

July 2013 Parish News

High Street improvement proposals

HOTRA collected about 600 signatures to petition East Sussex County Council about the problems faced by pedestrians at the lower end of the High Street. Concerns about the lack of a footpath on the west side, narrow pavements, high pavement outside the Museum and, most worrying of all, the rat-running especially between 4.00 and 7.00 pm to avoid the traffic lights along the Bourne.

A huge amount of data has been collected by specialist advisers and analysed. Any proposals have to be firstly affordable and secondly self-enforcing as the Police will not routinely. Various options were considered and all pluses and minuses examined carefully.

The most favoured option involves reversing the direction of travel in the High Street from Roebuck Street down to George Street together with reversing the one way in Courthouse Street. Further the width of the roadway south of Courthouse Street itself would be reduced to help provide wider pavements. There are many aspects to the proposals.

A full consultation will take place with an exhibition and information meeting in October. If there is a reasonable consensus then the proposals will be part of the budget setting for 2014.

Open Gardens

4 gardens in Tackleway opened in May. Attendance was good and over £2,000 was raised for St Michaels Hospice. Well done all involved.

All Saints lychgate

Dee Day White has twisted many arms to secure offers of help to repair the lychgate at the end of Tackleway. Promises have been made to jack up the existing structure, remove and replace the rotted timber, and lower it into place. Hastings Council have kindly offered to help with a small grant.

Thanks to all involved.