



THE UCKFIELD VOICE

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OUR NEW YOUTH MEMBERS

This year we welcomed Emily McHale and Becky Ileson as youth members on the Town Council.

Background to the roles

The Town Council has included the provision of two youth member positions since 2017. These roles were introduced as part of the Town Council's new youth engagement programme with Uckfield College.

How it works

The youth members are non-voting co-opted members of the Town Council. This enables them to attend Full Council meetings and any of the Town Council committees in which they express an interest. They can take part fully in discussion and debate but they can't vote on any of the issues that arise at the meetings.

What it means to the students

For a personal view, Emily McHale explains her reasons below for wanting to join as a youth member.

In May, I had the very exciting opportunity to join the Uckfield Town Council as a youth member.

As an A-level politics student, I was already aware that active local government is vital not just to a healthy democracy but a thriving town.


I hope this position will enable me to represent to the wider Council the interests and opinions of the younger demographic of Uckfield and the environs.



Now that the challenges of Covid are thankfully receding, hopefully the business of council meetings will revert back to more positive plans and ideas for the future.

On the Council agenda for the coming year are discussions around climate change and the outcomes of our council's carbon footprint assessment.

The Council is proud to be a partner of Uckfield Youth Club and is looking to continue and expand its association. I shall do my best to "fight our cause" in persuading the Council that investment in the youth of Uckfield is always time and money well spent.

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WEALD ON THE FIELD IS BACK FOR 2021!

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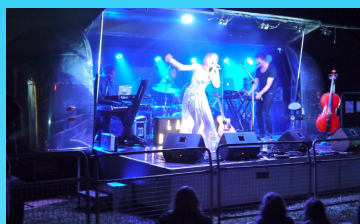
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LUXFORD FIELD UCKFIELD

SATURDAY 21 AUGUST 2021 11AM - 7PM

LIVE MUSIC ON THE AIRSTREAM STAGE



*STREET FOOD *ARTISAN PRODUCE *POP UP BARS
*LOCAL CRAFTS *FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT



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UCKFIELD CALENDAR COMPETITION 2022

Uckfield Town Council's calendar has been produced and delivered free to homes for a number of years. The wonderful images inside have been submitted by residents as part of an annual photography competition with a new theme each year. Prizes have been awarded for the best photos.

A change to the competition

For the 2022 edition there will be a small change. The competition will be open only to pupils from our primary schools and Uckfield College. The theme for the calendar will be #myuckfield.

What we are looking for

We will be looking for images (photographs or illustrations) that depict what Uckfield means to our younger residents. This could be a favourite place such as somewhere they meet for organised activities or where they go to be with their friends or siblings to play. It could be a photo that captures the beauty in our nature reserves; such as the rocks in West Park or the streams running through Hempstead Meadow. It may be a favourite shop or building in



Your 2021 Calendar
from Uckfield Town Council

town that holds a fascination or has a particular meaning. It is really down to the children to encapsulate in a photo or illustration whatever it is in our town that means something to them. We will also be asking for a few words to go with each photo explaining why the image represents #myuckfield to them.

School holidays are the ideal time

Schools will be managing entries and the summer holidays are a perfect time to get those photographs or illustrations done.

Each school will select their best images to go through to the final judging panel where the top 12 will be chosen to go into the calendar. Vouchers will be presented to the 12 winners who make it into the calendar.

Uckfield Revival

Save the Date!
Saturday 2 October 2021 10.15am

LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

Approval of accounts for year ending 31 March 2021

On 21 June, members approved the Town Council's draft annual governance and accountability return, and financial statements for the year ending 31 March 2021.

Each year our accounts and financial statements must be examined by an independent internal auditor, and work with accountants to prepare year end. Once this information is prepared it is placed out for publication and submitted to an independent external auditor to review.

Despite a very difficult year financially with the pandemic, we are pleased to say that having closely managed our expenditure and income levels, we achieved a sound set of accounts. National lockdowns and restrictions substantially impacted our income for room hire, sports pitches, events booked within the Civic Centre and on town council land, and Luxfords restaurant.

For further information visit:

<https://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/your-council/council-finance/>

Works to the boardwalk at West Park Local Nature Reserve (LNR)

Members have given the go ahead to replace the boardwalk on the main path that runs along the western side of the sheep field in West Park LNR.. The Town Council has been setting aside funding for a number of years for this replacement. It was originally constructed in 2002 by East Sussex County Council Countryside Ranger service, who were responsible for managing the land at the time. This part of the reserve has extensive wet areas in the winter months and as a result from frequent use, vandalism and weather, extensive repairs have been required to replace rotten or worn sections of the subframe, boards, and netting. It has been agreed to replace the existing path with a solid, type 1 surface which is a similar design and in keeping with the rights of way through Hempstead Meadows LNR and Horsted Green Park owned by Wealden DC.

Updates will be provided to users of the reserve once timescales for the work have been agreed.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas and minutes can be seen at Uckfield Library and on the town council website. Meetings will now be

held in person either in the Weald Hall or Council Chamber at the Civic Centre. All meetings start at 7pm.

MON 2 AUG	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 9 AUG	– PLANS
MON 23 AUG	– GENERAL PURPOSES
TUES 31 AUG	– PLANS
MON 6 SEP	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 13 SEP	– FULL COUNCIL
WED 15 SEP	– ALLOTMENT CONFERENCE
MON 20 SEP	– PLANS

All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at:

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COMING NEXT MONTH

- Uckfield Revival
- Allotment Conference

