

ESCC Report for Parish Councils December 2019

The Community Match programme has an annual budget which can be applied to if Parish Councils want to tackle local highways projects. There has to be match funding, and a feasibility study should be carried out initially (which ESCC will do, fee=£500). The programme is headed by Stuart Wilson, but the day to day management is looked after by Vanessa Anscombe at : community@eastsussexhighways.com

the website is: <https://www.eastsussexhighways.com./community-highways>

The new PCSOs began their new duties in the middle of November. They are being assigned to designated areas across the county. Every community across Sussex will have one or more dedicated PCSO to collate community intelligence and improve public confidence. Neighbourhood Policing was modernised 5 years ago giving PCSOs the necessary skills to support Police Officers. However they cannot make an arrest. It would be helpful if our newly appointed PCSO could attend their Parish Assembly.

The Open Doors scheme enables more than 1000 students to experience the world of work. Throughout November, 35 businesses from Forest Row to Hastings will welcome students to the workplace to inspire career choices. The initiative is run by ESCC and Skills East Sussex (the county's employment and skills board). Businesses include civil engineers, website designers, ESCC, a museum, and an off shore wind farm. This year will see 3 larger events held during November including a day at the Towner Gallery, an Into games creative cafe at DLWP, a day at the View Hotel in Eastbourne, and a careers day hosted at Gatwick airport.

Open Doors is for students aged 7 to 13 so that they gain insight into the world of work.

East Sussex Highways has launched a consultation so that people can give their views on proposals to **improve cycling and walking at St Leonards**. The plans affect roads running between Queensway and Sedlescombe Road South. They include sections of shared cycling and pedestrian routes on pavements, cycle lanes on roads, upgrading pedestrian crossings and installing new road markings and signage. The scheme aims to improve links between residential areas, the town centre, seafront, employment areas, and educational establishments. This forms part of a wider walking and cycling strategy for Hastings and St Leonards developed by ESCC and HBC.

People can view the plans online at www.eastsussexhighways.com/consultations deadline – is December 11th.

Be" Fraud Aware" and help bring scammers to justice. In the last 6 months scores of scams happened across the county but, with only 5% of incidents reported , this is thought to be the tip of the iceberg. International Fraud Awareness week in November was intended to

make people aware and East Sussex Trading Standards is urging people to be on their guard. In 2018/19, Trading Standards teams across the UK prevented people from being scammed out of £42m, stopped 20 million illegal products reaching consumers, and prosecuted more than 1100 people who received more than 317 years' worth of prison sentences.

Report scams to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk

Contractors working for ESCC will be assessing the site of a **collapsed wall near Lewes Castle** and will carry out emergency maintenance work. The county council is working with partners including Lewes District Council and Historic England to investigate the causes of the wall collapse , and they will formulate a long term plan for this historic site.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very enjoyable and peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

Angharad Davies East Sussex County Councillor Northern Rother