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Welcome to the latest issue of *Hollingdean News*. After our [Lockdown edition](#), this time we are mainly online with a significantly reduced print run. Some hard copies will be available through local shops and community organisations. Please circulate via your local groups online.

A big thank you is required for those that have volunteered their time and effort to bring this edition together. Consider supporting *Hollingdean News* by taking out an advert in the Winter issue!

With regards to the future of Hollingbury Golf Course, discussions are hoped for between residents, The Council and the Golf Course. So far progress has been slow, but we hope to follow up on this important issue in the winter edition.

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Indeed, Hollingdean residents remain active in spite of the pandemic. See the walk to run coaching, the new book, the planned book, volunteering and the impressive work by Growing Hollingdean.

All the best for the upcoming months,
Duncan – Editor

Living through a Pandemic – The Hollingdean Story Project

Early on in lockdown with the help of the Hollingdean Mutual Aid Facebook site we carried out an online community survey. The results were so interesting and helpful to read we had the idea of creating a book to tell the Hollingdean community story of what it is like living through a pandemic. Continued on page 6...

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Autumn update - Hollingdean Community Development Worker Hollingdean Food Hub closure

The Hollingdean Food Hub closed on 21st August 2020. The Food Hub was set up temporarily to help cope with extra demand on foodbanks during lockdown. These foodbanks now feel fully able to cope with demand in this area.

During this period the Hollingdean Food Hub provided weekly food parcels to 54 households. A big thank you to Hollingdean Development Trust and to all the volunteers who packed and delivered the food parcel – this would not have been possible without you!

Do you still need support because of coronavirus? We can connect you to people who are ready and waiting to help. Use this site to find organisations who can help with food shopping or getting your prescription, finding advice about money and benefits, or even just a chat if you're lonely.

A coronavirus help directory for Brighton & Hove is found at <https://covidbrightonhove.org.uk/>

If you require urgent assistance phone BHCC helpline: 01273 293 117.

Healthy Neighbourhood Fund 2020

The Healthy Neighbourhood Fund is a Public Health funding initiative. It is now open for applications. DEADLINE: 30 September 2020! Every year, small community groups, projects and activities can apply for this fund. It aims to support/develop the 5 ways to wellbeing through local art/craft, exercise/ dance groups and eating/ growing food, amongst other things. We would really like to hear from you!

Can I apply...?

- Not-for-profit community and voluntary groups - annual income below £35,000;
- Operating in Hollingdean and Saunders Park ;
- Unincorporated or constituted groups,

social enterprises or charities with named group bank accounts.

How can I use the funds...?

Projects/activities with a clear health outcome:

1. Improving diet & nutrition;
2. Active living & exercise;
3. Mental health & wellbeing;
4. Healthy ageing & reducing isolation;
5. Raise awareness of health messages:
alcohol, tobacco, drugs and sexual health.

Applicants should NOT be:

- Individuals or profit making enterprises;
- Applying for equipment that is not essential to delivery;
- Applying for more than £500.

Hot Food for Hollingdean

Anna Schwarz, community chef and writer for *Hollingdean News*, and a team of volunteers have delivered two course hot meals to 60 people every Wednesday in Hollingdean during lockdown. Volunteers even bring ingredients from gardens to support the effort.

There are plans to continue as she says there is a need in Hollingdean, lockdown or no lockdown. She prepares and cooks the meals in Hollingdean Community Centre, where a new kitchen is currently being fitted to support local food initiatives.

For more information on the above please contact Céza:

Call 07366605790 or email cezadaluz@trustdevcom.org.uk
or [Facebook](#)

Share or find out what's happening in Hollingdean
Websites:

www.hollingdeancommunitycentre.org.uk

www.hollingdeannews.org.uk

[Hollingdean Community News Facebook page](#)

[Hollingdean Community Centre Facebook page](#)

Free, slow, walk to run coaching in Hollingdean

If you are thinking about becoming more physically active, this walk to run programme will support you to be active at your pace. We'll meet for a coffee before doing any activity to chat through any concerns you have. The sessions can be adapted to support you with any disabilities or health conditions you may have. I'd be particularly keen to support you if you are older, looking to lose weight, or have a limiting condition.

The sessions will be in small groups with social distancing. If you need to continue to shield, one-to-one sessions may be possible.

I am a qualified coach with experience of supporting absolute beginners to progress from walking to running. The sessions are free.

Once I know who is interested, we will find a convenient flat area to meet up locally.

Please email Henry at: henrymclaughlin2000@yahoo.co.uk or call 07511 021270 to let me know you are interested.

Henry McLaughlin



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New Title From Hollingdean Author:

Tom Johnstone

After his first novella *The Monsters are Due in Madison Square Garden* appeared last year, Hollingdean resident Tom Johnstone has wasted no time in following it up with a sequel, to be published this Autumn. *Star Spangled Knuckle Duster* pits the notorious gangster Meyer Lansky against the pro-Nazi German American Bund in 1930s New York. Street battles between Lansky's mob and the GAB happened in real life, but in Tom's pulp fiction recreation of the period, there's also a supernatural threat: a fascist costumed vigilante brought to life from the pages of a comic-book by occult forces.



Both books are published by Omnium Gatherum Books, and are the first two parts of a trilogy that might appeal to fans of Lovecraft Country. Omnium Gatherum also published Tom's debut collection, *Last Stop Wellsbourne*, short fiction on the theme of Brighton's 'lost river', the Wellsbourne.

Star Spangled Knuckle Duster is available to order direct from the publisher:

<https://omniumgatherumedia.com/star-spangled-knuckle-duster>

Relevant links:

<https://tomjohnstone.wordpress.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/tomstalesofterror>

<https://omniumgatherumedia.com/the-monsters-are-due-in-madison-square-garden>

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What Our Councillors' Say:

Although there has been a recent changeover of administration from Labour to the Greens, we still intend on working collaboratively for the best of the city. You will probably have noticed a lot of transport related changes in the city including the new cycle lanes on the Old Shoreham Road and along the seafront. This is part of the government's active transport fund which the council were successful in applying for. These changes, amongst other proposals, will be discussed by 50 people in the city's first climate assembly. 10,000 people across the city have received an invite and hopefully you have replied as it's a great opportunity to shape the future of the city.

At the end of June we resumed our fortnightly "roving surgeries" walking around Hollingdean, talking to residents checking on any issues and litter picking. I have enjoyed the wildflowers that have popped up in the long grass and seeing all the butterflies and bees. We have had requests from some people that areas of grass be left to go wild in some areas. I had reports that there were glow worms up on the hill fort so I went up there after dark and found them. It was the first time I had seen them and was amazed to see so many. We recently attended a meeting with the leaseholders to talk about access to the Hill Fort. While I understand people have walked over the golf course for many years, it is dangerous and some people have been injured by golf balls in the past. The leaseholders are happy for walkers to continue to walk around the course safely using the permissive paths.

Following the outrage after the murder of George Floyd, Brighton and Hove has pledged to be an anti-racist council, and will actively reach out and work with Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities. We want to remove the barriers that keep some away from power and influence. For example, the proportion of BME councillors on the council is much lower than it should be to reflect the city's diversity, and this needs to change.

Regular updates on how Covid is impacting on our services are on the council's website, and I'm pleased that the council has now pledged to keep homeless people and rough sleepers off the streets and in safe accommodation until December.



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Contribution from Caroline Lucas

Coronavirus and the Self-Employed

Far too many self-employed people have been left with no support during the coronavirus crisis because of huge gaps in the Government's self-employed income support scheme. My inbox is full of stories from people whose lives and livelihoods are being wrecked by their unfair exclusion from the scheme. I'm a member of the parliamentary group for Excluded UK which is campaigning for changes to the scheme. There are more than 200 MPs involved and we'll continue campaigning until the Government listens and acts.

Coronavirus Testing in Care Homes

I was shocked to learn that only two of Brighton and Hove's many care homes had received coronavirus testing kits, despite the Government's promise in early July that kits would soon be available so that all staff could be tested weekly and residents every four weeks. I raised this directly with the Prime Minister who said he would look into it. The following day, the Government said care homes would not get test kits until September. The shambles over testing has been one of the worst failings in the response to coronavirus and is clearly putting lives at risk.

A' Level Results

The flawed algorithm used to set A-level grades resulted in such unfairness to students that it was only right for it to be abandoned. But it should never have taken four days to do this. The whole debacle was badly handled by the Education Secretary and Ofqual and I believe all those involved should be considering their positions, starting with the Education Secretary.



I'm also supporting individual residents every day on issues with housing, welfare and employment – if you or someone you know needs help please contact my office on brightonoffice@parliament.uk or 01273 201130.

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Living through a Pandemic – The Hollingdean Story Project

Can you help? (Continued from front page)

What has this time been like for us – as individuals and as a neighbourhood? What has helped us? What do we need? What are the differences and similarities in our experiences? It's important that as many people and organisations are involved as possible to get a wide range of stories in the book. We've joined up with *Hollingdean News* and Hollingdean Development Trust to reach as many people as possible.

We are looking for people to be part of the 'project team' and other people for the team to check their ideas with and get feedback from as it goes along.

Putting the book together and looking at what we have made together when it's finished is a chance to connect and learn. If you're interested or know someone or a local organisation who might be or want to find out more or share your story please get in touch:

Growing Hollingdean

Growing Hollingdean now have a [Facebook page](#) and have been sharing useful and inspiring information on food growing during lockdown as well as pictures of front garden food growing in the area.

We have also been celebrating local food growers such as Stacey with her edible front garden and John from Coachwerks with his hydroponics greenhouse.



We have been speaking to members of Stanmer Street community garden about a permaculture design for their space.

We hope to start sharing more opportunities for people to get involved with local projects and to link people up with each other to strengthen our network.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for events and opportunities.

Left: Stacey and an edible garden!
Below: John and a hydroponic greenhouse!



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Hollingdean Children's Centre
Currently there are no "drop-in" events. Midwife appointments and the nursery are operating, but by prior arrangement only.
Hollingdean Community Centre, Thompson Rd, BN1 7BH
At the time of publication, no meetings are happening, but it is hoped to resume some in the autumn if appropriate distancing can be achieved. For more information please call the centre on 01273 236160 (weekday mornings).
The Hollingbean Café is running (The Real Junk Food Project) on Thursdays from 12.30pm to 1.45pm as a takeaway service, although it is hoped to reintroduce seating soon.
St Matthias Church
The church is closed for face-to-face meetings, but there are online services on Sundays at 10am for children and 11am for adults. See www.stmatthiasbrighton.org
Hollingbury Park Bowls Club
The club is operating but numbers have to be limited in order to facilitate distancing. If interested, please call John on 01273 884831
Brighton & Hove Food Partnership
The Edible Garden at Saunders Park is currently unable to accept new volunteers, but there are many online events taking place. See www.bhfood.org.uk

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