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COUNCIL MEETINGS

2 October	(M)	Council
3 October	(Tu)	Planning
23 October	(M)	Planning
13 November	(M)	Planning
30 November	(Th)	Public Services
4 December	(M)	Planning
7 December	(Th)	Amenities and Tourism
14 December	(Th)	Finance and General Purposes

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East Grinstead RH19 3LT

Call: 01342 323636

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Cllr Dick Sweatman, Leader of East Grinstead Town Council

At the Town Council meeting on 8 May, the start of the new Town Council year 2017/18, Cllr Dick Sweatman was duly elected as Leader of the Council. Dick was Town Mayor in 2015/16, and was happy to receive the support from his fellow councillors as he accepted this new role.

Commenting after his appointment, Dick said, "In the process of leaving the European Union, we face times of uncertainty in Britain as a whole, but as a local council we will work hard and strive to uphold and support the services in our town as we move forward through this process.

Dialogue for better partnership working has already started with West Sussex County Council, and we are awaiting similar to begin with the District Council so that we can coordinate improvements for East Grinstead. Amongst the many topics discussed with the County Council have been our aspirations for St Margaret's Loop and Railway Approach.

We have a dedicated team of staff and Councillors that work hard to make the town a great place to live for the residents of East Grinstead, and as Leader I wish to thank you all for your support."



Cllr Dick Sweatman

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East Grinstead Tourism Desk	01342 410121
East Grinstead Town Council	01342 323636
Horsham & Mid Sussex Voluntary Action	01444 258102
Kings Centre	01342 328616
Mid Sussex District Council	01444 458166
Museum	01342 302233
Police Station, Chequer Mead	101 ext 535224
Queen Victoria Hospital	01342 414000
Samaritans	0845 7909090
West Sussex CC Area Highways	01243 642105

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The Help Point is open Monday 9.30am – 7pm,
Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am – 6pm, Friday & Saturday 9.30am – 5pm.

THE Line

WHERE EAST MEETS WEST
ON THE MERIDIAN LINE

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NEWS FROM
EAST GRINSTEAD
TOWN COUNCIL

Welcome to your Autumn edition of the Line Newsletter. Inside, you'll find details about your Minor Injuries Unit, helping you and your family keep well.

Discover FEast Grinstead - food and drink festival, plus Italian market, local wine, beer and cider tastings.

You can also find dates for the diary including East Grinstead's Dickensian-themed shopping day, Christmas Family Festival and so much more!

NEW School Admissions Online applications open from 2 October

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014?

If so then he or she is eligible to start school in September 2018.

Apply online! It's simple, convenient and timesaving, plus you get an instant email acknowledgement that your application has been received.

Apply online from 2 October. If you would like further advice or information contact:

☎ 03330
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Free internet access to apply online is available at all:

- West Sussex libraries;
- Children and Family Centres.



Apply online at:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
Deadline: Monday 15 January 2018

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Diary Dates

For information on these and other exciting East Grinstead events

Tel 01342 410121

Email tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk

Web www.visiteastgrinstead.com

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Feast Grinstead

Celebrate **Food & Drink**

Sunday 1 October, 10am – 5pm

East Grinstead East Court, College Lane
East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 3HQ

After the success of the inaugural event in 2016, East Grinstead Town Council will be hosting a second festival of food and drink, which will be held on the East Court estate.

With the backdrop of the beautiful Georgian mansion, an Italian market will be set up in the 'piazza', and, new for this year, the market will be joined by local artisan food producers inside the main hall. In the Meridian Hall, many local wines, beers and ciders will be on offer for tasting which can then be purchased to take home. The event will be joined by the Lambretta Club, and there will be other surprises throughout the day!

Entrance to the food markets is free, and tickets at £5 for the drink festival are available from the Town Council offices (01342 335055) or tourist information (01342 410121).

Disabled and additional limited parking on site. Please use town centre car parks (free on Sundays).

tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk
www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/projects/feast-grinstead

East Grinstead 10K – Andy Ripley Memorial Race

Sunday 24 September 10am – 12 noon

The eighth running of the East Grinstead 10K. The race will start at Imberhorne Upper School and raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK and East Grinstead Lions. Online entry. www.eg10k.com

Feast Grinstead (see opposite)

Sunday 1 October 10am – 5pm

East Court, College Lane, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 3HQ

Twitter @eastgrinstead

Facebook [feastgrinstead](https://www.facebook.com/feastgrinstead)

For information and tickets call 01342 410121

email tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk

The **BIG** Reveal



Friday 17 November from 5pm

Meet in the High Street at 5pm.

East Grinstead shops keep their festive windows hidden behind brown paper until this special evening when, during a perambulation tour, they are revealed one by one. A magical pre-Christmas event suitable for all the family.

Christmas Lights and Rotary Club Tree Switch On

Saturday 25 November 4pm

Market Square, High Street

Pantomime characters, carols and Christmassy entertainment will precede the countdown to the grand switch on.

Christmas Family Festival

Sunday 3 December 10am – 4pm

A French market, charity and craft stalls, children's fairground rides, entertainment and Father Christmas take over London Road, which is car-free for the day.

'Twas the Sunday before the Sunday before Christmas!

Sunday 17 December 10am – 4pm

A Dickensian-themed shopping day in the historic High Street. Surprise guests, period costumes, games, competitions and the famous traders' choir make this an event not to be missed. Father Christmas can be visited in his grotto, and there may even be a humbug or two!



L: Italia in Piazza at East Court 2016
R: High Weald Brewery



www.fairtrade-eg.co.uk



Your Minor Injuries Unit at the Queen Victoria Hospital

Did you know the Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead has a Minor Injuries Unit which is open 8am – 7.30pm, 365 days a year?

If you've an injury or illness that's not life threatening or severe enough to need a trip to A&E, then the Minor Injuries Unit can help. Run by specially trained emergency care practitioners, the unit can see, diagnose and treat a wide range of minor injuries and illnesses for both adults and children over one year old.

You don't have to live in East Grinstead to go to the Minor Injuries Unit – it's available for anyone who needs it – and you don't need to make an appointment.

What can the Minor Injuries Unit treat?

- minor head injuries with no loss of consciousness
- sprains and strains
- suspected arm and lower leg broken bones (children under the age of four should be taken to A&E)
- simple eye infections, such as conjunctivitis or scratches to the eye
- minor burns and scalds
- foreign bodies in the eyes, ears or nose
- cuts, grazes and splinters
- bites and stings
- ear and throat infections
- skin infections
- minor allergic reactions... and more.

The Minor Injuries Unit is based on the Queen Victoria Hospital site: Holtye Road, East Grinstead, RH19 3DZ. Parking is available on site and local buses, including Metrobus routes 281 and 400, run to the hospital.

For more information please visit www.qvh.nhs.uk/minor-injuries-unit

Floral East Grinstead

East Grinstead town civic planting

The High Street flower beds have become a much-admired feature of the town in recent years and have been managed by the Town Council since 2012. The beds are replanted three times a year with winter, spring and summer bedding plants supplied by Ferrings Nurseries. Summer planting is themed by the Council to recognise local and national events and historical anniversaries, which often complements temporary exhibitions at the town museum.

The East Grinstead in Bloom committee, separate from the Town Council, looks after small areas in the town, including the flower bed at the station and the compass garden in Mount Noddy. The committee also coordinates entries to the South and South East in Bloom awards and encourages local groups and organisations to submit their own projects for judging. East Grinstead Town Council has received



'In Bloom' awards for its High Street beds, war memorial, cemetery and hanging baskets; allotment associations have had significant success, and many local schools, residents groups and individual front gardens have also been recognised over the years. The town has achieved silver gilt awards and national 'best of's' in several judged categories.

South and South East in Bloom judges came to East Grinstead on Monday 10 July to take a tour around our town. Starting at East Court, they visited many locations,

taking their time to thoroughly inspect the horticultural displays.

East Grinstead has been proud to receive silver gilt awards in recent years, and the 'In Bloom' committee and the Town Council are hoping that this year it will be gold.

Results will be revealed in a presentation ceremony in September.

L: Flower beds

R: Town Mayor and Deputy Town Mayor with the judges, East Grinstead In Bloom committee members, volunteers and town councillors