



Annual Plan 2023/24 PRIORITIES

PEOPLE and PROVISION

COMMUNITY GRANTS

We will award up to £54,566 of community grant funding to local groups and charitable organisations for the period 2023/24 (£27,566 to community groups, and £27,000 through service level agreements)

PUBLIC EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN THE TOWN

We will work alongside the local business community and local community groups to deliver two free public events within the town; King's Coronation and Weald on the Field

POLICY REVIEW

We will be undertaking a full review of the Town Council's policies in respect of personnel (staffing matters), GDPR and respect in the workplace.

TECHNOLOGICAL IMPROVEMENTS

We will look to upgrade our server and office IT to ensure our software and infrastructure remains secure. We will upgrade our Wi-Fi within the Civic Centre and seek to undertake further improvements to meet hirer needs.

ELECTIONS

We will support elected councillors with their role in the community and provide them with opportunities to engage with residents and learn about the Town Council's day to day work, and projects.

PLACE

UPGRADING GROUNDS EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES

We will upgrade equipment to ensure the Grounds team have safe functioning apparatus to undertake open space grass cutting and maintenance for sports and leisure. Work will also be carried out to clean and refurbish the rainwater harvester.

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

We continue our work to deliver our 10-year woodland management plan to ensure ongoing maintenance and tackle diseased trees affected by ash dieback.

GRASS VERGE CUTTING

We will continue to contribute to the costs of the East Sussex County Council's grass verge cutting contract to retain a good standard of service, and ensure visibility is maintained on pavements and highways.

CLIMATE CHANGE

We will host an educational activity with primary schools, consider alternative fuel supplies in our wider building portfolio, consider adding insulation within our buildings, review the equipment we purchase, and manage our land for nature, with a continued focus on conservation and tree planting.

TOWN COUNCIL BUILDINGS

We will focus our attention on the Civic Centre, Foresters Hall, Victoria Pavilion and West Park Pavilion and ensure we are compliant with the latest safety regulations. We will upgrade flooring, redecorate the Weald Hall and explore initiatives for upgrading older heating and plumbing systems.

INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

We will work with local partner agencies, residents and local businesses to understand the infrastructure requirements for Uckfield, in regards to sport, leisure, recreation and community facilities and future impact on the Town Council's provision of allotment and cemetery space.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We will support the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to prepare a draft Uckfield Neighbourhood Plan ready for submission to the local planning authority.