

ETE In Your Area

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Welcome – find out what’s happening on the roads in and around your area



Welcome to this edition of ETE in Your Area which is designed to provide you with more information about activities that East Sussex County Council’s Economy, Transport and Environment Department are planning in your area over the next couple of months. This newsletter will provide you with information on a variety of activities from ensuring the County’s roads and footpaths are maintained so that the thousands of vehicles and pedestrians using the road network every day can do so safely. This includes reactive, seasonal and planned maintenance activities and the maintenance of the bridges and structures including our Rights of Way and Bridleway networks.

The information is presented in [Lewes](#) to help you quickly find out what is going on in your own area.

We hope that you find this newsletter useful and would welcome any comments that you have.

The dates provided are based on current plans and while we try to keep to our schedule, in some cases dates may have to change. We will do our best to keep you updated with changes affecting your area.



Countywide

Waste and Mineral Plan Approved

Contact: Tony Cook, Head of Planning 01273 481653

On February 7 the Draft Waste and Minerals Plan was approved by Full Council. It has now been agreed by the three authorities that cover the Plan area and there will be a six week period for people to comment on the "soundness" of the document before it goes to the Planning Inspector.

From Friday 24 February to Tuesday 10 April 2012, local people, representatives of the waste and minerals industry and others can comment on the 'soundness' of the document.

In order to be sound, the document must be:

- in line with national policy
- based on accurate information
- the most appropriate solution for the area
- practical
- flexible
- able to be monitored.

After this period, the plan and any comments received will be sent to the Government who will ask a Planning Inspector to consider all the evidence, including peoples' comments. If the Inspector decides that the plan is sound it can then be adopted by the authorities.

Reducing Congestion in Uckfield

Contact: Lawrence Stringer, Team Manager, Transport Development Control 01273 482251

The Improve Uckfield exhibition took place to discuss with local people how to reduce congestion in the town centre. This discussion had already begun through our social media channels on www.twitter.com/improveuckfield and www.facebook.com/improveuckfield and the exhibitions were very busy indeed.


The consultation will run from Thursday 15 March to Monday 23 April 2012. People can comment at <http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/haveyoursay>

Follow the Rights of Way team on Twitter

Contact: Andy Le Gresley, Team Manager, Rights of Way 01273 335225

With more than 3,000 kms of rights of way across the county, including footpaths, bridleways and byways, the team can now to share updates about the rights of way network, including information about planned maintenance work, promote East Sussex as a great place to explore and find out what people think about the service the team provides.

If you explore the countryside regularly and want to get the latest information from the Rights of Way team, you can follow them @escrrightsofway.





Rogue Roofer Guilty of Dishonest Repairs

A Crowborough victim of a dishonest builder was forced to pay thousands of pounds to repair the damage to his roof.

The resident said his case was a warning for householders to be aware of companies who cold-call. He was speaking after builder John Green was found guilty by a jury of two counts of fraud totalling £13,500. Green, of Horton Road, Staines, Middlesex, who trades under the name John Green Home Improvement, appeared at Hove Crown Court last week. He was cleared of four other counts of false representation. He had denied all six charges.

St Leonards Academy students are top young consumers

Students from the St Leonards Academy have walked away with the title of top young consumers. The team has won the East Sussex final of the Young Consumers of the Year competition. Organised locally by East Sussex County Council's Trading Standards team, the competition tests the students on their knowledge of a range of topics from consumer rights and responsibilities to safety and the environment.

For more general information about the work of Trading Standards please visit www.eastsussex.gov.uk/consumeradvice.

Sussex children enjoy special consumer challenge

Young people from schools in East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove have taken part in a competition to find the top young consumers.

Around 70 pupils from special schools across Sussex gathered at the Amex Stadium near Falmer recently to take part in the consumer challenge organised by Trading Standards teams from the three areas. Schools attending included Grove Park from Crowborough and Hazel Court from Eastbourne.

The consumer quiz tests the students on their knowledge of a wide range of consumer and safety issues. Organised locally by East Sussex, Brighton and Hove and West Sussex Trading Standards Services, the quiz is open to teams of young people with moderate learning difficulties aged between 14 and 18. The quiz will help vulnerable young people to gain a greater understanding of their consumer rights and responsibilities.


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Hero Awards for East Sussex teachers

Two teachers from Crowborough and Eastbourne have been given Trading Standards Hero Awards for their work to help children understand their consumer rights and responsibilities.

Olly Sagar from Grove Park School in Crowborough and Helen Mackay from Hazel Court School in Eastbourne were presented with their awards recently by East Sussex County Council Trading Standards team. The two teachers have provided a huge amount of support and assistance with the work they do to help educate young people with special educational needs on their consumer rights.

Olly and Helen have also helped to develop the wise guys website (www.wiseguys.org.uk), which was first established to help young people with special needs to better understand consumer and money issues.





New Bus service to link Polegate and Hailsham with Herstmonceux Castle and the Observatory Science Centre

The service runs on the second Friday of every month following a circular route from Polegate Station, where it connects with fast trains from Brighton and Lewes, also Ashford, Hastings and Eastbourne. The bus runs via Wartling to the Science Centre and Castle, returning through Herstmonceux and Hailsham. It will run every hour from 10am until 5pm using a 16 seat minibus with a low floor for easy access.

Full details of the service are available now on the [Cuckmere Community Bus website](#) and will be published shortly in their new timetable. If you are interested in volunteering to drive please call Cuckmere Community Bus on 07802 305155 for more information.

Alterations to Eastbourne Household Waste Recycling Site (HWRS)

We will be modifying the internal layout of the site adjacent to the HWRS to enable onsite queuing. Most of the works will be on-site, the only external works will be where we install a new separate entrance for members of the public (this will mean taking down part of the wall and installing a gate, as well as lowering the kerb). The modifications will be beneficial to site users and local residents as it will no longer be necessary to queue on the main road leading to the site, which sometimes causes traffic congestion. The HWRS will remain open as normal during the works. We expect to start the works in late March.

Submission of Local Broadband Plan


Contact: Katy Thomas, Economic Development Manager 01273 482645

We recently submitted its 'Local Broadband Plan', which details how the Council and its partners will help rollout the technology. The Plan has been sent to Broadband Development UK (BDUK).

The final version of the Plan will be published online following approval by BDUK. The Plan details:

- issues within the county
- demand stimulation and demand registration activity
- community and stakeholder engagement activity
- market engagement
- funding
- procurement and delivery
- preferred commercial model
- future arrangements – ongoing management, resources and funding.

If BDUK approves the Plan, a grant of £10.6 million will be handed to East Sussex and this will be more than matched by the County Council with an investment of £15 million, giving a total of almost £26 million to help the county to get up to speed. The aim will be to ensure that rural and hard to reach areas, which may not otherwise be commercially viable, are on the priority list to be upgraded.





First stage of Eastbourne cycle route completed
Contact: Jon Wheeler, Team Manager - Infrastructure and Development
01273 482212

The new Horsey Way cycleway between Ringwood Road and Churchdale Road, Eastbourne is now open after work was completed on 2 March 2012. It is just under a kilometre long and can be used by pedestrians, cyclists and those using mobility scooters. It is intended to complete the construction of another section of the cycleway between Churchdale Road and Lottbridge Drove later this year, once land negotiations have been completed.

Street lighting in Crowborough is changing

We're proposing to turn off some street lights after midnight, reduce the number of lights in some streets and dim others between midnight and the early hours. An exhibition will be held at Crowborough Town Hall between 10am and 1pm on Saturday 31 March where detailed maps will be on display. We currently spend close to £1.4 million on electricity for our street lighting. Making these changes will help us save money by reducing our bill. It will also help us reduce our carbon emissions and protect the environment.

Consultation on changes at London Bridge

Southern is consulting on proposed changes to their rail services to allow for the rebuilding of London Bridge as part of the Thameslink Programme. Work at London Bridge will start in 2013 and is expected to be completed by 2018. As a consequence, there will be reduced journey paths into London Bridge whilst the Thameslink works are taking place at the station.

East Sussex will incur relatively few changes to rail services, none of which will impact significantly on commuters. These are:


Brighton-Seaford

- Service levels remain the same but some trains will depart between 5 and 18 minutes earlier than currently scheduled in the timetable

London Bridge-Uckfield

- 06:15 service will not call at Ashurst or Hever
- 09:08 London Bridge - Uckfield will leave earlier at 09:03 and one extra train will be allowed to operate a maximum journey time of 1hr23mins
- 06:34 will arrive at London Bridge 3 minutes later

London Bridge-Brighton

- 07:33 service (a Service Level Commitment train) will be withdrawn but the 07:53 service (not a Service Level Commitment train) will continue to operate
 - 07:32 service journey time will increase by 3 minutes
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Lewes

Location: Ditchling
Activity: Resurfacing
Proposed Dates: 23 April 2012 to 27 April 2012
Contact: West Sussex County Council 01403 229341
Temporary road Closure on Fox Hill. Diversion via B2112 Ditchling Road, Ditchling & Wivelsfield

Location: Ditchling
Activity: Surfacing
Proposed Dates: 14 May 2012 to 18 May 2012
Contact: Anthony Peall, Construction Engineer - 01273 481753
Road Closure on Upper Beacon Road, from Underhill Lane to car park at top of hill


Location: Ditchling
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 18 May 2012 to 21 May 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Temporary traffic Lights on Ditchling Road, from roundabout at Folders Lane to Janes Lane

Location: Ditchling
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 23 May 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Road closure on Clayton Road, from West Sussex Boundary to speed limit sign

Location: East Chiltington
Activity: Electricity mains laying cable
Proposed Dates: 16 April 2012 to 25 April 2012
Contact: Murphy Ltd on behalf of UK Power Network John Rhodes
07920 150890
Temporary traffic lights on South Road at its junction with Honey Pot Lane. Manual operation if excessive queuing occurs

Location: Lewes
Activity: Upgrading of existing Bus Stop facilities and associated pedestrian works.
Proposed Dates: Works on hold until 2013
Contact: James Hore – Transport Development Control – 01273 482245
Tesco Supermarket, Brooks Road, Developer Lead Highway Improvement Works (associated with the retail development to extend the existing food store). Traffic Management to be confirmed. Planning Ref: LW/2008/1395

Location: Lewes
Activity: Procession of Witness 17:30 - 19:00 hours
Proposed Dates: 06 April 2012
Contact: Ann Batchelor – 01273 472502



Moving Procession on Irelands Lane, High Street, St. Andrew's Lane, Southover Road, Station Road, Mountfield Road

Location: Lewes
Activity: Sound and Light show
Proposed Dates: 14 April 2012
Contact: Helen Dugard, Lewes District Council - 01273 484435
Temporary road closure 14:00 to 23:30 on Castle Gate

Location: Lewes
Activity: St Georges Day Parade
Proposed Dates: 22 April 2012
Contact: Bob Spooner - Lewes District Scouts 01273 474819
Temporary road closure - Moving Procession 10:15 - 12:30 on Eastgate Street - Little East Street - Fisher Street - West Street - Station Street - Friars Walk - Lansdown Place North Street - Spring Gardens - Southover Road - Garden Street - Eastport Lane


Location: Lewes
Activity: Lewes Old Grammar School 500th Anniversary Parade
Proposed Dates: 25 May 2012
Contact: Mr Tim Laker - Lewes Old Grammar School 07725 459724
Temporary road closure - Moving Procession 14:00 hrs - 15:30 on Fisher Street - Mount Pleasant - White Hill - High Street - Irelands Lane - Paddock Road

Location: Newhaven
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 13 April 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Temporary road closure on Park Drive Close

Location: Newhaven
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 23 April 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Temporary road closure on Church Hill, from A259 to First Avenue

Location: Newhaven
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 24 April 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Road Closure on Iveagh Crescent, from Rectory Road to Avis Road





Location: Newick
Activity: Surfacing
Proposed Dates: 10 April 2012 to 16 April 2012
Contact: Anthony Peall, Construction Engineer - 01273 481753
Temporary road closure on High Street, from Allington Road to BT Exchange

Location: Peacehaven
Activity: Replace gas mains
Proposed Dates: 03 February 2012 to 20 April 2012
Contact: Southern Gas Networks Tony Hollis 07715 811146
Off peak temporary traffic lights on Ashington Gardens

Location: Peacehaven
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 12 April 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Road Closure on Glynn Road West, at its junction with Downs Walk


Location: Piddinghoe
Activity: Deliveries
Proposed Dates: 12 March 2012 to 05 April 2012
Contact: Wayne Gander - Coopers Construction 01903 694817
Stop/Go boards on Lewes Road


Location: Piddinghoe
Activity: Rebuilding wall
Proposed Dates: 09 April 2012 to 04 May 2012
Contact: Wayne Gander - Coopers Construction 01903 694817
Temporary traffic lights on Lewes Road. Manually controlled 07:00 to 09:30 and 16:00 to 19:00.

Location: Ringmer
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 09 May 2012 to 10 May 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Temporary road closure on New Road, from Lewes Road to brow of hill

Location: Ringmer
Activity: Village Fete
Proposed Dates: 19 May 2012
Contact: Ringmer Village Hall Management Committee - Pamela Bowmaker 01273 813625
Temporary road closure from 12:30 on North Road

Location: Saltdean
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 23 April 2012 to 26 April 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Road Closure on Bannings Vale, from A259 to Bevendean Avenue





Location: Seaford
Activity: Procession of Witness
Proposed Dates: 06 April 2012
Contact: Helen Dugard, Lewes District Council - 01273 484435
Temporary road closure (moving procession) 11:00 - 11:25 on Place Lane - High Street - South Street - Broad Street

Location: Seaford
Activity: St. George's Day Parade
Proposed Dates: 22 April 2012
Contact: Vickie Martin, Seahaven Scouts 01323 890354
Temporary road closure 14:30 - 16:30 on Sutton Avenue

Location: Seaford
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 27 April 2012 to 01 May 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Road Closure on Fitzgerald Avenue, from Steyne Road to Corsica Road

Location: Seaford
Activity: Patching
Proposed Dates: 03 May 2012 to 04 May 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Road Closure on Kedale Road, from Belgrave Road to Chichester Road

Location: Seaford
Activity: Bridge Examination
Proposed Dates: 11 May 2012
Contact: Centurion Traffic for Network Rail 01924 372957 Mike Speight 07970 380368
Temporary Road Closure on Marine Parade. Diversion via Marine Parade - Claremont Road - A259 Buckle By Pass and vice versa.

Location: Seaford
Activity: French Market
Proposed Dates: 18 May 2012
Contact: D Argent, Seaford Chamber of Commerce 01323 892986
Temporary road closure 06:00 - 16:00 on Church Street & West Street

Location: Seaford
Activity: Surfacing
Proposed Dates: 31 May 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Road Closure on Esplanade, from Flat 34B to Beach Hut 44


Location: Seaford
Activity: Surfacing
Proposed Dates: 31 May 2012
Contact: Paul Dartnell, Planned Maintenance Engineer - 01273 415714
Road Closure on Sutton Avenue, from Kingston Avenue to A259





Location: Wivelsfield Green
Activity: New gas mains connections
Proposed Dates: 26 March 2012 to 06 April 2012
Contact: Southern Gas Networks 01273 490100
Temporary traffic lights on South Road in conjunction with North Common Road works - lights will not be in place at the same time. Temp lights will only be required for approx 2 weeks

Location: Wivelsfield Green
Activity: Gas mains works
Proposed Dates: 16 April 2012 to 04 May 2012
Contact: Southern Gas Networks 01273 490100
Temporary traffic lights on North Common Road in conjunction with South Road works - lights will not be in place at the same time






Contact List:

You may have queries relating to items not included in the attached list of activities. Please find below some helpful contacts for your future reference:

For any queries relating to highway works associated with developments throughout the county (known as Section 278 or Section 38 agreements) please contact:

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- Lewes and Rother
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- Hastings
Contact: Derek Ireland, 01273 482257,
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Highways Operations:

- Planned highway maintenance
Contact: Simon Marchant, Construction and Planned Maintenance Team Manager, 01273 481436, Email: simon.marchant@eastsussex.gov.uk
 - Reactive maintenance and trees
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 - Traffic and Safety Issues
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 - Inspection & Enforcement & Highway Liaison
Contact: Graeme Lake, Inspectorate and Enforcement Manager, 01273 482941, Email: graeme.lake@eastsussex.gov.uk
 - Bridges
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Rights of Way and Countryside Management

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