

ESCC update to Brightling parish council on 10th May 2023.

Highways Contract

Balfour Beatty took over the running of the Highways contract at the beginning of the month. Below is a communication I received last week following queries from residents.

The outstanding pothole repairs that were raised prior to the contact commencing on 1st May 2023 are currently being delivered by dedicated resources, in addition to the usual resources to continue to maintain the network, and these works will be completed before the end of June. All outstanding works will be audited and tracked utilising our inhouse supervisors and “Confirm” digital software to ensure they are delivered to the standards expected within our “Right first Time” approach.

Unfortunately, there are also a number of open customer and members cases that remained within the old Salesforce system used by Costains that we are currently in the process of importing into our JADU Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system. At present these cases are having to be manually entered into the new CRM system but we are continuing to work on an automated process that will enable the data to be imported automatically. We anticipate completing this work within the next week.

Flexibus

On 9th May ESCC launched [FlexiBus](#) – a new on demand transport service operating across the county. The [FlexiBus service is live in five zones](#) from this week in Bexhill, South Downs, Stonegate, Hailsham and Sedlescombe. North Lewes, West Crowborough, Uckfield, North Wealden and Rye will launch next week (15 May).

This service, supported by the DfT’s Bus Service Improvement Plan funding responds to a need for greater access to transport and shared mobility allowing residents to get where they need to go on an on-demand basis. Operating in more rural areas of the county where traditional bus services don’t quite reach, FlexiBus provides an invaluable link to key transport hubs such as train and bus stations, supermarkets and shopping centres and other key places of interest.

The [cost of a FlexiBus ride](#) is equivalent to a standard bus fare, capped at £2 for a single journey until the end of June when it will return to £3.50, or an adult day pass can be purchased for £5.

For more information here is the link

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The Turner Prize

Eastbourne has been given the honour of hosting the Turner Prize in September. The prize, established in 1984, is the most high-profile award in contemporary British art. It will be the first time that the ceremony has been held in Sussex.

The presentation of the 2023 prize is part of Towner 100, a year-long centenary celebration of arts and culture across Eastbourne. The programme launched with two displays exploring the Towner Collection past and present. It will continue with a large-scale exhibition of sculptures by the artist Barbara Hepworth, followed by the presentation of the Turner Prize in the autumn.

The shortlist for the prize was announced in April. Exhibitions of the nominees' work will be available for the public to view between 28 September 2023 and 14 April 2024.

More information about the exhibition can be found [here](#).