

December 2017 Parish News

Croft Road Traffic Survey

Over 120 people completed the return, mostly on line. Thank you. Over 90% agreed there was a significant problem, especially for pedestrians. Opinion was divided on whether a 1 way scheme was the answer. Many complained about speeding taxis which HOTRA will raise with Hastings Council who are the licensing authority.

At the November meeting of the Management Committee it was unanimously decided to forward the findings to E.S.C.C. Highways. There were many suggestions about what might help. H.O.T.R.A. will ask that residents opinions and ideas be considered and that possible options be brought forward as part of a full consultation. This will give everyone a chance to be heard and the E.S.C.C. specialists to explain a way forward.

Roebuck Centre

Ken Davis, the architect who designed the scheme, explained to our November Committee meeting his proposals. 9 flats are to be built on the site of the scrap yard - formerly the boiler house for the brewery - with underground parking for 16 vehicles. A cafe will be utilised by Autism UK who already operate next door. The proposals are with Hastings planners so check their website for the current position.

West Street

Awards for All have given a major grant to raise awareness of the challenges, heritage and potential of this overlooked part of the Old Town. There will be a number of events over the 2nd and 3rd of December to explain more.

Smaller Fire Appliance

East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service invited your Ward and County councillors and HOTRA to see a presentation on the point now reached on this complex matter. There is a clear commitment to purchase a specially commissioned appliance for Hastings - and 1 for Brighton - in the new financial year. These will be the basis for further development. Technological advances mean that there will be some very clever kit on board that will cope with the vast majority of emergencies.

HOTRA membership

It is pleasing to report that this is now at the highest level for several years. Our special New Year newsletter will be delivered to all Old Town letterboxes early in 2108.