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THE CENSUS IS COMING!

The census 2021 is due to take place on 21 March 2021. By taking part, you can help inform decisions on services that shape your community, such as healthcare, education and transport.

The census is a unique survey that happens every 10 years. It gives us a snapshot of all the people and households in England and Wales – the most detailed information we have about our society.

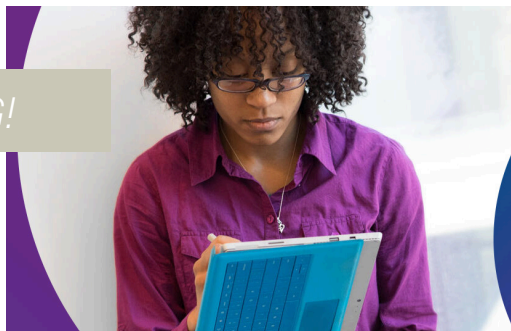
Understanding your needs

It's important that you fill in your census questionnaire. Without the information you share, it would be more difficult to understand your community's needs and to plan and fund public services. In one way or another, your information touches the lives of every single person living in England and Wales, whether it's through using census information to plan new schools, doctors' surgeries or cycle lanes.

Always anonymous

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) runs the census in England and Wales and is independent from government. Your details are protected by law and information published is always anonymous.

Because these things matter to us all, everyone needs to complete the census. Do not worry, government officials dealing with applications you've made or payments or services you receive cannot see it.



Get prepared for Census 2021

Census Day will be Sunday 21 March 2021

You can complete it online

Census Day is Sunday 21 March 2021. You can fill yours in online as soon as you get your access code in the post. If your household circumstances change on Census Day, you can tell the ONS. Everyone should have the support they need to fill in the census. If you, or anyone you know, needs help, there's a wide range of support services available. These include a contact centre that can give you help over the phone and guidance in a range of languages and accessible formats, including paper questionnaires and large print. If you need help or have any questions, visit www.census.gov.uk

Contact us through:

admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk



@uckfieldtowncouncil

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CLIMATE CHANGE INITIATIVES

The 2008 Climate Change Act is the landmark piece of UK legislation for climate change. It commits the government to cut national greenhouse gas emissions by at least 100% of 1990 levels (net zero) by 2050 and agree interim five-year 'carbon budgets' that take the country progressively towards that 100% target at the lowest possible cost.

What we are planning

At the Town Council we are investigating ways in which we can reduce our impact on climate change. We have identified a number of actions within our Strategic Plan 2021-26; looking at our contracts, energy sources and utility suppliers, buildings and vehicles.

Tree planting scheme

The Town Council has already introduced a scheme to plant a tree for every tree that has been removed from town council land. In addition, we are looking at suitable sites where additional trees can be planted to increase the numbers.



**So far we have planted
90 trees.
We have an additional 75
trees ready to be planted
and a further 105 on order**

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Reducing Food Waste

We are supporting the set up of the Community Fridge initiative. The primary aim is to reduce food waste and bring the community together by sharing surplus food with one another. Most of the food comes from commercial organisations but members of the public can also donate to it; such as allotment holders when they have a glut of produce they can't use.

Calculating our carbon footprint

We are planning to carry out an audit utilising up to date software to calculate our carbon footprint. It will help to measure emissions, reduce costs and improve our understanding of what we still need to do.

Council vehicles

The Town Council is also looking at its fleet of vehicles and researching where these might be replaced with electric or hybrid vehicles.

Our Ford Ranger Diesel is reaching the end of its life and is due to be replaced in the next financial year 2021/22. The final decision won't be taken until we have thoroughly researched our options but on initial investigation, we will look at road-legal Gator type vehicles. There are more options for electric-powered models and, due to their size, they are more versatile and accessible to our woodlands and nature reserves.



COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME

HELP REDUCE DEATH AND INJURY ON OUR ROADS

Are you concerned about speeding and antisocial driving in your area, and have a couple of hours to spare each week?

What is Speedwatch

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join, with the support of the Police, to monitor speeds of vehicles using detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are reported to the Police who will educate the drivers about their driving habits. Anti social driving is also reported. In cases where there is evidence of repeat offences (even across county borders), enforcement and prosecution will follow.

Volunteers needed

CSW is looking for volunteers to join the local scheme in Uckfield, starting in Ridgewood where a small group is already established.

Full training will be given for this role by Sussex Police.

A vital role

It is such a vital role which most importantly helps to reduce anti-social driving and prevent injury and death on our roads. If you are interested, please contact the Town Clerk at Uckfield Town Council on townclerk@uckfieldtc.gov.uk or telephone 01825 762774



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE A BIT OF FRESH AIR

With the national lockdowns and tiered restrictions in between, we can all feel a little bit overwhelmed and lost at times if we are unable to carry out our day to day routine. It has placed pressure on everyone - not just with the juggling of work, childcare and home schooling but also checking on family and friends and making time to look after yourself.

Fresh air

A key contributor to improving both our mental and physical wellbeing is fresh air. Warm sunny days, cold freezing mornings or even in the rain, fresh air feels good and Uckfield is so fortunate to have plenty of beautiful places to walk and play. A little bit of Vitamin D gives your immune system a real boost.

Healthy Wealden

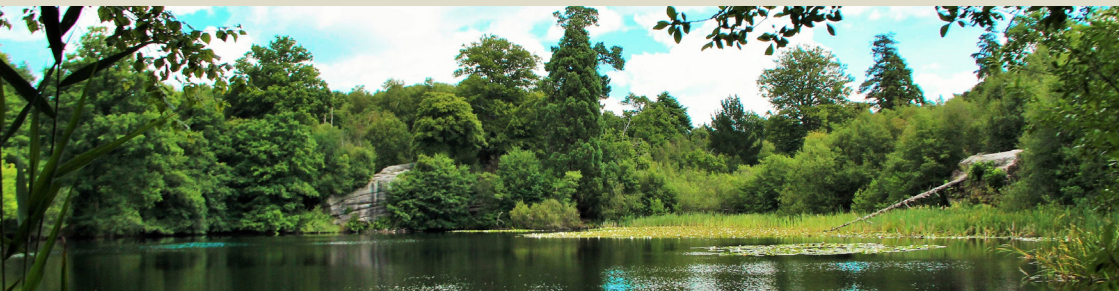
Healthy  Wealden Uckfield

Did you know Wealden District Council launched their Healthy Wealden website in 2020?

<https://healthywealden.co.uk/>

It's a fantastic resource and provides you with details of open spaces, play areas, and sports pitches or clubs near to you in your local area. They also have a Facebook account so why not take a look.

<https://www.facebook.com/HealthyWealden!>



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

MON 1 FEB	– PLANS
MON 8 FEB	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 15 FEB	– FINANCE SUB (GRANTS)
MON 22 FEB	– PLANS
MON 1 MAR	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 8 MAR	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 15 MAR	– PLANS
MON 22 MAR	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE

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

COMING NEXT MONTH

- 2021/22 Priorities
- Wealden District Plan

