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NEW MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

The Mayor - Cllr Jackie Love

It is an incredible honour to have been nominated and voted in as the Mayor of Uckfield. I feel very humbled and have great appreciation of the tradition and legacy that previous Mayors of Uckfield have left for me to emulate, especially my dear friend and colleague Spike. Having worked alongside Spike for the last three years as Deputy Mayor, I am fully aware of the commitment I need to make to the town and its residents.

I, along with Donna as Deputy Mayor, will support the town, residents and events for the next year and ensure we, as a council, work hard for the town. Finally, I would like to thank everyone who sent kind and supportive messages on the social media pages that appeared just after the elections. Your words made the evening even more special and extremely emotional.




Deputy Mayor - Cllr Donna French

As Jackie has said; it's a great honour to have been voted in to this role. I am extremely excited to embark on this year as her Deputy. I have watched and



learnt from both Jackie and Spike over the last few years. They worked so well together and represented the town with gusto!

One of my objectives when becoming a town councillor was to help make the council more approachable for everyone. I shall continue with this as I support my friend our new Mayor Jackie Love.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022

Following the Annual Statutory Meeting held on Monday 24 May 2021, the following councillors have been appointed to the Town Council's committees.

General Purposes Committee

9 members - reports to Full Council

Cllr. P. Sparks Chairman
Cllr. J. Edwards Vice-Chairman
Cllr. H. Firth
Cllr. G. Johnson
Cllr. J. Love
Cllr. C. Macve
Cllr. A. Smith
Cllr. C. Snelgrove
Cllr. D. Ward

Plans Committee

7 members - reports to Full Council

Cllr. K. Bedwell Chairman
Cllr. D. Bennett Vice-Chairman
Cllr. J. Beesley
Cllr. B. Cox
Cllr. J. Love
Cllr. C. Macve
Cllr. S. Mayhew

Personnel Sub-Committee

5 members - reports to the General Purposes Committee

Cllr. D. Ward Chairman
Cllr. A. Smith Vice-Chairman
Cllr. K. Bedwell
Cllr. H. Firth
Cllr. P. Sparks

Environment and Leisure Committee

9 members - reports to Full Council

Cllr. S. Mayhew Chairman
Cllr. A. Smith Vice-Chairman
Cllr. K. Bedwell
Cllr. J. Beesley
Cllr. D. Bennett
Cllr. B. Cox
Cllr. J. Edwards
Cllr. H. Firth
Cllr. D. French

Finance Sub-Committee

5 members - reports to General Purposes Committee

Cllr. B. Cox Chairman
Cllr. C. Macve Vice-Chairman
Cllr. J. Edwards
Cllr. P. Sparks
Cllr. D. Ward

The Voice Editorial Panel

4 members

Cllr. J. Edwards
Cllr. D. French
Cllr. C. Macve
Cllr C. Snelgrove

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Members were also appointed to represent a number of organisations and voluntary groups in Uckfield.

Full Council		
Organisation	No.	Councillors
Uckfield Town Centre Regeneration Joint Committee	2	Cllr J. Love Cllr D. Ward
Uckfield Town Centre Regeneration Joint Committee – Substitute Members	2	Cllr D. French Cllr A. Smith
Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group	2	Cllr K. Bedwell Cllr A. Smith
Gatwick Airport Consultation Group (1 member and 1 substitute)	2	Cllr G. Johnson Cllr C. Macve

General Purposes Committee		
Organisation	No.	Councillors
Wealden Citizens Advice	1	Cllr A. Smith
(East) Sussex Association of Local Councils (AGM)	1	Cllr D. Ward
Emergency Planning Co-ordinators	2	Cllr D. Bennett Cllr D. French
Ridgewood Village Hall Management Committee (1 member and 1 substitute)	2	Cllr J. Beesley Cllr J. Edwards
Uckfield & District Housing Association Ltd. Management Committee (1 member and 1 substitute)	2	Cllr H. Firth Cllr A. Smith
Uckfield and District Preservation Society - Bridge Cottage Committee (AGM only)	1	Cllr D. French
Uckfield Volunteer Centre	1	Cllr K. Bedwell
Wealden Works (1 member and 1 substitute)	1	Cllr J. Love Cllr P. Sparks
Wealden District Association of Local Councils Management Committee	1	Cllr D. Ward
Wealden District Association of Local Councils Planning Panel	1	Cllr K. Bedwell
Environment and Leisure Committee		
Organisation	No.	Councillors
Active Uckfield	2	Cllr J. Beesley Cllr J. Edwards
Age Concern (AGM only) (1 member and 1 substitute)	2	Cllr K. Bedwell Cllr C. Macve
All Weather Pitch Operational Group (1 member and 1 substitute)	2	Cllr K. Bedwell Cllr C. Snelgrove
Conservators of Ashdown Forest	1	Cllr B. Cox
Local Nature Reserve Support Groups (1 member and 1 substitute)	2	Cllr D. French Cllr H. Firth
Luxford Centre Management Committee	1	Cllr C. Macve
Uckfield & District Twinning Association	1	Cllr S. Mayhew
Uckfield Festival Association	1	Cllr S. Mayhew
Uckfield Parkrun Board	1	Cllr C. Snelgrove
Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee	1	Cllr C. Macve
Uckfield Youth Club Board	1	Cllr B. Cox
Wealden Bus Alliance/Weald Link	1	Cllr A. Smith

WEALD ON THE FIELD IS BACK FOR 2021!

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FREE ENTRY



LUXFORD FIELD UCKFIELD

SATURDAY 21 AUGUST 2021 11am - 7pm

LIVE MUSIC ON AIRSTREAM STAGE

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



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE CIVIC CENTRE

The Civic Centre is a great venue and resource for Uckfield and as we begin to come out of lockdown there are lots of plans afoot to welcome you back

Room Hire

The Civic Centre has seven rooms for hire offering versatile and reasonably-priced spaces to suit a wide variety of functions including meetings, club gatherings, conferences, exhibitions, dinners, shows and much more.

Whether you need a small private room, a larger space or a fully equipped hall we can accommodate them. Currently the space is set out to Covid-19 guidelines so please visit our website for full details www.civiccentreuckfield.com/room-hire

Civic Centre Events

There is a full programme of events coming up at the Civic Centre - all of which will be produced according to the Government Covid-19 guidelines. If you would like to be kept informed of what is going on simply sign up for the monthly newsletter on our website or check them out at www.civiccentreuckfield.com/whats-on

Luxfords Restaurant

Luxfords Restaurant is located just inside the Civic Centre and is a friendly,



licensed restaurant serving freshly made food in relaxed and spacious surroundings. There is also space to sit outside when the weather allows. The restaurant is open from 9.30am - 3.00pm Monday to Saturday.

The restaurant also hosts some special events including afternoon teas and themed dinners throughout the year which have proved to be very popular.

Take Away service introduced

In these uncertain times, Luxfords Restaurant now provides a take-away menu for its customers featuring many of the favourites.

Afternoon tea boxes and Children's picnic boxes are also available to take away if ordered the day before.



Example of the Afternoon Tea takeaway box - make it extra special by adding a bottle of sparkling wine!



Give the kids a treat with their own picnic boxes!

ALLOTMENTS UPDATE

New Allotment Working Group

On 14 June, Environment & Leisure Committee set up a new allotment working group. This group will have responsibility for working with officers to look in detail at the feedback received from tenants on the proposed change in fees and charges from 1 April 2022, and to explore options for allotment land in the future.

Current workload

With approx. 238 useable allotment plots across our six sites and a mounting waiting list since the first Covid-19 lockdown, our Senior Administrative Officer is kept busy day to day with general enquiries, handling new, or changes of tenancy agreements, allotment disputes, allotment vandalism, reporting repairs and processing our annual invoicing procedures with associated water bill calculations. This is in addition to the work undertaken by our Grounds staff who undertake mowing, hedge cutting, and frequently carry out repairs to the fences, gates and allotment taps.

Reviewing your feedback

We would like to reassure allotment tenants that we would never expect

the income received to cover all expenditure and fully understand the legislation through which allotments should be managed. The new working group will be tasked with reviewing:

- the proposed new fee structure by size of plot and look in detail at fairness within the new pricing structure,
- the decision to remove concessionary discounts.

Looking at future demand

The allotment working group will also be tasked with exploring the current level of demand for allotment plots, the potential pressure that any future development may have on the town and to explore options for allotment land in the future; whether that involves utilising existing land owned by the Town Council or encouraging developers to think of allotment space in their plans for the future.

Improving communication

We will be looking at the service we provide as owners of the allotment sites, and how we can improve our communication with you of what we, the Allotment Association and local businesses can do to support you!

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 12 JULY	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 19 JULY	– PLANS
MON 26 JULY	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 2 AUG	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 9 AUG	– PLANS
MON 23 AUG	– GENERAL PURPOSES
TUES 31 AUG	– PLANS

All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at:
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COMING NEXT MONTH

- Weald on the Field
- Uckfield Revival
- Introducing the new youth members

