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UCKFIELD REVIVAL IS ON!

With many events postponed or cancelled this year due to the outbreak of coronavirus, it has meant the usual busy Uckfield calendar has been somewhat empty.

Subject to no localised lockdowns or further restrictions taking place, we are still keen to see the Uckfield Revival Classic Vehicle Parade take pole position on the first weekend of October. The parade itself is socially distanced with drivers in or on their vehicles, and it would be a great celebration, to see vehicles through the ages parade around and through the town, in support of our town and High Street.

In the last few years we've had in the region of 100 classic vehicles take part and we hope that those of you who own a classic motorbike, scooter, car, van or truck will join us for a chance to show off your pride and joy!

Join us on Saturday 3 October 2020, with the parade leaving the Highlands Inn at



10.15am, before parading around the town and down through the High Street, and parking in Luxford Field.

Refreshments Available

We plan to have a small range of refreshment stands and stalls, subject to Covid-19 restrictions and hope you will support our local businesses in the process.

Shop safely, shop local, shop Uckfield!

Contact us through:

admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk



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(Ron Hill Photography)

L-R – Town Clerk Holly Goring, Gary King (Uckfield FM), Cllr Claire Dowling (Wealden), Ian Noble (Chamber of Commerce) and Cllr. Donna French

WHAT'S INSIDE

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THE GREAT BRITISH SEPTEMBER CLEAN

The Great British Clean is normally held in the spring – an annual campaign arranged by Keep Britain Tidy. It was due to take place between 20 March and 13 April with over 680,000 people signing up to volunteer across the country. Unfortunately due to the restrictions of Covid-19, the campaign had to be postponed.

It's coming back!

However the campaign is back, and we're sure it will be bigger and better with the Great British September Clean! The campaign will now take place between Friday 11 to Sunday 27 September. Wealden District Council is supporting the campaign and is able to help by providing groups with litter picking equipment. It's also a good reason for anyone who's been stuck indoors over the spring and summer months to get out in the fresh air and socialise in a safe and managed environment.

Helping out in Uckfield

Locally, Brighter Uckfield will be out and about, and plan to hold a Community



litter pick on Sunday 20 September starting at 09.00 hours, from Waitrose car park. If you want to take part just turn up on the day. Brighter Uckfield will provide you with bags and litter picks.

Do your own?

If you want to organise a separate litter pick and clean up in your local area during the campaign, you can register at <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-our-campaigns/great-british-spring-clean> or contact Wealden DC by email at springclean@wealden.gov.uk

It's a great opportunity to get some fresh air, give something back, and help keep our local town, green, clean and tidy!



Join the Great British September Clean
11-27 SEPTEMBER 2020

SUNFLOWERS FOR HIDDEN DISABILITY

BY CLLR PAUL SPARKS

The Town Council established the Uckfield Dementia Forum a couple of years ago to support those living with dementia and their carers.

The Forum meets on a regular basis. At the last meeting we discussed how we could support those residents during the COVID-19 emergency, particularly giving them the confidence to venture out to shops and to use public transport.

Helping with hidden disabilities

The social distancing requirements are difficult for most but can be even more so for those living with dementia and also those with hidden disabilities such as autism, chronic pain, anxiety, visual or hearing problems.

The Sunflower Lanyard

This led us to discover "The Sunflower Lanyard" which is a discreet way to let people know that you have a hidden disability and they are currently being used in a few locations including airports and some supermarkets. It was agreed that these were a great way of supporting people and we would promote these lanyards in Uckfield and obtain a supply for our residents. It is also vital that this is promoted



The sunflower lanyards are available free of charge from the Civic Centre.

throughout the town so we will be providing posters for our retailers and businesses.

They also have a fob clip so that if a wearer also has a medical reason for not wearing a face mask they can display a card explaining those reasons to avoid possible confusion.

The challenges of daily life

Living with a hidden disability can make daily life more challenging but it can be difficult for others to recognise, acknowledge or understand the challenges faced. Wearing the Sunflower Lanyard indicates to people around that you need additional support, help or a little more time.

Helping out

Please look out for any of our residents wearing this lanyard. Uckfield is a very caring community and this will help to support it. Thank you!

The Sunflower Lanyard 'making the invisible visible'



LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

Street furniture across the town of Uckfield can be owned by one of the three authorities – Uckfield Town Council, Wealden District Council or East Sussex Highways. This can sometimes cause confusion when people need to report a fault or repair. Items on Town Council land are typically owned by the Town Council. Items on pavements or the public highway are usually the responsibility of East Sussex Highways but it's always best to check if you're not sure.

Upgrading streetlighting

Uckfield Town Council still owns a number of streetlights in the town but work closely with East Sussex Highways to ensure these are maintained and upgraded when they reach a certain age. This includes updating the lights to new generation LED, which not only improves visibility but also saves money and carbon emissions.

Full light column upgrades and light replacements can be costly, and full upgrades have taken place in Olives Meadow, Grange Road and the Keld Drive areas in the past 18 months. Repairs and replacements have also been undertaken to lights between Tesco and Meads Surgery, Belmont Lane along with a few other individual columns around the town.

Community Infrastructure Levy funding

To help cover the cost of these unforeseen repairs and more substantial upgrades, the Town Council utilised a proportion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, which it received during 2019/20. This funding is a contribution paid by developers to the local planning authority (Wealden DC) for infrastructure projects. The Town Council only receives 15 per cent of this, but is able to utilise this funding for improvements within the town's boundary.

We were very pleased that this funding was able to assist us with these improvements and keep local footways and public spaces well lit ready for the autumn and winter months ahead.

UPCOMING MEETINGS*

Agendas and minutes can be seen at Uckfield Library and on the town council website. If you wish to ask a question

at a meeting, on items on the agenda, it is advisable to submit your question beforehand to allow a full response to be given at the meeting.

All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at:

admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

* meeting dates may change or be held remotely see website for latest details

TUES 1 SEP	– PLANS
MON 7 SEP	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 14 SEP	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 21 SEP	– PLANS
MON 5 OCT	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 12 OCT	– PLANS
MON 19 OCT	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 26 OCT	– FULL COUNCIL

COMING NEXT MONTH

- Calendar Competition
- Allotments

