

**RYE TOWN COUNCIL**  
*working for the social, economic and environmental well-being  
of the Antient Town of Rye*

**NEWS**  
**FEBRUARY 2007**

**GREENFIELD THREAT**

At its meeting held on 19 December, Rother District Council's Cabinet was advised that Rother was 469 dwellings below its new housing target and there was high risk of not maintaining an adequate supply of housing over the next five years without the release of the 'reserve' site at land north of Udimore Road, Rye. On 5 March Rother's Council will consider a Cabinet recommendation that the Council should not raise any objection to a planning application on the site.

The developer has already been in informal talks with Rother officers and interested stakeholders and, subject to Rother formally releasing the site in March, it is believed that a public consultation event will be held prior to submission of a planning application.

The Town Council remains very concerned about the loss of greenfield space and the potential impact of surface water displacement on the Old Brickyard and Tilling Green and, as this *Fixtures* goes to print, is about to consider its response to this latest development.

**SADDLING UP!**

On 8 and 9 April, the Mayor of Rye and Speaker of the Confederation of the Cinque Ports, Cllr Paul Osborne will cycle 120 miles around Kent and Sussex to raise funds for his two chosen charities/ 'good causes' – Rye Sea Cadets and Rye Scouts. Starting in Faversham, he will follow the Cinque Ports Cycle Route through Margate, Ramsgate, Sandwich, Deal, Dover, Folkestone, Hythe, New Romney and Lydd, resting at Rye before setting off again the following day to Winchelsea, Hastings and Tenterden. A full timetable will be available shortly.

Rye & District Wheelers have generously offered to provide support 'back up' for both days. Other cyclists are welcome to join the Speaker at any stage on the understanding that they do so at their own risk.

A sponsorship form may be downloaded at [www.ryetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ryetowncouncil.gov.uk) or obtained from Judy on 223902.

**WILDLIFE WEEKEND**

The third Wildlife Weekend, Friday 25 May-Monday 28 May – includes:

- FRI-MON** Nature Photo Exhibition – The Place, Camber  
Exhibition & tasting sessions, Webbe's Fish Café, Tower Street, Rye  
Franco British Watercolour Exhibition, Rye Art Gallery & Turtle Fine Art  
Camber Castle open to the public
- FRI ONLY** Fish Conservation Seminar/Lunch – Webbe's Fish Café
- SAT** Wildlife Children's Procession, Rye, 11-1  
Wildlife Discovery Fun – Sailing Club/Rye Harbour
- SUN** Nat Trust Wickham Manor Organic Farm Open Day
- MON** Exploring Sand & Wind, Camber (pm)

For further information contact the County Nature Without Borders Officer, Isabelle Boudaud on 01273 482660 or visit [www.wildrye.info](http://www.wildrye.info)

## BECOME A COUNCILLOR – MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

All areas served by English parish and town councils go to the polls on Thursday 3 May 2007 to elect local councillors for 4-year terms of office.

There are 16 town council seats up for grabs in Rye so, if you would like to become involved in making and influencing decisions about local services and issues – and helping to make Rye a better place in which to live and work - why not consider standing?

In addition to attending full Council meetings (approximately every 2 months), Councillors serve on committees which reflect their particular areas of interest. Currently the Council has committees dealing with planning, policy & finance, leisure & tourism and public services. Although the prospect of debating matters in the Council Chamber might appear a little daunting, meetings are invariably good natured, largely free of 'party politics' and there are plenty of sources of guidance and advice!

To be eligible for election you must be over 21 (may be reduced to 18 by May) and be a British, Irish or EU citizen. You must also be registered as an elector in Rye or:

- during the 12 months prior to nomination have been an occupier or land as owner or tenant in the parish; or
- for the same period have resided in the parish or within 3 miles of it; or
- for the same period have had your principal place of work in the parish.

To find out more, request an Information Pack (with DVD) from the Sussex & Surrey Associations of Local Councils on 01273 476343 or contact the Rye Town Clerk, Richard Farhall on 223903 (e [townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk))

## GETTING THERE

In the November *Fixtures* it was reported that the existing street trading controls in the town were to be extended to include The Strand, The Quay (including the road between The Strand and The Quay), The Deals, Mermaid Street (from junction with The Strand to 20m east) and Wish Ward. Unfortunately, because of a procedural technicality the new Order is now not likely to come into effect until 5 March. It will remain that case that anyone wishing to trade from the pavements or roads within these areas – as well as The Mint, High Street, Hilders Cliff, Lion Street, Market Street, East Street and Ockman's Lane – will have to obtain permission from Rother District Council.

## SKATE PARK

On 15 January Rother District Council's Cabinet approved an application from Rye and District Council for Voluntary Service for a second £5,000 Community Projects Grant towards completion of the Rye Skate Park. As a result, there is now sufficient funding to install two further items of equipment (Phase II) and, subject to confirmation of £5,000 from the County Council's Youth Opportunities Capital Fund and a further £3,000 from the Town Council, the project will be very close to having sufficient monies to acquire the final two items of equipment (Phase III). The end is in sight!

## HERE TO HELP

Rye Town Council is the sole trustee of Rye Relief in Need – a registered charity - established to assist those normally residing within the town (parish boundary) of Rye who are in 'need, hardship or distress'.

Applications may be made at any time of the year and are considered generally within 2 months of submission. Examples of successful applications for grant funding include:

Vitalise	towards care breaks	£303
Rye & District ARCC	provision of day care services	£500
Moat Housing Care & Repair	distribution of electric blankets	£150
Rye St John Ambulance	new ambulance appeal	£2,000
'Mr J'	removal cost/debt contribution	£214
Relate Bursary Fund	counseling sessions	£500

Organisations applying on behalf of their clients should write to or email the Secretary of Rye Relief in Need – and include:

- the amount of funding sought
- a brief description of the need for the grant
- confirmation that the funding will benefit those residing within the town of Rye only
- a copy of your organisation's last published accounts

If funding is required to continue a service it would be helpful to know how many Rye town residents benefited from it during the previous 12 months. Applications from individuals are equally welcome but must be submitted on a form which can be downloaded at: [www.ryetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ryetowncouncil.gov.uk) or obtained from the Secretary, Richard Farhall (t 223902 e [townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk)).

### TALK TO US

The next three Councillor Surgeries will be attended by:

Feb 7	Cllrs Paul Carey and Peter Dyce
Mar 7	Cllrs John Izod and Sonia Holmes
Apr 11	Cllrs Jo Kirkham and Paul Osborne

If you would like to book a 15-minute slot at the Town Hall please ring 223902 by noon on the day of the surgery. The first appointment available is at 6.30pm.

## RYE TOWN COUNCIL INFORMATION

### FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

All are open to the public. You are welcome to attend, ask questions and express any concerns at meetings of the full Council and Planning Committee. Meetings are held at the Town Hall, with the first listed commencing 6pm unless indicated otherwise

Nov	6	Planning	20	Planning, Policy
Dec	4	Planning	11	Council
	19(Tues)	Planning		
Jan	8	Planning, Leisure & Tourism	15	Public Services, Policy (Budget)
	22	Planning		

### CONTACTING RYE TOWN COUNCIL

By post Town Hall, Market Street, Rye TN31 7LA by phone 223902  
by fax 227706 by email [townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:townhall@ryetowncouncil.gov.uk) web [www.ryetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ryetowncouncil.gov.uk)

**Principal staff** Town Clerk Richard Farhall – based at the Town Hall.

#### Councillors

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\* also a Rother District Councillor for Rye

### Surgeries

Rye Town Councillors hold regular surgeries at the Town Hall on the first Wednesday of the month, 6.30pm-7.30pm. If you would like to discuss an issue or concern please ring Judy on 223902 to make an appointment.

### Rye Heritage Centre

Home of the Rye Town Model, Rye Tourist Information Centre, a gift shop, Old Pier Amusements and collection point for the Rye Audio Walking Tours. Operated by Rye Town Services. t 226696. [www.ryeheritage.co.uk](http://www.ryeheritage.co.uk).

### Useful Contacts

<b>East Sussex County Council</b>	t 01273 481000	<a href="http://www.eastsussexcc.gov.uk">www.eastsussexcc.gov.uk</a>
<b>MP (Michael Foster)</b>	t 01424 464604	
<b>Rother District Council</b>	t 01424 787878	<a href="http://www.rother.gov.uk">www.rother.gov.uk</a>
<b>Rother Homes</b>	t 0845 3550999	<a href="http://www.horizon-hg.org.uk">www.horizon-hg.org.uk</a>
<b>Rye Community Help Point</b>	t 222293	
<b>Rye County Councillor (Keith Glazier)</b>	t 229581	e <a href="mailto:cllr.keith.glazier@eastsussex.gov.uk">cllr.keith.glazier@eastsussex.gov.uk</a>
<b>Rye Partnership</b>	t 229600	<a href="http://www.ryepartnership.org.uk">www.ryepartnership.org.uk</a>