

# **Hastings Old Town Residents Association**

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## **October Parish News**

### High Street Pedestrian Safety

There has been a widespread response to our September newsletter. If you missed your copy it can be found on-line at [www.hotra.org.uk](http://www.hotra.org.uk). The range of options are liked or disliked according to each individual's circumstances. Some of the responses so far are :

- Too much traffic will start to use Croft Road which is also unsafe
- A Disabled resident living in the High Street does not want to lose their parking space
- Customers collecting heavy or bulky items would have problems
- The High Street is part of the National Cycle route scheme.

Two issues can be easily resolved with no other changes. Clear signs marking the end of George Street Pedestrian zone are needed to warn visitors about traffic. A new pavement on the west side of the High Street from Fagins to John the Cobblers is a priority. These 2 early 'wins' would be welcomed by many. *Please come to the meeting at 7.00 on 20<sup>th</sup> October in the new Stade Hall to join the initial debate. It is important that those most affected by any changes – residents or traders – have a chance to be heard.*

It is just as important that any idea is properly evaluated by ESCC traffic experts. Any possible changes should then be brought back for formal consultation. Nothing will happen overnight but something must be done for the long term well being of the Old Town.

### High Street Bottle Bank

HOTRA has been asking for these to be removed for many years. The underground bin was unreliable. Residents living nearby were adversely affected. It is an uninviting welcome to the High Street. Now Hastings Council are willing to try a new location by the boating lake. It will be properly screened.

### Fruit and Veg

Did you know that you can buy good quality, locally grown fruit and vegetables at 2 spots in the Old Town. Isabel Blackman Centre Thursdays 10 – 12 from the Hastings Community Fruit and Veg scheme. All Saints hall Fridays 10.30 in the Country Market. Not far to carry and help save 'Green miles' !!