

**East Sussex Assembly Annual Conference**

8 December 2015, International Lawn Tennis Centre, Eastbourne

**Main theme:**

Community Resilience

**9.30am**     **Arrival, registration and refreshments**

**10.00am**     **Welcome**

Eastbourne Borough Council and Steve Hare (Speak Up Representative)

**10.10am**     **Supporting the Community Effort and the New Reality**

Film of Steve Manwaring, Chair of East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP)

Becky Shaw, Chief Executive of East Sussex County Council

As finite public resource is reduced, there is a greater role for community responses to situations other than emergency crisis such as flooding. This is about what communities do to remain resilient throughout the year. The focus will be on how to make such responses visible and viable and therefore what is the role of the public sector to get out of the way and support communities to get on with it.

**10.15am**     **Understanding Community Resilience** An interactive session

– Paul Rideout, Policy Manager (Third Sector), ESCC

**10:30am**     **Coffee Break and Networking**

There will be a market place with the following stands:

East Sussex Credit Union

Welfare Benefits & Debt Advice Project

Community Wellbeing Service

HealthWatch East Sussex

Commissioned public reference forum for the East Sussex Better Together programme.

HOME

Big Local

Village Agents

**11:00am Presentations**

**Health and Wellbeing Visits Project (ESFRS & 3VA)** Adam Chugg and Abbie Wraige

The project will arrange for older people to be visited in their own homes (up to three visits may be arranged) for a conversation with the client about their health and wellbeing needs and priorities. Basic information and advice will be offered together with the offer of a referral to an appropriate source of help. This is partnership between **3VA** and **East Sussex Fire & Rescue Service (ESFRS)** is a unique model of excellence that could be rolled out nationally. The value and nature of the partnership with ESFRS is unique and it is hoped that the project will be an example that other fire and rescue services will look to develop.

**Clean Seas Please and Hastings Pollution Assessment Volunteers.** Jan Cutting and Ian Sier

Hasting Voluntary Action and Rother Voluntary Action in partnership with the Environment Agency. Clean Seas Please to speak about solving a community issue in a town and an Environment agency funded volunteer led scheme to monitor pollution.

**Growing Community Resilience for Health and Wellbeing** Anita Counsel and an Lesley Thompson, Active Community Volunteer

What do we meant by building CR (for health and wellbeing)?

- Why is building community resilience part of the work of ESBT?
- What do we know about what works in building community resilience (i.e. asset based/community centred approach)?
- What kind of methods are used?
- What is happening already to grow CR locally?
- Example of a local programme using asset based approaches\*
- What does ESBT plan to do next and how can people be involved?

**Sussex Community Foundation** – Kevin Richmond

The support/funding that SCF can provide to community based activities.

**11:50am Question Time & discussion** – chaired by Jeremy Leggett, Action In Rural Sussex  
There will be an opportunity to put questions to the panel of presenters

**12:20pm Conclusion and thanks** - Jeremy Leggett

**12.30pm Close**



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## ABOUT THE EVENT

The Assembly will be looking at Community Resilience as finite public resource is reduced, there is a greater role for community responses to situations other than emergency crisis such as flooding. This is about what communities do to remain resilient throughout the year. The focus will be on how to make such responses visible and viable and therefore what is the role of the public sector to get out of the way and let communities get on with it. We will hear from a range of community projects through presentations and through a market of stalls and understand how these projects have worked, the questions they are asking themselves now the projects are up and running and; how they hope to be sustainable once any current funding ceases.

## ABOUT ESSP

East Sussex Strategic Partnership (ESSP) brings organisations together to plan local services and tackle the issues that matter to local people. Our main tasks are to:

- develop and deliver the Sustainable Community Strategy for East Sussex, [Pride of Place](#), a long-term plan for improving quality of life for those living and working in East Sussex
- deliver other action plans, which aim to tackle the priorities set out in Pride of Place
- report on [our progress and performance](#) to local partners and the general public
- provide leadership on countywide issues where no other appropriate organisation or partnership can be identified.

## ABOUT THE EAST SUSSEX ASSEMBLY

The [Assembly](#) is the ESSP's consultative and advisory forum, and one of the largest cross-sector networks in the county. It comprises almost 100 organisations and partnerships from the public, private and voluntary and community sectors that are involved or interested in public services and improving life in East Sussex.

## THE VENUE/GETTING THERE

**Hardwicke Suite, International Lawn Tennis Centre, Devonshire Park, College Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4JJ**

→ **Map:** [Click here](#) for a map

→ **Public Transport:** Eastbourne can be reached by rail and bus services. The International Lawn Tennis Centre is a 15 minute walk or 5 minute taxi ride from Eastbourne train station. The Number 3 bus (Eastbourne Town centre to Meads) stops near the theatre on Compton Street. [Click here](#) for bus information.

→ **Parking:** College Road car park is a Pay and Display car park for 200 cars. There is also a limited amount of on-street pay and display parking. Parking spaces for people with disabilities (Blue badge holders) is available.

## REFRESHMENTS

We will not be providing lunch. However tea, coffee, water, pastries and fruit will be available. Special diets will be catered for if notified in advance. To prevent waste and to help us keep costs down, please let us know in advance if you are unable to attend.

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