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Regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park

**Former Fitness First Unit
Sovereign Harbour Retail Park
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1:00pm to 8:00pm**

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Sovereign Harbour Retail Park To Get More Than A New Name



Exciting plans have been released for the regeneration of the Sovereign Harbour Retail Park by the owners, The Prudential Assurance Company. The following Press Release was issued by its agent, Redport.

Designs for the new Sovereign Harbour Retail Park have been released which will include a state-of-the-art nine-screen cinema, additional shops and new restaurants.

PRUPIM, who are delivering the £14 million project on behalf of The Prudential Assurance Company, have appointed internationally renowned architects, Holder Mathias, to design the new buildings and create a fresh new image for the retail park.

Holder Mathias has extensive experience of designing large-scale retail and leisure projects throughout the UK and Europe. Mike Swain, technical director at Holder Mathias, said: "Our design aim is to create a contemporary and exciting retail and leisure development that will revitalise the retail park and provide a landmark centre for Sovereign Harbour.

Integrating the two retail blocks gave us the opportunity to create a bold, new, building, which will provide a much-needed central axis and focal point in a currently under-utilised area of the site. The cinema will be relocated to the first floor of this building and on the ground floor there will be a vibrant, covered pedestrian street, with new cafés and restaurants. This will also enable us to



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convert the existing cinema back into retail units to provide space for new occupiers."

In addition, careful attention has been given to the way that the design relates to the surrounding area. Computer modelling techniques have been used extensively during the design of the scheme, to consider the views from the surrounding buildings, and develop a solution that responds to the scale of the neighbouring properties.

Sustainability and durability have also formed a key part of Holder Mathias' concept. Mr Swain adds, "Our designs incorporate a variety of sustainability measures, and aim to create a development with a reduced environmental impact, something which is at the core of our design approach at Holder Mathias. During construction, green materials and sustainable supply chains will be used wherever possible and the improvements we're making to pedestrian access routes and cycle parking provision will also encourage local people to use sustainable modes of transport."

Work is ongoing and additional views of the scheme will be displayed during the forthcoming public consultation, which starts on the 15th August.

Adam Birch from PRUPIM, said: "We're very keen to hear the views of local people. Last week we sent letters to local community representatives, organisations, residents and occupiers to directly inform as many people as possible about the forthcoming consultation.

We've been very interested in the feedback received to date, and we look forward to further feedback on our proposals, including the suggested name change, during the formal consultation process."

Consultation information is already available on the website at www.sovereigncentral.co.uk and visitors can sign up to receive email updates when new information is available.

The consultation will start on 15th August, when proposals and feedback forms will be available on the website and a public exhibition day will be held on 18th August in the building previously occupied by Fitness First, to give local people an opportunity to come and discuss the proposals with the design team. The consultation will close on 28th August."

SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, said, "The regeneration of this very popular retail park is excellent news, not just for Sovereign Harbour, but for Eastbourne in general. It is an important step in the development of the harbour area as a major retail, leisure and tourist destination, and will bring visitors to the area in large numbers."

Rick went on to say, "We have been immensely impressed by the professional manner in which PRUPIM have approached this project. In particular, the way in which the SHRA and other local organisations have been engaged and kept informed has been exemplary. The SHRA is happy to give this venture its full support".



All Party Initiative Takes Positive Approach to Harbour Completion

A consensus has been reached over future development at Sovereign Harbour to ensure that new and improved community facilities are at the heart of any further building plans.

At a meeting chaired by Eastbourne MP Stephen Lloyd, attended by the leaders of both political groups, the three new Sovereign Ward Councillors, senior officers of the council and representatives of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association (SHRA), there was strong commitment to ensuring any future development at Sovereign Harbour must be sustainable and in the best interest of residents.

At the meeting it was recognised that the original plans for the harbour were drawn up over 25 years ago; under today's planning system, similar applications submitted now would have been dealt with very differently.

Consensus was reached that:

- Any plans must include, as an absolute priority, a purpose built community centre located at the heart of the harbour, children's play areas, several public open spaces, and the completion of the promenade from Atlantic Drive to the harbour arm.
- The development of the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront and marina as tourist destinations, and the creation of "clean jobs" by developing a business park on the commercial sites, were also considered to be vital, not only for the

benefit of the local community, but for Eastbourne in general.

- A strictly limited amount of sympathetically located residential development, of the appropriate mix, could be accommodated, subject to the normal planning process and considerations.
- A Community Centre of an appropriate size would be delivered before any residential development was started while other community facilities must also be provided.

A public exhibition of a plan to illustrate the preferred locations of the community facilities will be held at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club as soon as possible to give everyone the opportunity to express their views. Residents will be invited to complete a questionnaire about the scheme.

SHRA Chairman, Rick Runalls, said: "It has taken a lot of heart searching for the SHRA committee to endorse this solution, but we concluded that we now have the prospect of seeing the harbour development completed with many of the facilities that residents need. The alternative is more wasted years, with little guarantee of greater success. I hope that residents will grasp this opportunity, which we believe will strengthen our community."

Stephen Lloyd MP said: "I'm delighted with the strength of the new partnership between the SHRA and both the political parties on EBC. We have all taken a

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significant step forward in the work to deliver much needed community facilities in Sovereign Harbour. My thanks go to everyone involved for their constructive contributions to this process."

EBC Leader, Cllr David Tutt, said: "It is my belief that we can only make progress on the issues which are important for Harbour residents by all parties coming together to agree the way forward. I am grateful to everyone involved in this initiative for the time and effort that they have given to ensure that we move forward together."

EBC Conservative Group Leader, Cllr David Elkin, said: "Community facilities for the Harbour are long overdue and at this late stage in the Harbour's development, it is imperative we take this opportunity to ensure their delivery. Working together we can make things happen."

EBC Chief Executive, Robert Cottrill, said: "I am delighted that we are now making positive progress towards a sustainable solution. We are determined to seize upon this new momentum and, by working in partnership with the SHRA, pave the way for facilities to serve generations to come."

Although the SHRA Committee members are supporting the plan, they felt it was imperative that all harbour residents should have the opportunity to participate in the final decision.

Consequently, a public 'drop-in' exhibition will be held at the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club from 4:00pm until 7:00pm on 22nd August 2011.

This will probably be the final opportunity harbour residents will have to express their views on the completion of the harbour development.

The event will be supported by; Stephen Lloyd MP, Councillors Tutt, Elkin, Ede, Jenkins and Warner, planning officers, and members of the SHRA Committee.

Details of the plan will be published on the Eastbourne Borough Council website, www.eastbourne.gov.uk from 12th August, with the opportunity to comment online.

Please make every effort to attend the event but, if you can't get there, please be sure to express your views online.

Cyclists please note

The only places you can legally ride your bikes are on the roads, or on designated cycle paths.

Cycling on the harbour promenades is tolerated, but pedestrians have right of way and must be given priority.

Areas of particular concern are the Waterfront area, the North Harbour bridge, and the promenades around Hamilton Quay, where there is the greatest pedestrian activity.

The Columbus Point Residents Association has recently been formed to represent residents of St Juan Court, Dominica Court, Anguilla Close, Martinique Way, Montserrat Villas, Granada Close, St. Kitts Way and Santa Cruz Drive.

For further information, please e-mail: thecpra@hotmail.com

RNLI Update

(by Bob Jeffery)



The busy period has continued for Eastbourne lifeboats. In my last article I remarked that the level of call outs was exceptionally high, this is still the case and at the time of writing we have launched a total of 70 times, sometimes twice and occasionally, three times in one day.

The worrying trend so far has been the number of times we have responded to calls from craft with engine problems, many of which could have been avoided with proper maintenance.

Another worrying observation is the number of people putting to sea without adequate basic safety equipment such as correctly fitting lifejackets and a reliable means of summoning help, a working VHF radio for instance.

We have a local team of Sea Safety volunteers, headed by Terry Colbran, who have been specially trained by the RNLI and will gladly visit any boat owner and offer free and impartial safety advice. Terry can be contacted at LSSOTerry@talktalk.net or via Eastbourne lifeboat station on 01323 470206.

The 999 weekend on the Western Lawns has been hailed as a great success. All the emergency services were in attendance and the record crowds enjoyed glorious sunshine and some very impressive demonstrations of the various rescue techniques they employ.

Unfortunately for us on the lifeboat the planned joint demonstration with Coastguard rescue helicopter 104 on Sunday had to be cancelled literally at the last minute as the aircraft was diverted to a serious incident elsewhere - perhaps a blessing in disguise for yours truly as I was 'volunteered' by my crewmates to be one of the casualties plucked from the pitching deck!

Our new lifeboat is currently under construction at Babcock's Davenport Royal Dockyard in Plymouth and I can reveal here that she will be named "*Diamond Jubilee*". The latest information we have is that she will be ready for service later next year; we hope to get a more accurate completion date this month.

Meanwhile negotiations are under way with Sovereign Harbour regarding the construction of a floating pontoon in the outer harbour to accommodate the new boat which will replace the moorings we are currently using.

If you're heading for the beach with the kids during the summer holidays please be careful with those inflatable toys and dinghies. If the wind is blowing offshore the best thing you can do is either leave them at home or better still in the shop.

Otherwise attach them to the shore with a length of rope; every year the inshore lifeboat gets launched to youngsters on these toys who have been caught out by the wind and tide.

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RNLI Regatta



The 7th Annual RNLI Regatta will be held at Sovereign Harbour over the August Bank Holiday weekend, 27th to 29th August. Hopefully it will be blessed with plenty of sunshine and fair winds.

Previous regattas have so far raised over £60,000 to help maintain the lifeboats and crews. Eastbourne lifeboat station is one of the busiest in the country, with 112 launches in 2010.

The arrival of the new Tamar Class lifeboat next year will present new and exciting challenges.

The RNLI is grateful for the generous and continued support of a numerous local businesses in and around Eastbourne. And of course, to you, the public, for coming along and supporting the event. Every penny helps to keep the boats and crew ready for when their pagers ring out – whether it's on a sunny afternoon or on a dark and miserable February night.

Events include:

- Latest news
- Yacht racing
- Entertainment
- On-water activities

- Photo gallery
- Our sponsors
- Farmers' market
- Rowing race
- Power boat race
- Fishing boat race

Your support is important, please try to get along on at least one day

Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour

The Guest at the meeting of the Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour on July 26 was the Eastbourne District Police Commander, Chief Inspector Jayne Dando.



CI Dando gave a very interesting talk on the current and future role and structure of the Police service in Eastbourne.

The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm in Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront. Prospective new members are always welcome, for more information, e-mail: president@rotarysh.org.

Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour

The Rotary Club of Sovereign Harbour meets every Tuesday at 7:00pm for a buffet dinner in the annex of Simply Italian on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront.

Visitors and prospective new members are very welcome

For more information visit:

www.sovharbour.rotaryweb.org

e-mail: president@rotarysh.org.

Sovereign Harbour Art Group

The Sovereign Harbour Art Group meets in the Christ The King Church Hall, Princes Road on Thursdays 9:30am - 12:30pm.

Learn to paint with acrylics, oils and pastels with an experienced art tutor in a friendly, relaxed and enjoyable environment.

Phone Angela on 07914-884378 or e-mail acrylicart@hotmail.co.uk

You might also like to visit the Art Group's page of the SHRA website.

www.shra.co.uk/artgroup.htm

The Harbour Women's Institute

The Harbour branch of the W.I. meets on the second Monday of the month at 2:00pm in the Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact Frances Harrap on: 01323-472649.

www.shra.co.uk/wi

Sovereign Singers

Sovereign Singers is an all female choir that performs in aid of the Eastbourne Blind Society. New members are welcome.

For more information, call 01323 470445 or email: musictime@uwclub.net

Harbour Friends

Whether you are new to the Harbour or have lived here for some time, joining Harbour Friends is a great way to meet new people. Harbour Friends is a social group for Harbour residents of all ages, whether single or a couple. The group meets every Sunday at 7:30pm in the first floor bar at the Yacht Club.

If you are interested in joining, as long as you are a Harbour Resident, come along any Sunday evening and ask for one of the Harbour Friends committee. For more information visit our website at www.harbourfriends.co.uk.

Or call either of our membership secretaries; Gilly on 01323-470366 or Brenda on 01323-470114

Vet's Football

The Vets Football Team has now been running successfully for over three years, but more players are welcome to join, from the ages of 32 to 60, to play Sunday mornings on a casual basis.

All abilities and fitness levels welcome.

For more information, contact Frank:

vetsfooty@hotmail.com

www.shra.co.uk/vetsfootball.htm

Garden Bar Golf Society

The Garden Bar Golf Society meets once a month day of golf at high quality courses.

Current members cover a wide range of abilities, with handicaps ranging from 6 to 28 and, although the golf is important, the social aspects of the day are equally significant. For more information, call in to the Garden Bar at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront, or e-mail gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk.

os and Groups

visit the 'Harbour Clubs' page of the SHRA website (www.shra.co.uk).

Sovereign Harbour Social Club

The Sovereign Harbour Social Club meets every Wednesday from 10:00am to 11:30am in Seamoor's at the Waterfront for coffee.

Each month, there will be one outing; lunch, theatre, places of interest.

All are welcome. For further details contact Sam Sweiry on 01323-479111.

www.harbourseniors.co.uk

Garden Bar Football Club

The Garden Bar Sunday football team, which plays its home games at Hampden Park, is current champion of the Lewes and District Premiership. If you would like to join this very successful local team, call in to the Garden Bar at the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront or e-mail gardenbar@hotmail.co.uk

Strollers and Toners

Get fit, tone up, make friends, feel better Mondays at 2:30 - 3:30pm. Cost £2.50 Thursdays at 9:15 - 10:15am

Everyone is welcome and the sessions often run on with drinks on the harbour.

Please call Mari-Anne (fully qualified and insured) on 01323-479280, or visit: www.strollersandtoners.co.uk

Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club

New members welcome. You don't need to own a boat - social members also welcome.

Enjoy the friendly clubhouse, good food and great fun. Open Tuesday-Thursday 17:00-22:30, Friday-Saturday 12:00-23:00 and Sundays 12:00-22:30.

Call in anytime or contact Alison, membership secretary, on 479429 for more information

The Haven Women's Institute

The Haven WI meets at the Haven School, Atlantic Drive at 7.30pm on the first Monday of every month. If the first Monday is a Bank Holiday, the meeting will be held on the 2nd Monday. Contact Amanda Gorham, 07725-173194 amanda.gorham@sky.com

The Maritime Volunteer Service

The Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) is a charity run organisation which aims to promote seamanship and maritime engineering for the young and old alike through local units around the country.

Training nights are held every Tuesday evening at 19:30 in the MVS unit hut. New members are always welcome.

For more information, visit:

www.mvs-eastsussex.co.uk

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Harbour WI (by Judy Latter)

On Friday 15th July the Ladies of the Harbour W.I. spent a very enjoyable morning sitting in the sun at Hilliers Garden Centre drinking coffee. They had been encouraged by their July meeting speaker, Pam Fuller, to grow their own flowers to make the beautiful arrangements she demonstrated. Pam made five very different arrangements at the meeting on the 11th July, which she then donated to the raffle. Needless to say a bumper number of tickets were sold!

President, Gill Nokes, told the July meeting about the future events and outings planned for the Harbour W.I. 'The Summer Outing' is to Windsor on Monday 8th August to include a river cruise with ploughman's lunch and free time in Windsor. There is also a 'Summer Evening of Music' at Eastbourne College on 18th August. Members are encouraged to bring along a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful grounds of the College or to eat before making their way to the College Theatre.

In September there is a Theatre Outing to see the 'Summer Ice Spectacular' at the Congress. And the Christmas Lunch has already been booked again at Cooden Beach Hotel after the very successful lunch last year!

The Craft Club met on the 18th July, with Pat Chatterton demonstrating how to make beaded jewellery. Each Lady ended up with an attractive necklace to take home. (Easy when you're shown how!) The Craft Club meets every third Monday of the month in Pevensey Bay Baptist Church Hall at 2:00pm and next month Pat Chatterton will again be showing the Ladies how versatile beads are when she demonstrates how to make Christmas decorations!

The Harbour W.I. meets every 2nd Monday of the month in the Sovereign Suite of the Sovereign Yacht Club at 2:00pm. There is no meeting in August, but the speaker at the September 12th

Meeting will be Joan Harding who is giving a talk about becoming a poet while pushing a shopping trolley!

Membership for The Harbour W.I. has reached a maximum for the premises where it is held, but there is a waiting list for anybody who wishes to join in the future.

Community Police Update by PC Ed Faulkner



PC Ed Faulkner and PCSO Martin Hylands

The school holidays are upon us and I know many of you dread this time of year. However we have redoubled our efforts to try and minimise the impact on residents of the harbour.

PCSO Hylands and I are focussing our attention on areas such as the Martello Towers, the water feature, the undeveloped land adjacent to Pacific Drive and the Crumbles retail park to stop anti-social behaviour before it starts.

You will probably have read that the youths allegedly responsible for starting the fire which caused the massive damage to Boots have been charged and are awaiting trial. I will update you when we know more after the trial.

We continue our street meetings periodically and thanks to those people that come out to see us.

Finally, speeding is a recurring problem that is raised often. I would remind all Harbour residents that they are your neighbourhood roads and everyone should slow down. We are increasing our use of the mobile speed camera and we will be looking to prosecute those repeat offenders. As always, please contact us if there is anything that you would like us to look at.

A Night at the Races



Age Concern Eastbourne is holding a Race Night on Friday September 30th. The event is being held locally and it promises to really good fun. If you can join them please phone or e-mail Emma or Jane.

If you have difficulty attending an external event on a Friday you can still to win some cash. For the tiny stake of £1.00 you could win £150.00.

Cash raised will be directed to either the purchase of a replacement mini bus for the Age Concern shopping transport service or to its Welfare Rights team, who managed to claim back in excess of £750,000 for clients in the last twelve month period (the majority of which is recycled back through the local economy via the purchase of additional goods and services). This team lost its grant in May of this year so the cash is much needed.

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Emma Veira on 01323-638474

Maritime Volunteer Service



The Maritime Volunteer Service (MVS) is a charity run organisation which aims to promote seamanship and maritime engineering for the young and old alike through local units around the country. The MVS was set up in 1994 by former members of the Royal Navy Reserve when it was disbanded by the government of the time.

The East Sussex Sovereign Harbour Unit operates out of Sovereign Harbour with a Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA) coded 17.5 metre steel hulled ex naval vessel, originally made for the New Zealand Navy, as well as a MCA coded Ridged Inflatable Boat (Rib). These vessels, and other items of kit, including a small hover craft are maintained to a high standard by the unit members through their own hard work.

Training is given to the members on a weekly basis, either in the unit training hut adjacent the boat yard or on the MVS vessels. Opportunities exist to obtain seamanship qualifications such as power boat level 1 & 2, day skipper, yacht master etc.

Training nights are held every Tuesday evening at 19:30 in the MVS unit hut. New members are always welcome.

For more information, visit:
www.mvs-eastsussex.co.uk

E-mail: eastsussexmvs@hotmail.co.uk

Tel: 07738-286373.

Street Entertainment at Waterfront



The Waterfront has recently been granted an entertainments licence from Eastbourne Borough Council and is looking to start a programme of managed 'street entertainment' on weekdays and weekends. The licence has been granted for 'Street Entertainment' every day from 10:00am to 10:00pm.

It is expected that there will be a variety of performers, and the entertainment will take place in a small number of designated areas. The Waterfront Traders have had a good response to their advertisements for potential performers, but are keen to encourage more 'non-musical' and 'speciality' acts.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to be considered as an 'entertainer' at The Waterfront, then simply email full details, and contact names and numbers to info@eastbourneharbour.com

Harbour Friends Update

(by Dave Hawkins)

On the last Sunday of July a good number of Harbour Friends social group members attended our "Call My Bluff" TV style panel game event, which was kindly organised and presented by HF

member Charles Herrod.

There was plenty of light hearted banter, with the panel members coming up with various ways of getting the teams to believe, that various definitions of obscure words, such as notaphily and piupiu were the correct ones.

All in all yet another great fun evening, with the bonus for the winning team, being several bottles of wine.

Our upcoming special events are the Summer BBQ & Dance at the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club on 6th August, followed by Tenpin Bowling at Bexhill on the 28th August and a Fun Quiz on 11th September.

A group of Harbour Friends members meet most Sundays at the first floor bar of the yacht club, so why not join us sometime soon. Annual membership is only £16 per person and for that you can be assured of some good company as well as plenty of special events.

If you are a resident of the harbour and would like to join our group, then please check out the contact details in our regular listing, in the centre pages. I look forward to the possibility of introducing you to the group.

Sovereign Singers Open Morning

The Sovereign Singers are holding an open morning for prospective choir members on Wednesday 31st August in the Eastbourne Blind Society Hall, 124 - 142 Long stone Road, BN22 8DA.

Interested ladies should arrive at 10:50 for refreshments, and be prepared to stay until about 12:15.

For more details call 01323-729511. Email sovereignpolyphony@uwclub.net

The Sovereign Singers and Sovereign Polyphony are female voice choirs. Rehearsals are held weekly for winter and summer concerts,

Details from the Eastbourne Blind Society 01323-729511. Website:

www.shra.co.uk/sovereignsingers.htm.

Sovereign Harbour Cookery Club

A new private members club, the Sovereign Harbour Cookery Club is scheduled to start at 10:00am on 12th September in Seamoor's Wine on the Sovereign Harbour Waterfront, and weekly thereafter.

The basis of the club will be to present a different recipe each week and discuss the ingredients and how it might be adapted for different dietary requirements, such as vegetarian or salt-free.

Members will be encouraged to try the recipes at home and report back to members at subsequent meetings.

For more details, or to register an interest, e-mail Sam Sweiry at shcookeryclub@gmail.com.

SHRA Has a New Chairman



Jan Weeks



Rick Runalls

Having served for two years as SHRA chairman, Jan Weeks stood down at the first committee meeting after the AGM; the committee unanimously elected Rick Runalls to take her place. Jan has remained on the committee as Deputy Chairman.

Rick is no stranger to the role, as many of you will be aware, having been chairman from 2005 until 2009, when he stood down to contest the Sovereign Ward seat on East Sussex County Council.

Since first being elected to the SHRA committee, Rick has been active in a number of campaigns, the most memorable of which were the opposition to the planning applications for the B&Q and the 'Five Sites'.

Sussex WRAS



The Sussex Wildlife Rescue Ambulance Service (WRAS) has launched an appeal to help save the lives of injured deer, many of which are attacked by dogs, caught in stock fencing and entangled in netting or rope swings.

"If we can't get this hospital off the ground hundreds of deer will die a needless death" said WRAS founder Trevor Weeks.

WRAS is the only 24 hour wildlife rescue charity in East Sussex which currently has the ability to provide emergency first aid, treatment and life saving care at the scene of these incidents.

With more and more charities struggling to make ends meet, there is now a desperate need for WRAS to take in more deer.

WRAS is currently unable to take in adult deer, and only a limited number of baby deer, but aims to construct several holding sheds and pens, as well as a small shed or building which can be used to operate on and treat injured deer. It is hoped that these new facilities will ease the problem.

For more information, visit: www.wildlifeambulance.org

Pevensey Coastal Defences Update

by Ian Thomas



It has been a strange summer so far. Although temperatures have been at or above normal, winds have been abnormally strong for the time of year, and of course it is wind and the resultant waves that have the greatest influence on how the beach behaves. Unusually we have had an average of five sea gales every month since the end of April. Two of these have reached severe force 9, which is very unusual for summer months. Under normal conditions we would expect beach volumes to naturally increase as summer waves tend to be constructive. In winter the beach slope tends to be around 1:10, with crest material drawn down to extend the beach toe. Calmer conditions tend to return some of the toe material into berms demarking successive high water lines, with the result that the foreshore steepens to 1:6 or 1:7. So far this hasn't happened, but we are hoping there is still time, since shingle in ridges further up the beach helps lessen the impact of storm waves once autumnal gales reappear around the time of the autumnal equinox.

This year's annual recharge looks as though it will be quite a drawn-out affair. As many of you will be aware dredger Sospan Dau started work on 13th July delivering shingle to the front of the North Harbour rock revetment. Five tides were lost to gales over the first weekend, and on Thursday 21st she

had to leave, bound for Cardiff, with less than half the required volume delivered.

All being well, Sospan Dau will reappear on 4th or 5th August to continue where she left off. However, the story doesn't end there. On 11th August she has to be in Rotterdam to undergo a month's refit that will see improvements to her accommodation areas. The bridge is also being raised to improve the skipper's all-round view of the vessel.

Theoretical this should take four weeks, so it is quite likely that the final deliveries for the 2011 recharge will not be completed until the second week in September.

We have never had a maintenance campaign that has spanned three months before, but it will in no way diminish the level of defence being provided and it does help demonstrate the flexibility of the Pevensey Bay PPP contract, making it work for the benefit of all parties involved.

Help Us Distribute Waterlines

Due to holidays, and people moving away from the harbour, distribution of Waterlines in a number of areas is taking longer than we would like.

If you can spare an hour or two, every two months, to help get Waterlines out in your local area, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Even if you can't commit to helping on a regular basis, but would be prepared to be a 'reserve' who could be contacted, without obligation, if the need arises, we would also be pleased to hear from you.

To join the team of Waterlines distributors, please call the SHRA helpline, 07770-621368 or e-mail waterlines@shra.co.uk with details of:

- Your availability
- The area(s) to which you can deliver
- A contact telephone number

Sovereign Harbour Residents Association Membership Application/Renewal

Title:

First name:

Last name:

Address:

Sovereign Harbour North / South *delete as applicable

Postcode: BN23

Telephone: -

E-mail:

I apply for membership of the Sovereign Harbour Residents Association and understand that the information supplied above will be stored on a computer system. I also understand that this information will not be disclosed to, or shared with, any other person or organisation.

Signature:

This form, with a cheque for £10.00 **per household**, payable to 'SHRA', should be sent to:


The Membership Secretary,
Sovereign Harbour Residents Association
PO Box 124,
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East Sussex, BN24 9AW.

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Membership number:

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Alternatively, e-mail: emma.viera@ageconcerneastbourne.co.uk