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NEWS FROM ACROSS
THE LEWES DISTRICT

Hello

Welcome to the summer
edition of DN magazine,
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Everyone has their own image of a perfect summer's day – whether it's relaxing in the garden with glass in hand, or partying with friends at an outdoor festival.

In just a couple of weeks the Sussex Gin & Fizz Festival returns, bringing together both these ideals

in the beautiful surroundings of Southover Grange gardens.

Now in its third year, the popular festival is expanding to host two sessions covering the daytime as well as the evening (page 5). Whatever time you go along, it promises to be a fantastic event.

If you're keen to get active this summer, take advantage of free guided walks on the South Downs (page 12). There's a chance you may even spot an adder on your travels, so before you head out see page 11 for our advice on how to admire the snake while avoiding a nasty bite.

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Artists Make Waves



This summer, Artwave takes place over three weekends from 17 August to 1 September, showcasing some of the very best creative talent from across the area.

The festival will give art lovers the chance to discover new artists, meet the makers, and buy directly from them. The diverse range of work on show includes jewellery, painting, sculpture, printmaking, textiles, ceramics, metalwork, photography and performance art.

Follow the trails around Lewes,



Newhaven, Seaford and surrounding villages to visit artists and makers in their studios, homes, galleries and workshops. Take an afternoon, weekend, or even a week to explore the places on your doorstep, and with homemade tea and cake on offer too, Artwave is a special summer treat.

Pick up your free guide from Lewes

and Seaford Tourist Information Centres from early July or join the mailing list to receive a copy online: artwavefestival.org/mailling-list

Follow us on Instagram:

[@artwavefestival](https://www.instagram.com/artwavefestival)

Or find out more on our website: artwavefestival.org

During Artwave enjoy these exciting events along the coast:



The Green Show

August 15-18 & 22-25

South Hill Barn, Seaford Head

Enjoy a stunning contemporary art exhibition, creative workshops for all ages, evening lectures and films, all based on the themes of nature, the landscape and environment—with particular focus on our beautiful corner of the South Downs.

Newhaven Festival

August 17 to Sept 1

Multiple locations in Newhaven

After its hugely successful inaugural year, the festival is back to showcase some of the inspiring locations, people and events happening in Newhaven. Enjoy the creative talent and community spirit in this thriving harbour town.



A Sparkling Day Out



The Sussex Gin & Fizz Festival returns on Saturday, June 29, to the beautiful walled gardens of Southover Grange in the heart of Lewes.

Now in its third year, the festival celebrates the many award-winning wines and gins made in Sussex. Visitors can enjoy free samples, learn about the production process and buy drinks by the glass or bottle direct from the producers. Industry experts will be giving informative talks and answering questions on all things Gin & Fizz in the

Events Tent, and there'll be fabulous live music and DJs all day, specially curated by Lewes's own Union Music Store.

A great variety of local artisan food outlets will be tempting our taste buds, including the delicious Kabak, Betsy's Bake, and Vintage Scoops Ice Cream.

New for this year, the Sussex Gin & Fizz Festival is running two sessions: a family-friendly daytime event from 11am to 4pm, with a laid-back village fete feel, and an over 18s only soiree from 5pm to 10pm, which will see Southover

Grange Gardens transformed into a twinkling Gin & Fizz Palace, complete with cocktails and Harvey's Bar.

Tickets are available from www.eventbrite.co.uk, Lewes Tourist Information Centre and Harvey's Brewery Shop in Cliffe High Street, Lewes. Tickets for either session cost £15 for adults, or £3 for 14-17 year olds, and free entry for kids under 14 (daytime only).

Sustainable Modular Homes of the Future



The latest step in Lewes District Council's pioneering development of new modular properties in the district will see 13 affordable homes built in Newhaven.



Modular homes as they were craned in at Peacehaven

Demolition of the disused offices on the site will soon be underway after the council's planning committee approved the highly innovative scheme in Fort Road.

The 13 new homes will include six two-bedroom and seven one-bedroom apartments, and all will benefit from a range of sustainability features. These measures include the latest solar panels that will feed the energy generated into hi-tech batteries that will effectively take the homes 'off-grid', potentially for up to three months

of the year.

Boutique Modern, a specialist manufacturer of modular homes in Newhaven, will supply the homes in Fort Road. Boutique Modern design and build the properties in their local factory before moving them to the site for installation.

The company also recently built six homes for a Lewes District Council housing scheme in Peacehaven. The superb homes were put onto the back of lorries and craned into position.

David Allison moved into Ashington Gardens in May and is delighted with his property.

David said:

"The quality of my new home is very high. I wasn't sure what to expect when I heard about the modular design, but I couldn't be happier."

Help To Claim Universal Credit



Lewes District Citizens Advice has launched a new service called Help to Claim for people in the district who need assistance in applying for Universal Credit.

Universal Credit is a new benefit that combines six benefits into one, including Jobseeker's Allowance and Working Tax Credits.

Help is available face-to-face, over the phone on 0800 144 8444 and online through web chats and advice at citizensadvice.org.uk

This includes assistance with the online application form or help with providing evidence such as childcare costs.

Major Step Forward For North Street Quarter →

The proposed North Street Quarter development in Lewes has reached a significant milestone with the approval of detailed plans for the landscape and appearance of phases two and three by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA).



North Street Quarter landscaping and architecture – computer-generated image

Phases two and three comprise 178 homes in the western part of the scheme. The planning application for the appearance and landscape of this area deals with the architectural style and proposed materials of the buildings, as well as landscaping elements such as the new riverside walk, the courtyards and planting schemes. The proposals were shown

to the public at an exhibition in October last year and feedback from the event helped shape the final plans.

As well as providing much-needed housing, including 165 affordable homes, a new health hub, public parking and business space for creative industries, the scheme will complete the town's flood defences and open

up the river to the public by creating a riverside walk, a new footbridge across to Malling Fields and a slipway from which small boats can be launched.

More information about the development, including a computer-generated 'virtual tour' of North Street Quarter, can be found at: www.northstreetqtr.co.uk

Housing Advice & Support



Lewes District Council provides a range of advice and support if you are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

This includes advice on:

Budgeting and benefits
Maintaining your mortgage payments
Finding & securing privately let property
Accessing other services to help you maintain your tenancy

You can complete an online self-assessment to find out what support options may be available to you at: homesfirstlettings.co.uk or find out more about our housing services online at:

lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/housing

You can also speak with one of our Customer Advisors from Monday to Friday at our office at Southover House, Lewes between 8:30am and 5pm, or at Saxon House, Newhaven between 10am and 2pm.

Appointments in Peacehaven Meridian Centre on Mondays and Seaford Citizens Advice Bureau on Thursdays are available on request.

Your District Councillors



Christine Brett

A few of the newly-elected councillors share their thoughts after being voted in.

"It is both a huge responsibility becoming a councillor and enormously exciting. I've never been a councillor before and can't wait to get started."



Chris Collier

"I'm proud to be part of the first Labour group on Lewes District Council for more than 20 years and looking forward to bringing a different perspective to future debates."

New Senior Appointments

Councillor Stephen Gauntlett, Chair of the Council
Councillor Isabelle Linington, Leader of the Council
Councillor Joe Miller, Deputy Leader of the Council

Cabinet

Councillor Isabelle Linington, Cabinet Member for Environment
Councillor Joe Miller, Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Growth
Councillor Phil Davis, Cabinet Member for Finance & Corporate
Councillor Jim Lord, Cabinet Member for Strategic Development
Councillor Liz Boorman, Cabinet Member for Communities & Partners
Councillor Tom Jones, Cabinet Member for Planning
Councillor Ron Maskell, Cabinet Member for Housing

Chailey, Barcombe & Hamsey Ward

Sharon Davy - Conservative
Isabelle Linington - Conservative

Ditchling and Westmeston Ward

Tom Jones - Conservative

East Saltdean & Telscombe Cliffs Ward

Ron Maskell - Conservative
Laurence O'Connor - Labour
Christine Robinson - Labour

Kingston Ward

David Meyer - Liberal Democrat

Lewes Bridge Ward

Zoe Nicholson - Green
Adrian Ross - Green

Lewes Castle Ward

Roy Clay - Green
Milly Manley - Green

All 41 seats at Lewes District Council were up for election last month resulting in 26 new councillors joining the authority.

The political representation on Lewes District Council is now:

Conservative - 19 councillors **Green** - 9 councillors

Liberal Democrats - 8 councillors **Labour** - 3 councillors

Independent - 2 councillors

Find your ward councillor or councillors in the list to the right or for more information visit: lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/councillors



Millie Manley

"As a new councillor I'm very excited about my new role and delighted that local people have put their faith in me to represent them."



Joe Miller

"I think there are numerous opportunities for the Lewes district and I will be working to the best of my ability to deliver them."



Steve Saunders

"I am looking forward to using my experience to serve the people of Newhaven in my capacity as a newly elected independent councillor."

Lewes Priory Ward

Matthew Bird - Green
Imogen Makepeace - Green
Ruth O'Keeffe - Independent

Newhaven North Ward

Julie Carr - Liberal Democrat
Steve Saunders - Independent

Newhaven South Ward

Graham Amy - Liberal Democrat
Christoph Kurthy - Liberal Democrat
James MacCleary - Liberal Democrat

Newick Ward

Roy Burman - Conservative

Ouse Valley & Ringmer Ward

Johnny Denis - Green
Sean Macleod - Green
Emily O'Brien - Green

Peacehaven East Ward

Chris Collier - Labour
Lynda Duhigg - Conservative

Peacehaven North Ward

Phil Davis - Conservative
Keira Rigden - Conservative

Peacehaven West Ward

Joe Miller - Conservative
Nicola Papanicolaou - Conservative

Plumpton, Streat, East Chilmington & St John (without) Ward

Robert Banks - Liberal Democrat

Seaford Central Ward

Stephen Gauntlett - Liberal Democrat
Geoff Rutland - Conservative

Seaford East Ward

Phil Boorman - Conservative
Julian Peterson - Conservative

Seaford North Ward

Jim Lord - Conservative
Sylvia Lord - Conservative

Seaford South Ward

Sam Adeniji - Conservative
Christine Brett - Liberal Democrat

Seaford West Ward

Liz Boorman - Conservative
Ian White - Conservative

Wivelsfield Ward

Nancy Bikson - Conservative



Dates For Your Diary

Landport Bottom Beauties

Friday, July 5: 5pm to 7pm

Stroll over Landport Bottom with the ranger, stopping frequently to admire nature and learn about the management of this lovely area of chalk downland above Lewes with great views.

Nature and Fun at the Old Brickfield

Friday, July 26: 11am to 2pm

Join in our bug hunts to learn about creatures on this small nature reserve at Seaford's seafront. There will also be willow weaving, cakes, stone decorating and old-fashioned family games.

Castle Hill 20 Years

Sunday, August 4: 11am to 2pm

Discover this nature reserve with wildlife activities and come and celebrate 20 years of the Castle Hill Group.

Batblitz Survey

Saturday, September 7: 7.30pm until after dark

Come and search for bats at green spaces around the district. See LDC website for details of locations.

For more information email us at:
rangers@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk
or visit our website:
lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/NatureWalks

Clean Air For Kids

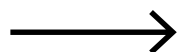
Plumpton Primary is the latest school to sign up to Lewes District Council's anti-idling campaign.

Schools across the district are being encouraged to join the clean air campaign which encourages drivers to switch off their engines while dropping off and picking up children.

For more information about the campaign contact

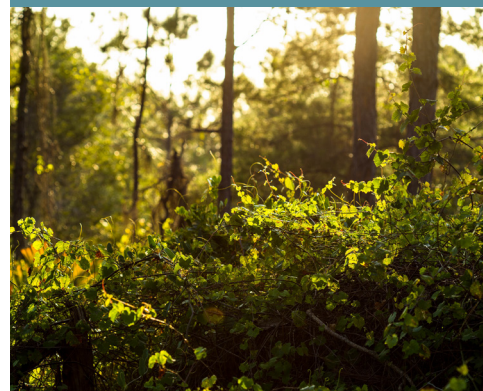
Melissa.bomford@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

Going Online



Greenhavens Network, a group which works to protect and enhance green spaces from Telscombe to Seaford, has launched its own website.

To become a member or find out more visit **www.greenhavens.network**





An adder spotted at a nature reserve in Lewes district

Stop, Step Back— and Smile!



If you are out in the early morning sunshine this summer, perhaps in one of our district's nature reserves, you may be lucky enough to see an adder.

With a distinctive zigzag pattern down their back, these creatures have become increasingly rare in Britain. They typically live in undisturbed edge habitats and wild, rough places like heaths, along the coast, in woods and

in overgrown rough grassland.

Many of these places have been developed or tidied up into gardens, recreation grounds and parks—often without realising this leads to species decline.

While most reptiles lay eggs, adders hatch their eggs inside them and give birth to their young alive. Being coldblooded, adders need to warm up in sunshine to get energy. In the summer this is often in the early morning and late afternoon sun, so the best chance of seeing one is at these times.

Adders are not aggressive and are very shy, spending most of their lives hidden under bracken, thick vegetation and logs, or down holes. However, they will bite when threatened, especially if they cannot get away, and are the country's

only venomous snake. If bitten, seek medical help straight away, although no one has died from an adder bite in the UK for more than 40 years. Never try to pick up an adder to move it—it is illegal to kill or harm one. Admire it and give it plenty of space.

Our advice is “Stop, step back—and smile!” Adder sightings are useful in helping to understand the species distribution and numbers, so please feed back any to the Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre at sxbrc.org.uk and Sussex Amphibian and Reptile Group at www.sussexarg.org.uk

Adders can bite if a curious dog noses or paws at it, so keep dogs on leads, on paths or within close sight when in the countryside or in urban nature areas.

Spotlight On



Homira Javadi
Chief Financial Officer

Tell us about your job:

I joined Lewes District and Eastbourne Borough Councils in October 2018 as Chief Financial Officer. I provide strategic and impartial advice on financial planning and resource management issues to make sure the councils meet their statutory responsibilities and carry out their work according to nationally agreed standards. Some of the key aspects of my role are to oversee the councils' Corporate Finance and Financial Governance, including Medium Term Financial Strategy, Audit and Fraud Prevention, Capital Financing, Housing Finance and Treasury Management.

What do you do in your spare time?

I enjoy spending as much quality time with my family as possible and am highly competitive when it comes to a game of backgammon!

Looking ahead, what are your plans?

Having relocated to East Sussex in recent months, I am looking forward to the next chapter in my career in local government, which began in 2002 when I joined Suffolk County Council. I am committed to ensure resources are best used to deliver effective services in this area and for our residents.



Free Health Walks

People are invited to join in free guided walks across the South Downs from Peacehaven, Newhaven and Seaford.

Wave Leisure Trust has teamed up with the South Downs National Park to organise the walks and encourage people to enjoy the region's stunning natural landscape.

The walks take place over the summer until September.

Booking is essential. For details visit www.waveleisure.co.uk



Newhaven Pumped About New Track



Newhaven's impressive new pumptrack is now open and proving hugely popular, while work is well underway on the adjoining skatepark.

The newly-built pumptrack at Fort Road Recreation Ground has attracted BMXers, mountain bikers, scooter riders and skateboarders from across the region since its recent opening.

Once the skatepark is completed later this summer, it will be fully integrated with the pump track making the site truly

unique as riders will be able to move seamlessly between both elements.

The project is being built by Clark & Kent Contractors who have a worldwide reputation in the world of BMX, having constructed the London 2012 Olympic BMX track.

Newhaven skatepark and pumptrack is being funded by Newhaven Town Council and Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy monies from Lewes District Council.

Newhaven Community Groups Awarded £25,000

The Newhaven EZ Community Fund at Sussex Community Foundation, which launched last year in the town, has made its first grants, totalling £25,000, to six local charities and community groups.

Representatives of the delighted recipient groups celebrated

these first awards at the Growing Together Community Garden in Newhaven.

They were: Newhaven Families Forum (£4,920), Growing Together Community Garden (£4,785), Newhaven and District Mencap (£5,000), Newhaven Gig Rowing Club (£4,718), Denton Community Challenge and the James Daniels Memorial Fund (£500), and Newhaven Open Call (£5,000).

The Newhaven EZ Community Fund gives grants once a year and applications must benefit Newhaven and help to encourage a sense of place and build on the thriving community in the town. For more information visit

sussexgiving.org.uk/named_funds_posts/newhaven-ez-community-fund

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Scheduled Lewes District Council meetings for summer 2019 which are open to the public:

Cabinet (3)	10 June	2:30pm
Employment Committee (4)	17 June	10:00am
Planning Applications Committee (1)	26 June	5:00pm
Scrutiny Committee (3)	27 June	2:00pm
Cabinet (3)	1 July	2:30pm
Council (1)	15 July	6:00pm
Audit and Standards Committee (4)	16 July	10:00am
Planning Applications Committee (1)	17 July	5:00pm
Planning Applications Committee (1)	7 Aug	5:00pm
Planning Applications Committee (1)	28 Aug	5:00pm
Employment Committee (4)	9 Sept	10:00am
Scrutiny Committee (3)	12 Sept	2:00pm

Venues:

1. Council Chamber, County Hall, St. Anne's Crescent, Lewes
2. Telscombe Room, Southover House, Lewes
3. Ditchling & Telscombe Rooms, Southover House, Lewes
4. Ditchling Room, Southover House, Lewes

For further information and to confirm meetings times, dates and locations, please contact Committee Services at:
committees@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk
or call 01273 471600.
Information is correct at time of going to press.



Listen To Our Website

Visitors to the district council website can now listen to or translate pages thanks to a new speech-enabling tool.

BrowseAloud can be helpful for:

- People with a visual impairment
- People with low literacy and reading skills
- People for whom English is not their first language
- People with dyslexia

The facility can be accessed by clicking the headphones icon which appears on all pages of the website: **lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk**

This opens up a menu of options, including reading the page aloud, downloading the page as an audio file, magnifying the page or simplifying the layout of the page. You can also change the colour scheme of the page and text if you find this helpful.

Our website lets residents use our service 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is always the quickest way to pay, apply, report or request things from the council.

August Bank Holiday Week Refuse and Recycling Collections

No collections on bank holiday, Monday August 26. During this week, refuse and recycling collections will be one day later than your normal collection day.

All refuse to be put out at the edge of your property by 6am on the advertised day of collection below (unless you have an assisted collection).

If not collected on the advertised day of collection, leave out for collection the following day.

Normal Week Collection Day		Bank Holiday Week Collection Day	
Monday	26 August	Tuesday	27 August
Tuesday	27 August	Wednesday	28 August
Wednesday	28 August	Thursday	29 August
Thursday	29 August	Friday	30 August
Friday	30 August	Saturday	31 August

Normal collection days resume from Monday, September 2.

For recycling collection dates, please refer to your recycling calendar. If you do not have one, you can download one from lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

Did You Know...?

Aerosol cans can be recycled as they are made from aluminium or tin-plated steel which can be reused over and over again.

You can put aerosols into your household recycling bin, but remember:

- Empty the spray can first
- Remove any lid or nozzle from the can
- Never attempt to pierce or flatten the spray can

Did You Also Know...?

Only dispose of batteries at marked drop-off points for battery recycling, often provided at supermarkets. Never put them into your household waste because they contain heavy metals which can be extremely harmful to the environment and can permeate through to water supplies.

Batteries should never be placed into household recycling either, because they can cause fires or explosions in the collections lorries, or at the sorting facility.