



COUNCILLORS SOAPBOX

LITTER - A MODERN SCOURGE

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Litter is unsightly, makes our town look untidy and uncared for. Common litter items include fast food packaging, sweet wrappers, drinks, cans, bottles and cigarette butts.

Rubbish takes years to degrade and causes harm to wildlife and habitats. It costs Tax Payers money to clear up this could be better spent on other public services. It is a wasted resource which could be recycled and reused, it affects house prices and can make residents feel a lack of pride and unsafe in their neighbourhood. It is 'anti social'.

Brighter Uckfield

Brighter Uckfield comprises a band of local volunteers dedicated to keeping Uckfield and surrounding areas clean, green and litter free and they meet every Sunday morning to litter pick and carry



out key projects throughout the town. For King Charles' Big Help Out day Uckfield Town Council had a litter pick day in Downlands Copse and with the help of Scouts, local groups and residents cleared fly tipping, rubbish, tyres, metal, supermarket trolleys and broken glass.

Everyone's responsibility

Everyone has the right to live in a community they are proud of, enjoy countryside, facilities, shops, cafes and open spaces but we also all have a responsibility to look after, protect and maintain our environment in a clean and tidy condition.

Litter picking is a simple action that anyone of any age can do and makes a visible difference to our town and our environment.

Don't drop it – bin it!

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admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk



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LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

On Friday 1 December there will be plenty of activities throughout the town centre. Leading up the High Street from Bridge Cottage, there will be lots to see and do to get you into the festive spirit. Round to Civic Approach, Universal Dance and Happy Me Dance will be performing, and inside the Civic Centre there will be opportunities to participate in taster sessions for exercise classes and activities. At the Source, you can find the beautiful Nativity scene, before heading up to Holy Cross Church for the annual Festival of trees.

Santa has advised that he's parking his



sleigh in Olive's Yard.

A quiet place to take a break

If you're looking for somewhere to sit down amongst the hustle and bustle, the bar in Luxfords Restaurant will be open during the evening with hot and cold refreshments and snacks. So if you're looking for a warming hot chocolate or mulled wine, with a tasty sausage or vegan roll, please pop in!

Local schools performing

Nine local primary schools will be performing on the main stage by Hartfields from 5pm and will be joined later by Soul Survivors. Three local live acts will perform on the second stage outside the Volunteer Centre from 5.15pm. Look out for the Town Crier at 5pm by the Christmas Tree in the High Street for the latest information on the night.

Get ready for a fabulous evening!



UCKFIELD TOWN COUNCIL GRANTS 2024/2025

Applications now open!

Are you a community group or charity that needs financial help with a future project that will contribute to the welfare of the community by improving or supporting facilities and activities in the Uckfield Parish?

Why not apply for a grant to help your project. See the website below for guidelines and application form.

<https://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/community/town-council-grants-2024-2025/>

SNOW WHITE PANTOMIME

Mirror, mirror, on the wall, don't miss the fairest pantomime of them all! The annual Uckfield pantomime is here! Join us to watch a fairytale unfold in true Uckfield Theatre Guild style. Get ready to sing, dance or clap along, boo the baddies and cheer the goodies. Tickets on sale at the Civic Centre.



The poster features a dark blue background with a faint forest scene. At the top left is a white silhouette of a man in a top hat and a woman in a dress. In the top right is the Civic Centre Uckfield logo, which consists of a stylized 'U' in a circle followed by the text 'Civic Centre Uckfield'. In the center is a large, ornate golden mirror frame containing a misty, blue-tinted reflection. Below the mirror, the text 'Mirror mirror on the wall...' is written in a yellow, cursive font. Underneath this, the words 'SNOW WHITE' are arranged in two rows of red apples with green leaves, each apple containing a white letter. Below the apples is a yellow ribbon banner with the text 'The Pantomime' in a white, cursive font. At the bottom left is a white silhouette of a woman sitting on the ground, holding a small object. At the bottom right, a dark blue rectangular box contains the following text in white: 'Friday 8 December - 6pm', 'Saturday 9 December 12pm and 5pm', 'All tickets £13.50', and 'Book at 01825 762774'. Below this box are social media icons for Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, followed by the handles '@GUILDUCKFIELD' and '@UCKFIELDTHEATREGUILD', and the website 'UCKFIELDTHEATREGUILD.CO.UK'.

Civic Centre Uckfield

Mirror mirror on the wall...

S N O W
W H I T E

The Pantomime

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ALLOTMENT CONFERENCE UPDATE

The annual allotment conference took place in the Weald Hall, Civic Centre on 20 September 2023 at 7pm and was well supported by allotment holders and residents.

Allotment Competition Winners

Following a short introduction by Town Councillors from the Allotment Working Group and the Environment and Leisure Committee a senior administrative officer presented the allotment competition winners of 2023 for Best Kept Allotment, Ecological Allotment Award, Children’s Allotment award, Overall Allotment winner and winner of the Scarecrow Competition.

Added benefits of an allotment

The Chair of the working group read some inspirational words by an allotment holder on the physical and mental health benefits of working an allotment.

Update on fees and protocols

Those present were then updated about the Allotment Working Group discussions and decisions, which included confirmation and an explanation of:-

- the new administrative fees;
- the new protocol for allotment checks by councillors, officers and allotment representatives which would take place three times a year;
- and the benefits to allotment holders joining the Allotment Association to receive not only discounts on seeds and products purchased but also improved communication between tenants and the town council.

Chance to raise questions

A question-and-answer session took place to discuss the fees and charges related to size of allotment plots, grass cutting and waiting lists.

In general, feedback from the floor was very positive.



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

Town Clerk at:
admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

MON 6 NOV	– PLANS
MON 13 NOV	– ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE
MON 27 NOV	– PLANS
MON 4 DEC	– GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 11 DEC	– FULL COUNCIL (DRAFT BUDGET)
MON 18 DEC	– PLANS

COMING NEXT MONTH

- Mayor’s Christmas Message
- Priorities and budget for 2024/25
- Drone Code

