



## GREENING UCKFIELD

BY CLLR ANGIE SMITH

I hope that you found the 'Greening Uckfield' article in last month's edition of Uckfield Matters magazine interesting!

### Uckfield Green Partnership

Uckfield Green Partnership (UGP) was set up to coordinate 'green' projects within Uckfield and to support residents who want to do their part in combatting climate change and making the local area more environmentally friendly.

UGP is an umbrella group, with representatives from Uckfield Town Council's Climate Emergency Steering Group, Wealden District Council and many other organisations.

### Regular Feature and green tips

There is going to be a regular 'Green' feature in this magazine and it will feature a "green tip of the month". If you would like to contribute your favourite tip for energy saving, recycling or something on composting or growing your own produce, just send it to me or Donna [angie.smith@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:angie.smith@uckfieldtc.gov.uk) [donna.french@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:donna.french@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)




### Facebook Page

If you would like to know more, or want to get involved with UGP, please join our Facebook group by searching for Uckfield Green Partnership.

### ECO EXPO

I am looking forward to the Uckfield ECO EXPO at the Civic Centre on Saturday 30 April. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to learn more and to link up with local green suppliers and services. There are a few spaces remaining, so if you are a business and would like to be involved, email Karen at [karen.bedwell@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:karen.bedwell@uckfieldtc.gov.uk) for more information.

Contact us through:  
[admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)  
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## WHAT'S INSIDE

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- Annual Meeting

# WHO LOOKS AFTER WHAT - THE 3 TIERS

The tables below seek to give you a snapshot of the services that all three local authorities deliver.

## East Sussex County Council and East Sussex Highways look after:

- Highways maintenance (road repairs, verge cutting, pavements, most street lighting)
- Highway emergencies
- Winter gritting
- Rights of Way
- Public transport
- Adult Social Care (carers, services for older people, learning disabilities, physical/sensory impairments)
- Children's services (child protection, support for families)
- Education
- Leisure and culture
- Libraries
- Trading standards
- Registration of births and deaths
- Waste disposal (including household waste recycling centres).

## Wealden District Council looks after:

- Council Tax collection
- Local planning as your local planning authority
- Development control
- Building control
- Waste collection and street cleansing
- Environmental health (including licensing, environmental protection, air quality, noise, food safety, health and safety and currently Covid safety)
- Housing advice
- Homelessness
- Business rates
- Housing benefits
- Leisure Centres
- Wealden car parks
- Supporting economic development, local businesses and tourism
- Community toilet scheme
- Community and capital grants scheme
- Conserving biodiversity assets, conservation areas and designated sites.

## Uckfield Town Council looks after:

- Maintenance of Uckfield's green parks and open spaces
- Snatts Road Cemetery
- Upgrades and maintenance of Uckfield play areas, sports pitches and skate park
- Maintenance and management of allotments
- Protection of our nature reserves and conservation areas
- Floral displays and hanging baskets;
- Christmas lights
- Town Centre CCTV
- Community grants
- Some street lighting
- Luxfords Restaurant
- Maintenance of Town Council owned buildings which includes Civic Centre, Foresters Hall, sport pavilions, and lease agreements with tenants of Signal box, Bridge Cottage, Osborn Hall, upstairs of Victoria Pavilion, Ridgewood Village Hall etc.
- Hire of rooms at the Civic Centre, Foresters Hall and Sport Pavilions
- Events held within the Civic Centre and through the summer on Luxford Field
- Events held within the town to educate, mark special occasions, and celebrate Uckfield.



# THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This meeting will be held in the Weald Hall  
Civic Centre, Uckfield

on

**WEDNESDAY 13 APRIL 2022**

at

**7.00pm**

**This is a meeting for residents of Uckfield  
to ask questions of the Town Mayor  
and the Chairmen of the Council Committees**

**If you have any questions it would be helpful if  
you could let the Town Clerk know in advance**

at

Uckfield Town Council

Civic Centre, Uckfield TN22 1AE

or

Email: [townclerk@uckfieldtc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@uckfieldtc.gov.uk)

**Please join me and the other Councillors for coffee from  
6.30pm**

Councillor Jackie Love  
Town Mayor

# LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

## 20s Plenty Campaign

Uckfield Town Council put forward their support in January for the 20s Plenty Campaign which was set up by the '20s Plenty for Us' group:-

<https://www.20splenty.org/>

They recently approached all parish and town councils in Wealden District requesting support for their campaign to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling through village and town centres. Their aim to "set 20mph as the normal speed limit and make 30mph an exception – in residential streets and village/town centres. In other words, where people work, live and play" has been supported by a number of parishes, and paves the way for improving safety for pedestrians and drivers in these more built-up areas.

## Uckfield 20mph since 2016

A 20mph speed limit was introduced for Uckfield High Street and the immediate roads leading onto it (between Church Street and Mill Drove) back in 2016 as part of the High Street improvement works. Town Councillors have discussed for some time their desire to extend the speed restriction further within Uckfield Town Centre. Without



the powers to set speed restrictions (East Sussex Highways) or enforce them (Sussex Police) this has been very much a desire which was hoped could be factored into future highway or infrastructure improvements.

## Supporting the campaign

On 17 January, Town Councillors resolved to support the campaign. As a result, they will be writing to East Sussex County Council to call on them to extend the existing 20mph speed area wider within Uckfield town centre. They will also ask them to consider making 20mph the default speed limit within Uckfield where it is possible, and for funds to be allocated for this work within highway budget setting over the next five years.

# 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 7 MAR	– PLANS
MON 14 MAR	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 28 MAR	– PLANS
MON 4 APR	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 11 APR	– FULL COUNCIL
WED 13 APR	– ANNUAL MEETING
TUES 19 APR	– PLANS
MON 25 APR	– GENERAL PURPOSES

All questions should be directed to the Town Clerk at:

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## COMING NEXT MONTH

- Covid memorial

