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Town Mayor's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents of East Grinstead a very happy New Year – a new year that brings good health, opportunities and happiness shared with those who are important to you; a new year that allows East Grinstead to flourish, our shops to be busy and our businesses to thrive.

I am looking forward to the second part of my mayoral year, which will allow me to continue meeting such fabulous organisations and their amazing volunteers. In the last six months I have been completely blown away by the proliferation of groups through our town that ensure problems are reported and sorted! I shall enjoy working towards my final event – the Mayor's Ball – to be held on 4 May (making it the Star Wars ball!) at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. It would be lovely to see you there.



Town Mayor
Cllr Julie Mockford

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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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Call: 01342 323636
Click: www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk

FIND help with services provided by West Sussex County Council, Mid Sussex District Council or East Grinstead Town Council at the Help Point in the Library or call 01342 332900.

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

The Town Council will shortly be able to issue a weekly online newsletter with press releases, upcoming events, highways reports and other news. If you would like to receive this, please go to www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk to sign up.

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TOWN COUNCIL

New Town Councillor

Following the death of Cllr Bob Mainstone in August last year, by-elections were held in East Grinstead on Thursday 26 October 2017.

The election results for the East Grinstead Town Council Imberhorne ward were as follows:

David GRAY (UKIP) – 26 votes
Joel LEIGHTON (INDP) – 88 votes
Tim MARTIN (LIB DEM) – 196 votes
Frazer VISSER (CON) – 513 votes - ELECTED
David Lloyd WILBRAHAM (LAB) – 114 votes

The total number of votes cast was 939. There were 2 rejected ballot papers and the turnout was 25%.

Frazer is a local man who has lived in East Grinstead all his life, attending Chequer Mead and Sackville schools. He has owned and run Hamilton Studios in the High Street of East Grinstead since he was 19. He therefore has great local and business connections in the town. His own children attend local schools, and he hopes to help build a bright future for them in the town.

After the results were declared, Frazer commented, "I love East Grinstead and am honoured to serve on the Town Council. I hope to be able to build on my strong community ties to protect the wonderful character of our town whilst helping it grow sustainably into the future."

For information regarding registration or the electoral process, contact the Mid Sussex District Council Electoral Services team on **01444 477003** or email elections@midsussex.gov.uk



Cllr Frazer Visser

Cllr Rex Whittaker

Cllr Rex Whittaker, who has been a member of the Town Council since 2011, was elected to Mid Sussex District Council, representing the residents of Imberhorne ward.

Tim MARTIN (LIB DEM) – 206 votes
Ian Ralph SANDERS (INDP) – 67 votes
Rex WHITTAKER (CON) – 540 votes – ELECTED
David Lloyd WILBRAHAM (LAB) – 110 votes

The total number of votes cast in the Imberhorne Mid Sussex District Council by-election was 925. There were 2 rejected ballot papers and the turnout was 24.6%.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

22 January	(M)	Planning
5 February	(M)	Council (Budget and Precept)
12 February	(M)	Planning
1 March	(TH)	Public Services
5 March	(M)	Planning
8 March	(Th)	Amenities and Tourism
15 March	(Th)	Finance and General Purposes
26 March	(M)	Planning
28 March	(W)	Annual Town Meeting
3 April	(T)	Council
16 April	(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.

Town Council Community Grants

The Town Council sets aside revenue funds each year to enable it to support, in a relatively modest way, a range of groups and organisations in the town. In 2017, community grants were awarded as detailed here.

In addition £200 was awarded to the Rotary Clubs for the Tree of Light.

Applications for Sports Grants closed on 20 October 2017 and grants will be awarded in January.

Organisation	Amount requested (£)	Amount recommended (£) 2017/2018
Access East Grinstead and District	500	300
Age UK (East Grinstead and District)	500	200
Greenstede Talking News	315	300
Meridian Indoor Short Mat Bowls Club	100	100
East Grinstead Arts Society	500	250
West Sussex Mediation Service	300	200
St Catherine's Hospice	500	350
Meridian Rotary	up to 1,145	325
Conservators of Ashdown Forest	3,000	250
EG Foodbank	2,000	550
Felbridge Bowling Club	1,900	300
Total	11,360	3,500



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Fairtrade stall at East Grinstead 2017



Fairtrade bed in the High Street 2017



Fairtrade East Grinstead
www.fairtrade-eg.co.uk

East Grinstead has been a Fairtrade town since 2004 and has the support of East Grinstead Town Council. The group seeks to promote Fairtrade so that people and organisations can use their everyday choices to buy Fairtrade products, bringing about change for farmers and producers in developing countries.

Fairtrade East Grinstead can supply stalls selling Fairtrade goods at events and give presentations to community groups, businesses and schools. Members meet quarterly and take an active role in Fairtrade Fortnight, **27 February – 12 March**. Please contact Susan Joy if you would like to take part. The theme for this year is 'How to get Fairtrade into your break time'. From breakfasts to banquets, bake-offs to business awards, every Fairtrade Fortnight community across the UK uses its creativity, connections and local knowledge (not to mention effort!) to open more doors to Fairtrade.



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Diary Dates



For information on these and other events in and around the town, contact our Tourist Information office:
Tel **01342 410121** Email **tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk**
Twitter **@visitEG** Web **www.visiteastgrinstead.com**

Fairtrade Fortnight
Monday 26 February – Sunday 11 March
Please check the website **www.fairtrade-eg.co.uk** for details of local events.

East Grinstead and District Lions May Fair
Mon 7 May 10am – 4pm
East Grinstead's historic High Street will be closed to traffic for the day. There will be charity stalls, small fairground rides, music, food and entertainment for all the family. The May Fair is a popular annual event raising funds for local charities.

Mid Sussex Marathon
Sat 5 – Mon 7 May
Three towns, and three races over three days making up the classic marathon distance; the Mid Sussex Marathon returns for a seventh year.
Saturday 5 May: East Grinstead 10 mile
Sunday 6 May: Haywards Heath 10 mile (Sussex Grand Prix race)
Monday 7 May: Burgess Hill 10 kilometre
To find out more about the Mid Sussex Marathon weekend and how you can get involved, go to **www.midsussexmarathon.co.uk**

West Sussex Achieves Fairtrade County Status

West Sussex has been awarded Fairtrade County status for its commitment to Fairtrade principles, following a two-year-long campaign involving Fairtrade East Grinstead. The County Council made a resolution in June 2015 to actively promote Fairtrade to consumers, businesses and community groups in the area.

As part of the campaign, retailers pledged to sell more than **four** Fairtrade products, and eateries served Fairtrade tea and coffee. The campaign also secured support from other West Sussex Fairtrade towns and villages, faith groups, schools and voluntary groups. Fairtrade West Sussex also lobbied businesses to promote the Fairtrade message in their working practices.

Sue Joy, Convenor of both Fairtrade West Sussex and Fairtrade East Grinstead, said: "Both groups are delighted that the Fairtrade Foundation has agreed to Fairtrade County designation. The groups

look forward to working in close partnership with West Sussex County Council in the future to ensure that Fairtrade is known throughout the county at every level."

Adam Gardner, Communities Campaigns Manager at the Fairtrade Foundation, said: "We are delighted to welcome the county of West Sussex to the Fairtrade movement, which now boasts more than **1,900** communities worldwide, taking practical steps to making a fairer world trade system a reality."

Fairtrade helps small-scale farmers ensure they earn decent incomes and have long-term contracts with companies. In addition, they earn the Fairtrade Premium, which they invest in vital business, social and environmental projects.

Adam continued, "Today, more than **1.6 million** farmers and workers across **74** developing countries benefit from the international Fairtrade system, but there is still a long way to go."

Towns, cities, boroughs, villages, islands, counties and zones can apply for Fairtrade

status and join the movement towards a fairer world trade system. Applicants must meet **five** criteria:

- Local council passes a resolution supporting Fairtrade and agrees to serve Fairtrade tea and coffee at its meetings and in its canteens.
- At least **four** Fairtrade products can be purchased in the area's local shops and eateries.
- Fairtrade is effectively promoted to local businesses and community organisations.
- Applicants must attract their own media coverage and local support for Fairtrade.
- A local steering group is established to ensure continued commitment to Fairtrade Town status.

The Fairtrade mark independently certifies that products meet economic, social and environmental standards. As such, it is the most widely recognised ethical mark worldwide.

For more information about Fairtrade and how to apply for Fairtrade status, visit **www.fairtrade.org.uk**

The Town Council Welcomes New Staff Members



Daniel Chambers
Head of Finance and Support Services

Dan Chambers joined East Grinstead Town Council on 1 November. Dan brings with him 15 years' experience of working within various financial sectors, the last 8 of which were spent as a Finance Manager within the leisure industry.

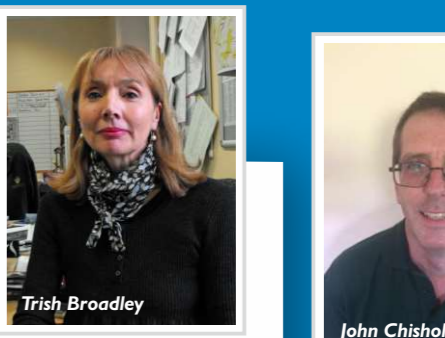
Dan has been married for 11 years and has two daughters aged 8 and 4. In his spare time, if he's not with his family, he's likely to found either trying to keep fit by running, or travelling around the country supporting Wolverhampton Wanderers Football Club!



Trish Broadley
Community Services Officer

Trish started working in the offices at East Court on a temporary basis on 11th August and joined as a permanent member of staff on 25 September.

"I was born in St John's Wood, London, and trained as a teacher in Southampton. After graduation I worked in Bermuda for a year and then returned to London, working for several years in advertising. I then joined an oil company who sent me to work in Dubai, where I met my husband. We spent several years in Hong Kong (where my son was born) and Singapore. When we returned to the UK, we settled in East Grinstead, and for 14 years I worked at the Caravan Club as a Duty Officer. I am very much enjoying working for East Grinstead Town Council. It has a great team, every day is different, and I am amazed at how hard the council staff work for the residents of East Grinstead."



John Chisholm
Caretaker

John joined the caretaking team on 4 September.

"Having lived in East Grinstead for most of my life and having served as a Community Support Officer in the town, I am very pleased to be returning to East Court in the role of Caretaker for the Town Council."