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REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

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There are three opportunities in Uckfield this month to pay your respects and remember those who have fallen during military service. This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on Sunday 10 November 2024.

Eugene Seghers Memorial

At 10:30hrs on Sunday 10 November, a simple act of remembrance will take place at the memorial of Eugene Seghers, at the Highlands Inn, Uckfield. The late fighter pilot, who served with the Belgian Army, intercepted and deflected a German doodlebug, thereby sacrificing himself to save the people of Uckfield in July 1944.

Annual Parade and Service

The annual Remembrance Service will take place at The Church of Holy Cross, Uckfield on Sunday 10 November 2024 at 15:00hrs.

Before the service, a parade will form in the 10-hour Luxfords car park from 14:15hrs and depart for the Church via Civic Approach, the High Street and Church Street at 14:35hrs. Members of the Uckfield Branch of the Royal British Legion invite ex-service personnel, local dignitaries, the local Uckfield Squadron of Air Cadets, and members of the Girl Guide and Scout Groups to join them on this parade. Members of the public are welcome to line the High Street to observe and pay their respects.

After the Church service and laying of the wreaths at the War Memorial, the parade



will reform and return to Luxfords Car Park via Church Street, the High Street and Library Way. The Mayor of Uckfield, Councillor Karen Bedwell, will then take the salute.

Armistice Day

On Monday 11 November at 11:00hrs, there will be a short service in Belmont Lane adjacent to the War Memorial in Holy Cross Churchyard.

Donations and poppy merchandise

The annual poppy appeal is well underway in Uckfield, with poppies available to purchase in most businesses, supermarkets, at the train station and in the Civic Centre.

If you're unable to get into the town centre, but wish to donate, please visit the Royal British Legion's website at <https://www.poppyshop.org.uk/>



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FESTIVE EVENTS IN UCKFIELD - 2024

Uckfield has a fine tradition of Christmas events and activities to get involved in every year, and your Town Council is delighted to be supporting and running many of these this year. From outdoor gatherings that see the town show off some outstanding decorations to cosy indoor events which bring the season to life, there is plenty to get you in the festive spirit around Uckfield.

Here is our handy guide to all the key dates in the town's Christmas calendar:

Late Night Shopping - Friday 6 December

Everyone's favourite Christmas event in the town sees the forces of the Uckfield Chamber of Commerce combine with the Town Council and shops right up and down the High Street to deliver a stunning evening of food, drink and entertainment. There will be so much to see and do, including the addition of a brand-new Christmas Fair and rollerskating event in the Civic Centre!



Festival of Christmas Trees - Friday 6 to Sunday 8 December

Forming part of the Late Night Shopping scenery before it continues throughout the first weekend of December, the Festival of Christmas Trees sees Holy Cross Church transformed as over 100

carefully-adorned trees fill the pews. Look out for the Uckfield Town Council tree amongst all the amazing designs from businesses and charities across the town!

Peter Pan Pantomime - Friday 13 and Saturday 14 December

The annual Uckfield Theatre Guild pantomime returns to the Civic Centre on the second weekend of December, as the talented adult and children's sides of the Guild join forces for three unmissable performances of Peter Pan! You can book tickets now via www.civiccentreuckfield.com



Christmas Afternoon Tea at Luxfords Restaurant - Saturday 21 December

After all the excitement of rushing around for various festive events, it will be high time for some relaxation before the big day. Luxfords Restaurant has you sorted on the month's penultimate weekend with a selection of afternoon tea treats and live music.

Christmas Lunches at Luxfords Restaurant - Wednesday 4 to Monday 23 December

Finally, Christmas wouldn't be complete without the dinner! Get your fill courtesy of Luxfords Restaurant, who are taking bookings throughout the month.



Uckfield Town Council Grants - 2025/2026



Over
£150,000
distributed since 2019



40+
Groups Helped
since 2019

Uckfield is full of amazing community groups.

Any project that provides a benefit to the community in Uckfield, or nearby, can apply for Grant funding.

Apply now and see if we can help your group or project take flight!



See the website below for guidelines and application form:

<https://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/community/town-council-grants-2025-26/>

RESIDENTS' SURVEY - HAVE YOUR SAY

As we move into the public sector's budget setting period, we are asking Uckfield residents to take part in several important consultations.

We believe, as your Town Council, that we should look to consult on as many key issues as possible. Your anecdotal and experience-led feedback is invaluable as we set our priorities.



Local government authorities struggle to reconfigure and reduce their services each year to meet rising costs in many areas. This means some difficult conversations have to be had as to who will pay to maintain services. For example, this might be all taxpayers for that area, a user-pay model, or even reconsidering what is vital and important, or how services can be delivered differently.

Keep looking...

We will keep the following webpage updated throughout the autumn and

winter months to make sure you're aware of the latest consultations you can get involved in as a local resident: www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/community/have-your-say/

Consultation on Adult Social Care

East Sussex County Council are currently consulting residents on their funding gap, and they are keen to hear views on their proposals for savings in Adult Social Care and Health. Some of the surveys relate to specific care units or day centres. The nearest to Uckfield are in Crowborough and Lewes.

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/adult-social-care/funding-gap-asch/>

Town Council Residents' Survey

We're keen to hear what you think about where you live. With growth very likely in the town as a result of future development, we want to hear what residents want to see improved or created, so we can make sure we are fully representing you in our conversations.

The deadline for responses is 11:59pm on Friday 15 November, so grab that cuppa and take a few minutes out of your day to give us some feedback.

The link is here: www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/community/have-your-say/

Thank you for your time!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Agendas and minutes can be viewed on the Town Council website at <https://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/agendas-and-minutes/>. Meetings are held in

person in the Council Chamber at The Civic Centre and all start at 7pm. All questions should be sent to the Town Clerk at: admin@uckfieldtc.gov.uk

MON 4 NOV	- GENERAL PURPOSES
MON 18 NOV	- PLANS
MON 25 NOV	- ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE
MON 2 DEC	- FULL COUNCIL (DRAFT BUDGET)
MON 9 DEC	- PLANS

COMING NEXT MONTH

- Mayor's Christmas Message
- Achievements in 2024
- Last Month in Your Council
- Strategic Priority and Budget Consultation

