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## SHRA and Harbour News

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**21 Dec - Marine License Renewal Notices** - You may spot notices from [Pevensey Coastal Defence](#) (PCD) around the Harbour or in The Herald about maintaining the sea defences. These do not mean that anything is changing; it is just a public formality that PCD must go through in order to obtain a renewed Marine License to use dredged aggregate in their flood defence work.

**11 Dec - New Friendship Group - Just Talking** is a new friendship group for bereaved parents of adult children over 25, which has been started by Harbour residents Jenny and Michael Jones whose adult daughter passed away in 2015. To lose a child can be devastating, but talking and sharing memories and experiences of their son or daughter with others who have been bereaved in the same way, whether recently or in the past, can be a comfort. **The Just Talking group meets on the 3rd Thursday evening of each month at 7.30pm in the Community Room in Tesco Extra, Lottbridge Drive**, where free tea/coffee/biscuits are provided and there is free parking. Our next meetings is on 18 January. Just come along to our meeting or contact us beforehand. For more information please visit our website: [www.just-talking.co.uk](http://www.just-talking.co.uk) or ring/text: 07867 751790



**10 Dec - Member's Letter about a Community Council** published, along with SHRA's response. [Letters page...](#)

**08 Dec - Xmas & NY Waste and Recycling. EBC have issued advice and tips for householders.** [Read it here...](#)

**24 Nov - Falcon Employed by Premier** - In order to prevent the mess starlings and pigeons cause to vessels, Eastbourne Marina has employed the [East Sussex Falconry's](#) natural methods to move the birds and prevent them roosting on boats in the future. Following a trial [the starlings pleaded not guilty ha ha], a twice-week-flight course began mid-November and will take place for 12 weeks. [Read more...](#) Two SHRA members have written to Premier about the use of a hawk. [Letters page...](#)

**24 Nov - The Harbour WI** - Meet on the second Monday of every month, starting at 2:00pm at the Yacht Club. The note of their November meeting and future activities has just been published on their web site... [Click here...](#)

**24 Nov - Two new discounters** - Both these businesses offer a discount of 10% off their standard prices to SHRA members on production of your life membership card.

As well as jewellery, **Lynley's Jewellers** (01323 470480) inside Asda sell clocks and watches, ornaments and gifts, and offer a range of services including repairs, remodelling and re-threading.

**Active Days Mobility Services** repair and service many types of mobility aids such as scooters, powerchairs, wheelchairs, hoists, riser recliner chairs, pressure care equipment and profiling beds. See our ["Join" page](#) for more discounters...

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**16 Nov - Recycling advice** - EBC have issued some useful guidance on how to prevent contamination of household rubbish you intend for recycling. [Read more here...](#)

**14 Nov - Want a warning when your MOT is due?** - Sign up to get free reminders by text message or by email when your MOT is due. You'll get a reminder one month before your MOT is due, and another if you still haven't had your vehicle tested 2 weeks before your MOT is due. Sign up on the official Gov.UK web site: [www.gov.uk/mot-reminder...](http://www.gov.uk/mot-reminder)

**13 Nov - New rules come into force for Sovereign Harbour dog walkers**

- Dog walkers using walkways around Sovereign Harbour must now keep their pets on a lead or risk receiving a fine. Following a public consultation, EBC is implementing a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). Breaching an order could result in a fine of between £75 and £1,000.

**The PSPO reads** "A person in charge of a dog shall be guilty of an offence if he does not keep the dog on a lead in any part of the Restricted Areas, unless:

- he has reasonable excuse for failing to do so; or
- the owner, occupier or other person or authority having control of the land has consented (generally or specifically) to his failing to do so."



The Restricted Areas are most of the pathways around the inner harbours and the outer harbour prom beside Macquarie Quay. [View maps...](#) Visit [www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/pspo](http://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/pspo) for more information.

**11 Nov - Stand Up For East Sussex** - The Eastbourne Herald reports that leaders of all five district and borough councils in East Sussex have thrown their weight behind a campaign calling for fairer funding for the county. [Read more...](#) The Stand Up For East Sussex campaign is urging people to sign a petition calling on the Prime Minister to urgently rethink the funding the county receives. [Click here to sign the petition or for more information...](#)

**06 Nov - Discounter's New Trading Name** - David Davis, local financial adviser who offers free advice and discounts to SHRA members has published his [Autumn Newsletter](#) together with a [list of Lenders and Insurance Companies](#) that he has on his panel. From 10 November he will be trading under the name Sovereign Mortgage Brokers already registered with the Financial Conduct Authority.

**6 Nov - Garage Wanted** - New Harbour resident and SHRA member Matthew Sheppard is seeking anyone with a spare garage to rent for storage. Any area considered. Contact: [peppink@hotmail.com](mailto:peppink@hotmail.com)

**06 Nov - From Sussex Police introducing their new Local Policing Model.** "Since 2015 we have embarked on a transformational change programme. We have looked at every element of our local policing service, determining *how we can manage more demand with fewer people* [I would argue the two things are related!] and meet the new and emerging threats facing our communities." [More info on the model here....](#)

**06 Nov - Beach Work Update** - Work at Normans Bay and Beachlands will finish today, with machines moving to PBSC from where they will re-supply 'White Horses' and Martello tower 64. All machines apart from the bulldozer will finish – for now – on Wednesday or Thursday. The bulldozer will continue to complete minor repairs and in some places push up the berm that has formed over the current spring tides. Although the second November spring tide is quite low, the first week in December unusually sees an 8.0mCD tide, so we will be avidly watching the forecast as December approaches. [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd...](#)

**27 Oct - Operation Blitz** - Sussex Police are trying to get more residents to sign-up to their Operation Blitz scheme in Eastbourne. Members receive a weekly email notifying them of extra police patrols in their area targeting antisocial behaviour (normally on a Friday and Saturday evening). The message includes a mobile number of one of the officers on patrol, so the team can be contacted directly by yourself. So, if you're fed up with rowdy behaviour, underage drinking or intimidating groups, join Operation Blitz. To do so create an account and sign in to it at: [www.Intheknow.community...](http://www.Intheknow.community) Then go to Community Interests, bottom of the screen click "Switch to advanced mode", then tick "Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention" and Save.

**22 Oct - Community Centre Plans Approved** - On Friday (20th) EBC hastily published the Community Centre conditional Planning Permission along with a Supplemental Deed of Agreement between EBC, East Sussex CC, and Carillion (and a couple of their subsidiary companies).

**The Planning Permission** is conditional upon several matters including plans for the footpath linking the centre to the Waterfront car park area, plans for a pedestrian island crossing on the retail park access road, drainage and tree protection measures etc.

**The Deed of Agreement** commits Carillion to pay the outstanding community hall contribution of £700,000 (another £100,000 having already been contributed by them), and

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commits EBC to build and manage the hall. Amongst other things, it also grants pedestrian access to a planned pathway linking the community hall with the Waterfront car park, and sets out a maximum service charge for the use of the car park, capped for the first five years.

**22 Oct - Dog on Leads on Harbour Paths** - EBC have published the results of their public consultation on proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) in Eastbourne. The proposals consulted over included changes to the scope of Dog Ban and Dog on Lead Orders.

EBC have confirmed that, having had full regard to the public consultation feedback, the following orders would be authorised, to commence on 20th October 2017: Dog on Lead PSPO This is a combination of the council's existing Dog Control Order for Dogs on Lead with the following addition: The public walkways around Sovereign Harbour Marina all year round. This means that on the harbour walkways dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

To read more and the full consultation report [click here to visit the EBC website...](#)

**30 Oct - Latest Update from Pevensey Coastal Defence** - Current forecasts suggest that the early November spring tides (4th–8th November), will be accompanied by relatively calm conditions. Although a series of depressions is set to cross the Atlantic to the south of Iceland, current models show high pressure over Europe holding firm and keeping them well to the north of us. Of course there is plenty of time for things to change.

In the meantime the recycling team will start to move west away from Cooden from today, tidying the beach as they go. The next few days will see shingle moved from Herbrand Walk and East Stream to Normans Bay East and then Normans Bay to Beachlands towards the end of the week. This will most likely continue into the early part of next week, finishing at 'White Horses'/Sovereign Harbour. Assuming the forecast is accurate, then I would expect most machines to leave the beach by the middle of next week. Ian Thomas, Project Manager, [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd...](#)

**19 Oct - Beach Work Update** - From Ian Thomas Project Manager [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd](#) - Because of the deteriorating weather, bypassing shingle round Sovereign Harbour stopped last night so that bulldozers could work on sea defences at Beachlands and Normans Bay East ahead of the arrival of Storm Brian on Saturday. They will work there this evening, tomorrow evening, Saturday morning and Saturday evening.

Undoubtedly the beach crest will be eroded in many places, and a recycling team is standing by to start permanent repair work from 06:00 on Monday morning, along with the two bulldozers. They can't work everywhere at once, but with two weeks before even bigger tides on 4 – 8 November, we will endeavour to get everything back in place by then. Hopefully the current forecasts are right and conditions are getting better rather than worse.

**18 Oct - False News?** - The Eastbourne Herald reports that "construction of a new community centre is now underway at Sovereign Harbour", and our local councilors, David Tutt (leader of EBC) and other officials turned out on site 6 for a photo-call to trumpet the occasion.

Yet, according to the ECB web site the planning application (170162) for the community centre has not yet been approved. Perhaps they are confusing the centre with the recently approved access road (see below) which is as much to do with the proposed offices development as with the community centre. [Read more...](#)

**18 Oct - EBC Approve Plans for Community Centre Access Road on Site 6** - The application proposes the erection of a road across the site to give access to the community centre proposed in the south-west corner of the site (application 170162, still awaiting a decision), and later to facilitate access to the employment and office space granted outline consent under application 131002.


The proposed road is 6m in width to allow two-way traffic with a pavement on one side. The road will be used for disabled access and servicing of the community centre, with future access provision to office and business uses as the site is further developed. Access to the road will be controlled by some type of barrier, the design of which is yet to be agreed. [Decision document...](#)

[Access road plan...](#)

**13 Oct - A Third Week of Shingle Bypassing** - Announcement from Ian Thomas, Project Manager Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd. "The last two or three days have seen some strong winds, which have moved additional shingle east on to the southern Sovereign Harbour breakwater. Whilst machines are on the beach it seems sensible to move this material now rather than have to come back again in a few weeks' time. Therefore we will continue work into a third week, although it is unclear at this time whether there is sufficient shingle available to last the full five days. It is also sensible to bypass the extra material now, because if left too long, there is greater risk of it being driven past the rock spur and round the end of the breakwater. Once inside the breakwaters it is a much more time consuming operation for it to be removed, which also has to be done tidally rather than during daylight hours as is currently the case. Hopefully once this work is completed, there will be no further requirement to bypass shingle round the harbour until early 2018." [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd](#)

**11 Oct - Councillors' Devolved Budget Colours Verges** -Sovereign Ward Councillors Gordon Jenkins, Penny di Cara and Paul Metcalfe have allocated more than £300 of their devolved budget towards the planting of purple crocus bulbs for the grass verges along Atlantic Drive and at the Sovereign Centre end of Princes Road. [Sovereign Harbour Rotary Club](#) is providing the bulbs and they represent the Purple4Polio campaign, which is aiming to eradicate polio. If you

have a community project which would benefit from funding, please [contact your Ward Councillor](#)



**10 Oct - Seasons Restaurant Sold** - The Eastbourne Herald reports that Seasons deli/bistro at The Waterfront has been sold after administrators were brought in. The administrators of Bright Ideas Studio Limited, which traded as Seasons Restaurant and Coffee Lounge at The Waterfront successfully concluded a sale of the company's business and assets to 4 Seasons (Eastbourne) Limited. The restaurant remains open and continues trading. [Read more....](#) 

**10 Oct - Longer Takeaway Hours for Harbour Grill** approved. EBC have approved the application to change the hours of operation of the business (not including external seating area) to 9:00am - 11:30pm on Sunday to Thursday and 9:00am to 12:30am Friday and Saturday. The outdoor seating area hours are 09:00am - 22:00 Sunday to Saturday with takeaway only after 22:00.

**09 Oct - Haven School Tours.** For any parent of a child starting school in **September 2018**, The Haven CE VA Methodist Primary School is holding five tours of the school where you are able to come and meet the Headteacher, Mrs Trathen, ask any questions you have regarding admission to Mrs Bundy the schools admissions officer, and have a tour of the school.

The dates and times are Tuesday 31st October 10.45 am, Thursday 2nd November 10.45 am, Monday 6th November 2.15 pm, Thursday 16th November 2.15 pm and Wednesday 22nd November 6.00 pm. We kindly ask that no children attend these tours of the school, as the tours can take up-to 1 hour. If you would like to book your space please contact Mrs Bundy on 01323 471781 option 0.

**09 Oct - Annual Rentcharge Chart** - a chart showing the flow of monies from the annual estate rentcharge demand was published in the October edition of Waterlines. It is also available for download [from our Rentcharge page...](#)

**03 Oct - Stand up for East Sussex** - East Sussex County Council are asking the people of East Sussex to [sign their petition on Change.org](#)  which calls on the Government to give our county a fairer deal. East Sussex has made savings of £112 million since the start of the decade. The ESCC petition to the Prime Minister calls for an urgent re-think about the resources it gives to East Sussex and the real difficulties that cuts in funding mean for many people who live here. [More info on this ESCC web page...](#) 

**01 Oct - Rentcharge Board Appointments** - in early September 2017, more than a year since their nomination by the Environment Agency, SHRA committee member, Cllr Penny di Cara, and former SHRA Chairman, Jan Weeks were formally appointed to the Board of the Sovereign Harbour (Sea Defences) Community Interest Company Ltd.), the subsidiary of the Sovereign Harbour Trust. Jan and Penny will work along with current board member, harbour resident Rick Runalls (also a former Chair of SHRA), to ensure that the business of the Trust and CIC is properly conducted. There is more information about the Trust and the CIC on [our Rentcharge page...](#)

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**29 Sep - Update from Pevensey Coastal Defence** - Despite recent sunny days, autumn is once again with us, and with that the start of works preparing the beach for winter. Starting on Monday 2nd October, there will be a first phase of bypassing shingle round Sovereign Harbour. This is expected to last for two weeks so as to clear the substantial build-up of shingle on the beach at Langney.

As there is another contractor (Reilly) working on the adjacent housing development site, pedestrians will have to be excluded from the open area between Sovereign Harbour and Eastbourne seafronts whilst lorries are working each day. There is a ready-made diversion route nearby, which will be signposted on site. Barriers will be opened at the end of each day and removed over the weekend allowing access to the beach. [Full details can be found here...](#) 


**28 Sep - Neighbourhood Panel meeting notes** - The [Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel](#)  have published the notes of their meeting on the 14 September. Matters discussed included:

- Cars & motorbikes using Retail Park in evenings.
- PSPO Extension to cover North Harbour Beach.
- Anti-Social gatherings on the harbour spit.
- Police response to 101 calls & emails.
- Local crime figures - some up, some down.
- Nearly 20 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) issued for yellow line parking on Atlantic Drive and Pacific Drive.

[Worth reading, click here](#)   and remember to bring such matters to the attention of the Neighbourhood Panel.

**20 Sep - Temporary Closure of Site 1 Area During Beach Work** - Now that site 1 is under development there is not enough room for the beach work lorries to pass each other and safely avoid pedestrians and dogs. As a result, [Pevensey Coastal Defence \(PCD\)](#)  have announced that when shingle bypassing work is in progress, access to the Site 1 area will be closed off by temporary fencing at the end of the outer harbour prom and at the end of the main Eastbourne prom. Access between the two points will be via Martinique Way.



Although the temporary closure is regrettable, the beach work is essential and walkers, dogs, lorries and bulldozers just do not mix. The next round of work is due to start on 2 October. [Please click this link for an information sheet with further details and location views...](#) 

**18 Sep - Parking on School Keep Clear Markings - Changes to Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs)** - Parking outside schools at drop off and pick up times is always very busy and drivers are often tempted to stop in places that they would not usually, sometimes this includes on the

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school keep clear markings. These markings are placed outside schools to improve safety for pedestrians and it is crucial that these are kept clear of vehicles. To tackle this safety concern, from 5 September East Sussex CC will be changing the way they issue Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to vehicles that stop on the keep clear markings. If the vehicle is driven away before the PCN is placed on the vehicle or handed to the driver, it will be sent to the owner or keeper of the vehicle by post. [Read more...](#)



**08 Sep - Anti-social behaviour on the Increase** - Message from Katy Bourne Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner. "My office has received a number of concerns from residents, communities and businesses across the county about anti-social behaviour. The recorded number of anti-social behaviour crimes increased by 7% or 1,623 additional crimes from September 2016 to August 2017, compared to the same period the previous year..."

"At next Friday's Performance & Accountability Meeting I will be seeking to find out what work the force is doing with partners to tackle anti-social behaviour."

The meeting begins at 1pm on Friday 15 September and [you can follow it online here...](#) It is worth noting that since 2010, Sussex has lost 644 police officers. Some new posts are now in the pipeline.

**07 Sep - Fire and Smoke** - The police report that yesterday there was quite a large fire on the waste land between the ASDA petrol station road and the Pacific House business centre (in the vicinity of the site for the proposed Community Centre). It appears some youths set a small fire next to some plastic sheeting that has either been dumped or is being stored on the land. It caught alight very quickly and threw a very large amount of black smoke up into the air visible across most of Eastbourne. The police will be recording it as an arson as it was a deliberate ignition, however at this time they have no suspects.

**04 Sep - Site 8 Variations Stopped** - SHRA had concerns about these two planning applications that related to the boundary fencing and paving (170685), and a revised water drainage scheme (170885). Following on from our earlier letter to EBC ([see News page](#)), SHRA committee members attended the relevant planning meeting and spoke against the paving and fencing variation, as did ward councillor, Gordon Jenkins. The application was refused. Earlier, the developer had withdrawn the application relating to water drainage that included an overflow in to the harbour.

**02 Sep - Longer Grilling Hours on The Waterfront** - The Harbour Grill, Unit 5, The Waterfront, has applied for longer opening hours. [Please see this notice...](#) Comments on the application may be made to EBC by post or [on-line at EBC Planning...](#) (search using the application reference number 171009), by 25 September.

**27 Aug - MP attends SHRA committee meeting.** The SHRA committee invited Eastbourne MP, Stephen Lloyd, to their August monthly committee meeting. The committee were able to brief Stephen on various Sovereign Harbour issues, particularly the harbour charges levied on residents and the 'hands-off' stance SHRA is currently taking on the community centre. Stephen assured us that he would assist us where he could usefully intervene. He was particularly annoyed by the length of time it is taking to provide the proposed bus lane linking the North and South Harbours despite money being earmarked for it.

**26 Aug - Give your view regularly to Sussex Police** - People's Voice is an ePanel of Sussex residents who have signed up and agreed to complete up to four online surveys from Sussex Police each year. The police are collecting this anonymous information to enable them to find out if they are providing the right services to the right people, depending on their needs. Given the current general discontent with government policy towards police funding and the reductions in police numbers, this is a good opportunity to give some feedback to the police. The next survey is due in early September; sign up now to be involved. [Click here for more details...](#)

**25 Aug - Site 8 builders thank residents.** As the construction work at Site 8 begins to reach its conclusion, the development manager, Tom Francis, and Huw Carter, the site manager, wish to thank the local residents for their co-operation and understanding while the build was carried out. They apologise for any inconvenience that has been caused and were pleased that most issues were resolved.

**25 Aug - Communication from EBC about Site 8.**

Planning application:	170685
Site address:	Site 8, Pacific Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex,

Proposal:	Application for variation of condition 2 of reserved matters granted 9 June 2015 for the development of the site for 8 dwellings, open space and berth holder facilities following grant of outline planning permission (Ref: 141469); amendments are to paving to public open space, retaining tarmac drive on the north and south sides of the site, reconfiguration to planters in public open space, changes to proposed street furniture, new planting arrangement, re-arrangement of shared access and parking area, and amendments to planting edging in public open space.
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In relation to the above, the application to discharge conditions of the original permission to amend the drainage strategy for the site has been withdrawn. The Developer has confirmed they will implement the originally approved drainage strategy.

The above variation however continues to propose the amendment to the block paving to be an impermeable block paving. The Lead Local Flood Authority have confirmed that as the permeable paving did not form part of the original surface water drainage strategy the change to impermeable surface is acceptable. Therefore the above application can progress without the accompanying amendments to the drainage strategy.

I write to inform you that the variation of condition application to amend the landscaping proposals will be heard at Planning Committee on Tuesday 29th August 2017 at 6.00pm in The Court Room, Ground floor, Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne

**24 Aug - Harbour Calls For Brakes To Be Put On Racers** - Eastbourne Buzz have published a video and article about the noisy car and motor bike racing and revving that has been taking place in the Asda and Water Treatment car parks at night. They report that our MP, Stephen Lloyd, has joined in calls for police to up patrols in the area. [Click here to view...](#)

**22 Aug - Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs) - 'Dogs on Leads'**. Eastbourne Buzz has filmed a piece with a North Harbour resident seeking extension of the proposed PSPO (see below), so that it would cover more areas of Sovereign harbour including the North Harbour beach. [Video...](#) The consultation closes at 5pm Sunday 10 September. [EBC web site for consultation details and how to comment...](#)

**18 Aug - North Harbour Beach Owners seek extension of proposed PSPO.** As you may know, the North Harbour beaches are privately owned down to the high water mark. The owners wish the PSPOs proposed by EBC (see item below) to be extended to cover these private beaches. [Read their press release for further information...](#) 

**16 Aug - SHRA responds to Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)** - SHRA has responded to EBC supporting the proposals. EBC are proposing new PSPOs in Eastbourne related to an extension of the summer 'Dog Ban' order on central Eastbourne beaches, and to the extension of the 'Dog on Lead' order to additional areas, including some of the public walkways around Sovereign Harbour (see below). The consultation closes at 5pm Sunday 10 September. [See web site for details and how to comment...](#)

**13 Aug - Site 7c Planning Application.** The developer of site 7c (between Pacific Drive roundabout and Pevensey Bay Road) has submitted a planning application relating to a change of cladding and the provision of steel-framed car ports. The planning application is no. 171004 on the [EBC web site...](#)

**10 August - Beach replenishment work** - From Ian Thomas, Project Manager Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd. - We are expecting the annual beach replenishment via dredger Sospan Dau to start next week, and to take about 8 days. As usual all material will be r ainbowed onto the beach immediately east of Sovereign Harbour, in front of the rock revetment. In total around 10,000m<sup>3</sup> of sediment will be delivered. This is less than normal for two reasons;



1. Last winter was less erosive than other recent winters, so less shingle was lost.
2. There has been a substantial build-up of shingle on the west side of the marina. Thus it is likely that at least 10,000m<sup>3</sup> will need to be bypassed round the harbour and added to the beach as soon as the operation is allowed to start on 1st October.

Sospan Dau will deliver sediment over high water twice a day, taking about an hour to discharge each time. No machines will work on the beach, sediment being allowed to spread purely through wave action.

**02 August - Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)** - EBC are consulting residents and organisations on proposals to establish new PSPOs in Eastbourne. Specifically these relate to an extension of the summer 'Dog Ban' order on central Eastbourne beaches, and to the **extension of the 'Dog on Lead' order to additional areas, including the public walkways around Sovereign Harbour.** The 'Dog [must be] on Lead' proposal does not include the Outer Harbour's beach-side curved prom, but it does include the



walkway in front of Macquarie Quay and those around the west side of the Inner Harbour, the West Harbour and the North Harbour. The consultation closes 5pm Sunday 10 September. [See web site for details and how to comment...](#)

**24 July - Water feature testing** - It is now deemed necessary to carry out a soak test of the feature and to carry out a camera pipe survey. Parts of the paths may be closed to pedestrians while contractors start excavating to reach the pipework. It is not known how long the work will take but [CPMCL](#) will endeavour to keep everyone informed.

**21 July - Harbour Rent Charge** – although the issue of the [Harbour Rent Charge](#) may seem to have gone quiet, we can assure members that SHRA, along with a number of committed individuals who have been challenging the charge for many years, are diligently researching the matter and continue to investigate a fairer and more transparent arrangement. The charge is discussed at every SHRA committee meeting, and we anticipate being able to make further announcements in the coming months.

**21 July - New bus timetables.** Here is a direct link to the timetables of the new 5 and 5A bus services. [Click here...](#)

**21 July - Site 8 (Port Moresby Place) variations to plans (see below).** SHRA remains concerned about the dispersal of rain water in to the harbour from the open space and from the new houses. We have made further representations on the matter to EBC planning in our comments on the developers second application (no. 170885). [SHRA's comments...](#)

**10 July - Site 8 (Port Moresby Place) variations to plans (see below).** The developer has submitted a further application for the above. It includes the long-awaited drainage scheme. [EBC planning](#) application no. 170885. Comments by 30th July. [Covering letter...](#)

**13 July - Harbour dog control orders possible.** New council powers to tackle anti-social behaviour may include introducing dog ban and lead control orders in to the Sovereign Harbour area. There is little detail at present and any proposals will be subject to a future consultation. [Read more in this EBC press release...](#)

**10 July - New Sea Safety Measure** - A 5mph speed limit zone either side of the pier has been introduced by Eastbourne's seafront team in a bid to prevent fast moving watercraft from entering the area after a flood of complaints and fears that jetskis and other craft may hit swimmers. Running from the Wish Tower to the Redoubt, a new line of yellow buoys will mark out the new 5mph zone, encouraging jetskis and other motorised or rigid craft to stay further out to sea, during the bathing season from May to September. Read more in [The Eastbourne Herald...](#)

**01 July - New discount for SHRA Members - Revival Car Services,** a mobile car valeting company based in Sovereign Harbour have been added to the list of local businesses offering a discount to SHRA members (e.g. a quick weekly valet for just £20). Please visit their web site for details of their wide range of services including regular maintenance washes, paint correction services and pre-sale and concours level detailing. [www.revivalcarcare.co.uk](http://www.revivalcarcare.co.uk)



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**17 June - Sovereign Ward borough councillor named in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.** Congratulations to Paul Metcalfe, who has been made an MBE for his services to the RNLI, where he was formerly the Operational Manager. [Read more...](#)

**10 June - Say hello to CoCo Hair!** Great Hairdressing have announced that they are under new management and are now trading as CoCo Hair. They still offer the same great stylists and service in their spacious, modern

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salon at The Waterfront, Sovereign Harbour. Visit their web site at [www.cocohair.co.uk](http://www.cocohair.co.uk)... for further details and special offers. [Click here for a copy of their promotional flyer.](#) PDF

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**26 May - Dredging commences.** The suction dredger *Sospan Dau* has arrived and is starting its annual dredging of the harbour entrance and outer harbour deep channel. It arrived too late to prevent a yacht running aground at the entrance on Thursday evening. [Photos...](#) The dredging is expected to take about 12 days and will include day and night work depending on tides. [Notice to Mariners...](#) PDF

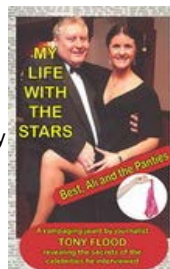
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**24 May - Costa Coffee** It seems that Costa Coffee will be opening an outlet in the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park as they have just been granted planning permission for four illuminated signs on the old Blockbuster Video store. Application no. 170593. [EBC Planning...](#)

**23 May - Local authors** and Harbour Residents Tony and Heather Flood are raising money for Children with Cancer UK by making donations from their book sales.

In a special promotion, signed copies of their books are offered at reduced prices. They include Tony's celebrity book '*My Life With The Stars*' and his spicy crime thriller '*Triple Tease*'. [www.celebritiesconfessions.com](http://www.celebritiesconfessions.com)

Younger readers are catered for with Tony's fantasy adventure '*The Secret Potion*', and Heather's '*Mousey Mousey*' and her other No.1 best sellers. More info at: [www.fantasyadventurebooks.com](http://www.fantasyadventurebooks.com)



**Sovereign Disabled Swimming Club** which has sessions at Motcombe Swimming Pool in Eastbourne every Sunday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, would like to recruit additional service users. It's a friendly and welcoming club, with its own hoist, sloping steps for easy alternative access and accessible showers and toilet. If you know someone who might be interested in joining for some exercise and a chat, please contact Bob Gausden [swim@gausden.com](mailto:swim@gausden.com) or telephone 01323 484 165 during usual office hours.

**26 April** - EBC planners have given the go ahead for the Sovereign Harbour community centre to be built on the edge of the Innovation Park (Site 6). This is not the ideal location (certainly not the one "wanted" by residents) - a more central location would have been much preferred.

However, the centre cannot be built until an access road and pedestrian footpath have been constructed - neither of which have planning applications submitted. It's expected an application for the road will be submitted by early June, with a completion date (of the roadworks), sometime in October. [Read more...](#)

**24 April** - Our on-line survey about SHRA's relevance and possible future direction closed on the 14 April. We received over 200 responses. Our thanks to everyone who took part; it's been a useful and enlightening exercise! We have now published the responses we received.

- [Introduction & Conclusions](#)
- [Annex A Reasons for responses \(10 pages\)](#)
- [Annex B Improvements wanted \(11 pages\)](#)

**22 April** - [Published by the Eastbourne Access Group](#), The 2017 Eastbourne Guide for Disabled People is now available from the Tourist Information Centre in Cornfield Road and seafront office, No. 1 Grove Road and the Town Hall. [Click here for the PDF version...](#)

**21 April** - SHRA committee member Ray Blakebrough has suddenly resigned due to increased pressure from other commitments. Luckily, following the recent pleas in Waterlines, half a dozen members have expressed a willingness to be nominated at the AGM in May to serve as future committee members.

**14 April** - Eastbourne Borough Council are looking at their Anti-Social Behaviour Policy that outlines how they prevent, respond to and manage reports of anti-social behaviour from residents and tenants. EBC would like your views on the draft policy (better than just moaning about it). The draft and a summary are available to download from their website and there is an on-line survey to help you structure your feedback. Closes 31 May. [More info...](#)

**11 April** - Update from PCDL. Always a favourite time of the year; all machines have now finished working and hopefully will not be required to return until the autumn. Having said that, this is the first year in several five that works have been completed before the last week in April – or indeed May – so there is the possibility that we could still get a late spring storm at some time. Hopefully not, and we will all enjoy a pleasant summer. Best wishes. Ian Thomas, Project Manager, [Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd...](#)

**04 April** - **Yet another virus-infected email scam is circulating, warn the police. This one purports to come from a "Law Abiding Citizen" who claim they are trying to protect your data. Of course, the opposite is the case.** [More details...](#)

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**29 March 2017** - The **'Save the DGH' campaign** [↗](#) are very interested to hear from anyone who has had a baby on the way to the Conquest or been affected by consultant-led Maternity services not being at Eastbourne DGH. We are still fighting for these services to return and it would help us hugely to have this information. We want to publicise this to highlight the issue which we believe is affecting women and their babies and families.



We are also interested in hearing from those who have been affected by 24/7 consultant-led Paediatrics not being at Eastbourne DGH and also emergency and high risk General Surgery and emergency and high risk Orthopaedics. Please can you email Liz Walke on [info@savethedgh.org.uk](mailto:info@savethedgh.org.uk)

**29 March** - The **Harbour Medical Practice** [↗](#) which has been rated 'requires improvement' in its latest Care Quality Commission (CQC) report, has said it is making good progress and will meet the required standards in its next inspection. [Read more... ↗](#)

**29 March** - Premier Marinas are now recruiting spring and summer seasonal staff - an opportunity to get into the marine industry with a Gold accredited Investor in People. [For more information and how to apply, click here... ↗](#)

**28 March** - Have your say about SHRA. We are conducting a short, anonymous survey on the relevance and role of the Residents Association. [Click here to complete the survey on Google Forms... ↗](#)

**28 March** - **Update from Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd** - The forecast for spring tides at the end of the week remains good, so we still hope that the majority of work will be completed by Friday 7th April, with just some tidying up the following week. Most works are expected to be between Cooden and Beachlands. [Website... ↗](#)



**25 March** - Eastbourne Borough Council is consulting on a new Statement of Community Involvement which sets out the standards and approaches that the Council will use to involve the community and other interested parties in planning matters. [Read the consultation documents... ↗](#)

**24 March** - CCTV has been upgraded at Sovereign Harbour. Premier Marina say as well as the operation camera upgrades, they have invested £20,000 to install four new cameras in strategic areas of the marina, which will be supported by a new 24-hour recording system. [Read more... ↗](#)

**19 March** - **Newhaven National Coastwatch Institution (NCI)** needs volunteer watchkeepers to help safeguard the lives of yachtsmen, fishermen, canoeists and other users of coastal waters. [Read more... ↗](#)

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### 17 March 2017 - Development Update. Latest information regarding sites 1 & 8.

**Site 1, White Point** – the EA have raised safety concerns for the public while the routine shingle shift is happening. In accordance with the planning guidance for the site, it will be 'closed to the public' at the owners discretion. At the appropriate time a barrier will be erected at both ends of the site, with signage directing people via Martinique Way.

**Site 8, Port Moresby Place** - there was a break-in two nights ago with theft and damage involved. A security guard will be in place overnight for the next little while and a quietened generator will run to maintain lighting. Hopefully this will not cause any disturbance.

Source: [Sovereign Harbour Neighbourhood Panel minutes](#)

**15 March - The opening date for a new Wilko** store at Sovereign Harbour has changed. The shop will now open a day later on Thursday April 13 in time for the bank holiday weekend. [Read more...](#)



**14 March 2107 - RYA Award for Harbour Resident.** Fifteen-year-old, South Harbour resident and windsurfer Sam Williams has been presented as the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) London and South East Champion.



Sam is looking for local sponsors to assist him with furthering his potential to compete at Olympic level. At Easter he will be competing at the UK Youth Nationals where they will be selecting a squad to try and get qualified for the Youth Olympic Games in Argentina in 2018. [Read more...](#)

**07 March 2017 - Unlimited return visits to Redoubt Fortress..** This

Year Eastbourne residents can enjoy as many return visits as they like to the Redoubt Fortress this year, as Heritage Eastbourne launches plans to offer a special Residents Ticket. Costing the same as a standard Redoubt Fortress ticket, residents need only pay once to return again and again and discover the many 'Faces of the Fort' in a brand new immersive exhibition, along with the chance to experience life as it was for recruits, staff, prisoners and families over 200 years ago!!



All standard tickets and Residents tickets to the Redoubt museum cost £4.50 per adult, £2.50 per child, £3.25 for concessions or £12 per family. Residents Tickets can be obtained by presenting either an Eastbourne Residents Card or a copy of a valid Council Tax bill at the time of purchase. [Website...](#)

**07 March 2017 - Beach work update from Pevensey Coastal Defence Ltd.** Immediate repairs following the last set of storms will be completed on Friday, so machines will then leave the beach.



Although spring continues to creep closer, there are still some big tides to get through at the end of this month. If the weather remains favourable, we expect to do a final two week recycle starting on 27th March, finishing around 7th April.

Having said that, for the last three years the final machine has not left the beach for summer until the start of May. Hopefully this will remain one of the quieter springs on the south coast. [Website...](#)

**06 March** - Six year-old's remarkable support for Eastbourne RNLI. [Read more...](#)

**04 March 2017 - SHRA Chairmen steps down** - at the 2016 Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Annual General Meeting, the chairman, Jan Weeks, advised the members that she would be standing down at the 2017 meeting. She has, however, decided to stand down with immediate effect.

Jan said: "I have served on the SHRA committee for twelve years, six of them as chairman. Although I originally decided to resign at the 2017 AGM, I felt this would leave a void after the meeting that could take a while to fill. By standing down now, the committee will have the opportunity establish a new structure, and set out and its vision for the future of the Association for presentation to members at the AGM in May."

"There is still much to do, and I wish the new committee every success. I'd like to thank the members for the support they have given me over the past years and I'm sure the new chairman can look forward to the same."



Jan Weeks

**3rd March 2017 - A planning application (170162) has been submitted** for the construction of a community centre at Easter Island Place (Site 6). The design of the centre has been further revised from the design approved in July 2015.



The SHRA and SHCA issued the following joint statement.

"Although we are delighted that Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC) has been able to acquire space for the Sovereign Harbour Community Centre on Easter Island Place (formerly Site Six), we are disappointed that the design has again been changed and the size further reduced. Residents made it abundantly clear that they expected the design already approved for Site Five to be implemented at a central location.

The proposed design is the third revision of the original design put forward by Sovereign Harbour Ltd and, as with each previous revision, the usable area of the centre has been further reduced. The original design was supported by a robust business plan created by the Sovereign Harbour Community Association (SHCA). This plan was built around an 800m<sup>2</sup> footprint with 749m<sup>2</sup> of usable space and it is unlikely that it would be viable in the greatly reduced area of the current proposal.

It is very important for the sustainability of the Sovereign Harbour neighbourhood that this community centre should be financially self-sufficient so, before we could comment further on the application, or advise our members, we would need to examine the revised EBC business plan that will be used to support it."

**2nd March 2017**



# Lock Maintenance

**Notice is hereby given that Lock 1 (Furthest lock from the Harbour Office) is closed for routine annual maintenance from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017.**

This lock will be de-watered and will remain closed for approximately four weeks.

De-watering operations will commence on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. During this time there shall be **NO PEDESTRIAN ACCESS OR LOCK MOVEMENTS** to facilitate safe crane access.

**An alternative pedestrian route is available around the perimeter of the Inner Harbour using the South & West bridges.**

Once lifting operations are complete, lock movements will be re-instated to one lock only and a temporary pedestrian bridge will be installed reinstating public access across both lock gates.

Please accept our sincere apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. If you have any questions, please contact the Harbour office.

**Marina Management**  
Issued: 02/03/2017

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation*

**The Marina Office can be contacted 24 hours on (01323) 470099 or VHF Ch17**



**1st March 2017 - Volunteers needed at the Beachy Head Countryside Centre** - the Gateway to the South Downs National Park. Working two or three mornings/afternoons per month (approx 3hrs) from April to end of October.



It's a great place to work and to meet lots of tourists from all over the world who come to visit this iconic beauty spot. A car is essential as no buses until June. If you are interested please email Hazel - [info@beachyhead.org](mailto:info@beachyhead.org).

**27th February 2017 - PCD Update.** Just when we thought spring was around the corner, winter is sending us a none to gentle reminder that we are not there yet.



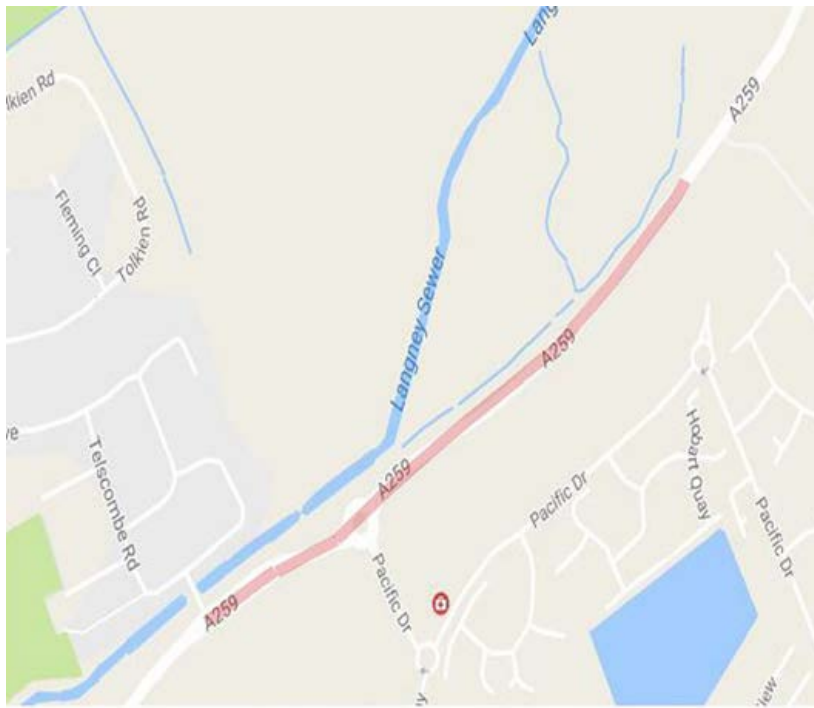
Beach erosion is expected to occur on each of the next three night-time tides, before things calm down again. A recycling team and an extra bulldozer has been ordered, but at this time I don't know when they will arrive, hopefully in time to start repair works during the day tomorrow.

The bulldozer will work this afternoon and early tomorrow morning at Normans Bay East, since this is where the beach is currently narrowest. Once here I would expect the recycling team to remain for at least two weeks

It is expected that the Environment Agency will be issuing a Flood Alert to cover the 36-48 hours or so.

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**22nd February 2017 - East Sussex Highways has announced** that it will be conducting footway resurfacing works in Pevensey Bay Road, Eastbourne. These works will start on Thursday 2nd March and are scheduled to take seventeen days. A 30mph speed limit will be in force for the duration of the works.



Temporary Speed Limit



**17th February 2017 - The SHRA Helpline number has changed.**

The new number is now active; please leave a message and somebody will return your call. Calls are not retrieved every day so, if your enquiry is urgent, please use e-mail. [Click here for all contact details.](#)



**15th February 2017 - Dog walkers have brought to our attention** that solidified Palm Oil has been washed up on the harbour beaches.



Palm oil is toxic if dogs eat or lick it and, unfortunately, they are attracted to it. The material currently being washed up tends to be in the form of pieces from a flat plate of the material and it looks similar to a slice of white coconut ice about 1cm thick. Having said this, larger blocks are possible. Premier Marinas have been alerted.

An Internet search indicates that although Palm Oil is toxic to dogs it isn't to humans. It is sometimes used for weight loss and increasing the body's metabolism. As food, it is used for frying and industrially it is used for manufacturing cosmetics, soaps, toothpaste, waxes, lubricants and ink.

**14th February 2017**





**On Saturday 11 February Sovereign Harbour Yacht** held a successful fundraising event for Eastbourne Sea Cadets with £300 being raised.

At the end of the evening Commodore Dickie Bird stated 'We are happy to continue to show our support to the Sea Cadets and look forward to building on the relationship over the coming years.' PO Taylor expressed his thanks to the Yacht Club for the evening and the money raised. He also thanked the club for the support they have given in relation to the dinghy sailing at the Marina and was looking forward to developing this relationship.

**10th February 2017 The latest issue of the East Sussex Library** Information Newsletter is now available to download. In this issue:



- Volunteer and teach others IT skills
- What was life like in East Sussex during WWI
- World Book Day 2017
- A book I have loved
- New DVDs for February

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**6th February 2017 - When making your Rent Charge payment,** be sure to add the statement below to your remittance advice.

*"Please note that my payment is made under protest and that my sending it is not to be interpreted as confirmation of my satisfaction with or acceptance of the validity of the current invoice or its level. My payment is made without prejudice to any action taken, or assertions made by me or by others on my behalf, at any time."*

If you make your payment by BACS transfer, e-mail the statement, with your address and plot number to [sovereignharbourtrust@cripps.co.uk](mailto:sovereignharbourtrust@cripps.co.uk). Please note this is different to the address given in Waterlines. Read more on our [Rent Charge page...](#)



**4th February 2017 - Premier Marinas has reported** that the West Harbour bridge is now fully operational.



**4th February 2017 - The East Sussex Highways February** newsletter is now available to download. In this issue:



- Potholes
- Peacehaven Cycle Route
- Work in February

[Download the newsletter](#)

**3rd February 2017 - The February issue of Waterlines Online** is now available

to download from the website. In this issue:

- Time to move on
- Marina Rent Charge

[Click here to download.](#)

**3rd February 2017 - Due to a fault, the West Bridge** will remain in the raised position until further notice.

Premier Marinas believes the fault has been identified, and it is hoped the bridge will be back in operation some time tomorrow (Saturday). However, this cannot be guaranteed.



**2nd February 2017 - With summer not too far away**, Buzz Active has some exciting new offerings:

- Instructor Training
- SUP and kayak tours on the River Cuckmere
- Improvement works at the River Cuckmere
- Group activities at Buzz Active



[Click here for more information.](#)

**1st February 2017 - The latest edition of Bourne to Recycle news, is focusing on glass.** Glass is perfect for recycling – it can be recycled into new bottles and jars again and again. And again!

The UK currently recycles around 50% of container glass (like bottles and jars) and while this figure has doubled over the last five years it still lags behind other countries. For example, both Switzerland and Finland recycle more than 90% of their glass. (Source [www.recyclenow.com](http://www.recyclenow.com))



Recycling glass in Eastbourne is easy. It is collected from your green recycling box as part of your kerbside collection and there are bottle banks at bring sites across the town. However, there is still more we can all do, such as remembering to recycle clear food jars which are often forgotten. [Download the newsletter](#)

**26th January 2017 - A number of residents have received their Marina Rent Charge invoice**, and the remainder will be arriving in the next few days.

Despite the very clear legal opinion obtained by the SHRA that the charge is unlawful, and the efforts of the SHRA and Caroline Ansell MP, the Environment Agency continues to demand this payment.

Although it is manifestly unfair, we would urge you to make the payment but, as in previous years, add the following statement:

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This doesn't, however, mean that the struggle has been abandoned, it will continue for as long as it takes. Read more on our [Rent Charge page...](#)

**26th January 2017 - Caroline Ansell MP has issued the following statement regarding the Care Quality Commission and East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.**

"I couldn't be more pleased at the significant improvement that has taken place at the trust and I'd like to thank everyone working at Eastbourne District General Hospital for all their efforts.

The CQC report said that there has been transformed organisational culture and this is due to good leadership tapping into the wonderful staff at the frontline who have always offered good patient care.

This change is something I have seen on my regular visits to the hospital and it has been achieved across the board in a very short space of time.

The hospital is highly valued by everyone in Eastbourne and Willingdon so this news is also good for public confidence and I'm sure progress will continue.

The trust has been at a low ebb these last few years and there is still much to do, but I am confident this particular patient is firmly on the road to recovery."



**26th January 2017 - Following the granting of planning consent** for the development of Site Three as a "Fishing Quay", the Fisheries and Marine Environment New Economics Foundation has issued a survey to support funding bids.



[Click here to complete the survey](#) and enter for the draw to win a side of delicious, locally oak smoked, salmon.

**25th January 2017 - PCD Update.** The weather has stayed benign this week allowing access to the beach at Langney to be maintained even as the size of the beach reduces, so we will continue bypassing shingle round Sovereign Harbour until Friday. By doing the extra few days now, and if the weather remains favourable over the next 6-8 weeks, we may not need to go back on to Langney beach until next autumn.



Of course if the weather changes then we could be back to square one. Until it does, we have no works scheduled other than the bulldozer doing minor repairs at various places along the frontage.

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**20th January 2017 - The organisers of the Eastbourne International Balloon Festival** have announced that within half an hour of opening the booking site for the Festival on Thursday evening over 400 had booked their tickets and by 10pm over 1,000. The festival will be held on 29th and 30th July in Hampden Park.



Why book when the Festival is free? Firstly there will be a prize draw with the winner having a free hot air balloon ride (to use or give away) and secondly it helps to give an idea of numbers, as this is year one. [Click here to make sure you are in the draw for the balloon experience.](#)

**19th January 2017 -In response concerns expressed by residents**, developers have issued the following update.



**"Site One , now 'White Point'.** Ground-workers have now returned and piling starts on 13th February. They are using a system which involves piles being pushed rather than hammered, so hopefully noise and disruption will be to a minimum. It is expected to be about a three week process.

**Site Seven C, now 'Macauley Place'.** Road and services work is under way. First housebuilding due in March. Some piling is needed but same format as above.

**Site 8, 'Port Moresby Place'.** Despite outward signs, a lot happened/happening inside. First couple of plots now nearly finished on dry lining with external render "weather watching."

**13th January 2017 - Recycling will finish today**, with bypassing of shingle round Sovereign Harbour to start on Monday. This is initially planned for one week only, but may extend for a day or two into the following week if conditions allow.



Current forecasts suggest that winds will remain predominantly from the north for 10 days or so, and with no big spring tides due for several weeks, work should soon be confined to just using the bulldozer for a while once bypassing is complete.

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**12th January 2017 - In response to concerns expressed by a number of Sovereign Harbour residents**, Caroline Ansell MP has issued the following statement.



"Although the harbour charge is now in its second decade and each household has a legally binding commitment to paying it, I have always believed it be an inherently flawed charge. I have campaigned alongside the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA) and your County Councillor David Elkin for a fairer deal since 2014.

WE HAVE TAKEN THIS TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL POLITICALLY. In 2015, the Secretary of State came to the Waterfront to hear campaigners. She then called the Environment Agency (EA) to Westminster to meet with us and hear our challenge.

Following that, the EA was charged to review the current sea defence strategy and answer the charge: do sovereign sea defences provide 'cross subsidy'? ie in part, pay for other homes across the area to be protected. Is the current strategy the most efficient and cost effective way to provide protection?

**WE HAVE TAKEN THIS TO LEGAL OPINION.** We have challenged the lawfulness of the changes to the 1988 Southern Water Agreement in 2001, and have obtained opinion of counsel that it is indeed unlawful. The EA's legal department has always supported the current arrangements around maintaining sea defences and how that is financed. We pushed the EA to seek a second, independent, opinion, which it did; it did not differ in its conclusions to those originally stated. Whether the SHRA wants to pursue a legal challenge through the courts remains an option, and their Barrister believes there are strong grounds

**WE ARE EXPLORING ALL AVENUES.** On a different tack, Councillor Elkin and I are working locally to negotiate a longer term, more sustainable sea defence scheme which takes in a far greater sweep of coastline than the 800m of the Sovereign Harbour development and, one which brings in Eastbourne Borough Council (EBC). EBC is the authority responsible for sea defences and they maintain Eastbourne defences by way of grant and EA bids.

I will be working with your local councillors and with my parliamentary neighbour Huw Merriman who represents Bexhill Battle to further this wider work

With the assurance of my continuing commitment to seeing a fairer deal."

**12th January 2017 - The organiser of Sovereign Shines have issued a big thank-you to everyone who took part in their enormously successful, inaugural *Sovereign Shines* charity campaign.**



The organisers said, "As this was only our first year we did not expect so much take-up, help, encouragement and positive feedback... at the final count we collected **£405** for the **RNLI** and we were very proud of some of the very creative light installations that were on show.

The judging evening at The Waterfront was a great success and there were a variety of category prize winners that collected a range of prizes donated by the various sponsors.

The Sovereign Shines event is planned to happen again in 2017 and the goal is to get hundreds of harbour residents and boat owners to take part so that we can raise even more for charity and also that we can create a brilliant, annual community event. Look out for more information about the 2017 event later in the year.

Thanks again to everyone who took part and special thanks to Premier Marinas, the Berth Holders Association, The Waterfront Traders and Mr Paul Metcalfe."

**A funeral service for Angelo Errigo  
will be held in All Saints' Church,  
Grange Road, Eastbourne  
On Friday 20th January 2017 at 11am**



Angelo passed peacefully away on Boxing Day morning,  
surrounded by his loving family,

after a long struggle against cancer.

[Visit the Eastbourne Herald website to view tributes to Angelo](#)

**9th January 2017 - Although the south avoided the worst of storms Barbara and Connor**, there are couple of areas where some additional shingle moving is required. Before machines that were parked up for Christmas disappear it makes sense to do this work before they are taken elsewhere.



Today they will start at Cooden and by Friday will have reached Sovereign Harbour, when they will finish.

It is likely that a week of bypassing shingle from Langney beach to the north of the harbour will follow next week, but that will be confirmed later in the week.

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**6th January 2017 - Eastbourne and Willingdon MP Caroline Ansell** has thrown her support behind a Parliamentary Bill to set up a national Rail Ombudsman.



The new watchdog would scrutinise performance and complaints and represent the interests of passengers. It would also be able to fine train operating companies for poor service, late running and cancellation of trains.

"This bill will go some way to address the enormous problems passengers have in getting a fair deal from train operators when services do not come up to scratch," said Caroline.

"The Southern Rail fiasco have sadly shown how the system for pursuing complaints and getting a refund for shoddy services is simply not fit for purpose, needs radical overhaul and must be more effective.

"But the issue of poor rail services is not confined just to our part of the world, so a national ombudsman seems like a positive step forward to raise standards and allow better and timely compensation for passengers when the service is poor."

Caroline said present compensation practices mean Network Rail, which runs the tracks, gives money to the train operating companies for issues like points failures but these operating companies do not have to pass the cash onto passengers and they often they keep the money.

Direct compensation to passengers must also be simplified to make it less bureaucratic so that passengers actually lodge a claim and get compensation easily.

"This bill has my wholehearted support and I will be lobbying ministers to get it government support so that it has a real chance of becoming law.

"For far too long rail passengers have been getting a bad deal across the board and the Government must do more to empower the public on this issue."

The Ten-Minute Rule Bill was presented by Tim Loughton on 20th December, supported by Caroline, and it will have its second reading on the 24th March.

**6th January 2017 - Caroline Ansell urges Eastbourne Residents to have their say on sentences for those who cause death by dangerous driving**



Eastbourne and Willingdon MP Caroline Ansell is urging local residents to have their say during a government consultation on sentences for those who cause death by dangerous driving.

Caroline has spoken in Parliament on the issue and is a campaigner for tougher sentences for those who kill while behind the wheel.


Her actions come on the back of the deaths of Maria Smith and Richard Lewis-Clements in Eastbourne by drink and drug driver Jodan Hunt last year.

"It's clear from a host of cases across the country that the sentences for those who take a life through dangerous driving often receive a prison term that is simply not long enough for such a loss and the grief caused to loved ones left behind," said Caroline.

"I am pleased the Government is looking closely at this issue and I will contributing to the consultation and urging ministers to act quickly to toughen up sentences for the offence of death by dangerous driving and to look at removing the option of a careless driving charge when a life is lost.

"I will also be asking them to impose a lifetime driving ban on those convicted of the offence, which is not the case at the moment, and a point that causes even more upset for those who lose a family member.

"Of course, no sentence will bring back a life lost but the prison terms the courts should be able to impose must adequately reflect the seriousness of the crime and I believe the majority of the public do not believe this is the case presently."

The public consultation is now open for comments and will close on 1st February. [Click here to take part.](#)  The consultation is looking for views on the following;

- The distinction between 'careless' and 'dangerous' driving
- A perceived 'gap in the law' for causing serious injury by careless driving
- Maximum penalties for causing death
- Driving disqualifications.

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