

Landport Residents' Association

Autumn 2021 Newsletter



The Landport Residents' Association Summer Barbecue

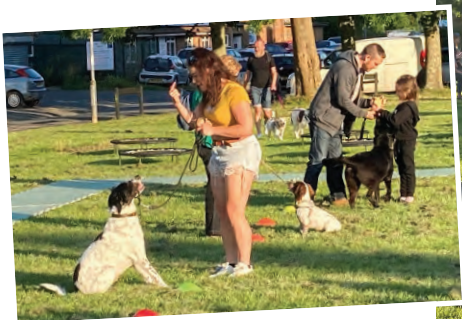
The weather was on our side for the annual Summer Barbecue, which took place on Wednesday 25 August. It was a sun-soaked success attended by hundreds of people, which brought the community together under clear blue skies. Highlights of the event included a tug o' war, the *Landport's Got Talent* karaoke, displays from the award-winning

Dance Academy and a dog show. Debbie Twitchen, who Chairs the Landport Residents Association said, "It was really wonderful to see so many community



volunteers and Homes First staff helping out to make this Barbecue the biggest and most successful one yet."

The event, which is co-sponsored by the Landport Residents Association and Landport Stores every year, will be back in July 2022.



David Pickbourne

It is with sadness that the Landport Residents Association must report the passing of David Pickbourne who lived in sheltered housing on



Newton Road. David was a kind man who gave a lot of his time as a volunteer at many Landport events over the years. Despite suffering from several chronic health conditions, he was a

dedicated member of Landport Residents' Association, who rarely missed helping to get things ready for Foodbank on a Monday. He also attended LRA meetings, helped with the litter picks and, before Covid-19, volunteered at the Landport Community Cafe, served teas at the Repair Cafe, and helped at the annual Summer Barbeque.

David was also a long-standing member of TOLD (Tenants of Lewes District). He was a dear friend to me, and I, like many others that knew him well, will miss him very much.

RIP David.

Debbie Twitchen, Chair LRA



Keeping the estate tidy

Every year it costs local authorities across the country £660 million a year (£28 per household) to keep our streets clean, and this huge sum does not include spending by other organisations like Highways England. The Landport Residents' Association want to help keep the estate tidy, so we hold regular monthly litter picks on the last Sunday of the month.

Many people and families who live on the estate join in to help and together we collect a great deal of rubbish every month. Not only do the sessions keep the estate tidy, but they're also a great



way for people to enjoy a physical activity that helps our community and then have a cuppa and a chance to chat. We meet at the community room at 2a Horsfield Road at 11am and all equipment is provided. **The next litter pick is Sunday 3rd October – see you there!**



Landport Foodbank

The number of people using the Foodbank is currently 49 households (23 families and 26 singles/couples). Numbers have risen throughout the pandemic as people are made redundant, experience benefit delays or other issues.



With the end of the Furlough Scheme and the Universal Credit uplift later this month, numbers are likely to rise even more.

Despite increases in demand, we continue to manage well with the help of a dedicated team of volunteers, who mostly live on the estate. The Foodbank is having to spend £240 a week to buy fresh fruit, vegetables, and eggs, so if you can help our efforts and your community by donating fresh food or other supplies, please do so - you can drop these off at the Foodbank in Horsfield Road on Mondays between 10am and 1pm.

Please note that all our clients at Landport Foodbank are referred to us by a professional agency. If you need more information, please email: debbietwitchen@gmail.com

Brand new Exercise Class comes to Landport

'Move It Wednesday' takes place between 11am and 12pm on Wednesdays during term-time with a qualified instructor in the Landport Community Hub. All ages and abilities are welcome – simply turn up and join in! The sessions are sponsored by the Landport Residents' Association and there's a suggested donation of £2 for each class.



Click

Click is a new local initiative that aims to create a safe and inclusive community for young adults aged 19-26.

Lewes artist, Tom Homewood, has been working with young adults for the last four years and is launching Click next month through the Landport Community Hub.

Tom and a team of volunteers will run weekly events all over town to offer local young adults the opportunity to connect with each other, maintain good mental health, develop new skills - and have fast track access to practical and counselling support.

Click events will include volleyball, rambling, game nights, cinema trips, cooking challenges, escape rooms, art and music workshops, business workshops and community-serving activities. All events will take place on Sundays, either in the afternoon or evening, and anyone in the 19-26 age-group is welcome.

All Click events are free except performance events when tickets will be subsidised. Once the initiative is launched, you'll be able to find out more on www.weareclick.org and [#weareclickorg](https://www.instagram.com/weareclickorg) on Instagram.



Landport Community Hub update

We are so pleased to be fully open again and welcoming so many new groups to the hub. We had our first wedding in July in addition to a new drama group, a food sharing group and couples practise in Ballroom and Latin. We are also excited to announce that with the support from LRA we have a fantastic exercise instructor called Christine providing 'Move it Wednesday'.

For those interested in hiring the hub, we can offer competitive and affordable rates aimed at encouraging new and upcoming groups. The main hall is 19m x 10m, the dance studio 10m x 3m, and the youth club area is also available to rent. If anyone wants to hire one or more of the spaces, please call or message **Wendy Baker** on **07852 390748** so that she can check availability and arrange a viewing.



A message from Sarah Cager

Senior Caseworker (Housing)



It was lovely to see so many residents at the recent summer Barbecue thanks to the lovely weather.

I continue to work in partnership with our neighbourhood first team to monitor the estate on a regular basis. Recently community surveys were hand delivered to a selection of roads on the estate. If you received one, we'd welcome your feedback to help us tackle recent anti-social behaviour concerns.

Please contact me if there's anything you'd like to bring to our attention by calling the customer first team on 01273 471600 and asking for Sarah Cager.

Artwave comes to Landport!

Artwave is an annual festival that brings together around 800 local artists and makers from Lewes and the surrounding areas in 147 venues.

This year thanks to the sponsorship of the Landport Residents Association, the Landport art collective will be exhibiting work for the very first time at the Community Hub on Friday 24th and Saturday 25th September between 10 and 5pm. The event is free, family and dog friendly so why not come along to see some beautiful artworks and show your support.

You can find out more about the Artwave festival by looking at the website:

www.artwavefestival.org



Webchat

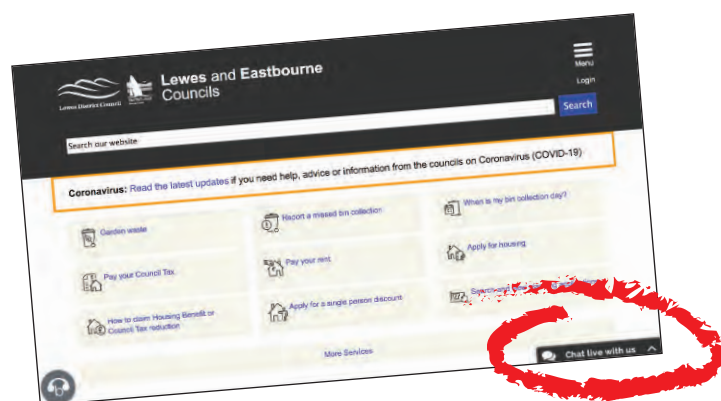
With our webchat service, you can avoid the call queues in our busiest periods!

Webchat is a fast and easy way to contact the Councils for assistance and to get the information you need.

Operators are available between 08.30 and 17.00, Monday – Friday and will be able to assist with quick-queries or signpost you to webpages with the information you need.

Between these times, you can access our webchat service from any page on the website; just click on the 'Chat live with us' tab at the bottom right of the page to start a chat with an Advisor. You will need an email address, but you don't need to sign up for an account.

You can even request a copy of the chat transcript be sent to you, so that you can easily refer to any instructions or information you are given. Just head over to www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk to give it a go.



Dates for your diary

Artwave exhibition – 24 and 25 September at the Community Hub between 10am and 5pm

Landport Residents Association meeting – 29 September from 7pm to 8.30pm. If you'd like more details or would like to attend in person, please contact: debbietwitchen@googlemail.com

Family Roller Disco – 23 October between 2pm and 4pm at the Community Hub

Halloween Party – 29 October between 4pm and 6pm at the Community Hub

Film show – 27 November between 4pm and 6pm at the Community Hub

Regular events

The Book Club – Takes place every third Wednesday at 7pm. For details, email: debbietwitchen@googlemail.com

The Landport Foodbank – Open for donations between 10am and 1pm every Monday.

Litter pick – Takes place on the first Sunday of the month. Meet at the Tenant Resource Centre (2a Horsfield Road) at 11am.

