

County councillor report to Hadlow Down Parish Council Sep 2023

August tends to be a quieter month with fewer meetings and absence of Cabinet and Full Council meetings.

GCSE and A Level

These were announced in August and congratulations to all pupils who worked hard to achieve their results. Whilst the national figures are not published until October the East Sussex GCSE figures did show a fall from previous years although comparison difficult given the lack of exams during the pandemic.

Attainment 8 was 43.3 (45.3 in 2019) Grades 9-5 41.0% (41.7% 2019 and grades 9-4 62.8 (63.7 in 2019)

Uckfield performed well with improved results to 2019.

Attainment 8 49.9 (50.8) Grades 9-5 49(53) Grades 9-4 75 (77
in 2019

With A levels the East Sussex headline results were

Attainment 8 46.6

Grades 9-4 in Maths and English 66.1%

Grades 9-5 in Math and English 46.1%

Grove Park

There was a question at the previous meeting re the changes at Grove Park special school.

Currently the Primary phase is at Church Road

Secondary at Beeches (Beacon) site

Sixth Form Green Lane (Beacon.)

The proposal is for all phases to be moved to the Church Road site and the arrangement with Beacon to end.

The age range will also change from 4-19 to 2-19

Holiday Activity Fund

Escc ran a wide range of Activities for eligible children (FSM) and I met Sec of State Gillian Keegan which she visited one of the projects in Hastings. I was able to raise a number of issues with inc. SEN and the challenges of attendance figures. HAF is funded by Govt grant.

More Bus less Fuss Campaign

Campaign continues for residents where possible to use buses.

Fares remain at £2 till October 23 and after that at £2.50 till Nov 2024

Up to 4 Under 19's travel can travel free with 1 Adult fare payer.

Over 66 and travel is free with concessionary bus pass.

Flexibus for residents without regular bus service.

Older Persons Day

Awareness Day is on October 1st and there are various activities through Oct and November. Many events are free the programmes led by ESCC and ESSA (East Sussex Seniors Association)

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/olderpeoplesday

Creative Business Investment

Creative South East programme is aimed at helping creative industries grow across the SE and East Sussex who have lobbied govt and secured funding from DCMS. Creative industries. Creative industries across the UK generate £108bn with over 2.3m employed in the sector.

Aerated Concrete

Only one school in East Sussex is known to be affected by the concrete problem and action being taken.

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