



# THE UCKFIELD VOICE

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## MAYOR'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

Although we have already reached February, I hope that it's not too late to wish you all a very happy new year!

Already this year our community has come together to support others in times where life can be difficult. Along with our Food Bank and Community Fridge; Warm Spaces have been created by volunteers and groups within our community. There is now somewhere warm for residents to visit on each day of the week. We thank all those that have supported this venture and volunteered their help

### Getting fit for free

Health and well-being are also being supported with free circuit training sessions from 'Our Parks'. In warmer months the sessions will be held at Harlands Playing Fields. During the winter it is indoors in the Civic Centre's Weald Hall from 10 to 11am on Saturday mornings. Please do join them there. It's a great way to keep active and socialise which is so important for our health.

### Bus Station improvements

Whilst writing we also wanted to keep you up to date and advise that the Bus Station improvements are planned to go ahead this year. Shelters will be replaced, real time signage installed along with cycle parking and generally an improved new look! The first phase is already underway which includes the repaving of the footpaths in Bell Farm Lane up to the roundabout, to match the paving in the High Street.



### Please be patient

We are aware the work will cause delays on the roads, but from the information we have, we are hoping any delays will be minimal. Work will be monitored throughout the day to ensure that it causes the least amount of disruption possible. Please do bear with them during this time. Thank you so very much and, as always, we are here should you need to contact us.

Please take care all, keep being your amazing selves and let's ensure our Town carries on being a caring, supportive community!

Cllr Jackie Love

Contact us through:

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



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## WHAT'S INSIDE

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# THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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

on

**WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023**

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

# JOB FAIR

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023

10am till 12.00pm

20+ Employers & Community Support Groups

Civic Centre

Uckfield

Please bring your CV



## YOUR COUNCIL

This year sees elections take place for Uckfield Town Council and Wealden District Council on Thursday 4 May 2023.

### Uckfield Town Council

The Town Council electoral boundaries divide the town into five Town Wards. There will be 15 Town Councillor seats and residents will be able to vote for their preferred candidates to fill the positions within their ward area.

### Wealden District Council

On the same day Wealden District Council will be holding an election to enable householders to vote for suitable candidates to fill 45 District Councillor seats across the entire district, with five seats within Uckfield.

### Want to become a Councillor?

In order to stand at the elections you must first obtain a nomination pack from the elections office at Wealden District Council, which will explain the nomination process. Relevant forms including a set of nomination papers will be in the pack for you to complete. Nomination packs for the elections will be available from March 2023. The Electoral Services team are currently accepting requests for packs. Requests should be sent by email to [elections@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wealden.gov.uk) with 'Nomination Packs'

in the subject field and should include the following information:

- Name of requester
- Address for packs to be sent to
- Whether district or parish nomination packs are required
- Number required of each type

Visit <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/councillors-and-committees/standforelection/> for more information

### NEW - Photo ID needed to vote

From 4 May 2023, voters in England will need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations. Visit <https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id> to find out what is accepted.

### Voting in the election

If you are eligible to vote, you will receive a polling card through your door providing key information on your local polling station.

If you wish to find out if you are on the Electoral Register, request to receive a postal vote or view the Wealden District Council Ward boundaries, please visit [www.wealden.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/](http://www.wealden.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/).

## 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 13 FEB	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 20 FEB	– PLANS
WED 22 FEB	– FINANCE SUB COMMITTEE
MON 27 FEB	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 6 MAR	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 13 MAR	– PLANS
WED 15 MAR	– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MON 20 MAR	– 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

- Our Annual Priorities

