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## Thank You from the Outgoing Town Mayor



Cllr Rex Whittaker

The outgoing Town Mayor, Councillor Rex Whittaker, would like to thank everyone that he has met and who has made his mayoral year so special. Rex commented: "I have attended and supported over 200 different events throughout the year, and the sheer variety of wonderful people has been a joy to showcase, and in particular our amazing voluntary and charity sector. Special thanks go to our lovely primary and secondary schools, Lions & Rotary Clubs, Air Training Corps, and East

Grinstead Business Association. I have been delighted to support my three charities by fundraising for Kent Sussex & Surrey Air Ambulance, Riding for the Disabled and CARE, a local voluntary driver group.

"Thank you to everyone for making East Grinstead such a special place to live in."

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East Grinstead Library	01342 332900
East Grinstead Tourism Desk	01342 410121
East Grinstead Town Council	01342 323636
Kings Centre	01342 328616
Mid Sussex District Council	01444 458166
Mid Sussex Voluntary Action	01444 258102
Museum	01342 302233
Police Station, Chequer Mead	101 or 01273 470101
Queen Victoria Hospital	01342 414000
Samaritans	0845 7909090
West Sussex CC Area Highways	01243 642105

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## Introducing the New Town Mayor

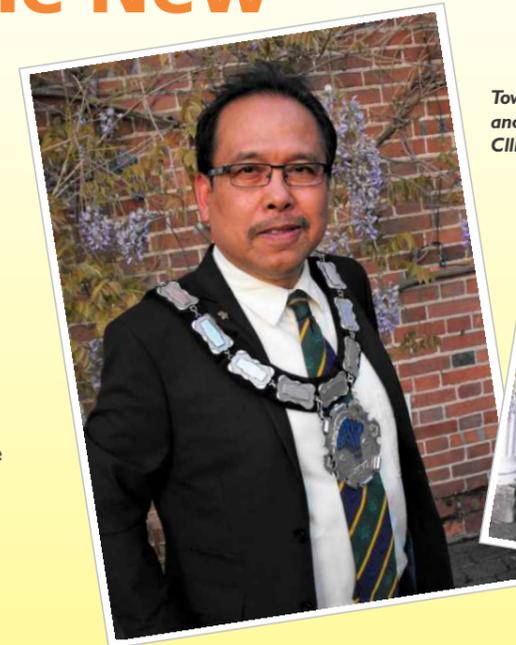
**A**t the annual Town Council Meeting on 13 May 2019, Cllr Danny Favor was elected as the new East Grinstead Town Mayor.

Danny and his family have been residents of East Grinstead for more than 19 years. He and his wife Maribel are both registered nurses and have been employed at **Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust** since 2000. Danny works as an ophthalmic clinical nurse specialist and independent nurse prescriber, and Maribel as an ophthalmic nurse practitioner. They have two sons who both graduated with honours from Kingston University London. Danny's passion, as a public servant performing voluntary and charitable works, started in 2009 when he became President of the Filipino-British Association of East Grinstead. He was elected as a town councillor in 2011 and was feted as the first person of Filipino origin to be elected to the position of councillor in the UK.

Danny has represented Ashplats Ward since his election as a councillor and has enjoyed reaching out to and representing his constituents. He has served on various town council committees, such as Planning, Public Services, and Amenities & Tourism, and has been vice chairman of Charities.

Danny is the founder and chairman of the **Filipino British Nurses Extra Care East Grinstead**, a charity health club providing health and well-being services to the community. He has successfully organised and spearheaded various fundraising events for many charities supporting less fortunate families and individuals locally and abroad. Some of his previous beneficiaries locally are a dementia respite club for **Age UK East Grinstead & District**, **Our Lady & St Peter Church**, **East Grinstead Music & Arts Festival** and **East Grinstead Foodbank**. Overseas, he has supported feeding programmes in Africa and relief operations, churches, schools, and sports and livelihood projects in various parts in the Philippines.

Danny has received recognition for his outstanding public and charity works, such as a Community Service Award 2014 from Mid Sussex District Council, the prestigious Presidential Banaag Gold Award 2014 from the President of the Republic of the Philippines, an Honorary Award 2017 from the Federation of Filipino Overseas Workers in Europe, Italy and a Special Recognition Award from the Philippine Embassy London. As a registered nurse he received two Service Improvement Awards: Educational, loyalty & Patient's Choice. He was previously nominated for a Queen's Award and NHS70 Parliamentary Award 2018.



Town Mayor Cllr Danny Favor  
and Deputy Town Mayor  
Cllr John Dabell.



As Town Mayor, Danny will seek to raise funds for the following three local charities by hosting regular fundraisers.

### QVH Charity:

The QVH Charity was established in 1996 to manage money gifted to Queen Victoria Hospital (QVH).

Charitable funds are important to the hospital. The funds will help the hospital to go over and above what would be expected from core NHS funds: improve the hospital environment, so patients feel more comfortable; invest in additional better equipment to improve the care QVH provides; improve facilities for hospital staff, so they can focus on patients' needs; fund research and educational work, enabling QVH to continue to develop new and innovative treatments for patients.

### East Grinstead Community First Responder (EGCFR):

EGCFR is a team of local residents who volunteer to respond to selected 999 calls within their local area. They work alongside South East Coast Ambulance Service to provide as much cover as possible and aim to respond to category A 999 calls within 8 minutes. The first few minutes in any cardiac arrest, stroke or heart attack are vital, and a responder can reach a patient with lifesaving equipment quickly and often will arrive before an ambulance.

### East Grinstead Street Pastors; Youth Community Support Project:

East Grinstead Street Pastors are an interdenominational response by Christian churches to night-time antisocial behaviour. They are group of volunteers working alongside the police to patrol the streets of East Grinstead in response to urban problems, engaging with people to care, listen and offer assistance. They are there to befriend and help those in distress through lifestyle problems or excess alcohol. They are non-judgemental and are there to be helpful.

Danny is pleased to be working with Cllr John Dabell, his Deputy Town Mayor.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 July	(M)	Planning
12 August	(M)	Planning
2 September	(M)	Planning
5 September	(Th)	Public Services
12 September	(Th)	Amenities & Tourism
19 September	(Th)	Finance & General Purposes
23 September	(M)	Planning
7 October	(M)	Council
14 October	(M)	Planning

All full committee and council meetings are held in the Council Chamber at East Court Mansion and are open to the public. Meetings commence at 7pm.

Council meetings provide a maximum period of 30 minutes for public questions, commencing at 7pm.

Committee meetings provide a maximum period of 15 minutes for public questions, commencing at 7pm.



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# Diary Dates

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## Sunday 28 July

### EG & District Lions' Donkey Derby 12pm – 5pm

Charity stalls, entertainment, a dog show and of course those racing donkeys. A real family day out. King George's Field, Moat Road, East Grinstead.



## Tuesday 30 July

### MSDC Play Day 1pm – 5pm

MSDC Play Day is a free event for children, suitable for children under 13 years. King George's Field, Moat Road, East Grinstead. [www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk)



## Sunday 4 August

### East Court Live! 1pm – 5pm

Jenny Green, Simon & Martyn, Deadbeat Angels and Stewart Mac take to the stage. For further information: [www.eastcourtlive.co.uk](http://www.eastcourtlive.co.uk) Twitter @eastcourtlive Facebook eastcourtlive



## The Hope Job Club – giving hope to local people as they search for work

The Hope Job Club was set up by The Hope Church, East Grinstead, in January 2019 to support local people looking for work. It operates a drop-in service every Friday afternoon, 1–3pm at the Jubilee Community Centre, although appointments can be arranged outside these times if necessary. The service is free, open to all and delivered by a team of volunteer buddies.

Members are offered help on a 1:1 basis with looking for and applying for jobs, accessing modular online training courses, assistance with drafting/updating CVs and preparing for interviews. The club seeks to work alongside other local and national services, signposting when appropriate to, for example, the local authority, DWP and Citizens Advice.

Testimonies from past members who have gone on to secure work include: "The Job Club volunteer understood my concerns and anxiety and was immensely supportive," "The volunteer was adamant that I should get the right job for me" and "They were extremely professional, timeous with their responses and always encouraging."

If you would like help looking for work, please drop in any Friday afternoon. If you are interested in volunteering or are a business and able to offer some short-term or voluntary work to help members prepare for employment, please contact 01342 488282, see [www.thehopejobclub.co.uk](http://www.thehopejobclub.co.uk) or email [contact@thehopejobclub.co.uk](mailto:contact@thehopejobclub.co.uk)

# Safe Places

A network of Safe Places has been launched in East Grinstead.

The initiative is part of the national network of safe places scheme, which identifies where anyone feeling vulnerable or unsafe can seek some assistance.

Vulnerable people can sign up to the scheme, which will issue them a card with their name and an emergency contact; this card is handed over at the safe place venue, where someone will make a phone call to the contact and ask that they collect the person. The card also shows the logo for the safe place scheme to help the card holder to identify safe place venues.

All those employed at the venues involved in the scheme will undergo safeguarding training so that they keep the person and themselves safe at all times.

The early adopters are:

- East Grinstead Town Council at East Court
- East Grinstead Library
- Police Hub at Chequer Mead
- Chequer Mead Theatre
- The Mug Tree, Jubilee Centre, King Centre and Welcome Café at Trinity



Safe places sticker

More venues are coming on stream over the coming weeks and months.

Venues are identified by a window sticker or via a free app which will give directions to the nearest safe place.

The town's secondary schools are also looking to enrol the year 7 youngsters from the 2019/20 autumn term so that all youngsters are aware of where to get support if they feel they are in a vulnerable situation.

The scheme has been drawn up by the East Grinstead Town Council Public Services Committee through a working group chaired by Cllr Liz Bennett, who said, "Our ultimate aim is to have safe places dotted along all the main routes between the schools and town centre through to the residential estates. We are starting with a small number of venues to ensure that the scheme works well before we expand it, but the hope is to have many safe places in the town." The working group comprised representatives from the Town Council, Sussex Police and Sussex Fire and Rescue Services.

The Council secured funding from the Mid Sussex Partnership (which has a task and finish group for crime and safety) for the registration fee and printing costs. Once the scheme has been trialled in East Grinstead, through the task and finish group, it will be rolled out to the rest of Mid Sussex starting with the towns of Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath.

# Introducing Your New Town Councillors



Cllr Charles Amos

Representing: Town

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Charles got involved in local politics because of his unrelenting desire to protect private property, lower taxes and reduce public expenditure. In his spare time, he enjoys listening to Frank Sinatra and reading history.



Cllr Helen Farren

Representing: Baldwins

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Helen was brought up in Forest Row and moved away after marrying in 1990, but missed living in Sussex and moved back into East Grinstead in 1995.

Helen and her husband have two children, both of them educated at Estcots Primary School and Sackville Secondary School.

After being elected, Helen commented: "Raising my children in East Grinstead allowed them a childhood of fun with a range of sports and activities that East Grinstead is able to offer.

"I want to ensure that continues for the children growing up in the town today and feel passionately that this should be available to all families. To help me achieve this I wanted to become part of East Grinstead Town Council and be able, I hope, to make a difference. I am also a trustee at East Grinstead Sports Club (EGSC). As EGSC is a charity and there are so many sports for the children and adults to get involved in, it is important for this fantastic facility to be well run and maintained.

"I work full time as a business manager in a local primary school, a job that I love and enjoy very much, and I feel privileged to be part (in a small way) of the education of children who go there. In my spare time I like to garden and spend time with my family and friends.

"I am looking forward to the next four years working with a team of dedicated councillors to keep our town a fantastic place to live in and to support its residents."

Cllr Dean Duly

Representing: Baldwins

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After his appointment, Dean commented: "My family moved to the area in 1966, and my parents set up their business in 1969. This year marks their 50th year of business based in Felbridge.

"I have lived in and around East Grinstead my whole life and went to school at Felbridge Primary and then Imberhorne School.

"I am married with a 2-year-old son, so I have a keen interest in the future development and well-being of the town."



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