



# Annual Plan 2022/23 PRIORITIES

PEOPLE	PROVISION
<p><b>COMMUNITY GRANTS</b> We will award up to £54,500 of community grant funding to local groups and charitable organisations for the period 2021/22 (£27,500 to community groups, and £27,000 through service level agreements)</p>	<p><b>REDUCING DEPENDENCE ON PAPER</b> We will look to reduce postage and paper usage by increasing correspondence by email with customers and reviewing our current procedures for the hire of facilities and purchase order and invoicing.</p>
<p><b>PUBLIC EVENTS IN THE TOWN</b> We will work alongside the local business community and local community groups to deliver two free public events within the town; Weald on the Field and Uckfield Revival.</p>	<p><b>NEW BOOKING SYSTEM</b> We will look to install a new booking system for the internal management of booking enquiries for the Town Council's rooms and open spaces.</p>
PLACE	
<p><b>IMPROVEMENTS TO OPEN SPACES</b> We will undertake repairs and improvements to a number of our open spaces including installing new signage, repairing equipment, investigating drainage issues and responding to enhancements identified through the Green Spaces Project.</p>	<p><b>TOWN COUNCIL BUILDINGS</b> We will review our older buildings by undertaking repairs and improvements, exploring options for vacant premises such as the Hub and exploring options for further community space within the town.</p>
<p><b>WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN</b> We will commence work on our 10-year woodland management plan to ensure ongoing maintenance and tackle diseased trees as and when appropriate.</p>	<p><b>ROAD SAFETY</b> We will work with partner organisations such as Sussex Police and East Sussex Highways to re-establish community speedwatch initiative(s) in the town and explore the installation of a speed reduction device.</p>
<p><b>GRASS VERGE CUTTING</b> We will continue to contribute to the costs of the East Sussex County Council's grass verge cutting contract to retain a good standard of service, and ensure visibility is maintained on pavements and highways.</p>	<p><b>NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN</b> We will support the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to prepare a draft Uckfield Neighbourhood Plan ready for submission to the local planning authority.</p>
<p><b>CLIMATE CHANGE</b> We will investigate ways in which we can reduce our impact on climate change by seeking to deliver our climate change policy by reviewing our contracts, considering alternative fuel supplies, exploring additional insulation within our buildings, reviewing the equipment we purchase, managing our land for nature, and minimising waste.</p>	<p><b>INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING</b> We will work with local partner agencies, residents and local businesses to understand the infrastructure requirements for Uckfield, in regards to sport, leisure, recreation and community facilities and the future impact on the Town Council's provision of allotment and cemetery space.</p>