



CIVIC CENTRE HEATING UPDATE

The Civic Centre uses a biomass wood pellet boiler for a more ecological heating system which allows us to play our part in reducing carbon emissions.

How it works

Biomass boilers work in the same way that regular fossil fuel ones do, where fuel is burnt in the boiler which produces energy that is used for heating. They can provide all the same heating functions as conventional fossil fuel systems.

Old hopper proved to be too small

The old hopper for the wood pellets was on the smaller scale of 2.5 tons which meant office staff had to place orders for wood pellets every 10 days during the winter. The wood pellets arrive by lorry and are pumped into the hopper.

Regularly ran out of fuel

With the hopper being this small the boiler would regularly run out of wood pellets meaning we had to resort to using the gas boiler for means of heating. This would also be a problem during the holidays when the building is closed or during spells of very cold weather. The small quantity of pellets ordered meant the price of pellets was high.

Larger hopper saving money

The Civic Centre hopper has been upgraded this summer to increase its capacity from 2.5 tons to 12-16 tons. This will reduce the amount of deliveries each winter from 10-12 down to 1-2. This is not only saving the environment with reduced



lorry loads but also saving the council at least £100 per ton on deliveries going forward.

The first delivery of pellets started arriving in August to make sure all the new equipment works prior to the winter season.

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LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

Ensuring we review the Uckfield Flood Plan

The severe flooding in Germany in July, and number of thunderstorms we too have had this summer means that towns and villages located in a floodplain, like Uckfield, always have to have a watchful eye on the Environment Agency website no matter what season in the year.

Raising concerns

A motion was brought to full council on 2 August to consider the risk of flooding from future development in the town. The anticipated growth of the town, with the proposed developments on the periphery of Uckfield may not impact our day to day life now, but we do need to think ahead. Not only do we have to think about infrastructure and the need for improvements to roads, public transport, schools, and healthcare to ensure they can sufficiently support a growing population, we also need to think about preserving our biodiversity and understanding our future plans for water management (surface and fluvial).

It was noted that the Uckfield Flood

Plan v5 (2016) was due to be reviewed in 2019. We understand the difficulties the pandemic has placed on the relevant authorities, but Full Council agreed action needed to be taken and that this motion should be shared with the Environment Agency, East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council, and should take into account both initial proposals for development in the local area, and those granted planning permission.

Reporting a light problem

Regardless of ownership, if you spot an issue where a light isn't working or the light is on all day, please report to East Sussex Highways in the first instance. You can do this by visiting <https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem/street-lighting> You will need to provide the location of the streetlight and the column number, if you can.

Repairing streetlights

The streetlights in Uckfield are owned by a mix of authorities depending on their location – East Sussex Highways, Wealden District Council, and Uckfield Town Council.

Replacing street lights

Uckfield Town Council has arranged with East Sussex Highways, to use developer contributions specifically allocated for infrastructure improvements (Community Infrastructure levy) to help fund repairs or full replacements to streetlights in the following roads over the next few months:

- 1 x Cambridge Way
- 1 x Baker Street
- 3 x Hunters Way
- 3 x Church Street
- 1 x Snatts Road
- 1 x Lealands Drive
- 1 x Eastbourne Road



Uckfield Revival



**Saturday 2 October 2021
10.15am**

**Watch the Classic Vehicle Parade
through Uckfield then see them at
Luxford Field**

Refreshments available from 10.30am

A great event for all the family!



Find out more at
www.civiccentreuckfield.com/events
If you want to display your vehicle please email
revival@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

FOCUS ON TOWN COUNCIL STAFF

Tracy Atchison joined Uckfield Town Council in September 2017 in a newly-created role of Marketing and Communications Officer. Tracy works part-time across Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

A passion for communications

Tracy has worked in Marketing and Communications roles for her entire career and is passionate about sharing information and communicating effectively. She explains: "I learned very early on to guard against losing important messages in a fancy design. It is much better to keep it simple, clear and instantly understandable".

Varied career and skills

Tracy has extensive experience including working for four major blue chip employers and three public sector organisations including Royal Mail and the University of Brighton. Her skills also include graphic design which is very useful in this role.

About Tracy

Originally from Newcastle upon Tyne, Tracy moved to Tunbridge Wells when she was three years old so very little trace of her Geordie accent remains.



Tracy Atchison
Marketing and Communications Officer

She moved to Fairwarp in 1993 where she is heavily involved in the village community. She provides marketing and communications for the Fairwarp Community Society and keeps the Fairwarp website updated. She also enjoys gardening and writing - not surprisingly!

Marjory Pegg Award

This year she was jointly awarded the Marjory Pegg Award for Services to the Community (an annual award for residents of Maresfield Parish) for her e-newsletter communications throughout the Covid lockdown which were invaluable for the local community.

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 6 SEP	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 13 SEP	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 20 SEP	– PLANS
MON 4 OCT	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 11 OCT	– PLANS
MON 18 OCT	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 25 OCT	– FULL COUNCIL

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

- Allotment Conference update
- Weald on the Field photo montage
- Community Fridge

