



Uckfield Town Council's Draft Annual Priorities 2026/27

RESTORE AND PROTECT

UNDERSTANDING OUR NATURAL HABITATS

We will continue to commission wildlife appraisals and monitoring of our ancient woodlands and local nature reserves. We will continue to enhance Harlands Pond. We will develop biodiversity action plans for delivery with key partner agencies, and the voluntary and community sector.

ENHANCING CONNECTIVITY

We will explore opportunities to develop a River Walk. We will feed into consultation on the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan, planning applications and reviews of our recreational spaces, to seek improvements to walking and cycling within the town.

PROTECTING AND RESTORING OUR ANCIENT WOODLANDS

We will address the remainder of ash dieback, and undertake works to restore specific areas of woodland to allow for the re-establishment of flora and fauna and restoration of priority habitats.

TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

We will host an Eco EXPO to promote alternative technologies to local residents, a Green Shoots Fashion Show to promote the reuse and recycling of textiles. We will commission a review of our previous carbon audit to create a clear action plan for our asset portfolio.

EMPOWER AND STRENGTHEN

UPGRADING OUR BUILT ASSETS

We will seek professional expertise to explore and deliver options for creating a new community facility on Town Council land.

We will continue to improve the condition, safety and decoration of buildings we manage day to day – Civic Centre, Foresters Hall and Victoria Pavilion.

We will upgrade car parks adjacent to our built assets.

UPGRADING OUR SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

We will design and install new welfare facilities at Harlands Recreation Ground.

We will pursue our application to the Football Foundation for the design, supply and installation of a 3G pitch at Victoria Pleasure Ground.

We will also explore options for undertaking improvements to the Skate Park and identify new ideas to broaden the range of recreational facilities available within the town.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

We will award up to £23,000 of community grant funding to local groups and charitable organisations for the period 2026/27, alongside the provision of £xx,xxx to Wealden Citizen's Advice, £x,xxx to Wealden Volunteering and £x,xxx to Uckfield Bonfire & Carnival Society through service level agreements.

PUBLIC EVENTS AND ANNIVERSARIES IN THE TOWN

We will organise and deliver a variety of indoor and outdoor events including the annual day festival Weald on the Field, and support the organisation of the Remembrance Parade and Services.

REFLECT AND PROGRESS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

We will utilise the assistance of professional expertise to manage delivery of major projects and assist with the review of specialist policies and procedures.

FORWARD PLANNING

We will work with local partner agencies, residents and local businesses to understand the infrastructure requirements for Uckfield, in regards to sport, leisure, recreation and community facilities. We will also consider the future impact on the Town Council's provision of allotment and cemetery space, from growth in the town, and make preparations. This information will also be utilised to inform the finalisation of an Uckfield Neighbourhood Plan.