

All-in-one recycling

THE new waste and recycling contract with Biffa starts at the beginning of July.

It also coincides with the launch of Wealden's new garden waste recycling scheme.

The new contract means that glass recycling can now be mixed in with the rest of household recycling. This will make recycling easier for everyone,



with everything going in one recycling bin.

The glass recycling boxes will no longer be needed. Residents are free to use them around the house or garden. Keep it indoors to pop your recycling in before transferring the contents to your recycling bin or use it to store garden tools. If no use can be found you can take them to the nearest household waste recycling site.

All districts and boroughs in East Sussex now recycle the same mix of dry recycling which is processed by Viridor on behalf of East Sussex County Council.

Under this arrangement between East Sussex County Council and Viridor, we will no longer be able to take waxed Tetrapak type beverage cartons as recycling. They are made from a mixture of materials which are difficult to separate to comply with the higher standards demanded by processors. Beverage cartons should now be placed in the household waste bin. They will be sent to the local energy recovery facility which creates power for the National Grid.

Collection rounds for household waste, recycling and garden waste will remain unchanged for the time being, and existing crews are transferring over to Biffa.

Wealden Councillor Roy Galley is the new chair of the East Sussex Joint Waste and Recycling Committee, overseeing recycling and waste collections in Hastings Borough and Rother and Wealden Districts.

"In Biffa we are joining forces with a specialist waste company with a proven track record," he said. "We're confident they will deliver an excellent, value-for-money service for our residents."

There has been an encouraging take-up for Wealden's new Garden Waste Scheme. Subscribers are reminded to make sure the new sticker is attached to the garden waste bin, otherwise the bin will be removed. The bins are owned by the Council, and needed for replacements and new

residents. Householders who are not subscribers are asked to put their empty garden waste bins out on their previous collection day, for bin collection teams to remove. Collection will take place throughout July.

There is still time for sign up for the new garden waste scheme which costs £50 a year. You may choose to compost your own garden waste. For further details visit

www.escc.getcomposting.com or to purchase a compost bin through their local authority scheme call Straight Plc 0844 5714444

Industry Champions

WEALDEN has been given the accolade of "Industry Champions" by East Sussex County Council.

The award is recognised by all schools in East Sussex and highlights the careers support offered by Wealden to local young people in the District.

Wealden runs an annual apprenticeship scheme, attends careers fairs, helps to facilitate mock interviews at local schools, and has accommodated many work experience students.

Kim Bulgin from ESCC said: "Industry Champions are invaluable to schools looking to boost career prospects and provisions. They have provided more than 1,000 employer interactions with young people since the programme began. Wealden District Council has been a great promoter of the scheme."

Innovative health coaches scheme comes to Hailsham

AN INNOVATIVE health coaching scheme, which started in 2017 at the Herstmonceux Integrative Health Centre, has been expanded to Hailsham.

It has caught the attention of many health professionals nationally and features in [a special film](#) made by NHS England.

The scheme increases the range of support available for local patients by providing a personal health coach to help with the four principles of wellbeing - nutrition, movement, emotional and conscious awareness - as well as sign posting to social activities.

"Physical activity plays a vital part in everyone's health and wellbeing," said Bea Simmonds of the Herstmonceux Integrative Health Centre. "It also offers many people opportunities to get out and socialise which can

be so important to building up personal resilience. The scheme in Herstmonceux has helped more than 100 people and the benefits are clear to those who have taken part."

From Friday 14 June, the health coach scheme became available to Hailsham residents registered with Quintin Medical Centre, Hawkswood Road. It is hoped it will be introduced to Bridgeside Surgery in Western Road later this year.

The scheme began as a partnership between the Herstmonceux surgery and Wealden District Council. Partly funded by NHS Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford Clinical Commissioning Group, it has the support of the NHS, Freedom Leisure and Vitality Works.

Patients report feeling a range of health and wellbeing benefits.



"Loneliness can be a real problem, particularly those living in rural areas like Wealden," said Councillor Philip Lunn, Wealden Cabinet member for Community & Public Health.

"An illness or bereavement can lead to a loss of confidence which makes it more difficult to deal with long term health issues."

The short film about the original Herstmonceux initiative has been

produced by NHS England and can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=92HbMfGnqvY&feature=youtu.be>



WEALDEN, Rother and Lewes District Councils have successfully bid for £120,000 from the Government's £46 million Rough Sleeping Initiative fund.

The cash will be used for schemes to target long-term rough sleepers who need the most support, employing a strategy known as 'Housing First'.

The approach, which has proven

Helping the homeless in Wealden

successful in Europe and the United States, offers permanent, affordable accommodation to those most in need and support to help them stay off the streets.

Councillor Ray Cade, Wealden Cabinet member for Housing and Benefits, said: "People may not associate largely rural areas such as ours with homelessness but it is a real, and growing, problem.

"There are no easy answers and tackling this issue needs a co-ordinated approach. This funding will help us to focus resources on helping chronic rough sleepers into stable, long-term housing."

The funding forms part of the Government's £100 million Rough Sleeping Strategy, aimed at halving rough sleeping rates by 2022 and eradicating the problem completely by 2027.

If the public has concerns about someone who may be homeless or are aware of signs of rough sleeping, they should report it to StreetLink www.streetlink.org.uk who will alert the local council or outreach service to provide assistance.

If you think the person is under 18 years old, contact the Police directly. Shelter estimates there are at least 320,000 people in Britain who are homeless.



Councillors Bob Standley, Ann Newton, Roy Galley, Philip Lunn and Ray Cade.

Cabinet responsibilities:

Cllr Bob Standley - Leader, Governance and Finance: Responsibilities include corporate policy, budget, council tax and car parks.

Cllr Ann Newton - Deputy Leader, Planning and Development: Responsibilities include Local Plan, AONB policy, planning, enforcement and conservation.

Cllr Roy Galley - Economic Development, Waste Management and Human Relations: Responsibilities include business, tourism, delivery of commissioned waste and recycling services and workforce development.

Cllr Philip Lunn – Community and Public Health: Responsibilities include food safety, leisure, pollution control, licensing, community grants and animal welfare. Also includes consultation and engagement, democratic services, the voluntary sector and customer services.

Cllr Ray Cade - Housing and Benefit: Responsibilities include council housing, affordable housing, housing, council tax support and transformation to Universal Credit.

Wealden's new Cabinet team

FOLLOWING the District Council elections of 2 May, Cllr Bob Standley has been re-appointed as Leader of Wealden District Council.

He leads a new five-member Cabinet which was appointed by the first meeting of Wealden's new 45-strong Full Council on 22 May.

The number of Wealden District Councillors has been reduced from 55 to 45 in this election as part of a re-drawing of ward boundaries carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England in 2016.

Wealden's Elections Team had to manage

two elections in May: 2 May Local Government elections and the European Parliament elections on 23 May.

The full results of the District, Town and Parish council elections, and the results for the Wealden area of the South East UK Region of the European Parliament can be seen on the [Election Results page of the Wealden website](#).

The Wealden elections team would like to thank everyone who helped in both elections either by staffing polling stations or taking part in the election counts. It would also like to thank all those organisations who provided locations

New chairman and vice-chairman elected

COUNCILLOR Pam Doodes has been elected unopposed as Chairman of Wealden District Council at the first meeting of the new Council in May.

She succeeds Councillor Chris Hardy, the member for Hartfield who has been Chairman of the Council for the past three years.

Paying tribute to the retiring Chairman, Council Leader Bob Standley said Cllr Hardy had been an outstanding chairman. He should be very proud of his contribution to the local community.

Cllr Doodes represents Herstmonceux and Pevensey Levels. She has been a councillor for 20 years, having represented Ninfield, Hooe and Wartling on the Council since 1999.

She has been a member of Cabinet and was Leader of the Council from 2007 - 2010.

As Chairman, Cllr Doodes announced that one of her nominated Chairman's Charities would be Dementia Support East Sussex.

Cllr Ronald Reed, the member for Crowborough



Central, was elected Vice-Chairman.

He was first elected to Wealden in 2015 and has been a Crowborough Town

Councillor for a number of years.

Crematorium open day



THE Wealden Crematorium welcomed people from all over the District for its highly anticipated public open day on Saturday 15 June.

The event saw over 400 people attend the new facility in Horam. They were free to explore the 120 seat ceremony hall and walk the surrounding grounds.

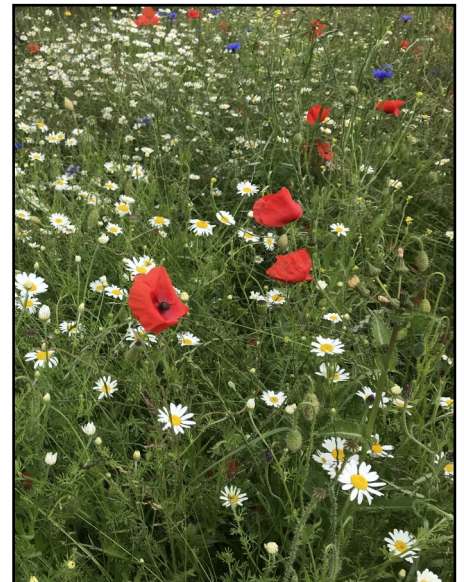
There was the opportunity to look behind the scenes at the office space, and the crematory where scores of curious people of all ages heard from Crematorium Officer, Alex Heyland Part.

Alex explained the workings

of the crematory and answered questions about the process, dispelling many common myths and misconceptions.

The reaction from all those who attended was overwhelmingly positive.

Many were impressed with the quality of the crematorium's overall design, well thought out features, and the sense of peace and tranquillity surrounding the site.



Have your say on High Weald design

HOW should new homes be designed to fit in with the High Weald landscape?

A draft Design Guide has been drawn up by the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership, of which Wealden District Council is a member. You can have your say about what is being proposed.

Delivering appropriate new housing development within the AONB is a key part of the planning policies of the local authorities covering the High

Weald area.

The Draft Guide aims to give practical and consistent advice on the design expectations for new housing development within the High Weald AONB.

It promotes higher quality and landscape-led design that supports the intrinsic High Weald character reflecting a true sense of place, without stifling innovation and creativity.

It is aimed at all those involved in housing developments within the High Weald AONB, from

designers, developers and highways engineers, through to planning decision makers. More than half of Wealden is in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Design Guide is now subject of an eight-week formal public consultation.

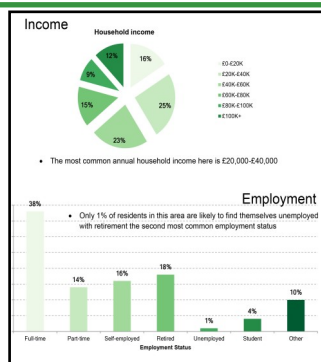
This consultation runs from Wednesday 19 June until Wednesday 14 August 2019. Representations on this document should be received no later than midnight on Wednesday 14 August 2019.

To find out more, visit the [High Weald AONB website](#).

Know your patch

THE Policy, Insight and Communications team has made a series of short, factual profiles. They highlight key demographic aspects of the 41 Wards which now make up Wealden District.

They can be [downloaded from the Wealden website](#).



Smart buying save £1.1m

WEALDEN District Council saved £1.1 million of public money by working with a range of different organisations to procure services and assets for the authority.

The Council spent £30.72 million on goods and services, including construction, in 2018/19, and an increasing proportion was with local businesses as well as small and medium-sized enterprises.

"Savings of over £1million have been achieved by sharing services with other authorities and making use of government suppliers and local authority buying groups.

"In other cases, we have been able to earn more for the Council through a new approach," said Cllr Bob Standley, Cabinet member with responsibility for Finance.

"Our procurement policy seeks to make it easier for local businesses and small enterprises to tender for council business. I am very pleased to see that this is paying off.

"Over four-fifths - 81% - of the Council's spend was with companies located in Wealden, East Sussex and neighbours, Surrey, Kent and West Sussex. Some £3.4 million was spent with small and medium businesses in Wealden, an increase of nearly 12% on the previous year.

"We have had a number of large construction projects over the past year, including the new Wealden Crematorium and Grants Hill Court retirement living scheme. Where we have used firms based in neighbouring authorities, they have been predominately using a local workforce."

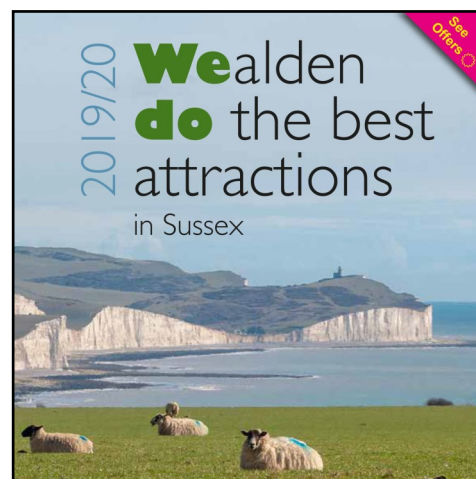
Small and medium-sized enterprises accounted for 46.5% of the Council's suppliers, but 67% of the Council's overall spend.

Now there are six

THERE will soon be six Dementia Action Alliance forums in Wealden, with a new forum being formed in Wadhurst.

Other forums also provide activities in Crowborough, Uckfield, Polegate, Hailsham and Ninfield. They are not just for sufferers of dementia, but also for the carers, families and friends.

The forums are an opportunity for people who are affected by Dementia to come together to discuss support, share information and organise events.



WEALDEN'S latest tourist guide *We do the Best Attractions 2019*, can be downloaded from [the Wealden website](#). It features over 80 attractions, including information on available walking and cycling routes, and details of 9 golf courses, and 15 vineyards.

There are 16 special offers to take advantage of on presentation of the coupons printed within the guide. Offers available this year include: 2 for 1 discounts off entrance prices, produce and wine sales.



AS PART of Street Learning, East Sussex College is running 11 distance-learning courses.

Successful students are awarded a Level 2 Certificate Qualification. Courses cover a range of health issues including Dementia Care, Mental Health, Nutrition & Health and Understanding Safeguarding and Prevention.

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