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WEALD ON THE FIELD - GET READY FOR A FAB DAY!

It's back again for another day of fun, food and music on the Luxford Field. The event is taking place on Luxford Field, Uckfield on Saturday 12 August from 11.00am until 7.00pm.

Fun for all the family

This free event is fun for all the family with local artisan crafts and food, street food, and pop-up bars. Add to that children's entertainment and live music from local bands and you have a great day out for all the family.

Live music to suit all tastes

There will be a fantastic line-up of live music which begins at 12noon with the



headline act finishing the event from 6pm. The line-up should offer something for everyone.



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YOUR COUNCILLORS 2023 - 2024

Following the recent elections and co-options, your local councillors are as follows:

East Ward

Cllr Michael McClafferty
Cllr Chris Macve
Cllr Donna French (Deputy Mayor)

North Ward

Cllr Jackie Love (Mayor)
Cllr Dan Manvell
Cllr Angie Smith

West Ward

Cllr Val Frost
Cllr Diane Ward

New Town Ward

Cllr Duncan Bennett
Cllr Ben Cox
Cllr Spike Mayhew
Cllr Peter Ullmann

Ridgewood Ward

Cllr Karen Bedwell
Cllr Bernadette Reed
Cllr Peter Selby

They will be working on the various committees as listed below.

General Purposes Committee

9 members - reports to Full Council
(Vice Chair to be appointed at meeting)

Cllr. Diane Ward Chair
Cllr. Jackie Love
Cllr. Chris Macve
Cllr. Dan Manvell
Cllr. Peter Selby
Cllr. Angie Smith
Vacant seat
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Cllr. Ben Cox Substitute

Plans Committee

7 members - reports to Full Council

Cllr. Karen Bedwell Chair
Cllr. Chris Macve Vice-Chair
Cllr. Duncan Bennett
Cllr. Jackie Love
Cllr. Spike Mayhew
Cllr. Peter Ullmann
Vacant seat

Personnel Sub-Committee

5 members - reports to the General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Angie Smith Chair
Cllr. Karen Bedwell Vice Chair
Cllr. Donna French
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Cllr. Diane Ward

Environment and Leisure Committee

9 members - reports to Full Council

Cllr. Spike Mayhew Chair
Cllr. Angie Smith Vice-Chair
Cllr. Karen Bedwell
Cllr. Duncan Bennett
Cllr. Donna French
Cllr. Val Frost
Cllr. Michael McClafferty
Cllr. Bernadette Reed
Cllr. Diane Ward

Finance Sub-Committee

5 members - reports to General Purposes Committee

Cllr. Ben Cox Chair
Cllr. Spike Mayhew Vice-Chair
Cllr. Dan Manvell
Cllr. Peter Ullmann
Cllr. Diane Ward

The Voice Editorial Panel

4 members (no Chair)

Cllr. Karen Bedwell
Cllr. Chris Macve
Cllr. Spike Mayhew
Cllr. Peter Selby

THREE NEW CO-OPTED COUNCILLORS

BY COUNCILLOR VAL FROST

I am delighted to have been co-opted onto Uckfield Town Council. This will be my second term, with rather a long gap between the two.

I originally stood as an Independent councillor the first time, and will continue to be so this time, as I believe it is important to take a balanced view.

I am an avid football supporter and was a Football Association registered referee extensively involved in youth football matches in the locality.

Local people know what they want for Uckfield, and I will listen to residents and businesses. I have lived in Uckfield for 28 years and ran my own market research business based in the town. I want to see Uckfield prosper, as I care about what happens in this Town.



BY COUNCILLOR BERNADETTE REED

I've lived in Uckfield for 30 years; I'm married and have three children. I know Uckfield well from raising our family here. I formerly held the positions of vice chair at Uckfield College and account director for GE Capital.

In addition to representing our communities, I also want to protect our ecology and biodiversity and balance the local needs for housing while safeguarding our natural blue and green environment.

For the Uckfield Ridgewood and Little Horsted Ward, I was chosen to serve as the Independent District Councillor. I was co-opted by Uckfield Town Council as an Independent to the Ridgewood Ward, Environment and Leisure Committee, and the council representative for the Conservators of Ashdown Forest.



BY COUNCILLOR PETER ULLMANN

I have been living in the Uckfield catchment area for 13 years with my family. I am married to a maths teacher, and have two children at Uckfield College. Prior to returning to the UK, I spent 30 years abroad, mainly in the financial services industry. I am now semi-retired, and have recently been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

I was co-opted onto Uckfield Town Council as a Labour Councillor as I wanted to devote time to fighting for the residents of the town in order to deliver the best possible local services.

I look forward to working with all Councillors to ensure Uckfield prospers in a sustainable and fair way and that there are adequate infrastructure facilities to support the community.



WHO LOOKS AFTER WHAT - COUNTY AND DISTRICT

Here's a snapshot of the services that the county and district councils deliver.

East Sussex County Council and East Sussex Highways look after:

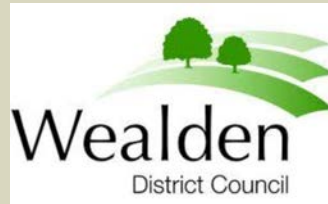
- Highways maintenance (road repairs, verge cutting, pavements, most street lighting)
- Highway emergencies
- Winter gritting
- Rights of Way
- Public transport
- Adult Social Care (carers, services for older people, learning disabilities, physical/sensory impairments)
- Children's services (child protection, support for families)
- Education



- Libraries
- Trading standards
- Registration of births and deaths
- Household waste recycling centres. (e.g. Maresfield)

Wealden District Council looks after:

- Council Tax collection
- Business rates
- Local planning as your local planning authority
- Building control
- Waste collection and street cleansing
- Environmental health (licensing, environmental protection, air quality, noise, food safety)
- Housing advice
- Homelessness
- 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.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas and minutes can be viewed 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. All questions should be directed to the

MON 3 JUL	- PLANS
MON 10 JUL	- ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 17 JUL	- GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 24 JUL	- PLANS
MON 31 JUL	- FULL COUNCIL
MON 14 AUG	- PLANS
TUES 29 AUG	- ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE

Town Clerk at:
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COMING NEXT MONTH

- Message from the Mayor
- Uckfield Town Council responsibilities

