



# SOMPTING SIGNPOST

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## SOMTING PARISH COUNCIL— NEW COMMITTEES

*After the May Full Council meeting, Anne Godley remains Chair of the Council with Caroline Baxter as Vice Chair. Each Committee will select a Chair and Vice Chair at their respective meetings during May and June so please see the website for details .*

## CHAIRMANS CHATTER

Dear Resident,

I hope you find this edition of Signpost packed full of interesting and useful information!

As a Parish Council we are very concerned about the impact of the withdrawal of the number 16 bus service upon local residents and have taken the decision to find out what residents need from a local bus service. You will find included a questionnaire for you to complete which will help us to identify what bus services are needed and when. Once we have analysed the responses we can work with bus service providers and work out costings and viability. It should take only a few minutes to complete and return to us at the Harriet Johnson Centre.

Many residents are aware that the hybrid planning application for 520 houses in West Sompting has been submitted to Adur District Council. Sompting Parish Council held a series of 'drop in sessions' to enable residents to view the plans and complete a survey to record their views. Surveys were hand delivered to residents in West Sompting and an on-line survey was established. The overwhelming outcome is that the majority of respondents accept new houses are required but the impact of more vehicles on already busy local roads would cause increased congestion and pollution. If Adur District Council support the application, the number of dwellings in West Sompting will increase by around 50%. Sompting Parish Council has objected to the planning application due to increase in traffic volume and lack of conformity to the Adur Local Plan 2017.

I am pleased to inform you the revisions to the Sompting Neighbourhood Plan are nearly complete and we hope to hold consultation sessions at the Harriet Johnson Centre over the coming months. We hope it will inspire residents as there are several new sections which you may like to get involved with and help shape Sompting for future generations. In particular, the section on Sompting Community in the Countryside. We are also taking part in the Malthouse Meadow Project as well as working with stakeholders to address the flooding issues experienced last year in Halewick Lane. Cllr Glynn-Davies has been leading on these projects as Chair of Amenities and Environment Committee.

I would like to thank all councillors and staff for all their hard work and dedication to Sompting Parish Council and a special thank you goes out to Cllr Bashford who served on the Parish Council for 21 years and retired earlier this year.

Finally, I would like to wish you a wonderful summer and thank you in advance for your help in completing the attached bus survey

Anne



**Sompting Parish Council  
Notice of one Casual Vacancy for a  
Parish Councillor in Cokeham North ward**

Due to the resignation of a Parish councillor, Notice is hereby given that Sompting Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option.

- Do you want to serve your Community?
- Do you have time or expertise which could benefit your Community?
- Do you want to make a difference to all those around you?
- Are you concerned about your local area?
- Do you want to represent the views of local people?

If you would like to make a difference and be involved in shaping the future of your local Community, why not step forward and apply to become a Sompting Parish Councillor? Details from the Parish Clerk or on the website. Applications to be received by 28th June.



Russ is our new caretaker at the Harriet Johnson Centre

We welcome Sue Holland as a Councillor for Cokeham North ward



**SOMPTING FESTIVAL 2019**

The Council is very pleased to announce that Sompting Community Church has kindly offered to take the lead role on providing this year's Sompting Festival to be held on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019. The Council will of



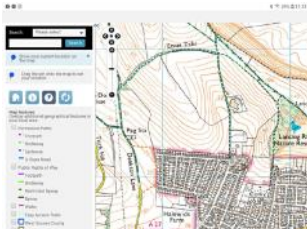
course continue to provide its support in the provision of rides and so on and in whatever way it can.

**HISTORY DAY AND  
WW II EXHIBITION AT  
HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE  
SATURDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER**

More details nearer the time



**Halewick Lane Update - May 2019**



Identifying a chain of responsibility for maintaining infrastructure at the historic landfill and Waste Management Site has proved difficult. Following a Public Consultation, Cllr Godley and Cllr Glynn-Davies convened a round table meeting and with the help of Tim Loughton MP, most of the major stakeholders attended this meeting. An Action Plan has now been put together and shared with all stakeholders.

It is clear that the complex nature of ownership and liability at Halewick Lane has meant that, up to now, there has not been adequate mitigation of flood risks. A further meeting took place on 14<sup>th</sup> May to discuss progress with this and it is hoped that the Parish Council will be able to reassure residents that everything possible is being done to prevent further flooding and that the public that they are not at risk from potential toxicity from the site.

Mr George Vick of Annington Farm Contractors was kind enough to clarify certain issues in respect of public access to land currently undergoing remediation works. Sompting Parish Council have been assured by Mr Vick and the Environment Agency that soil has been imported under the CL:AIRE regime for the purpose of making the land usable for crop production. There will be a rotation of grass crops for fodder and cereal production. Field margins on the site are part of a Natural England project for wildlife and habitat for ground nesting birds and it is important that the public stick to using the rights of way, or they risk disturbing wildlife. By allowing crop production and wildlife to develop on the field margins, residents will be enhancing their own environment by allowing a greater range of diversity.

In respect of maintenance of infrastructure, disagreement exists between WSCC, who as an authority have responsibility of managing the landfill and the landowner who may have responsibility under riparian law (management of waterways). It is to be hoped that resolution will be achieved very soon. Basic maintenance has taken place however, and the risks from another extreme weather event have been considerably reduced.

Residents have discussed the possibility of negotiating a Permissive Route north of Howard Road, Sompting. Residents need to make representations to the landowner, Mr Jack Saheid, through the Council if you wish.

# NATURE AND CONSERVATION IN SOMPTING

Leighton Clay, who was our Caretaker, is now our Conservation Officer/Groundsman



## Malthouse Meadows, Sompting

This area has been identified as an area for conservation and development.

Sompting Parish Council and Adur District Council are working with Sustainable Sussex and Sompting Estate to 'future proof' this area for the people of Sompting and provide leisure and educational opportunities for all.

Forest gardening has been identified as a useful and productive objective for the site.

This type of programme is a low-maintenance sustainable plant-based food production and agroforestry system based on woodland ecosystems, incorporating fruit and nut trees, shrubs, herbs, vines and perennial vegetables which have yields directly useful to people.

Everyone is welcome to participate and contribute to this exciting project and are can join us on the **first Sunday of every month between 11 and 1pm** when we will be out clearing and planting.

Plans for the future include a wet area, fruit and nut trees and shrubs, habitat for wildlife and an educational are for visiting school children.

For further information please contact the Parish Clerk at Sompting Parish Council. [clerk@sompting.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sompting.org.uk) [sustainablesussex@gmail.com](mailto:sustainablesussex@gmail.com)

## EPIC Project starts in earnest

After a very successful launch event at the Harriet Johnson Centre, Sompting on the 28th April 2019, EPIC is very much underway. With over 150 people turning out to find out more about the new river and the wonderful community engagement opportunities, it can be said that the project has been well and truly launched. There was traditional Sussex music, fun activities for all and a BBQ with apparently "the best burgers ever!" (burgers and sausages from Dave Brown & Son, Lancing and rolls from Cornucopia, Lancing).

The construction of the 1km section of new river will start in June and continue until September/October. There are also many on site activities to get involved with including a bat walk on 12th July, a site progress walk 3rd August as well as talks and presentations. If you would like to find out more please contact [linda.kerrison@oart.org.uk](mailto:linda.kerrison@oart.org.uk), follow us on twitter @EPIC\_Sompting or facebook EPIC Sompting.



We would like to thank players of the National Lottery and the National Lottery Heritage Fund for making this project possible.

## Dial a Ride—Southern Services

**For booking & enquiries**  
please call 01903 53-00-53

Bookings taken Monday to Friday  
from 9:30 – 11:00am





1st Sompting Scouts have recently opened a new Scout Group — they meet on Fridays at the U R C Church in Cokeham Road, for those aged 11—15years. They also have spaces in Beavers (6 to 8 years) and Cubs (8 to 11 years).

We also welcome anyone who would like to train as a leader. For information please contact - Group Scout Leader - Sue Holland on 01903 763551 or 07719925291

**WE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE HOLDING TWO COMPETITIONS THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER**

**Sompting Best Front Gardens Competition**

This will be running throughout the summer. This year, you can nominate your neighbours garden or simply one you admire when walking around Sompting..... or even .....your own!.



Parish Councillors will also be nominating gardens they admire in the Parish. Nomination forms are on the website [www.sompting.org.uk](http://www.sompting.org.uk) and should be returned by **30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**,

**Doug Sherriff Award**

Ongoing throughout the summer - nominations can be for a group or person who has given an outstanding contribution to the Sompting community throughout the year - for details and nomination forms see website [www.sompting.org.uk](http://www.sompting.org.uk) Closing date **30th September 2019**



**HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE**

For further information phone 01903 208824 or email [harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk](mailto:harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk) or see our website where you can download information and forms [www.sompting.org.uk](http://www.sompting.org.uk) facebook. [www.facebook.com/somptingparishcouncil1](http://www.facebook.com/somptingparishcouncil1)  
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**Defibrillator Training**

In February, Sompting Big Local kindly offered training to councillors for the new defibrillator located at the Harriet Johnson Centre.  
Cllrs Godley, Baxter, Glynn-Davies, Thornton and Leighton Clay attended the extremely informative practical training session provided by Trevor Crowter from SBL. Our thanks go out to SBL for their support.

Do you want to book a hall for a.....**Childrens' Party**  
**Wedding Reception**  
**Meeting?**

Just contact the Harriet Johnson Centre and we will try and meet your requirements.  
Disabled access and parking.



The Centre currently has several groups and activities during the day and evening for all ages, covering a variety of interests.

More details of contacts can be found on the website [www.sompting.org.uk](http://www.sompting.org.uk) or contact the Centre Manager - see details below

Do you have a group that is looking for a venue – then why not try the Centre?

**STAFF AT THE HARRIET JOHNSON CENTRE**

CENTRE MANAGER - SIMONE WILLIAMS – 01903 208824 [harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk](mailto:harrietjohnsoncentre@sompting.org.uk) (MON/WED/FRI 9am to 12 noon)  
CARETAKER - RUSS TUGNUTT - 07704601172 [caretaker@sompting.org.uk](mailto:caretaker@sompting.org.uk)

**STAFF AT THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE**

CAROL STEPHENSON - PARISH CLERK – 07813484857 [clerk@sompting.org.uk](mailto:clerk@sompting.org.uk) (MON—WED 9am—12noon)  
SUE TUBB - ASSISTANT PARISH CLERK – 01903 208824 [assistantclerk@sompting.org.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@sompting.org.uk) (TUE/WED/THUR 9am to 12 noon)  
LEIGHTON CLAY - CONSERVATION OFFICER - 07733930308 [leightonclay@sompting.org.uk](mailto:leightonclay@sompting.org.uk) (TUES & THURS MORNINGS)