have repaired or cleaned the pontoon and so retained this popular local point of interest that was enjoyed by residents and visitors alike - and the cormorants clearly liked it too!

NEW! ▶ **20 Jun - Harbour Childrens' Petition gets MP Support.** On Saturday Stephen Lloyd MP met a group of Sovereign Harbour children to accept their petition, containing almost 600 signatures, asking for open space on which they could play.



Mr Lloyd said he would pass the petition to Council Leader, Cllr David Tutt, and arrange a meeting with Cllr Tutt so that the children could discuss their needs with him in person.

Stephen said, "I'm delighted to receive this petition from these young people who have taken a pro-active step to securing open space in which to play. I have immense admiration for the initiative they have shown and will do all I can to help them in their campaign. If we are to attract families with young children to the town, it is essential that the social infrastructure necessary to support them is in place."

Until the meeting with Cllr Tutt takes place, the children will continue to collect signatures on their petition, especially in the South Harbour. Please keep a look out for them and give your support to their campaign. [Click here for larger photos...](#)

NEW! ▶ **12 Jun - News About The News** - The BBC Trust are holding a consultation about the BBC News Channel and BBC Parliament, and another on Radio 5 Live and Radio 5 Live Sports Extra. Both close in early July. [To take part in either click here...](#)



NEW! ▶ **08 June - Open and Shut Cases** - The Eastbourne Herald



reports that Fitness First is closing down at the end of this month.
[Read more...](#)



Meanwhile, Sports Direct.com have reopened their Sovereign Harbour Retail Park store following its damage by smoke from the fire in Boots last year.



NEW! ▶ 06 June - Harbour Youngsters Start a Petition

- When SHRA committee member, Ian Weeks, answered the door recently, he found a young lady, about eleven years old, standing there with a clipboard in her hand.



His surprise quickly turned to admiration when she introduced herself as Hannah, and explained that she, and her brother and friend, were seeking support for a play area on the land adjacent to Pacific Drive. She explained that they were fed up with having nowhere to play, and fed up with being shouted at for playing on the beach. They were also concerned about the dangers associated with playing on the beach.

Ian had no hesitation in signing Hannah's petition and offering his support. During the half term holiday the children have, so far, managed to get over five hundred signatures on their petition, including those of Stephen Lloyd MP, and Cllrs. Elkin, Jenkins and Warner.

SHRA chairman, Jan Weeks, said, "It was so pleasing to see these children acting on their own initiative and trying to help themselves, instead of just accepting the status quo. Their action reinforces the failure of the Borough Council to provide the facilities necessary for a sustainable community at Sovereign Harbour."

"We will, of course support the children in any way possible, but they seem to know what they want and be perfectly able to run their own campaign. However, in the final analysis, we are all at the mercy of Carillion, which owns the land, and it has shown no inclination to do anything but cover every available square metre of it with unneeded flats."

Look out for Hannah, Alistair and Andrzej, and please show your support by signing their petition. [Click here for enlarged photo...](#)

NEW! ▶ 03 June - SHRA Annual Review - The SHRA Committee's annual report-back to members was given out to those attending the Association's recent AGM.



It contains an overview of SHRA activities during the past year, as well as the Associations accounts. [Click here to read it...](#)

NEW! ▶ 26 May - Japanese Knotweed Alert - a resident contacted us recently to say that they thought they had spotted some [Japanese Knotweed](#) beginning to sprout on the shingle ridges of [Sovereign Park](#) on the right of the prom just beyond the water treatment works as you head towards the town.



Although not quite on our 'patch', we alerted the Council who have since confirmed it was the highly evasive and damaging weed, and that it would be treated with herbicide.

Japanese Knotweed is the most invasive species of plant in Britain and it spreads extremely quickly, preventing native vegetation from growing. It is also a problem to the construction industry and house owners as it is capable of exposing weaknesses in buildings, foundations, concrete and tarmac. If you spot it in your garden search Google for removal advice (the sooner the better). If you spot it growing in a public space, report it to the Council or relevant landowner.

NEW! ► **26 May - Martello Tower to be Repaired** - Land owners Carillion, confirm that work is scheduled to start on Martello Tower 66 at Langney Point on 31st May.

Update 15 June: Scaffolding being erected.

Carillion state that they have been liaising closely with [English Heritage](#) and have obtained Scheduled Monument Consent to carry out work to the exterior of the Tower.



East Sussex company [Paul Reed Conservation Limited](#) will be carrying out the work, which is likely to last for between 12 and 20 weeks, depending on weather and the extent of the work necessary.

The work will primarily be to repair areas of defective brickwork and render to protect and help conserve the Tower. It will be necessary to erect scaffolding around the tower and much of the work will be carried out by hand hence the length of contract.

► **21 May - Two Additional Discounts for SHRA Members - (i) The Happy Dragon** restaurant in Pevensey Bay (01323 468 222). From Sunday to Thursday, on production of a current membership card, SHRA members will be entitled to a 10% discount on food only for all meals eaten in the restaurant on those days and on take away meals, with the exception of set menus, and only for orders collected in person.

(ii) City Gym Express on Furness Street in the Town Centre is offering a discount of 10% on membership for SHRA members. Gym members are also entitled to a 20% discount on many of the other services, including the hairdressing salon, and massage and beauty treatments. And the City Holistic Centre at the gym is also offering a 20% discount to all harbour residents, even if they are not members of the gym or SHRA. Tel: 1323 648 863 Web site: www.citygymexpress.co.uk

[Other discounts for SHRA members...](#)

► **20 May - Harbour Community Association - Latest News** - The Harbour Community Association (HCA) was awarded £4,000 from the Ward Councillors' Devolved Budget to further its aims in facilitating social activities for Harbour Residents.

Since January 2011 HCA have booked the Haven School every Friday evening during term time for very successful Zumba fitness classes. From September 2011 there will be further activities, starting with carpet bowls on Thursday evenings, and with a drama group to follow soon; look out for further announcements. You can show your interest in this and other activities, by registering in advance.

Membership of The Harbour Community Association is FREE to all harbour residents over the age of 18. To register for HCA membership, pick up a form from the Haven School on a Friday evening or at the SHRA AGM this Thursday. Alternatively you can download a form from the webpage www.shra.co.uk/hca or request one by sending an email to hca@shra.co.uk [More info on the HCA web page...](#)

► **17 May - New Life in the Harbour** - mother and babies doing well - photographed this morning by Peter Thomas.

[Click here for large photo...](#)



► **17 May - Sovereign Harbor Art Group** - This friendly, local Art Group currently have a few places available on their weekly Thursday morning sessions at the Catholic Hall, Princes Road. So, if anyone would like to join the group

(beginners or experienced) they are very welcome.

And following a couple of enquiries, they are also considering arranging evening sessions or classes if there is enough demand.

If interested in joining either the Thursday session or the possible evening classes, please contact Angela on 07914 884 378. [For further info visit the Group's web pages...](#)

► **15 May - Out of Africa** - The house martins have returned from their winter stay in Africa and already seem to be exploring nest building sites around the South Harbour. Their nests are built high on the eaves or walls of houses and are formed of mud or silt from the outer harbour beach.



► **14 May - Sovereign Harbour Social Club** - The Sovereign Harbour Social Club is soon to celebrate its third year of existence. Started by Sam Sweiry in 2008, it stems from a Luncheon Club that Sam initiated a year earlier. The present Club meets every Wednesday between 10am and 11.30am for coffee and chat in Seamors Wine Bar at The Waterfront. There is an annual membership fee of £5.



The weekly attendance averages around 45 people, many of whom are regulars bringing along their friends. 10% of the membership is made up of men and 5% of the membership live outside the harbour. The club has active members who may organise occasional outings etc. New members are most welcome - just pop along any Wednesday morning and make yourself known. [Sovereign Harbour Social Club web site...](#)

► **14 May - Over 50s Resource** - The Eastbourne Seniors Forum (ESF) was set up in 2008 to be a voice, focal point and information provider for the over 50s in the Eastbourne area.



Their web site is a treasure trove of information about community services and resources available in our area. It has sections on housing, health, learning, transport (e.g. did you know Age Concern Eastbourne runs a minibus shopping transport service to Sainsburys and Tesco's?), and many more, including information about relevant local events. You can also sign up for the ESF email newsletter to receive regularly updates.

The web site has an extensive Sports and Leisure Directory covering everything from Archery to Yoga. [Click here to visit the ESF web site at www.esf-online.org](#)

► **14 May - Haven School to Double in Size** - The BBC and The Herald carry stories confirming the planned increase in the intake of the Haven School on Atlantic Drive from September 2012.



The popular primary school will be able to increase its pupil admissions from 30 to 60 each year following the expansion. It will move from one-form entry to two, increasing its overall pupil numbers from 210 to 420 by 2016/17. Building work to extend the school is expected to start in the Autumn, subject to planning approval. [BBC report....](#)

► **12 May - Sovereign Vets Match Report** - The now 'Annual Challenge Match' took place on Sunday 1st May, a lovely warm day, with the veterans from Croydon coming out on top in a close fought 2-1 match.

Although The Sovereign Harbour Veterans had the luxury



of fielding a different side in each half, and despite a lot of late pressure, they could not get the equaliser they probably deserved against their more experienced opponents. So alas, the Croydon Veterans took home the recently donated challenge trophy until next year, when hopefully it can be regained by The Sovereign Harbour Veterans.

As you can see from the photo ([click here for large version...](#)) the numbers have grown from the early years and they now have a couple of players on a waiting list, ready to join the Harbour Veterans Football team, who's numbers continue to grow.

After the match the Croydon players and the Sovereign Vets and wives and partners, met up in The Garden Bar for an after match drink and a portion of sausage and chips each that were prepared by Eddie in The Chippy downstairs. Thanks to Eddie for the excellent food and to Ron for allowing us to eat them in his bar. Frank Milmo. [Web page...](#)

► **11 May - Most Wanted in Sussex** - Sussex Police are asking the residents of Sussex to help them locate some 'most wanted' criminals who are linked to the county. The gallery has pictures of people wanted for various offences throughout the county, but you can limit the search if you would like. [Click here to view the gallery...](#)



Any information on these people would be gratefully received either direct to Sussex Police on 0845 60 70 999 or anonymously to Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. Any information helps, and you could help catch some of the most wanted criminals in the county.

► **11 May - Police Station Opening Hours Changed** - East Sussex Police have announced that they have reduced the hours that people can just drop into front offices at Police Stations and are offering more pre-planned appointments instead. In the near future people will be able to book these online, as well as over the phone, although this service is not yet available.



Eastbourne Police Station, Grove Road will now be open as follows:
Mondays to Saturdays: 0900 - 2000 hrs. Sundays: Closed.

Please be reassured that even when the front counter service is not open, the police station is still staffed and functioning normally. The public will always be able to contact the police quickly through the 999 number in an emergency, or on 0845 60 70 999 for non-emergency matters. Sussex Police have one of the best records of all forces in the country at answering these calls quickly.

► **04 May - Boiler safety and carbon monoxide** - SHRA has received a report about a dodgy boiler installation in an apartment in Dominica Court, South Harbour.

When the boiler stopped working the Corgi registered engineer had to condemn it because it had not been fitted correctly. The flu was not sealed so poisonous carbon monoxide gasses from the boiler were escaping into the apartment.

Also the water supply pipe was cross-threaded resulting in water damage which, luckily in this case, caused the boiler to break down, otherwise the potentially lethal flu would not have been noticed.



The owner's son has asked that we make residents aware of this potentially lethal issue so they can get their boilers safety checked.

Carbon monoxide has no taste, smell or colour, and is caused by faulty or poorly maintained appliances. Installing a carbon monoxide detector can help, but regular boiler maintenance and servicing is essential. Rented properties are required by law to have an annual gas safety check. You can obtain more information from your gas supplier, the [Carbon Monoxide Consumer Awareness Alliance \(COCAA\)](#), or from [British Gas](#).

► **20 April - Charity Walk Report** - The charity walk last Sunday, organised by the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour, and supported by local businesses, raised almost £3,000 for Help for Heroes.



[Full report and photos here...](#)

► **12 April - Medical Centre Update** - We are grateful to Peter Waugh, project co-ordinator, for providing the following report on the rapid progress made on building the medical centre.



"The building is already over 20% complete although it is just coming out of the ground. Having completed the piling, they have poured concrete into trenches to form steel-reinforced 'ground beams' and the pre-made floor slabs will be brought in and craned into position any day. You can now see the base of the lift shaft from outside of the site fence, and make out the shape of some of the rooms.

It is some time since the project began so as we go we are checking on one or two points of technology to see that we are still up to the minute in energy conservation, IT and health care.

The multi-purpose room of 420 sq ft will be sometimes available for community activities during working hours. Obviously these would have to fit in with the main health care use of the building, but we do want to see it being used widely.

Sovereign Medical Centre is on programme to open in the second half of October 2011."

► **09 April - Dotto Trains Start Summer Service** - The Dotto trains start their Summer Service today (Saturday 9th April).

A new timetable and new slip road at the Langney Point roundabout sees them running from Holywell to the end of Atlantic Drive. [Click here for a timetable and route map...](#)



And don't forget that with the start of the summer season comes the return to the normal sea front parking charges.

► **05 April - Letter about the Rent Charge Admin Costs** - In early March SHRA wrote to the Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) Community Interest Company (CIC) about the large increase in their administrative charges. We asked for clarification on a number of points raised by our members. [Click here to read the letter from SHRA.](#)

The CIC responded shortly afterwards and their letter does clarify some points we raised and contains information about costs and liabilities that residents may find useful. [Click here to read the response from the CIC.](#)

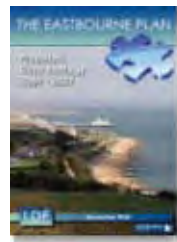


SHRA believe that we still have some way to go before the full transparency that residents should expect from an agency that is charging them money for services is

fully reached. We will continue to press for this aspect to be improved, and we will continue to demand direct resident representation on the CIC Board.

You will find more information on the [Rent Charge here...](#)

▶ **29 March - Premier Marina and Southern Water Responses to the Eastbourne Plan** - further to message below about Carillion's missing response to the recent consultation, EBC tell us that the responses have been taken down from the web site while they prepare replies. They expect to re-publish the comments, along with the EBC replies, in a couple of weeks time.



In the meantime, here are further consultation responses from **(i) Premier Marinas**, who raise an interesting point about the boat storage area beside Pevensey Bay Road - its planning permission expires in November 2011 - and who also bemoan the scant mention of the marina and all its facilities and attractions in the Plan; and **(ii) from Southern Water** about the need for a proper waste water infrastructure for any new development, and about the Water Treatment facility - it could be expanded.

▶ **27 March - Carillion Response to the Eastbourne Plan** - The response to the Eastbourne Plan consultation from Sovereign Harbour Ltd (A subsidiary of Carillion PLC), seems to have disappeared from the EBC consultation web site, so I thought I would post a copy of it here.



For those that don't know, Carillion are the land owners of the Sovereign Harbour development, so, not surprisingly, their views on Sovereign Harbour, its housing and its amenities, is markedly different from SHRA's. [Click here to read the response....](#)

▶ **12 March - SHRA Response to the Eastbourne Plan Consultation** - On Friday afternoon (11th March) SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks, and Vice-chairman, Rick Runalls, presented SHRA's formal response to the Eastbourne Plan consultation to the Council, along with a supporting petition containing 1,550 signatures. The document was received on behalf of EBC by the Mayor, Cllr. Carolyn Heaps.



Jan Weeks said, "The Eastbourne Plan, as far as the vision for Sovereign Harbour is concerned, is a flawed document that gives harbour residents absolutely no confidence that anything will change, except for a further reduction in the sustainability of the community.

The negative comments of residents who responded to the online consultation and the number of residents who signed the petition is a clear demonstration of the strength of feeling that exists on the harbour.

The Borough Council and the land owner cannot continue to ignore residents' justifiable aspirations."

Members of the SHRA committee will be meeting with Stephen Lloyd MP and members and officers of the council on 21st March to discuss the issues.

[Click here to read SHRA's response document...](#)

[Click here to read other submissions...](#) (then click on "Who said what" - top right).



► **10 March - Good News! - Seniors Free Bus Pass Start Time Retained** -Following representations from [Eastbourne Seniors Forum](#) and [East Sussex Seniors Association](#), the East Sussex County Council (ESCC) Cabinet have agreed to keep the start time for the use of Seniors Free Bus passes at 9 am.



This is great news and will be appreciated especially by Seniors wanting to attend the DGH for early appointments.

Eastbourne, along with other areas in the county, had an earlier start time than many counties but with the Tory cut backs and the move of responsibility to the County Council, this extra time was under threat.

Following lobbying by ESSA and ESF at their regular meetings with executives of ESCC and approaches to Stephen Lloyd MP, this important extra time has been saved.

► **15 Feb - Some Council Tax Banding Reduced** - We were interested to learn that some of the residents of 4/5 bedroom town houses in St. Kitts Drive have received a letter from the [Valuation Office](#) informing them that their Council tax banding is being altered. The banding runs from A (the lowest) to H (the highest).



Apparently a new tenant moved in and challenged why the Council tax band was F when a similar property on another part of the estate was E.

It seems the Valuation Office agreed and have altered the existing entry from F to E and back dated the valuation to the date of moving in. This means residents can expect not only a lower Council tax bill from now on, but also a refund on any over-payments.

On such a large estate with so many similar dwellings it could benefit residents to check on the valuation office website what band their neighbours are in. [Click here to start the on-line search process...](#)

► **15 Jan - More Housing at Sovereign Harbour - Report.** A Report has come to light that was commissioned last year by EBC entitled '*External Review of Sites with Residential and Employment Potential*'. The results of this review, which assessed in particular the economic viability of each site, were used by EBC to complete its evidence base for *The Eastbourne Plan* which has consequences for Sovereign Harbour (see below).



You can download the Report from the EBC web site [by clicking here...](#)

The table commencing on page 26 of the Report, and pages 120 onward, give details of the development proposals and viability findings for 7 sites at Sovereign Harbour. It is worrying that flats are proposed for the majority of these sites, and that the sites are generally considered viable, when there is clearly already a glut of flats on the Harbour.

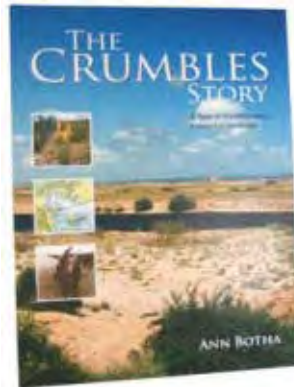
The proposals, which would probably form the basis of any new 'Master Plan' for the Harbour, also appear to drive a residential bulldozer over land originally intended for the Business Park development, and would completely surround the inner North harbour with buildings.

The proposals in this Report are further evidence of the Council's intention to hoist more residential development on Sovereign Harbour.

► **The Crumbles Story - available from SHRA** - Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?

We have a limited number of copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions.

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



To order a copy and pay on-line with your credit or debit card, send an email to the webmaster webmaster@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).

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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SHECAT

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



[Click here](#) for more information

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

► **15 Sep You can now get SHRA news on your smartphone** by visiting www.shra.co.uk/mobnews.

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



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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

restart at Sovereign Harbour on Thursday 15 September.

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



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

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



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



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

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

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

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

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



► **26 Aug The Harbour Friends meeting on Sunday 28 August** has been cancelled as the Yacht Club will be in use for the RNLI Regatta. Next meeting 4 September.



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

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



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

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

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

Following the outbreak of disturbances that spread across many areas



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

The consultation period finishes on 2 September.

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



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

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

A session costs £5 for the 2 hours.

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

Contact: Samantha: 07792-820374

[Website](#)

[E-mail](#)



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



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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

Martin Richards
Chief Constable

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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

The consultation period finishes on 2 September.

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



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

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

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



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

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

Consensus was reached that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



HELP!

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

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

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

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



NEW! ► 29 July - Retail Park Development Unveiled

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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



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

► 23 July - Views Sought on Town Centre Area

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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



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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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



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

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

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

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

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31st December 2011

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

New players of all abilities will be made very welcome.

[Click here](#) for more information.



30th December 2011

A happy ending.

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



29th December 2011

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

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

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

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

Picture: [Sussex Police website](#)

22nd December 2011

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

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



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

News feed from...

EASTBOURNE
Herald



22nd December 2011

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



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

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

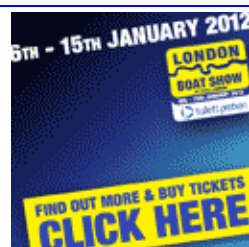
The County Council's Trading Standards Service, working with the Council's Learning Disability Team, has provided clear information for all consumers about:

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

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

21st December 2011

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



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

[Click here](#) for more information.

21st December 2011

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



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

20th December 2011

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



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

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

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

[More information > >](#)

16th December 2011

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



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

16th December 2011

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



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

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

[Visit the Get Safe Online website](#)

14th December 2012

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

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

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



13th December 2011

Ian Thomas of PCDL reports:



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

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

12th December 2011

Ian Thomas of PCDL has issued the following warning:

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



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

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

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

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

11th December 2011

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



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

9th December 2011

The Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne Carnival Action

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

SHECAT

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

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

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

9th December 2012

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



The new inshore lifeboat was funded from a generous legacy from Louise Hobbs who sadly passed away in 1999, aged 96 years; she bequeathed part of her estate to Eastbourne RNLI lifeboat station. The legacy was for the specific purpose of funding a replacement for their D-class inshore lifeboat (ILB) when it reached the end of its serviceable life.

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

8th December 2012

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



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

[Please e-mail your comments](#)

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

7th December 2012

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



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

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

They look forward to continuing to serve the local community.

6th December 2011

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



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

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

5th December 2011

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



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

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

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



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

with Eastbourne lifeboats gratefully benefiting from the proceeds.

3rd December 2011

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



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

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

2nd December 2011

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2nd December 2011

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



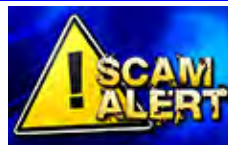
three weeks, which actually served to increase crest widths, it all changed this week.

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

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

29th November 2011

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



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

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

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

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

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

27th November 2011

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

25th November 2011

Eastbourne Police District Commander, CI Jayne Dando wrote:



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

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

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

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

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

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

I look forward to the responses coming in!"

22nd November 2011

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



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

Premier Marinas apologises for the inconvenience.

19th November 2011

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



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

18th November 2011

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

cancer.

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

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



18th November 2011

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

[Click here](#) for more information

17th November 2011

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



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

11th November 2011

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

SHECAT

people, mainly representatives of harbour clubs and associations.

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

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

For more information, visit www.shecat.info.

11th November 2011

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

9th November 2011

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

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



8th November 2011

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

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



way through the town.

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

[Click here](#) for more information.

7th November 2011

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



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

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

5th November 2011

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

The following charges will apply until 31st March 2012.

Changes to Pay and Display On-Street Parking Bays



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

Roads affected in Eastbourne

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

Continue with current Pay and Display On-Street Parking Bays

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

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

Roads affected in Eastbourne

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

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

4th November 2011

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



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

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

[Visit the Crimestoppers website](#)

[Visit the Phonepay Plus website](#)

4th November 2011

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



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

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

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

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

3rd November 2011

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



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

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

3rd November 2011

North Bridge Maintenance will begin on 7th November

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



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

2nd November 2011

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



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

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

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

2nd November 2011

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



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

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

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

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

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

1st November 2011

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

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



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

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

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

31st October 2011

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

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

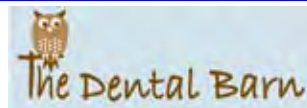


29th October 2011

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

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

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



27th October 2011

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



[Click here](#) for full report.

[Click here](#) for ROC Conversation Event

25th October 2011

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

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



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

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

24th October 2011

Serious About Watersports this Autumn?

October is one of the best months for watersports in



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

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

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

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

22nd October 2011

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



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

21st October 2011

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

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



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

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

21st October 2011

Queen Elizabeth II Fields - Vote for your favourite.

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



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

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

Latest News: QE2 needs your vote

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

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

Queen Elizabeth II Fields in Eastbourne

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

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

[Click here](#) to register your vote

19th October 2011

St Barnabas House and Chestnut Tree House appeal for help.

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Voting closes on Sunday 23rd October 2011.

19th October 2011

Free Counselling Consultation to the first three applicants.

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

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

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



18th October 2011

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

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



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

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

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

17th October 2011

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



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

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

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

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

Or e-mail for more information

16th October 2011

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



Membership of the HCA is free to all harbour residents.

[Download a membership form.](#)

13th October 2011

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



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

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

12th October 2011

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

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



10th October 2011

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

Sovereign Harbour need a Debating Society".

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



7th October 2011

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



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

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

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

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

[Full report and video clip](#)

6th October 2011

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



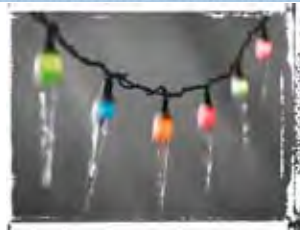
The appeal got off to a flying start with the presentation of a handsome cheque for almost £5000 from Eastbourne Hospitality Association who had nominated Eastbourne lifeboats as one of the charities to benefit from collections made at this summer's Airbourne display. Dr. Colin McKee, Chairman of Eastbourne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

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

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

5th October 2011

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



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4th October 2011

Indian Summer brings Sospan Dau Back Early

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



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

3rd October 2011

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



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

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

2nd October 2011

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



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

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

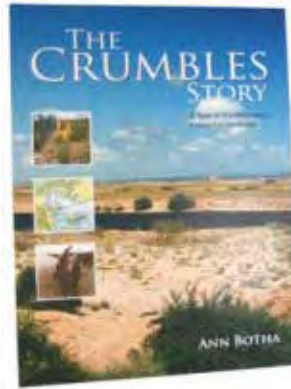
[Click here to download the draft strategy document.](#)
[Click here to download the survey.](#)

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

The Crumbles Story - **available from SHRA** - Where did the rock of the harbour arms come from? What was the Crumbles Railway? What is the wreck visible at low tide?

We have a limited number of copies of the very informative paperback book, *The Crumbles Story* by local author Ann Botha that answers these questions.

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



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

Or send a cheque for £7.99, payable to SHRA, with your name and address to:

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