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I hope you all enjoyed your long weekend? I turned mine into a very long weekend, which was most needed! I hope you find the following news useful...

## "Your Kind of Place"? Consultation Events

Arun Local Strategic Partnership wants your input to help us review "Our Kind of Place" which is the Community Strategy for Arun. The aim of the "Our Kind of Place" is to set out a shared vision of how we would like Arun to be 20+ years into the future. It also details the plans needed to deliver the vision.

Arun is a very varied district and the priorities identified in one area may not be the same in different areas. The purpose of the consultation events is to collect the local visions and action plans from across the district for inclusion in "Our Kind of Place" and also to enable appropriate plans for each area to be developed, both in terms of the spatial plan needed to deliver the local vision and for local action plans.

It is important to us that the views of local businesses are heard; we hope you will be able to send a representative to the events. These events will enable us to build up a complete picture of priorities across Arun for all sectors of the community and provide the knowledge to avoid the pitfalls of "one size fits all" solutions. There are three events:

Downland Arun: St Mary Church Hall, Climping - **Thurs 8th May, 6pm - 8pm** (incl 5 Villages, Ford and Climping)

West Arun: St Mary's Centre, Felpham - **Mon 12th May, 6pm - 8pm**

East Arun: Woodlands Centre, Rustington - **Mon 19th May, 6pm - 8pm**

If you would like to attend or find out more details, contact Caroline Gosford – 01903 713457 or [caroline.gosford@arun.gov.uk](mailto:caroline.gosford@arun.gov.uk)

## Proposals for Ford

Unless you've been living under a rock for the last few weeks, you will have caught the news that two shortlisted schemes for an eco-town were submitted to the Government for consideration. Clearly this will have a huge impact on our area if it is chosen to be developed. Read More....

Currently, Arun District Council has put together some important, detailed information on our webpages about the schemes. You can view these at [www.arun.gov.uk/ecotown](http://www.arun.gov.uk/ecotown)

I'd be interested to hear any views you might have whether positive or negative, so please send them to me by email.

# Sussex residents encouraged to BE SLOW TRAVELLERS

*Week-long event offers unbeatable discounts for all!*

Sussex is set to host the best event of the year for residents living in the county. 'Big Sussex Week' is back and it's better than before! Now a week-long event 'Big Sussex Week' will take place from Monday 16 to Sunday 22 June and will encourage people to engage with attractions, foods, places to stay and things to do which are available on their doorstep. Read More...

Residents from across East and West Sussex can discover new attractions and revisit old favourites. As well as attractions, this year's event is expanding to include special offers and discounts available at local cafés, pubs and restaurants and on accommodation.

With over 100 businesses involved in the event, it promises to be a week of discovery, activity and fun from wildlife to gardens, stately homes to fun fairs, local produce menus to mid-week breaks. There really is something for everyone to enjoy.

Big Sussex Week – a Sussex Tourism Partnership initiative – promotes sustainability by encouraging residents to cut down on their travel and stay local. People will also be able to cut down on their spending too as attractions, eateries and accommodation will be offering discounts off entry prices, menus and booking fees.

Nick Head, chairman of the Sussex Tourism Partnership, said: "We are delighted to be able to offer the people of Sussex these discounted rates at so many attractions, restaurants, pubs and accommodation venues. We feel that 'Big Sussex Week' really gives something back to the people who live in this amazing county, it is also a great way for tourism businesses to say thank you to the residents for the warm welcome they provide to visitors.

"We encourage people to get out and about and show their support for 'Big Sussex Week'. Go and discover the rich heritage, colour and entertainment your county has to offer you, while taking advantage of the wonderful reduced rates!"

For details of the tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses involved in this special event, and to download discount vouchers for reduced entry, residents should visit [www.bigsussex.co.uk](http://www.bigsussex.co.uk) or call in to their nearest networked Tourist Information Centre with proof of their address.

## Can You Help?

Organisers of the Littlehampton Raft Race, part of the Littlehampton River Revival 2008, are looking to Industrial Estate businesses for any leftovers or off-cuts that might be helpful in building a raft! Basically, stuff that floats! Read More...

The Littlehampton Raft Race and River Revival will be held on the River Arun on 21<sup>st</sup> June and will involve teams making rafts from barrels, rope, and other materials, to then race to the finish! If you can supply any wood, rope, buoyancy aids or any item that could be used in raft building that might help, please contact Keith Croft on 01903 725067 or 07932 176051. The Littlehampton River Revival itself is an action-packed day with a variety of water-based activities for all the family, fantastic spectacle for participants and spectators alike. Sponsorship opportunities for the

overall event are also available for businesses, and/or why not take part by forming a team? Again for more information or entry form please contact Keith or 01903 732063 [steixeira@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk](mailto:steixeira@littlehampton-tc.gov.uk) [www.littlehampton.org.uk](http://www.littlehampton.org.uk)

## Government supply site open to SME's for free

The Government's online public contract site [www.supply2.gov.uk](http://www.supply2.gov.uk) has been made available to SME's for free to encourage more small firms to benefit from public sector business opportunities. [Read More...](#)

The focus will be on tenders under £100,000 and is supported by the Federation Of Small Business. Normally a business can search opportunities in its own area for free, but have to pay for other areas. Now its free to search all opportunities nationwide. This news came to me via the Daily Telegraph's Small Business E-newsletter which you can read here

[http://www.telegraph.co.uk/money/main.jhtml?xml=/money/2008/04/30/ybsupply130.xml&DCMP=EMC-msb\\_30042008](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/money/main.jhtml?xml=/money/2008/04/30/ybsupply130.xml&DCMP=EMC-msb_30042008)

## Trolleys

And finally...after a few conversations with businesses and the Police, it appears that trolleys from a nearby food store are being discarded around Lineside Industrial Estate Littlehampton. [Read More...](#)

Although Tesco's have taken measures to stop this by adding magnets to their trolleys, shoppers are still finding ways of taking them off site and using them to take their shopping home. Unfortunately these are then left in the Industrial Estate. I have spoken to the duty manager at Tesco's who is keen to get them back as they are expensive (!) and I'm sure businesses want them removed from their environs. The answer seems to be as always a joint approach. They have agreed to send a trolley person out to the industrial estate once a month to check for lost trolleys. Our part in this is to report it to their (wait for it readers) "Trolley Hotline" via Customer Services on 0800 505555.

So if discarded trolleys are sending you off your trolley (sorry – couldn't resist!) please contact the customer service number shown.