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## Welcome to e-News!

### ■ New Look for ESiF

It's now easier than ever to access essential information about East Sussex following the re-launch of the [East Sussex in Figures \(ESiF\) website](#).

ESiF contains more than 350 information sources about the county, covering a wide range of topic areas. Visitors can collate the information they are interested in and then, using special functions, they can chose to have the data displayed as tables, charts or maps at the touch of a button.

A key change has been a complete refresh of the homepage. For example, visitors can now access information by theme – e.g. 'Housing', 'Environment & climate change' or 'Population & households' - directly from the front page. Also, the site's 'Area Profile' search function is now also available on the homepage – providing a quick and easy way to get detailed insights into the county's communities.

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### ■ Welcome to 3VA!

Voluntary and community groups in Eastbourne, Lewes District and Wealden can look forward to an even better level of support for their groups in future. Following a period of consultation and careful planning, Eastbourne Association of Voluntary Services (EAVS) and South Downs CVS (SDCVS) have successfully converged to create one organisation, 3VA, with the aim of offering a more consistent service across the three districts.

The new organisation became a legal entity on 1 November and has three local identities (Voluntary Action Eastbourne, Voluntary Action Lewes District and Voluntary Action Wealden), ensuring that the new organisation continues to provide local support to voluntary and community groups in the 3 areas.

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## ■ East Sussex Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

Over the last twelve weeks the East Sussex Drug and Alcohol Action Team consulted with a wide variety of partners on the revised East Sussex Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. Responses from the consultation have now been fed into the final strategy which was agreed in early November by the East Sussex Alcohol Steering Group.

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## ■ East Sussex Online Community Safety Survey

The online community safety survey which was launched in mid July has now drawn to a close. A resident from Eastbourne won the £100 prize draw. The partnership will be re-launching the online survey in January 2010. Responses from the 2009 survey will feed into the priority selection process for the East Sussex Safer Communities Partnership.

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## What's On?

### ■ Adults and Older People in Black and Minority Ethnic Communities in East Sussex Workshop

A workshop for organisations working with or supporting Adults and Elderly in the BME community with speakers from Adult Social Care and Age Concern East Sussex. To be held on Wednesday 13 January 2010 from 3-6.30pm at the WRVS Centre, Eastbourne.

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### ■ East Sussex Strategic Partnership Meeting

The ESSP's next meeting will take place at 10am on Thursday 14 January 2010 at Wealden District Council in Hailsham. This meeting will include scrutiny of the East Sussex Compact, the latest performance report for the Local Area Agreement and discussion on the Comprehensive Area Assessment report. These meetings are open to the public.

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## Meeting Updates

There are a number of countywide partnerships which focus directly on one of the themes of Pride of Place. Please see below for details of their meetings:



### **East Sussex Adult Learning and Skills Partnership Board**

Met on 22 October 2009

Topics under discussion included the refresh of the East Sussex Learning and Skills Strategy; the Regional Skills Strategy including the complexities of its development with the advent of the proposed new Economic Impact Assessment duty; the transition from the Learning and Skills Council to the proposed Skills Funding Agency; the current shortage of funding for the Train to Gain programme which means that many employers are not able to access new publicly funded training provision at a critical time for the economy; and Jobseekers Regime and Flexible New Deal – as well as the standard agenda items LAA Monitoring and Recession Round Table update.

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## Consultations

### ■ **The Future of Bus Services in East Sussex**

East Sussex County Council is keen to hear your views on the plans to improve bus services in East Sussex. A review of passenger transport services in 2007 showed a number of areas where bus services could be changed or increased to provide better transport links. The draft Bus Strategy sets out plans to improve bus travel in the county, including how and where services will change. Consultation ends 23 December 2009.

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### ■ **Adult Social Care Leaflets**

East Sussex County Council want to make it easy for people to get information about Adult Social Care services, and to understand how useful the leaflets they produce are to individuals. Please give your views on the new leaflets. Consultation ends 11 January 2010.

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# About Us

East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) was set up in 2000 to help organisations work together in a coordinated way to plan local services and tackle the issues that matter to local people.

Our main task is to develop and deliver Pride of Place, the Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex, a long-term plan for improving quality of life locally.

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