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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

19 November (M) Planning  
29 November (Th) Public Services  
6 December (Th) Amenities & Tourism  
10 December (M) Planning  
13 December (Th) Finance & General Purposes

### 2019

2 January (W) Planning  
7 January (M) Council  
17 January (Th) Consecutive standing committees for budget  
21 January (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.

## East Grinstead Foodbank Christmas Appeal

Christmas can be a difficult time for those already struggling to make ends meet, so East Grinstead foodbank is appealing for food donations.

Please see below for food collection point locations (please check with individual outlets and organisations for their opening hours):

- Jubilee Community Centre, Charlwoods Road, East Grinstead
- Trinity Methodist Church, Lingfield Road, East Grinstead
- Moatfield Surgery, St Michael's Road, East Grinstead
- Barclays Bank, High Street, East Grinstead
- Forest Row Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row

East Grinstead Waitrose and Sainsbury's stores also accept donations but only food and items purchased in their stores should be placed in collection baskets.

<https://eastgrinstead.foodbank.org.uk/>



## Contacts

Affinity Sutton	0845 6887717
Chequer Mead	01342 302000
Citizens Advice Bureau	03444 771171
Disability Access – East Grinstead Area	01342 322242
East Grinstead Foodbank	07983 209940
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

## CONTACT THE COUNCIL

**Visit:** East Court Mansion, College Lane, East Grinstead RH19 3LT

**Call:** 01342 323636

**Click:** [www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk)

Find help with services provided by West Sussex County Council, Mid Sussex District Council or East Grinstead Town Council in the library or call 01342 332900.

The library is open: Monday 9.30am – 7pm, Tuesday – Thursday 9.30am – 6pm, Friday and Saturday 9.30am – 5pm.

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## Mid Sussex District Council Chairman's Community Awards

Each year the Chairman of Mid Sussex District Council hosts the Community Service Awards in recognition of the many people in Mid Sussex who dedicate their time, skills and energy to enhancing the quality of community life. Nominations for the awards are submitted by Mid Sussex District Council Members and Town and Parish Councils.

The 2018 Awards ceremony, with afternoon cream tea, took place in September when three East Grinstead people were celebrated:

**Mick Champion** – 25 years as Chairman of EG Model Railway Club, Mick organises the annual exhibition at Sackville School; Nominated by East Grinstead Town Council.

**Sarah Howland** – Championed the Stone Quarry Estate Community Room Project and is very committed to the Stone Quarry Crew; Nominated by Cllr Norman Webster.

**Christine Van Der Valk** – A volunteer for the Alzheimer's Society since 2005. Christine is a dementia champion and very active within the East Grinstead Dementia Action Alliance; Nominated by Cllr Edward Belsey.

Town Mayor Rex Whittaker was a guest at the event.



Town Mayor Rex Whittaker with Mick Champion, Sarah Howland and Christine Van Der Valk

## 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. There are two grants – Community Revenue, which is determined for allocation in September of each year and Youth Sport, which is considered in December each year.

This year, community grants were awarded as detailed here:

**Youth Sports Revenue Grants** are awarded to groups and organisations to encourage participation in sport for young people. The fund is intended to facilitate new initiatives in youth sport within East Grinstead's civil parish which serve to benefit local East Grinstead residents and seek to improve the health of those participating.

Applications for **Youth Sports Grants** will close on 3 December.

For further information contact the Town Council or download an application form from:

[www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/the-council/services/grants](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk/the-council/services/grants)

Organisation	Amount requested (£)	Amount recommended (£) 2018/2019
Bluebell Railway Preservation Society	500	500
East Grinstead Disability Access Group	500	500
Royal British Legion	175	175
East Grinstead Bowling Club	500	450
4Sight	500	450
Age UK (EG and District)	300	300
Sussex Railway Partnership Limited	200	200
East Grinstead Music and Arts Festival	150	150
St Catherine's Hospice	500	310
Greenstede Talking News	315	315
EG Foodbank	750	500
EG Short Mat Bowls Club	200	150
<b>Total</b>	<b>4590</b>	<b>4000</b>



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# Diary Dates

For information on these and other events in and around the town, contact our Tourist Information on **01342 410121** [tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk](mailto:tourism@eastgrinstead.gov.uk) or go to [www.visiteastgrinstead.com](http://www.visiteastgrinstead.com).

## Saturday 17 November

### Christmas Lights Switch On and 'The Big Reveal'

5pm – 7pm

East Grinstead will welcome in the festive season with the return of this popular town event. The traders have been keeping their Christmas window displays under wraps and all will be revealed following the town lights switch on.

There'll be fun, surprises and late night shopping. High Street closed to traffic.



## Saturday 24 November

### Rotary Club Tree of Light Switch On

2.45pm – 4.30pm

East Grinstead Concert Band will play from 2.50pm and the lighting ceremony will commence at 3.15pm. The Town Mayor will switch on the tree lights at approximately 4pm.

Entertainment, pantomime characters and carols to welcome the grand tree to the High Street.



## Sunday 2 December

### Christmas Family Festival

10am – 4pm

A French market, charity and craft stalls, children's fairground rides, entertainment and Father Christmas take over London Road.



## 25 February – 10 March

### Fairtrade Fortnight 2019

Fairtrade Fortnight is an action-packed highlight of the year, when campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries. Fairtrade East Grinstead will be organising a range of events.

[www.fairtrade-eg.co.uk](http://www.fairtrade-eg.co.uk) or [SusanJoy471@hotmail.com](mailto:SusanJoy471@hotmail.com)  
01342 835190.



# Civic Duties and Services

East Grinstead is served by three Councils which work together as needed, but who have separate remits.

## West Sussex County Council:

The County Council is responsible for the management, maintenance and improvement of the highways, which includes the roads, pavements, verges, road signs and street lighting. You can help by reporting problems, faults and complaints online.

[love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home](http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home) makes it easier to report faults and community concerns; potholes, overgrown trees and vegetation, road flooding, damaged and overgrown pavements.



### WSCC responsibilities are –

Births, marriages and deaths, bus stop electronic information, education, social services, highways, library services, Children & Family Centres, recycling sites, street lighting, fire, emergencies and crime, walking, horse riding and cycling.

[www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) 01243 777100

## Mid Sussex District Council:

Keeping East Grinstead clean and tidy is essential to ensure that we have an attractive place to live in, work in and enjoy. Mid Sussex District Council is responsible for keeping the Borough clean and litter free.

You can help by reporting problems, faults and complaints online.

### MSDC responsibilities are –

**Council Tax and Housing:** Council tax, benefits and Council tax support, homelessness and housing advice.

### Elections and Voting

**Environmental:** antisocial behaviour and noise issues, bonfires and smoke, dog control, fouling and dog waste bins, Gypsies and Travellers.

### Licensing and Business

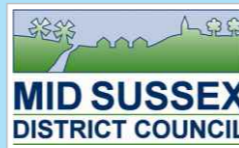
**Parks and Open Spaces:** management of the recreation grounds and open spaces in the town, the playing fields at East Court and the Kings Leisure Centre.

**Parking:** Blue badge parking, parking permits and parking penalty charges.

### Planning

**Waste and Recycling:** Clinical waste, fly tipping, garden waste, litter bins, street sweeping, house bin collections.

[www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk) 01444 458166



## East Grinstead Town Council:

### EGTC responsibilities are –

Mount Noddy and Queens Road cemeteries, East Court Mansion, High Street flower beds, Old Court House, Meridian Hall, street furniture, the McIndoe Statue and lawn, War Memorials, street name plates, winter grit bins, fly posting and graffiti removal.

The Town Council also organises town events during the year to mark anniversaries when appropriate and three free outdoor, picnic concerts during the summer: "East Court Live!"

The Town Council owns the allotments and the tennis club at East Court, but these are managed via lease to the allotment companies and Estcots Tennis club respectively.

The **Tourist Information service** in the library is also run by the Town Council with contributions from Mid Sussex and West Sussex Councils. [www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk](http://www.eastgrinstead.gov.uk) 01342 323636



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# East Grinstead 2014–2018 WW100 Commemorations

## Roll of Honour

Each name from the East Grinstead War Memorial has been remembered on the anniversary of their death with a post on social media and a mention on the Town Council web news.

## Edwardian Picnic: East Court Live!

**3 August 2014:** The town turned out to remember the last weekend of peace before war was declared on 4 August 1914.

East Grinstead Concert Band played popular tunes of the era and there were period games, Punch and Judy shows and have-a-go archery. The ladies of the WI served up cream teas and many residents dressed in Edwardian costumes.



## The day Sussex died: The Battle of Boar's Head

**30 June 2016:** The Battle of Boar's Head, Richebourg, France 30 June 1916 was a diversionary tactic, prior to the Battle of the Somme, which started on 1 July 1916. The Town Mayor lit a candle at the War Memorial at 3.05am, the exact moment, 100 years earlier, the men of the 11th, 12th and 13th Southdown's Battalions went 'over the top'. In five hours 17 officers and 349 men were killed and over 1000 were wounded or taken prisoner. The candle burned for the 5 hours of the battle. A wreath-laying ceremony with an honour guard took place at 7am and the candle was extinguished at 8.05am.



## 2014–2018 floral tributes High Street War Memorial flower beds

The Town Council has commemorated the anniversary of WWI with spectacular themed beds.

## The Sidney Godley VC plaque unveiling

**23 August 2014:** East Grinstead was the first town in the UK to unveil one of the nationwide series of specially commissioned, centenary anniversary plaques. The plaques were produced as a Government initiative, to honour each holder of the Victoria Cross from WWI. Pte Sidney Godley VC, born in East Grinstead, was the first private soldier to be awarded the medal for valour during the war. Despite being twice wounded, Pte Godley held Nimy Bridge at Mons, allowing his comrades to escape. He was subsequently captured and told of his award whilst a prisoner of war, eventually receiving his medal from King George V at Buckingham Palace in 1919. Among the attendees of the ceremony were Rt. Hon. Eric Pickles MP, Pte Godley's great niece Mrs Susan Hill, and representatives of the Royal Fusiliers, the successors to Pte Godley's regiment.



## Remembrance Day 2018 & Beacon Lighting

There was a Service of Remembrance held in East Grinstead to mark the 100th year anniversary of the end of WWI. A Beacon was lit at East Court, followed by a short service at the WW2 Memorial, East Court. The Historic High Street was closed to traffic for the parade, accompanied by the East Grinstead Concert Band.

Two minutes silence was observed at 11am, followed by the Wreath Laying Ceremony at the High Street War Memorial commemorating the men from East Grinstead who lost their lives in the Great War.

## Let's not forget

WWI touched the lives of millions across the globe 1914–1918 and to mark the centenary East Grinstead Town Council has commemorated with a series of events and tributes.

## Lights Out

**4 August 2014:** East Grinstead Town Council and the East Grinstead branch of the Royal British Legion, held a candle-lit vigil 10pm – 11pm to mark the exact time Great Britain entered the 'Great War'. During the reading of war poems, members of the public were invited to place lighted candles around the War Memorial.



## Armed Forces Day

**30 June 2018:** A service of commemoration was held at the High Street War Memorial and was followed by a procession led by The East Grinstead Concert Band. The band, dignitaries and members of the public processed to East Court where further activities, exhibitions and WWI & RAF 100 displays took place.



## Haywards Heath, VC plaque

Town Mayor Rex Whittaker and his consort Miss Ali Hinton were guests at a special ceremony in Haywards Heath, to unveil a commemorative paving stone marking the 100 year anniversary of Sergeant Arthur George Knight's Victoria Cross award. Sgt Knight was born in Haywards Heath in 1886 and later moved to Canada where he joined the 10th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force. He died 3 September 1918 near Arras, France, displaying the greatest valour under very heavy fire.

The event was marked by the attendance of the High Sheriff of West Sussex, representatives of the Canadian Commission and the Calgary Highlanders who are the perpetrators of the 10th Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force.

