

# Rustington

## Parish Council Newsletter

## Chairman's Message



least and we have all been truly tested.

The community as a whole has come together to support one another during these uncertain times. The positives that we can draw from the events are the resilience that the businesses within the Village have shown, rising stronger than ever.

The sun shone down on us and some brightness was able to emerge on what could have been even darker times. The Gardens Competition still went ahead with the entries being visited by individual judges to ensure social distancing. Unfortunately, the Council decided that the Allotments Competition should be cancelled, given the Government restrictions during the initial 'Lockdown' and, although there wasn't the Annual Community Awards to celebrate the winners, along with the Parishioner of the Year, the awards were still presented with pride.

Rustington's Remembrance was not overlooked and wreaths were laid by a number of Groups and Organisations on the 75th Anniversaries of VE and VJ Day and Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial, to remember those who sacrificed their lives.

The Council's operation has continued since the 'Lockdown' was first imposed in March, albeit on a part

As I am sure you would most probably agree, 2020 has been an unusual, and extremely challenging year, to say the

virtual and part physical basis, with the emergency mobile telephone being manned 24 hours a day.

Initially, the Council's personnel worked from home, until the beginning of July when the Samuel Wickens Centre, The Woodlands Centre, Youth Centre and Council Offices re-opened their doors, and the community were again able to use the Play Area and Outdoor Fitness Equipment at the Woodlands Recreation Ground. The Council also provided comprehensive information on the home delivery services being available from local businesses, together with support information for those members of the local community looking for assistance via its Website and Facebook Page.

A number of projects have been undertaken over the past few months, including the refurbishment of the War Memorial and the surrounding walls, the replacement of the safety surfacing in the Play Area, refurbishment of public seats along the Greensward and in a number of roads, and the repainting of the Beach Shelter at the junction of Sea Lane and Sea Road, to name just a few. And, the re-planting and maintenance of the floral displays throughout the Village continued, to ensure that its reputable vibrance was retained, through such unprecedented times, thanks to the commitment of the Council's Contractors, Ferring Nurseries.

With Christmas just around the corner, it is important to remember not just friends and family, but also those who are less fortunate. So, please

take a moment to reflect and think of others, who for various reasons will be spending Christmas alone. A smile and a 'hello' can go a long way and make a true difference to someone, just knowing that somebody cares.

All that is left to say is, on behalf of everyone at the Parish Council, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

And please don't forget –

**HANDS - FACE - SPACE!!**

**Councillor Jon Street, Chairman**

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with all things  
Rustington**



**@rustingtonpc**

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share your views and  
keep in touch with the  
Parish Council**

### Useful Information...

#### Arun District Council E-newsletter

Parishioners are encouraged to sign up to Arun District Council's E-newsletter to keep up to date with its Council services. To sign up, visit the webpage at:

[www.arun.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.arun.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## Rustington Museum



Rustington Museum has once again opened its doors to the public. The Museum is part of the 'We're Good To Go' Scheme, giving visitors the reassurance that the Museum has a COVID-19 Risk Assessment in place and has introduced social distancing measures. Masks must be worn during a visit, and free ones can be picked up from the Information Centre if you have forgotten to bring one. There is also hand sanitiser available for visitors.

The Museum opened its door in the new premises in November 2019 following a successful Heritage Lottery Fund grant. The new displays tell the story of Rustington from the Stone Age all the way through to modern times. All the artefacts on display have come from Rustington and show the rich and varied heritage of the Village.

The displays also feature some of the famous people who have lived in the Village and their connections. The Rustington Circle included Sir Hubert Parry and the Llewelyn-Davies family.

You can also learn about Rustington's now hidden airfield and many of the old buildings and discover the Old Cottage Dolls company that rose from humble origins to become very collectable today.

We will have a new temporary Exhibition opening this month all about Harry Clark, a local gentleman well-known for his love of Rustington's heritage and photography. The Exhibition explores his life and how he has combined photography and history to help preserve the Village's heritage. There will also be old postcards on display from the Museum Collection, alongside up-to-date photos of the same scenes.

The Museum is currently open from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday-Saturday. The adjacent Waitrose Car Park provides free parking for up to three hours.

The Museum Facebook page is very active, showing items from the Collection and exploring Rustington's past through images and stories. Come and join at: [www.facebook.com/rustingtonmuseum](http://www.facebook.com/rustingtonmuseum)

**Claire Lucas - Museum Manager**

## Rustington Youth Club

On Thursday evenings from 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, Arun Youth Projects normally open a Youth Club for young people aged between 11-18 years at Rustington Youth Centre.

We are planning to start work with small groups of young people in the building later this month. Whilst we have been unable to use the building, we have been facilitating outdoor sessions in small groups.

Our theme in October was around 'Change', we hoped that by having conversations with young people, we could support them to think about ways of dealing with change. Throughout November, we hope to support their understanding of county lines, exploitation and the associated risks.

Our team of Youth Workers are Matt, Amy, Paul & Stuart. If you have any questions about the Youth Club please email: [ayp@arunchurch.com](mailto:ayp@arunchurch.com) or check out @ArunYouthProjects on Instagram.

**Emma Biffi, Youth Service Manager - Arun Youth Projects**

## Village Gardens Competition

Following the judging of this year's **Gardens Competition** entries by Councillor Jon Street, Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, and Mr Michael Harwood of Ferring Nurseries, the results are declared as follows:

### Class 1 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Residential)

Winner - 99 The Martlets  
 Runner-Up - 6 Shaftesbury Court

### Class 2 - Window Boxes, Balconies and Patio Tubs etc. (Commercial)

Winner - The Lamb Public House

### Class 3 - Front Gardens of Any Size including Paved Gardens and Patio Tubs (Residential)

Winner - 16 Goodwood Close  
 Runner-Up - Oakdene, 18A Broadmark Lane

### Class 4 - Front Gardens of Any Size (Commercial)

Winner - Rustington House (Hargreaves), Worthing Road

### Class 5 - Schools' Competition

Winner - Georgian Gardens Community Primary School  
 Runner-Up - Summerlea Community Primary School

### Class 6 - Community Gardens

Winner - The Hidden Twitten (Herne Gardens/Orchard Gardens Garage Compound)  
 Runner-Up - Rustington Methodist Church Garden

To ensure adherence with Government Guidance in respect of 'social distancing', the Judges visited all of the gardens on an individual basis, with the exception of the Schools' Competition, which was judged via submitted photographic entries.

Most of the Awards were able to be presented in person by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Council, whilst some were hand-delivered to the recipients.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, this year's **Allotments Competition** was cancelled.



Class 2 Winner – The Lamb Public House



Class 3 Winner – 16 Goodwood Close



Class 4 Winner – Rustington House

# Festive Celebrations in the Village...

## Fantastic prizes to be won in the Christmas Cracker Competition!



With a range of over 80 independent and well-known high street shops, the Village is fantastic for all your Christmas shopping, and now there's even more reason to stay local and support the high street! An exciting Christmas Cracker Competition has been arranged by Store Property Investments Limited to thank shoppers for their support over the past few months and to offer them the chance to win some amazing and well-deserved treats in time for the Festive Season. The Competition is currently open and runs until Thursday 17 December when the lucky prize winners will be drawn.

Playing is easy! Simply pick up a loyalty card from one of the many participating shops (look out for the special Competition Cracker on the windows) and then collect 5 stamps from 5 different shops, cafés or restaurants. There is no minimum spend required and you can submit as many loyalty cards as you want into the Competition. So, the more you shop locally the more chances you have to win! Once you have collected the 5 stamps, you can submit your completed loyalty cards in the collection boxes located next to the hand-sanitising stations at various locations around the Village.

The Star Prize kindly donated by L Guess Jewellers is a gorgeous luxury Jewellery Hamper worth more than £1,500. Plus a high end Audio System worth £500 from Barkers Electrical, significant cash prizes, hundreds of pounds of vouchers, hampers and exciting gifts from all your favourite local shops and restaurants. There's even the chance to win your own car parking space in the Village for a whole year!

Go to [www.shoprustington.com](http://www.shoprustington.com) to see the full list of all the truly incredible prizes to be won, together with full details of the Competition.

Don't forget there is three hours free car parking for all shoppers and over 400 car spaces available. So, good luck everyone and remember - **the more you shop the more chances you have to win!**

ShopRustington.com



## Christmas Late Night Shopping

To help to get everyone in the Festive mood, Rustington will be hosting late night shopping evenings on the following Thursdays: 3, 10 and 17 December.

Why not join us on one or all three of these special evenings where a variety of shops in the Village Centre will be open till 7.00 pm.

For those of you who struggle to get time to shop during normal opening hours, why not do your shopping whilst surrounded by the fabulous Christmas lights and soak up the Festive atmosphere and sing along with Christmas Carols and music around the Village.

And please look out for the Christmas Cracker Competition in the shops, offering the chance to win amazing prizes.

The Chamber of Trade and Commerce sends all of you a warm welcome and hopes you can support us on these new late night events. See you there!

## Community Carol Concert

Unfortunately, the extremely popular and well-established Community Carol Concert, scheduled to be held on Saturday 12 December, has been cancelled. The Council made this decision in the light of the continuing Government restrictions on social distancing/groups gathering.

Next year's Concert is planned for Saturday 11 December, so hopefully we can all celebrate in spectacular fashion then....



## Parishioners' Award

The Council, at its Annual Meeting on 18 May 2020, resolved that the 2020 Parishioners' Award in respect of an Individual, be awarded to Mrs Sheila Marsden, in recognition of her unceasing commitment to Rustington Museum and the Rustington Heritage Association, by way of her dedicated hard work and efforts to preserve the history of the Village for the benefit of its community and the generations to come.

The Award is made on an annual basis, in recognition of outstanding Public Service to the Community, and all Rustington Parishioners or Individuals from outside of the Parish, who make an outstanding contribution for the benefit of the community of Rustington, are eligible to receive the Award.

Mrs Marsden was recently presented with her Award by the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Jon Street.



# Annual Report from the Chairman of the Council (2019-2020)

- Councillor Jon Street



I am delighted to be able to deliver my first Annual Report, which will almost cover most of this year, as well as the year

from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

General everyday life and almost everything around us is significantly different to how it was when I was appointed Chairman of the Council in May 2019. It is a challenging and concerning time for us all as the Covid-19 Pandemic continues to plague the World.

For almost 18 months now, I have had the honour of holding this position, and it has certainly been a most enjoyable, whilst currently somewhat unprecedented, and challenging time. However, I hope that I have acted in the interests of the community of Rustington throughout this period, and I pledge to continue to do so to the best of my ability until my current term of office ends in May 2021.

I would like to thank my Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper who, with her wealth of experience, has been an invaluable and most welcome support to me, and to all Members of the Council, who work unceasingly for the benefit of the Village, attending many Meetings during the year and often having to make difficult decisions. My appreciation goes to you all.

Secondly, I would like to thank all of the Council personnel, who ensure that the Council's services are delivered professionally and most effectively to an extremely high standard. This has continued throughout the current crisis and, although the Council's facilities were closed for a period of time during the main 'Lockdown', the Council's services continued to be delivered, wherever possible, at all times. Most of the members of personnel were working from home until the Council's facilities were re-opened at the beginning of July 2020, and the Council is most grateful to them all for their diligence, flexibility and dedication.

Carole Ward, our Clerk, heads up the Team, and is ably supported by Rosie, the Deputy Clerk, Caroline, Elaine, Nicky and Jo, at the Council Offices. The three members of personnel at the Samuel Wickens Centre, namely, Emma, Jules and Linda, provide an excellent 'front of house' information service and Claire, with the help of Jules, manages the Museum and all of its activities. Jim, the Council's Leisure and Amenities Officer, oversees the work carried out by the Council's external grounds contractors, and undertakes the day-to-day management and maintenance of the Recreation Ground and Sportsfield, together with many other ad-hoc duties. And last, but definitely not least, we have Bill, who is Caretaker for both the Youth Centre and the Samuel Wickens Centre. My thanks and appreciation go to all of the Team.

I would also like to thank the County and District Councillors who represent Rustington, and specifically, County Councillors Daniel Purchase and Dr James Walsh, together with District Councillors Shaun Gunner and Will Tilbrook, plus our own dual-hatted District Councillors Jamie Bennett, Alison Cooper and Pauline Gregory, for actively ensuring that the Council is kept up to date on all matters pertaining to Rustington.

I would now like to give you a very brief summary of how the Council operates, by letting you know what has taken place, and what has, and is due to happen, during the current year.

I will also provide you with concise details of the roles of the Council's Committees.

I begin by advising you that the Museum at the Samuel Wickens Centre opened to the Public at the beginning of November 2019 and now provides an additional facility for the community and visitors to the Village, alongside the Information Centre and the Community Hall, which is available for private hire, albeit at the present time, on a limited basis in accordance with the continuing Covid-19 Government Guidance.

The Council's new user-friendly Website is now very well established, and has been a godsend to many during the 'Lockdown' period, as has the most informative Facebook Page.

The sale of Church Farm Cottage, which was the previous home to Rustington Museum, finally came to fruition in late February 2020, which greatly improved the Council's financial position, particularly in view of the difficult times that it has had to face throughout this year to date and, inevitably, will continue to for the foreseeable future.

During the year from 1 April 2019, projects and achievements included:

- Relining of the Woodlands Centre Car Park and Kickabout/Basketball Area
- A number of new LED lamppost lighting heads in the Woodlands Centre Car Park
- The purchase of a new Sit-On Mower
- The repainting of Play Area and Outdoor Fitness Equipment and repairs to a number of items of Play Equipment
- The installation of 'bash' panels and redecoration of the John de Bohun Room and Table Store at The Woodlands Centre
- A New Fire Alarm Panel and Call Points at The Woodlands Centre
- The reconfiguration and redecoration of the Councill Offices, together with installation of an Air Conditioning Unit and Blinds
- A further enhanced Christmas Lighting Scheme in the Village
- A financial contribution towards the Village Street Fayre, organised by the Littlehampton District Lions Club
- The continuation of the Number 12 Bus Service.

In 2019, the four Public Toilet Units in the Village again received excellent Awards in the Loo of the Year Competition, namely a Platinum Award for the Churchill Car Park Toilets and Gold Awards for the three other units.

Unfortunately, this year, the Council's plans to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day from 8-10 May, the Littlehampton and District Lions Club Street Fayre and the Council's Allotments Competition were all cancelled in accordance with, and as a result of, Government Guidance in respect of Social Distancing, Groups Gathering and the general adverse effects of the 'Lockdown' period.

The Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service, the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Community Carol Concert have also been cancelled this year.

And, now, moving on to the Council's Committees...

### Finance and General Purposes

I would like to thank Councillor Don Rogers, for his outstanding role as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Don's own Report in respect of the Council's finances for the years ending 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021, follows my Report in this Newsletter.

My thanks also go to the Members of this vital Committee.

### Leisure and Amenities

Thank you to Councillor Mrs Alison Cooper who is Chairman of this very important Committee which is responsible for the majority of services provided by the Council, including the Public Toilets, Public Seats, Noticeboards, Street Maps, Beach and Bus Shelters, some Street Lighting, Grass Cutting in the centre of the Village, the Planting, Design and Maintenance of the Floral/

Planted Displays plus any other associated functions.

The Youth Centre and The Woodlands Centre are also managed by this Committee, as are the Woodlands Recreation Ground and Woodland Park Sportsfield. And, finally, the Committee is responsible for the Museum and the Samuel Wickens Centre (incorporating the Information Centre).

A very effective and hard-working Committee. Thanks must go to all of its Members, with such a wide range of areas of responsibility, they all have a most active and important role to play.

### Planning

Much appreciation must go to Councillor Peter Warren for his most professional and informative Chairing of the Planning Committee.

The Committee is consulted on all Applications within the Parish by both the Arun District Council, as the local Planning Authority and, in certain cases, West Sussex County Council.

Thanks to Peter and the Members of the Committee.

### Allotments

I would like to thank Councillor Mrs Peggy Partridge, Chairman of the Allotments Committee, and the Committee Members, for managing the three Allotment Sites in the Parish.

### Emergency Planning

Chaired by Councillor John Ceiriog-Hughes, this Committee monitors the Council's Emergency Plan, and ensures that procedures are in place for the provision of The Woodlands Centre as a Rest Centre in the event of an emergency within the Parish.

This year has seen this Committee agree to undertake a major review of the current Emergency Plan, with a view to incorporating an addendum to the Plan for use in connection with the Covid-19 Pandemic and any similar future emergency situations that might arise.

Thank you John, and your Committee.

The Council is also represented on a number of external Bodies, and continues to have Working Parties looking at ways of improving the way it works.

## Council Members' Attendance Record - April 2019-March 2020

Excluding all cancelled Meetings and Virtual On-Line Meetings held during Coronavirus (Covid-19)

| Member           | Council  |        | Allotments |        | Finance & General Purposes |         | Leisure & Amenities |        | Planning |         | Emergency Planning |        |
|------------------|----------|--------|------------|--------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------|--------|----------|---------|--------------------|--------|
|                  | Possible | Actual | Possible   | Actual | Possible                   | Actual  | Possible            | Actual | Possible | Actual  | Possible           | Actual |
| Bennett          | 10       | 7      | 4          | 3      | 12                         | 8       | 4                   | 1      | 3        | 1       | 1                  | 0      |
| Broomfield (Mrs) | 10       | 9      | 4          | 4      | 12                         | 11      | 1                   | 0      | -        | -       | 1                  | 1      |
| Broomfield       | 9        | 9      | 3          | 3      | 10                         | 10 + *1 | -                   | -      | -        | -       | 1                  | 1      |
| Callaghan        | 10       | 9      | 3          | 1      | -                          | -       | 4                   | 3      | -        | -       | 1                  | 0      |
| Ceiriog-Hughes   | 10       | 7      | 4          | 0      | -                          | *1      | -                   | -      | 18       | 10      | 1                  | 1      |
| Clayden          | 9        | 9      | -          | -      | 10                         | 10 + *1 | -                   | -      | -        | -       | -                  | -      |
| Cooper (Mrs)     | 10       | 10     | 3          | 0      | 12                         | 11      | 4                   | 4      | 18       | 15      | 1                  | 0      |
| Cooper           | 10       | 10     | -          | -      | 12                         | 12      | 4                   | 4      | 15       | 11 + *1 | -                  | -      |
| Gregory          | 10       | 8      | -          | -      | -                          | -       | 4                   | 1      | -        | -       | 1                  | 1      |
| Grevett          | 10       | 8      | 4          | 3      | -                          | -       | -                   | -      | 18       | 14      | 1                  | 0      |
| Partridge        | 10       | 9      | 4          | 4      | 12                         | 11      | 3                   | 2      | 18       | 14      | -                  | -      |
| Rogers           | 10       | 10     | -          | -      | 12                         | 12      | 4                   | 4      | -        | -       | -                  | -      |
| Santer           | 9        | 6      | -          | -      | -                          | -       | -                   | -      | 12       | 2       | -                  | -      |
| Street           | 10       | 10     | 4          | 3      | 12                         | 9       | 4                   | 3      | 18       | 18      | 1                  | 0      |
| Tyler            | 10       | 7      | -          | -      | 12                         | 10      | 4                   | 0      | -        | -       | -                  | -      |
| Warren           | 10       | 10     | -          | -      | 12                         | 12      | 4                   | 4      | 18       | 18      | -                  | -      |

\*Non-Committee Member

# Annual Report from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee (2019-2020) - Councillor Don Rogers



Whilst rather belatedly, I do now have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report to you in respect of the Council's finances for the last

financial year that ended on 31 March 2020 and for the current financial year ending 31 March 2021.

In these unprecedented times in which we have all found ourselves, the Council has, understandably, experienced a number of financial setbacks over the past eight months, which it believes are set to continue into 2021. However it is hoped that the financial losses it has suffered will not impact too adversely on you, the Parishioners, in the current financial year.

I would like to now start addressing the Council's decision to set its 2020/2021 Precept at £690,000, representing an estimated increase of 11.8% on last year, which equating to an approximate annual increase of £11 on the Parish Council charge on a Band 'D' property in Rustington.

Whilst I reported on the reasoning behind the above decision in the last issue of this Newsletter, I would just like to provide a brief update. The sale of Church Farm Cottage was finally completed at the end of February 2020 which, thankfully, given the constrained financial position that the Council was experiencing, enabled its balances to be replenished to a level significantly above what had been anticipated for this financial year. The remaining proceeds from the sale have been invested and will, in the main, be used for any future Capital Projects that the Council might decide to embark upon for the benefit of the local community.

Towards the end of 2019, the Council was delighted to be able to open the doors to the Museum's new home in the specially created Exhibition Gallery at the Samuel Wickens Centre, courtesy of the most welcome grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The Council also continued to provide its many local services, including:

- The management and maintenance of The Woodlands Centre Complex, which includes the Council Offices, the Youth Centre and the Recreation Ground
- The management and maintenance of the Samuel Wickens Centre, which includes the Museum, Information Centre and a separate Community Facility in the heart of the Village
- The management and maintenance of other open spaces including the Woodland Park Sportsfield and the three Allotment Sites
- The internal cleaning of The Woodlands Centre and the external grounds maintenance operations, continue to be subject to external Contracts, which work very well
- The Youth Centre provided on the Woodlands Recreation Ground. The Centre is used as a Community Facility, as well as providing a home for Rustington Youth Club, which is operated by Arun Youth Projects, and funded by the Parish Council.

Turning now to the current financial year...

Throughout the 'Covid-19 Crisis', the Council has continued to provide a wide range of local services, albeit in a different way. The Information Centre and Museum at the Samuel Wickens Centre, whilst closed in accordance with Government Guidance for a number of months, was re-opened to the Public at the beginning of July 2020, together with the Community Facility, subject to strict adherence to social distancing and the rules regarding 'groups gathering'. It has to be remembered that the Council leases the Centre from Store Property Investments Limited, who also make a significant financial contribution to the Information Centre, for which the Council's is extremely appreciative.

Further local services include over 130 Allotment Plots spread over three sites, some 75 Public Seats, Beach and Bus Shelters, four Public Toilet sites, a School Crossing Patrol and some 44 Street Lights situated in Private Roads.

The provision of the floral displays in the central shopping area and at various other sites within the Parish. These displays are always very much appreciated by local residents and visitors alike, and even more so in these trying times.

The Council contributes to the three-way financial partnership with the Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Store Property Investments Limited which, this year, will again provide a Festive Lighting Scheme, which it is hoped will go a little way towards lifting our spirits and helping us all to enjoy Christmas, whatever the circumstances.

As part of the Council's assistance to Groups and Organisations, Grants have been made to a small number of local Clubs and Charitable Organisations. Examples of this are the Council's financial assistance to the Citizens' Advice Bureau and to the Parish Church of St Peter and St Paul towards the upkeep of the Churchyard.

The Council, in partnership with the Rustington Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Store Property Investments Limited, is continuing to work with Compass Travel to provide the subsidised Number 12 Bus Service, serving Sea Road, the new Littlehampton Wave Leisure Centre and the Rustington (Sainsburys, Dunelm, Halford, Pets at Home) and Manor (Next, Aldi, Tapi Carpets) Retail Parks. It is important that this service is supported by the local community, to ensure its future survival.

Plans for a major upgrading of the rear part of The Woodlands Centre is still on hold, although it has recently become evident that major upgrading electrical works are required at the Centre as well as in the Public Toilets around the Village, which will need to be undertaken imminently. However, the Council is still hopeful that a much needed 'makeover' might be achievable in the not too distant future.

Other major works for the Council's facilities, some unanticipated, so far this year, have included a new Central Heating/ Hot Water Boiler for The Woodlands Centre, New Safety Surfacing in the Woodlands Recreation Ground Play Area, major roof repairs to the Youth Centre, refurbishment of the Beach Shelter at the junction of

Sea Lane and Sea Road and the major refurbishment of the War Memorial.

I believe that your Parish Council still continues to provide excellent value for money for its residents and, at the same time, works in close partnership with the local community to ensure that Rustington maintains its reputation as a most vibrant and pleasant place to live.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their continued efforts to achieve and maintain the Council's objectives.

While the challenges facing the Council will in all eventuality increase, I can assure you that it will continue to strive to overcome these with the benefit to the local community at the forefront of its aims.

Having decided not to seek re-election as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in May, this is my final Report. I am pleased to report that Councillor Graham Tyler, who previously held this office, and is an extremely experienced and capable Member, has been elected as the new Chairman.

I would like to conclude by thanking all Members of the Council's personnel for their unceasing hard work, support and loyalty.

All that is left for me to say is "Stay Alert, Stay Safe and Stay Well".

## Council and Committee Meeting Dates

|         |     |                            |
|---------|-----|----------------------------|
| Thur 12 | Nov | Leisure & Amenities        |
| Mon 16  | Nov | Planning                   |
| Mon 16  | Nov | Emergency Planning         |
| Mon 23  | Nov | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 23  | Nov | COUNCIL                    |
| Mon 7   | Dec | Planning                   |
| Mon 21  | Dec | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 21  | Dec | Planning                   |
| Mon 4   | Jan | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 4   | Jan | Allotments                 |
| Mon 11  | Jan | Planning                   |
| Mon 25  | Jan | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 25  | Jan | COUNCIL                    |
| Mon 1   | Feb | Planning                   |
| Thur 4  | Feb | Leisure & Amenities        |
| Mon 22  | Feb | Finance & General Purposes |
| Mon 22  | Feb | COUNCIL                    |
| Mon 22  | Feb | Planning                   |

## Estimated and Actual Net Expenditure Years Ending 31 March 2020 and 31 March 2021

|   | 2019/2020<br>Revised Estimate | 2019/2020<br>Actual | 2020/2021<br>Estimate |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Leisure &amp; Amenities Committee</b>        |                               |                     |                       |
| <b>External Sports and Leisure Facilities</b>   |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 58,650                        | 59,435              | 65,250                |
| Income  | 20,127                        | 19,275              | 19,000                |
|   | <u>38,523</u>                 | <u>40,160</u>       | <u>46,250</u>         |
| <b>Youth Centre</b>                             |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 52,530                        | 50,600              | 49,144                |
| Income  | 15,750                        | 14,376              | 16,000                |
|   | <u>36,780</u>                 | <u>36,224</u>       | <u>33,144</u>         |
| <b>Internal Facilities</b>                      |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 71,525                        | 72,236              | 74,505                |
| Income  | 63,900                        | 62,017              | 64,000                |
|   | <u>7,625</u>                  | <u>10,219</u>       | <u>10,505</u>         |
| <b>General Amenities</b>                        |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 107,490                       | 108,035             | 106,300               |
| Income  | 18,255                        | 18,601              | 13,200                |
|   | <u>89,235</u>                 | <u>89,434</u>       | <u>93,100</u>         |
| <b>Rustington Museum</b>                        |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 51,803                        | 52,217              | 42,095                |
| Income  | 206                           | 200                 | 406                   |
|   | <u>51,597</u>                 | <u>52,017</u>       | <u>41,689</u>         |
| <b>The Garden Room</b>                          |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 788                           | 1,074               | -                     |
| Income  | 25                            | 25                  | -                     |
|   | <u>763</u>                    | <u>1,049</u>        | <u>-</u>              |
| <b>Samuel Wickens Centre</b>                    |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 71,725                        | 71,667              | 66,350                |
| Income  | 31,000                        | 31,882              | 32,000                |
|   | <u>40,725</u>                 | <u>39,785</u>       | <u>34,350</u>         |
| <b>Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee</b> |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 386,866                       | 385,642             | 356,718               |
| Income  | 400                           | 515                 | 300                   |
|   | <u>386,466</u>                | <u>385,127</u>      | <u>356,418</u>        |
| <b>Allotments Committee</b>                     |                               |                     |                       |
| Expenditure                                     | 7,160                         | 5,109               | 7,450                 |
| Income  | 5,000                         | 5,131               | 5,000                 |
|   | <u>2,160</u>                  | <u>(22)</u>         | <u>2,450</u>          |
| <b>Totals</b>                                   | <b>653,874</b>                | <b>653,993</b>      | <b>617,906</b>        |

## Meetings

Parish Council Meetings are normally held on the fourth Monday of each month commencing at 7.00 pm.

Due to the current Covid-19 Pandemic, Meetings are being held remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and are delivered within 'The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) (Amendment)

Regulations 2020' that are currently enacted for Meetings on and up to 7 May 2021.

Members of the Public are invited to submit questions prior to the appropriate Meeting to the Parish Council Offices, or they can attend the Meeting using the dedicated link which appears on every Agenda, a copy of which is displayed in advance on the Council's Website and on Noticeboards around the Village.





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COVID-19 support including financial hardship

**MEALS ON WHEELS - TEL: 01903 718893**

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**SUSSEX MENTAL HEALTH LINE 24/7 - TEL: 0300 5000 101**

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**NHS 111 - AVAILABLE 24/7 ONLINE: 111.NHS.UK**

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