

# HOTRA

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### **Winkle Island**

East Sussex County Council and Hastings Council deserve our thanks for agreeing to meet the cost of the upgrade of the surface. Leigh Dyers lovely Winkle statue is now set in a smart space. The Veolia Environmental Trust have awarded £5,000 towards the cost of Interpretation boards which will describe the Winkle Club history and its current work and plans. Another £10,000 is needed to pay for 6 new benches to be placed around the plinth. HOTRA is pleased to help with this project and support the long term work of the Winkle Club.

### **Subscriptions - £10 per person**

Already over 100 people have paid. Thank you. If you have not got around to it simply put your contact details [please include your email address if you have one] together with your payment in an envelope marked HOTRA. Leave this at Nelson House Antiques, High Street, or at our Treasurers Phil White, Eight and a Half Exmouth Place. A membership receipt will be issued.

### **Bikers nights on the Stade Open Space**

Hastings Council have been asked for permission to hold monthly get-togethers on the first Thursday from May to August. HOTRA's Committee are concerned about noise. Sussex Police Road Safety Unit will be involved. It was felt that a 'trial' period was the best way forward.

### **Crime in the Old Town**

Sussex Police have advised that complaints about unacceptable behaviour are significantly reduced. Yet members are worried about what happens after some big events. It is important that you report any problems on 0845 6070999 or try the new 101 switchboard. Of course if it is very serious still use 999.

### **Cuts, and more Cuts**

Hastings Council will significantly reduce the opening hours of the Old Town Hall Museum from April. This was

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providing Visitor Information services which will impact on tourists.

East Sussex County Council have made huge reductions in the Adult Social Care Budget. The future of the Isabel Blackman Centre must be a big concern for local people.