

## ESTIMATED NET EXPENDITURE - YEARS ENDING 31 MARCH 2005 AND 31 MARCH 2006

		2004/2005 Revised Estimate as at 1 Jan 2005	2005/2006 Estimate
<b>Leisure &amp; Recreation Committee</b>	<b>External Facilities</b>		
	Expenditure	155,070.00	92,900.00
	Income	32,695.00	16,740.00
		<u>122,375.00</u>	<u>76,160.00</u>
	<b>Internal Facilities</b>		
	Expenditure	48,030.00	69,350.00
Income	47,430.00	48,525.00	
	<u>600.00</u>	<u>20,825.00</u>	
<b>Lighting &amp; Amenities Committee</b>	<b>Lighting:</b>		
	Expenditure	17,600.00	2,000.00
	Income	21,000.00	---
		<u>(3,400.00)</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
	<b>Amenities:</b>		
	Expenditure	56,235.00	65,675.00
Income	11,461.00	13,142.00	
	<u>44,774.00</u>	<u>52,533.00</u>	
<b>Finance and General Purposes Committee</b>	Expenditure	237,934.00	229,677.00
	Income	8,950.00	9,800.00
		<u>228,984.00</u>	<u>219,877.00</u>
<b>Emergency Planning Committee</b>	Expenditure	15.00	15.00
	Income	---	---
		<u>15.00</u>	<u>15.00</u>
<b>Allotments Committee</b>	Expenditure	7,744.00	9,080.00
	Income	3,170.00	3,100.00
		<u>4,574.00</u>	<u>5,980.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>397,922.00</b>	<b>377,390.00</b>

April 2005



# Chairman's Message

Phew! May 2005 and I have been Chairman for 12 months already. The year started off at 100 mph and has not slowed down yet.

As I said last year, we were halfway towards achieving Quality Status, and 12 months on we are a Quality Parish and have already attracted grants for this attainment towards the refurbishment of our new children's play area at the Woodlands Recreation Ground. We saw the demolition of the old Youth Club building, and the new Youth Centre goes from strength to strength.

During the year, the Council was pleased to host the well established Annual Community Carol Concert as well as a fundraising Musical Extravaganza Evening in aid of the most worthy Tsunami Appeal. Both of these events proved to be very successful.

The Council is continuing to work to improve and extend the community facilities and services available around the Village and has recently completed the purchase of Church Farm Cottage in The Street, with the objective of providing a new home for the Rustington Museum, together with other facilities for the local community. It is anticipated that the Museum will be operational at the cottage by the Spring of 2006. The Public Toilets in Churchill Car Park are also scheduled to be completely renovated this year by

the owners, Store Property Investments Limited. The Company has offered the Council a new shop unit, which is also due to be constructed at the same time as the renovation works. This unit will be used for a Village Information Centre, with additional facilities available for various users, including the Citizens' Advice Bureau Outreach Centre and the Monthly Police Community Support Officers' Surgeries.

Before closing, I must make mention of the South and South East in Bloom Campaign. Rustington was lucky enough to be presented with a bronze award for its initial entry into this national Competition last year. The recently formed "In-Bloom" Committee, supported by the Parish Council, is working diligently to try to ensure that this year's entry is an improvement on last year, so please support the Campaign in any way that you can.

We have a fantastic Council and a fantastic Staff who all work together. It is a great feeling when you tell someone you come from Rustington and they compliment you on the ambience of the Village as a whole. Yes, Rustington is a great place to be proud of.



THE  
WOODLANDS  
CENTRE  
&  
RUSTINGTON  
YOUTH CENTRE

Woodlands Avenue

currently have vacancies for single or regular hirings of their Halls and Meeting Rooms

*Please contact the Council Offices for further details*



# About the Parish Council

Parish Councils are the least bureaucratic kind of Local Authority and their expenditure is a small part of the total Council Tax. Unlike the Arun District Council and the West Sussex County Council, the Parish Council receives no Grant Aid from Central Government, nor income from the National Non-Domestic Rate levied on businesses, etc.

**The Council** at full complement, is made up of 16 Members, who are elected every 4 years in 3 Wards. Members of the Parish Council represent the residents of Rustington on many bodies and organisations both statutory and voluntary. This ensures that the local residents' voices are heard and are able to influence decisions made.

**Responsibilities** include Observations on Planning Applications; Allotments; War Memorial; a School Crossing Patrol; the Woodlands Centre and Recreation Grounds; Woodland Park Sportsfield; Enhancement and Maintenance of the Central Shopping Area.

The Parish Council also provides financial assistance towards the Christmas lighting in The Street, additional highway verge cutting, and the upkeep of the Parish Churchyard. Grant Aid is awarded, according to need, to a variety of local community groups and organisations, including the Littlehampton and District Citizens' Advice Bureau.

## Your Councillors

**Chairman** - Councillor G M Tyler (East Ward) - Seaward, The Close, Sea Avenue, Rustington BN16 2DW

**Vice-Chairman** - Councillor C S Pryor (East Ward) - 9 Mill Lane, Rustington BN16 3ED

### East Ward

Councillor J W Collins, 85 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HT  
 Councillor S G Fitzsimon, 46 Fircroft Crescent, Rustington BN16 3HS  
 Councillor Mrs M Rice, 4 Marama Gardens, Sea Road, Rustington BN16 2ND  
 Councillor R C Steward, Canberra, 18 Botany Close, Rustington BN16 2BJ

### West Ward

Councillor A K Akbar, 78 Westlands, Rustington BN16 3NW  
 Councillor Mrs C P Broomfield, 15 Harsfold Road, Rustington BN16 2QE  
 Councillor J E Ceiriog-Hughes, 15 Manor Road, Rustington BN16 3QT  
 Councillor T G Field, 105 Worthing Road, Rustington BN16 3LZ  
 Councillor R S Grevett, "The Birches", 58 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3EY  
 Councillor Mrs S Y Lines, Quince Cottage, 4 The Bramblings, Rustington BN16 2DA  
 Councillor D F Murphy, 2 Arun Close, Rustington BN16 3HD  
 Councillor Mrs I Richards, 16 Hawke Close, Rustington BN16 2AT  
 Councillor M A Warrington, 23 Tennyson Avenue, Rustington BN16 2PB

### West Preston Ward

(At the time of going to press there is a vacancy in this Ward)

## Clerk of the Council

Mrs Carole Ward, Council Offices, 34 Woodlands Avenue, Rustington BN16 3HB  
 Tel: 01903 786420

## Meetings

Just a reminder that Council Meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month (apart from August and December) commencing at 7.15pm in the Roger Montgomeri Room at The Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue. All members of the public are welcome to attend these Meetings, and time is set aside before each Council and Committee Meeting commences to give members of the public an opportunity to pose questions. A copy of the Agenda for each Meeting is displayed at the Public Library and on Parish Notice Boards around the Village.

### Council and Committee Meeting Dates June - September 2005

Mon 6 Jun	Planning Committee
Thur 9 Jun	Lighting & Amenities Committee
Mon 20 Jun	Planning Committee
Mon 27 Jun	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon 27 Jun	COUNCIL
Mon 27 Jun	Planning Committee
Mon 4 Jul	Allotments Committee (Judging)
Mon 11 Jul	Planning Committee
Thur 14 Jul	Leisure & Recreation Committee
Mon 25 Jul	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon 25 Jul	COUNCIL
Mon 25 Jul	Planning Committee
Mon 8 Aug	Planning Committee
Mon 22 Aug	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon 22 Aug	Planning Committee
Mon 5 Sep	Planning Committee
Mon 19 Sep	Planning Committee
Mon 26 Sep	Finance & General Purposes Committee
Mon 26 Sep	COUNCIL
Mon 26 Sep	Planning Committee

### We need your help

Please help us to maintain the Parish to a high standard. We rely on members of the public to be vigilant and to help us by reporting any problems so that we can take action before damage becomes extensive. A list of useful telephone numbers is also given in this Newsletter so that problems can be reported directly to the correct Authority.

As I am sure you are all aware, the Village received a Bronze Award in last year's Competition, for its first time entry.

This year, a special 'In-Bloom' Committee has been set up consisting of several members of the local community, working in partnership with the Parish Council. We hope to secure a Silver Award and everyone involved is working diligently to achieve this aim.

I feel honoured to have been Chairman of the Parish Council, during a year which has seen considerable change and progression, including the major achievement of 'Quality Council Status'. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, especially my Vice-Chairman and Chairmen of our Committees, for their support. I am also indebted to our dedicated Clerk and all of her Staff who

have given me guidance and the wealth of their experience throughout the year. I know that Rustington will go from strength to strength over the next twelve months, and can assure all parishioners that your Parish Council is indeed a Quality Parish in every sense of the word, and provides excellent value for money.

## Annual Report from the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee - Councillor Geoff Fitzsimon

As Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee I have the privilege and pleasure of addressing you once again to explain how your money is spent by your Parish Council.

I told you last year that a Partnership Agreement for the management and operation of the Youth Centre was being negotiated with West Sussex County Council in conjunction with the Parish Council's lawyers. This Agreement was completed during the year and the County Council has now accepted its share of the running costs.

Last year's Revised Estimate made provision for the total cost of the refurbishment of the Children's Playground, including fencing and gates, amounting to £45,000. This refurbishment was put on hold pending the results of certain grant applications submitted on behalf of your Parish Council.

I am glad to say that the upgrading of the street lighting in the Village has been completed at last.

So much for the past financial year. The most difficult and important task of your Parish Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee is the examination of the proposed Budgets of the various Committees which are prepared in November/December for the following year.

When the Committee met on 10 January it was faced with the demand for a precept of £474,000. At a time when it was obvious to me that the tax demands from West Sussex County Council and Arun District Council were likely to be higher than those of 2004/05, I advised members of the Committee that the projected Precept was much too high and would need to be reduced. I said that the Precept should be no higher than £400,000 i.e. a reduction of £74,000. In the event this was achieved, and details of the revised spending requirements of the various Committees are as follows:-

### Allotments Committee

Some of the improvements required have been postponed and the sum of £4,000 has been trimmed from this Committee's Budget.

### Leisure and Recreation Committee

The Building Improvements Fund of this Committee suffered the major cut in its projected expenditure. This Fund provides for the rolling programme of improvements. Its estimate had provided for a major "Rear Foyer Project" to refurbish this area completely. This would have included the movement of the ladies toilets to enable the Roger Barwick Room to be redesigned as a more user-friendly room. This project has been postponed again with a saving of £75,000 in this Committee's Budget.

I am pleased to say that the grants totalling £20,500, to which I referred in my opening remarks, have been received. It is anticipated that the work on the total refurbishment of the children's playground will commence shortly and it is hoped that the playground will be open and in use in time for the summer holidays.

### Lighting and Amenities Committee

The much admired floral displays around the Village are maintained by Ferring Nurseries at a cost of £21,000 per annum and the Public Conveniences continue to be maintained to a high standard by Sigma Plumbing at a cost of £14,000 per annum. Various sums totalling £6,500 have been trimmed from this Committee's Budget.

### Opportunity Purchases

An amount of £20,000 has been provided in this Budget.

### School Crossing Patrol

The Parish Council employs its own patrol in Old Manor Road at a cost of £2,150 per annum.

### Security

A contract has been awarded to Tram Security Services for the future security arrangements for all of the Council's

premises at a cost of £9,000 per annum.

### Closed Circuit Television System - Shopping Centre

The system is in operation at a cost of £950 per annum.

### General

The Parish Council has just completed the purchase of Church Farm Cottage for £260,000 by means of a loan from the Public Works Loan Board. The servicing of this loan will cost approximately £28,500 per annum. Initially payments will be made from the Opportunity Purchases Fund. It is proposed that at least part of the building will be used to create a Rustington Museum in conjunction with the Rustington Heritage Association, with whom negotiations are in hand.

The sum of £25,000 has been added to the Finance and General Purposes Committee's Budget for the possible employment of additional staff including a Premises Manager to be responsible for all the Parish Council's properties.

I know that the Council Tax Demand from Arun District Council shows that the Parish Council's share of this Tax has increased by 11.3% over last year's. However, percentages do not tell the whole story. In actual cash terms, which are really what matter, the increase amounts to £6.48 per annum for the average Band D taxpayer or for those who pay their tax by Direct Debit, 65 pence monthly.

In conclusion I would like to thank my colleagues on the Finance and General Purposes Committee for their help and encouragement during the year and to pay tribute to the Clerk and her Staff for their enthusiastic support and dedication without which none of the hard work would have been done.

## Annual Report from the Chairman of the Council

- Councillor Graham Tyler

I would now like to present the first part of the Council's Annual Report to you, which I hope will give both those of you who are not familiar with the workings of the Council, and also those of you who are, a fairly good insight into the way in which the Council works, its responsibilities, and its duties to the electorate of Rustington.

The Chairman of the Council's Finance and General Purposes Committee, Councillor Geoff Fitzsimon's comprehensive Report in respect of the Council's finances for the years ending 31 March 2005 and 31 March 2006 follows this Report. Councillor Fitzsimon and his Committee work very hard to ensure that the Council's finances are operated efficiently and effectively.

Councillor Tim Field has recently taken over as Chairman of the Lighting and Amenities Committee. This important Committee works diligently to ensure that all areas in and around the Village are carefully maintained, enhanced and improved to ensure that the aesthetic appearance is not only pleasing to the community, but also presents a warm welcome to the many people that visit Rustington during the year.

The Committee's responsibilities include the Public Toilets, Public Seats, Noticeboards, Street Maps, Beach and Bus Shelters, some Street Lighting, Grass Cutting and the Maintenance of all of the Floral Displays, Lamp Post Baskets and Trees in the Village Centre, plus any other associated functions. I am sure you would agree that the results of this Committee's hard work and efforts are evident for all to see.

During the next few months the Public Toilets in the Churchill Car Park will be completely renovated at a cost of some £50,000. This, most welcome, project is being carried out by the owners Store Property Investments Limited, who are also constructing a new unit adjacent to the Toilets which they have offered to the Parish Council for use as an Information Centre. Obviously, the Council has accepted this offer with thanks and appreciation, and is looking forward to opening this new Centre which, it is anticipated, will be open on a daily basis for anyone requiring general information and assistance.

Councillor Moira Rice has Chaired the Leisure and Recreation Committee for a number of years, and what a sterling job she has made, and continues to make, of it! The Youth Centre, its most major

project, is now fully functional with an independent Management Committee overseeing the general management of the Centre. During 2004, the old Youth Club Building was demolished, new security fencing was installed on the western boundary of the Play Area and, also, in front of the Girl Guides Headquarters Building.

The latest planned project, namely the refurbishment of the Woodlands Recreation Ground Play Area, will soon be coming to fruition, following certain delays, with a large percentage of the funding being forthcoming by way of grants from the SITA Environmental Trust, a National Lottery Awards for All Grant and a small grant from the West Sussex County Council. This is an exciting project to provide much needed up-to-date leisure facilities for the younger members of the Community, with particular attention to compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act.

The next project that the Committee hopes to be successful in progressing, in partnership with the Youth Centre Management Committee, is the proposed enhancement of the Basketball Court/ Kickabout Area by the addition of goal ends, heavy duty fencing panels to enclose the area, together with two chicane accesses. A grant of £5,000 has already been awarded by the Arun Crime and Reduction Partnership, with the results of applications to other Grant Bodies still awaited.

The Woodlands Centre also falls within the remit of this Committee's responsibilities. It is a Centre that is very popular and obviously needs constant high level maintenance, enhancement and upgrading, to ensure that it remains this way.

As you can tell, this Committee is a very active Committee, working hard to provide and maintain leisure facilities for the Community.

The Planning Committee is Chaired by Councillor Mike Warrington. The Council is a Statutory Consultee, and is, therefore, consulted on all Planning Applications within the Parish by both the Arun District Council, as the Local Planning Authority and, in certain cases, the West Sussex County Council. Objections can only be made using criteria which complies with Planning Regulations, and any affected neighbouring properties are notified if the Committee feels this is appropriate. This Committee has a difficult, and sometimes controversial role, which it undertakes in a most professional way.

Councillor Cliff Pryor is the Chairman of the Allotments Committee, as well as being most supportive in his role as Vice-Chairman of the Council.

This Committee is responsible for the operation of the Council's three Allotment Sites, namely Penfold Lane, Conbar Avenue and Jubilee Avenue, housing some 124 plots. The Committee works with representatives from the Horticultural Association, to ensure that the allotments are properly cultivated and maintained in good order at all times.

The Committee, over the past two years, has managed to enhance certain aspects of the three Sites, including the erection of boundary fencing. All of the Sites are very popular, with only a small number of vacant plots available at any time during the year.

Councillor John Ceiriog-Hughes is the Chairman of the Emergency Planning Committee. Although it does not meet on a regular basis, the most important role of this Committee is to ensure that procedures are in place for the efficient and effective provision of the Woodlands Centre as a possible Rest Centre in the event of an emergency within the Parish, and also, to make the necessary arrangements to assist the District Council, as the Emergency Co-ordinator for the Arun District, where possible should a state of emergency be declared at any time.

The Council is also represented on a number of external Bodies. Whilst all Members of the Council attend Council Meetings and some Committee Meetings, certain Members volunteer to represent the Council on these external Bodies. The Littlehampton Citizens' Advice Bureau, the Youth Centre Management Committee, the Joint Eastern Arun Area Committee, the Chamber of Trade and Commerce, Rustington Sports and Social Club and the Sussex Associations of Local Councils are just a selection of the Bodies on which the Council is represented.

And now, I must make mention of two very important issues. Firstly, the Council's recent purchase of Church Farm Cottage in The Street. It is proposed that the Cottage will, in part, become home to the Rustington Museum, and discussions are currently taking place between the Council and the Rustington Heritage Association to agree the way forward for this major Project.

And, secondly, the Rustington 2005 South and South East in Bloom Campaign.

## Parish News...

### Rustington Festival 05

Plans are proceeding apace for Rustington's Festival 05. The Festival is organised by the Littlehampton District Lions Club and promises this year to be even bigger with more attractions. The Festival is being organised as a real community event with many local groups and organisations coming together to provide attractions over several days. The main event will be the Grand Parade and Fete on Saturday 25 June. This promises to be an attraction for all the family featuring a Children's Fair, Stalls and Sideshows, coupled with colourful and exciting arena activities.

The Lions are pleased to announce that a highlight of the day will be the appearance of the A Casa do Povo do Caniçal Folk and Dance Ensemble from Madeira, who are visiting Rustington specifically for the Festival.

The free Rustington Festival 05 Programme will shortly be available from local outlets including Shops, Public Library and the Parish Council's Office and will feature Festival events from Wednesday 15 June to Saturday 2 July.

### Tree Planting

The Council has, this year, completed the first phase of a Tree Planting Scheme on the Woodlands Recreation Ground.

It is proposed that the second phase of the Scheme will take place later in the year, and Members of the local community are invited to donate a tree at a cost of approximately £50, which will include a commemorative plaque. For further information please contact the Council Offices.



### Rustington Youth Centre

Rustington Youth Centre continues to grow in terms of popularity and it has become a venue for young people to meet, make new friends and have a good time. New staff were recently appointed and they are currently undergoing training with the West Sussex Youth Service Training/ Development Team. Past efforts to identify volunteers who might bolster and compliment our existing staffing contingent have proved unsuccessful and we would like to take this opportunity to renew our appeal to any local residents who, although lacking in experience, may have considered themselves suitable candidates. We aim to deliver a comprehensive programme of activities throughout the coming Summer months and voluntary help is always needed and valued. All out of pocket expenses are met and everyone really has a good time. Should you feel you need some training beforehand, then all internal training opportunities are equally available to volunteers. For more information please contact Derek Whiting (Neighbourhood Youth Worker) on 01903 772689.

### Another Big Thank You to the Youth Offending Team

The Youth Offending Team continues to assist the Council in its efforts to enhance the Parish. Future planned projects include clearance of overgrown shrub areas on the Woodlands Recreation Ground and resurfacing of certain areas in the Woodlands Centre complex. The Team continues to litter pick at many locations throughout the Parish.

### Parish Map

A display board has now been ordered and it is anticipated that this will be erected in close proximity to the Millennium Clock in the Village Centre in the very near future.

### Play Area Refurbishment – Woodlands Recreation Ground

Following on from the information provided in the last Newsletter, the Council has now received grant funding of £25,500 towards this much needed refurbishment Project.

Funding has been awarded as follows:-  
West Sussex County Council - £500  
National Lottery - Awards for All - £5,000  
SITA Environmental Trust - £15,000  
Quality Parishes Investment Fund - £5,000

The Council is most grateful to all of the above mentioned Funders and has now placed a final order with Wicksteed Leisure for this major refurbishment, the cost of which totals some £55,000.

It is now anticipated that the works will commence at the beginning of July, before the School Summer Holidays, but if this is not possible, then it might be delayed until the beginning of September.

### Request Corner....

From time to time requests are received from other Local Authorities for the Council to include information, requests and messages for the local community in the Quarterly Newsletters.

Here is one that has recently been received from the Traffic Warden covering the Rustington area:-

Disabled Parking Bays – Rustington Village Centre

All disabled badge holders are kindly requested to use the disabled parking bays wherever possible, as it has been noted that the general parking bays are often used by vehicles displaying disabled badges where disabled bays in fairly close proximity are vacant.

Your consideration in this matter would be most appreciated.

Thank You.

# What's On...

## Parishioners' Awards

Two Parishioners' Awards are made by the Council each year, one to an individual Parishioner and one to a Parish-based Group or Organisation. Details of the Winners of the Awards will appear in the next Newsletter and the Official Presentations will take place at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 18 September 2005.

## Sussex Police "Drop-In Surgeries"

The Rustington Police Community Support Officers (PCSO's) monthly surgeries are now to be held in the Parish Church Hall in The Street.

Details regarding dates of future surgeries are displayed on the Parish Notice Boards around the Village and in some of the shops.

## Crime Prevention Bus

The Crime Prevention Bus continues to visit Rustington on a regular basis and also provides an opportunity to meet with representatives from the Parish Council. A Police Officer may also be in attendance when duties permit. The next planned visits will be on Thursday 9 June and Thursday 11 August from 10.00 am - 3.00 pm.

## Citizens' Advice Bureau

The Council provides a facility at the Woodlands Centre for the Citizens Advice Bureau to visit on a Tuesday morning. Appointments must be made in advance through the Littlehampton Citizens Advice Bureau Office (Tel: 01903 724010).

## South & South East in Bloom

As promised in the last Newsletter, it is anticipated that the following roads will form the judging route for this year's Competition:-

Ash Lane, Ashwood Drive (Church Farm Gardens), Broadmark Lane, Bushby Avenue, Church Road, Cove Road, Cudlow Gardens, Dingley Road, Harsfold Road, Holmes Lane, Mill Lane, North Lane, Old Manor Road, Sea Avenue, Sea Lane, Station Road (from junction with Ash Lane to junction with Angmering Lane), The Street, Wakehurst Place, Woodlands Avenue and Worthing Road.

At the time of going to Press the actual judging date is not known. However, the judging across the South and South East will take place between 4 and 15 July 2005.

The In-Bloom Committee, with the support of the Parish Council, is working hard to ensure that Rustington achieves a successful result this year.

New community projects for 2005 include the first phase of the Community Tree Planting Scheme, a School Design Competition for the floral enhancement of the Southern Water Pumping Station site in Broadmark Lane, together with the further enhancement of floral displays around the Village. An exciting project for this year is the proposed installation of a Coastal Marine Wildlife Interpretation Board on the seafront in the vicinity of the Overstrand East Estate. The Board will provide details about the wildlife on the shingle and sand flats, together with the wildlife in the sea.

The project is a result of a partnership between the Parish Council and the Arun District Council, and is being designed by the Arun Marine Ranger on behalf of the Nature Coast. Children from the Rustington Community Primary School will be involved in choosing which wildlife is illustrated on the Board.

The Committee's most recent fundraising efforts have included a Plant Sale at the Windmill Pub, a Tombola Stall is also planned at the Fete on the Woodlands Recreation Ground on the afternoon of Saturday 25 June following the Carnival Parade – once again, donations of prizes will be gratefully received at the Council's Offices.

## 2005 Gardens Competition

The judging of this annual event will take place during week commencing 27 June 2005. A copy of the Nomination Form is enclosed with this Newsletter. There are four categories with cash prizes, trophies (winners only) and shields awarded to the winner and runner-up in each:

1. Window Boxes, Balconies, Patio Tubs, etc. which can be viewed from the road (Residential) (Winner £30.00, Runner-Up £15.00)
2. Window Boxes, Balconies, Patio Tubs, etc. which can be viewed from the road (Commercial) (Winner £30.00, Runner-Up £15.00)
3. Front Gardens of any Size (Residential) (Winner £100.00, Runner-Up £25.00)
4. Front Gardens of any Size (Commercial) (Winner £50.00, Runner-Up £25.00)

The Awards will be presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 18 September 2005.

Please nominate either yourselves, your friends' or neighbours' gardens, to ensure a record number of entries this year.

## Allotments Competition

The judges visit the three Allotment sites (at Penfold Lane, Worthing Road and Conbar Avenue) on 4 July 2005. Trophies and cheques are awarded to the winners at each site and, are also presented at the Reception following the Council's Annual Civic Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 18 September 2005.



# Important Information...

## Rustington Residents' Association

The Association was formed over 30 years ago to provide another voice for the village in matters having a major effect on the local environment – housing and commercial development; traffic; policing; health; sea defences and 'green' issues. There are currently almost 2200 member households. Bi-monthly open meetings are held, and a regular newsletter 'Topics' keeps members informed of current issues. A very informative Year Book is also published. For further information call Auriel Wakeling on 01903 779025. The cost of an annual subscription is £2 per household or a one off payment of £10 for lifetime membership.

The Association's Voluntary Care Group provides practical help to anyone in the Parish who is in need of short term Assistance – shopping, collecting pensions, etc; escorting to hospital, clinic appointments, helping with letters and forms, or simply befriending. For assistance please call 07831 750281.

## Rustington Heritage Association

The Association was formed in 1983 to promote an interest by the public in the Parish of Rustington. Its aims are to acquire and preserve artefacts and archives connected with the past and present history of the community; to provide accommodation for the display of such items; to arrange exhibitions of interest to the community; and to encourage the wider interpretation of the "Heritage Concept".

Meetings are held on the last Thursday afternoon of each month (except August and December), at 2.30 pm in the John de Bohun Room at the Woodlands Centre, Woodlands Avenue, Rustington, when talks are given on relevant subjects. Talks are also given to local groups and organisations, with guided walks around the village being organised on a regular basis.

The Heritage Centre, located adjacent to the Council Offices in Woodlands Avenue, is open from May to September on Tuesdays and

Wednesdays from 2.30 pm to 4.30 pm, and on Saturdays from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm. Admission is free.

If you are interested in joining the Association, please contact the Membership Secretary on 01903 774842. The annual subscription cost is currently £5, with a monthly meeting fee of 50p.

## Blood Donor Sessions

Regular Donor Sessions are held at the Village Memorial Hall and posters are displayed on Council Notice Boards. Please come along and support this worthwhile cause.



## Useful Telephone Numbers

Arun District Council (Bognor Regis)	01243 863141
Arun District Council (Littlehampton)	01903 737500
Police (Non-Emergency Calls)	08456070999
Southern Water	0845 2720845
Street Lighting Faults (SOLVe)	0845 7581622
Transco (Emergencies e.g. Gas Leaks)	0800 111999
Traveline (Local Bus and Rail Information)	0870 6082608
Verdant (Street Cleaning, Bus/Beach Shelter Cleansing)	01903 734520
West Sussex County Council 24-hour Helpline	0845 7581232
West Sussex County Council (Highways Department)	01243 642105