

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
OCTOBER 2008 (Month 7)**

TOWN HALL COMMUNICATIONS

	Month	Last year	Year to date	Last year to date
Post in	167	146	1249	1045
Post out	175	240	1037	1339
email in*	287	315	1922	1973
email out	197	231	1382	1286
Tel calls in	211	253	1413	1605
Tel calls out	106	157	700	874
Fax in*	1	1	6	11
Fax out	5	22	43	68
Personal callers	98	100	424	448

TOWN HALL BOOKINGS

General	6	5	27	29
Ceremonies	5	2	50	29
Ceremony enqs	10	16	97	81

TOWN CLERK DATES

<i>Sat 4</i>	Speaker's Day, Hythe
<i>Mon 6</i>	Meeting with RTS Board
<i>Tues 7</i>	<i>Eve</i> AiRS Board meeting, Lewes
<i>Wed 8</i>	<i>Morn</i> AiRS Business Planning Day, Turners Hill <i>Afternoon</i> RALC meeting, Mountfield
<i>Thurs 9</i>	<i>Eve</i> Ewhurst PC meeting
<i>Mon 13</i>	<i>Afternoon</i> Meeting with RTS Directors and Regeneration Manager <i>Eve</i> Public Services and Planning Committee meetings
<i>Tues 14</i>	<i>Eve</i> Meeting with TIC staff
<i>Wed 15</i>	<i>Morn</i> Rother Clerks' meeting, Battle
<i>Mon 16</i>	<i>Eve</i> Special Council meeting
<i>Wed 22</i>	<i>Eve</i> Informal meeting with RDC re: allotments
<i>Thurs 23</i>	<i>Eve</i> REACT meeting
<i>Mon 27</i>	<i>Eve</i> Policy and Planning Committee meetings
<i>Tues 28</i>	<i>Eve</i> HC (Future) Working Group meeting
<i>Wed 29</i>	VAT inspection <i>Eve</i> Meeting with TIC staff
<i>Thurs 30</i>	<i>Eve</i> Rye Local Action Plan Steering Group meeting
<i>Fri 31</i>	RTS last day at HC

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**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
NOVEMBER 2008 (Month 8)**

TOWN HALL COMMUNICATIONS

	Month	Last year	Year to date	Last year to date
Post in	183	158	1599	1203
Post out	159	190	1196	1529
email in*	264	272	2186	2245
email out	203	182	1585	1468
Tel calls in	199	193	1612	1798
Tel calls out	120	129	820	1003
Fax in*	1	1	7	12
Fax out	4	15	47	83
Personal callers	91	93	515	541

TOWN HALL BOOKINGS

General	4	5	31	34
Ceremonies	2	2	52	31
Ceremony enqs	12	14	109	95

TOWN CLERK DATES

<i>Sat 1</i>	Heritage Centre stock take and handover
<i>Mon 3</i>	Rye Local Action Team Steering Group Council meeting
<i>Tues 4</i>	Clerks' SALC Networking Day, Leeford Place
<i>Thurs 6</i>	Rye Partnership Board meeting
<i>Sun 9</i>	Remembrance Sunday Service
<i>Tues 11</i>	Mountfield PC meeting
<i>Thurs 13</i>	Rye LAP interviewing
<i>Tues 18</i>	Council meeting
<i>Wed 19</i>	HotCats AGM
<i>Thurs 20</i>	Freda Gardham 'surplus' playing field meeting
<i>Mon 24</i>	Council, L+T and Planning Committee meetings
<i>Wed 26</i>	AiRS Community Assets Policy working group meeting Code of Conduct training, Rye TH

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
DECEMBER 2008 (Month 9)**

TOWN HALL COMMUNICATIONS

	Month	Last year	Year to date	Last year to date
Post in	237	157	1836	1360
Post out	207	85	1403	1614
email in*	276	166	2462	2411
email out	203	137	1788	1605
Tel calls in	174	123	1786	1921
Tel calls out	114	169	934	1172
Fax in*	3	2	10	14
Fax out	6	5	53	88
Personal callers	62	93	577	634

TOWN HALL BOOKINGS

General	10	6	41	40
Ceremonies	4	3	56	34
Ceremony enqs	8	4	117	99

TOWN CLERK DATES

<i>Mon 1</i>	Rye LAP Steering Group meeting
<i>Wed 3</i>	AiRS Board meeting, Cooksbridge
<i>Thurs 4</i>	RALC EC meeting, Almonry, Battle
<i>Sat 6</i>	Wedding viewing/Lib Dem Christmas Party, Rye TH
<i>Mon 8</i>	AiRS Communications & Marketing Committee, Lewes Planning Committee meeting
<i>Tues 9</i>	RDC Parish Planning Seminar, Brede VH
<i>Thurs 11</i>	Rye Partnership Board meeting
<i>Mon 15</i>	Meeting with Tourism SE
<i>Tues 16</i>	Council meeting
<i>Wed 17</i>	Rye Marketing Group meeting AiRS Learning & Skills Council Grants Panel, Lewes
<i>Thurs 18</i>	Rye LAP Steering Group meeting
<i>Mon 22</i>	Planning Committee meeting
<i>Wed 24-</i>	<i>Office closed</i>

12.1.09

**RYE TOWN COUNCIL
WORK PROGRAMME as at 12 January 2009**

PROC ITEM 57

Task/Project title	Outline	Target/review	Status	Notes
Allotments – reversion to RTC	Securing RDC agreement	1.9.08-31.3.09	RDC officers have undertaken to draft 1-2 ownership/management proposals for RTC's consideration	
Annual Report 2008-09	Publication	30.6.09	Not started	
Annual Return/Annual Accounts 2007-08/Audit	Under new rules Ann Return must be approved by Council by 31 July.	21 July 2008	Completed – unqualified audit certificate received	
Annual Return/Annual Accounts 2008-09/Audit	Under new rules Ann Return must be approved by Council by 30 June	30 June 09	Not started	
Cycle Path – linking and extending	Sustrans offered to undertake 'mini-feasibility study' on completing NCN through Rye in early 2008	Spring 2009	Sustrans Officer has made further contact but further communications required	An Option (B2) within the Draft Rock Channel Development Brief and cited in LDF Core Strategy
Devolvement	Agreeing a package of devolved services from RDC to RTC	Ongoing	PRGP failed to respond to Working Group's recommendations. Going to full Council 26.1.09	
Emergency Planning Group	Complete Rye Emergency Plan	Summer 2009	Charles Sharrod's draft Rye plan received and considered by REACT. Needs to identify someone other than the Town Clerk to take forward.	Object: to produce a basic workable plan with Rye divided into sectors with volunteer wardens. REACT will meet again when draft plan available
Finger post – Community Centre	To be affixed to 'black & gold' post at top of Conduit Hill	Community Centre to determine	Pending. TC has provided supplier details/guidance to Comm Centre Assoc.	
Heritage Centre	RTS withdrawing from the HC prematurely – effective 1.11.08	Ongoing	RTC stepped in to manage until 31.3.09. RTC bid for 3-year contract submitted 9.1.09. RDC interviewing 23.1.09. Awaiting invitation. HC bookkeeping delayed.	TSE may have bid. Specification unrealistic. RTS bid based on winter opening hours reduction by 8 per week

Newsletter (Jan 09)	3 pages within <i>Fixtures</i>	19.12.08	Postponed due to Clerk's workload	Newsletter published quarterly
Rye Local Action Plan	Consulting the community to produce a statement of actions it would like to see undertaken in the future	Early Spring 2009 (published plan)	Co-ordinator appointed and Steering Group on schedule	Some initial consultation with target groups completed.
Skate Park	Payment of two RDC Community Project Grants outstanding	asap	Payment outstanding	
Strand Car Park Pedestrianisation Proposal	Presenting costed proposal of RTC's preferred scheme (dual use summer; car park winter) to RDC	?	Pending	Not a priority

PRESS RELEASE



Residents' Views Sought on Review of Byelaws at Camber Sands and Fairlight to Rye Harbour Seashore

New procedures for the introduction of Byelaws are coming into force and Rother District Council is going to review its existing Byelaws, some of which predate World War II, in the near future. As an initial step, suggestions and comments are invited from members of the public and interested bodies.

The matters that Byelaws can deal with are determined by legislation, and Byelaws must not duplicate or conflict with the general law. Matters relating to dogs are now covered by Dog Control Orders and will not form part of this review, but the Council would be pleased to hear about any other matters that residents or organisations think ought to be controlled by new Byelaws.

Particular issues that might be looked at include:

- How should use of the Seashore by specialist users such as horse riders, fishermen, wind-propelled vehicles etc be regulated in the interests of other users?
- Should there be controls on fires and barbecues?

This is not a statutory consultation; if new Byelaws were to be made, drafts would be the subject of formal consultation and statutory notices in due course. At this initial stage the Council is only attempting to find out if the residents of the District feel that there is a need to make new or revised Byelaws.

Any comments or suggestions should be sent in writing to David Edwards, Solicitor to the Council, at the Town Hall, Bexhill or by e-mail to david.edwards@rother.gov.uk by no later than 16 January 2009.

Details of the some of the existing Byelaws are available on the Council's website under the Council and Democracy Section at www.rother.gov.uk and a full set may be inspected in Rother District Council's Community Help Points in Battle, Bexhill and Rye.

STATEMENT ENDS

Date 1 December 2008

For further information please contact David Hermon at the Town Hall, Bexhill on 01424 787811 or e-mail him at david.hermon@rother.gov.uk

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To Chief Executives of:
County Councils and District Councils in England
London Borough Councils
The Greater London Authority
National Park Authorities
The Broads Authority

17 December 2008

The Clerk of:
City of London
Council of the Isle of Scilly
Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities
Fire and Civil Defence Authorities
Police Authorities in England

The Clerk of:
Parish and Town Councils in England

Dear Colleague,

Communities in control: Real people, real power: Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity – A consultation

I am writing to draw your attention to the above consultation paper which was published on the Communities and Local Government website on 17 December. I also enclose a paper copy of the consultation for your consideration.

You will see that this is the next in a series of Communities in Control consultation documents following the publication of the Local Government Empowerment White Paper, *Communities in Control: Real people, real power*, on 9 July, and building on work still in progress from the 2006 White Paper, *Strong and Prosperous Communities*.

This paper invites views on the content of the Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity. Particular questions on which we would welcome comments are summarised at Annex A to the paper.

Copies of the consultation paper are being sent to all principal local authorities, parish councils and other organisations and individuals who have a particular interest in these issues.

If required, additional copies of the consultation paper may be obtained from:

Communities and Local Government Publications
PO Box 236
Weatherby
West Yorkshire
LS23 7NB
e mail: communities@capita.co.uk

If you wish to comment on the paper, please send responses either by post to:

Karl Holden
Conduct and Council Constitutions Team
Communities and Local Government
Zone 5/B2, Eland House
Bressenden Place
London
SW1E 5DU

Or by e-mail to: publicitycode@communities.gsi.gov.uk

By Thursday 12 March 2009.

Any queries you may have about this letter or the enclosed paper should be directed to Karl Holden (tel: 0207 944 5962; publicitycode@communities.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

Paul Rowsell

Transport and Environment

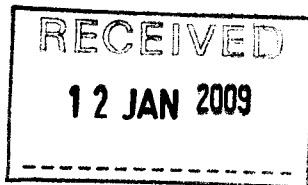
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Date January 2009

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Dear Sir / Madam

East Sussex County Council Draft Cycling Strategy

In 2007, the Transport & Environment Scrutiny Committee undertook a comprehensive review of Cycling in East Sussex. One of the main recommendations was that the County Council's Cycling Strategy should be revised to reflect the outcomes of the review. The review concluded that a shift in emphasis in cycle policy towards utility cycling (i.e. to work or school) rather than recreational cycling should be pursued as it is felt this has the greatest potential to contribute towards the targets contained in our Second Local Transport Plan.

The revised strategy will replace the County Council's previous Cycling Strategy produced in 2003. It is intended to be the framework which informs and co-ordinates all policies and programmes of action which can help to promote cycling in East Sussex.

We have identified you, or the group you represent, as a key stakeholder and therefore we would like to hear your views on the draft strategy. The strategy will be available under the 'Current Consultations' section of the County Councils website from 12th January and can be accessed via the address below, along with a questionnaire which can be downloaded and returned to the freepost address provided. Please also feel free to inform others who may wish to complete the survey.

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/yourcouncil/consultation/current



Should you require a paper copy of the draft strategy, please contact Robin Reed, Principal Transport Planner, using the contact details above. The closing date for comments is **20 February 2009**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robin Reed".

Robin Reed

Principal Transport Planner