



THE UCKFIELD VOICE

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OUR ANNUAL PRIORITIES 2023-2024

Each year we set our annual priorities for the town. The priorities are planned to improve the lives of residents and their environment and to make Uckfield a sustainable and responsive community in which to live.

The Annual Priorities for 2023-2024 fall into two main areas:

People and Provision

Community Grants - we will award up to £54,566 to local groups and charity organisations.

Public Events and Anniversaries in the town - we will support business and community groups to deliver free public events within the town.

Civic Centre improvements - we will upgrade our WiFi within the Civic Centre and undertake improvements for hirers.

Elections - we will support elected councillors in their roles in the community.

Policy Review - we will undertake a full review of the Town Council's policies for personnel, GDPR and respect in the workplace.

Place

Upgrading Grounds Equipment and Facilities - we will upgrade equipment so the grounds team has safe functioning apparatus to carry out their work.

Woodland Management Plan - we will continue work on our 10 year plan and also tackle diseased ash trees.

Grass Verge Cutting - we will continue to contribute to East Sussex County Council's urban grass verge cutting to



ensure visibility and a tidy appearance is maintained.

Neighbourhood Plan - we will support the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to prepare a draft Uckfield plan for submission to the local planning authority.

Infrastructure Planning - we will work with local partner agencies, businesses and residents to understand the infrastructure requirements for Uckfield.

Town Council Buildings - we will continue to ensure compliance with the latest safety regulations in the Civic Centre, Foresters Hall, Victoria and West Park Pavilions.

Climate Change - we will undertake and investigate a range of initiatives to educate and improve our processes; focusing on climate change.

Contact us through:

admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk



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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

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

Councillor Jackie Love
Town Mayor

District, Town and Parish Council Elections Thursday 4 May 2023

ELECTIONS - THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023

From May 2023 voters are required to show photographic identification at polling stations before they are given a ballot paper.

This will affect all voters who vote in person for Wealden District Council and Uckfield Town Council. Voters will need to bring a suitable form of photographic ID to their polling station.

Photographic ID

The most commonly used ID include:-

- Passport issued by the UK, any of the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, a British Overseas Territory, and EEA state or a Commonwealth country,
- Photographic driver's licence issued by the UK, Channel Islands, the Isle of Man, or an EEA state (including provisional)
- European Economic Area (EEA) photographic ID Card
- UK Biometric Residence Permit
- An identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card)*
- A Blue Badge
- Oyster 60+ Card
- A concessionary travel pass funded by HM Government or local authority (East Sussex County Council Bus Pass; Disabled Person's Bus Pass, Welsh or Northern Ireland travel card)



No suitable ID?

If you do not have any of the accepted photo ID, and you want to vote at the polling station, you will need to apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate. This is a free photographic identification document specific for the purposes of voting. The application process is available at www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNCILLOR?

If you're interested in becoming a councillor for Wealden District Council, visit: <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/councillors-and-committees/standforelection/>

If you're interested in becoming a councillor for Uckfield Town Council, contact the Town Clerk on townclerk@uckfieldtc.gov.uk or 01825 762774

LAST MONTH IN YOUR COUNCIL

Wildlife monitoring

Uckfield Town Council has given permission for bird ringing operations to be carried out in Hempstead Meadows and West Park Local Nature Reserves.

The person undertaking the operations has a permit from the British Trust of Ornithology, which allows them to operate mist nets with the aim of monitoring spring and winter migrant populations, resident populations and to obtain breeding/species data. This research will be of great benefit to the reserves and help to broaden our understanding of the wildlife utilising these important spaces.



Victoria Play Area



We wish to reassure you that the Town Council is aware that the play area at Victoria Pleasure Ground is in need of a full upgrade. Play areas of this size have previously cost in the region of £100-£150k to upgrade and this was prior to the recent increase in material costs.

Uckfield Town Council has put money aside in the 2023-24 budget to contribute towards the upgrade of the play area. It is hoped with the funding already set aside and further contributions or grant funding in 2024, that the play area can be upgraded in the following year. Of the seven children's play areas owned by the Town Council four have already been upgraded (Hempstead, Ridgewood, Hughes Way and Luxfords).

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 6 MAR	– FULL COUNCIL
MON 13 MAR	– PLANS
WED 15 MAR	– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MON 20 MAR	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 3 APR	– PLANS
TUES 11 APR	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 24 APR	– PLANS

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COMING NEXT MONTH

- Spring into Action
- King's Coronation

