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## LOOKING BACK ON OUR TENURE

BY THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

At the time of writing, the council will be having their meeting on May 24 to elect a new Mayor, Deputy Mayor and to allow Council members to stand for the committees and outside bodies they wish to support for the coming year.

### The impact of Covid-19

Due to COVID as we all know life has been so very different. Much has already been written on how it has affected us, so today perhaps we shall reminisce about times before COVID that we have enjoyed as Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Times when we all came together to help one another and attend the incredible amount of events that happen in our town that make us smile, laugh and have fun.

### Attending many events

Our first invitation as Mayor and Deputy was to visit Margaret Dode-Angel of Sussex Support Service at Victoria Pavilion. We attended so many other events such as the Ridgewood Village Hall fete (somehow ending up in the stockade with wet sponges being thrown at us), visiting AFC Uckfield to watch football, the Rugby club running event where we were asked to join in the warm up exercises, the Uckfield Fire station open day (soaked once more - there must be reason behind this!), visiting PHAB and just so many more.

### Looking forward

We both hope that with life coming back to almost normal many events will return. This town can then again bring itself




back to the wonderful social community it has always been, where we can enjoy life together with friends, family and neighbours.

### Best wishes to the new incumbents

We wish our colleagues a successful year in promoting and caring for our town as they will always be there to help our residents and groups. We thank them for their support during our time as Mayor and Deputy.

Spike and Jackie

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## WHAT'S INSIDE

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## CALENDAR COMPETITION 2022 IS NOW OPEN!

The theme for this year's photographic calendar competition is **#MyUckfield**. The competition is open to all Uckfield residents and can include a selfie image of what Uckfield means to them. We are also hoping to involve local primary schools. All entries must be received by the end of August. Judging will take place in September. The prizewinners will receive vouchers to be spent at a local Uckfield retailer of their choice. The printed calendars for 2022 will be delivered to all Uckfield residents in early December 2021.

Full details of the competition and rules are available at [www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/community/calendar-competition](http://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/community/calendar-competition)



## ALLOTMENT CHARGES UPDATE



A review into allotment fees and charges was undertaken earlier in the year as the current structure, which has been in place since 2013, does not meet the costs involved in maintaining and administering them.

A working group was formed to research how other Parish and Town Councils structure their fees and to assess whether changes to the current system should be introduced. This research was used in deciding the new pricing structure.

The agreed changes will be introduced from 1 April 2022.

More details and a breakdown of the charges will follow next month.

## 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.

TUES 1 JUNE	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 7 JUNE	– PLANS
MON 14 JUNE	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 21 JUNE	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 28 JUNE	– PLANS
MON 12 JULY	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 19 JULY	– PLANS
MON 26 JULY	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE

All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at:

[admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)

### COMING NEXT MONTH

- New Mayor and Deputy
- Councillors' responsibilities
- Your Civic Centre
- Allotment update

