

Welcome to our August newsletter. We have so much going on we are not following our usual format, and instead are focusing on our “Village Fete” and the great things happening in White Rock on Saturday 31st August- you are all invited, so please read on...

AGM:

Members will have received your invitation to our AGM which takes place Saturday 31st August Home Ground, Rock House, but if not, drop us a line for details.

Supporters are also welcome to the AGM, please email for details it's a great opportunity to find out more about us and ask questions.

But, the AGM is just the start: You are all invited to our Village Fete in the Heart of Hastings, 1-6 on Saturday 31st August in [Gotham Alley](#) off Claremont

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LET'S CELEBRATE

DIY Community Regen

With a village fete in the Heart of Hastings

Saturday 31 August || 1pm-6pm

Local Shops & Cafes
Library
To the Beach

Music
Food
Meeting space
Stalls
Workshops

Good to know: Step Free Access via Claremont, TN34 1HE
Free Entry
Supporters

More info: www.heartofhastings.org.uk/Villagefete

TESCO Bags of Help
The Alley Association

There will be local performers, stalls, demonstrations and a great big community conversation which you can join in if you want to.

We have limited remaining space for stalls, workshops and performance- contact us by Wednesday 21 August if you would like to get involved.

And, seemingly everything is happening on the 31st August in and around White Rock:

As part of [Coastal Currents](#) Project Art Works launch their [open studio](#) at nearby Braybrooke Terrace, and even closer to home, the Observer Building hosts an [art show](#) in its basement.



This is a rare chance to visit a space usually closed to the public, and see some top art work created by the students at East Sussex College (Hastings)

Just round the corner at the library Poet, performer and illustrator [Ed Boxall](#) is hosting free kids events as part of Hastings Lit Fest (2pm), plus local businesses will be offering discounts to people who visit the Fete. Come down to get a sticker and participating business map, then take a wander around the area, it's full of great independent businesses and interesting spaces

But that's not all that is happening in White Rock:

Project Arts Works Pop up Window Gallery at 12 Claremont

As you may know, Heart of Hastings are negotiating the details on a community asset transfer with East Sussex County Council for 12 Claremont. This is a great building, with a lot of potential and a rich history.

It has been empty for years, but we have just had permission for our alliance partners [Project Art Works](#) to create a window display, which, in time, will develop into a full blown art gallery covering the entire ground floor. Just next door to Hastings Library, take a peek the next time you

are passing, it's going to be good!

Pocket Park Launch

Guest content from our Friends at [MSL](#):

“Help us create a new park in the heart of Hastings.

The Alley Association is working with White Rock Neighbourhood Ventures and local producers, MSL, to begin a transformation of the unkempt [Alley](#) behind Claremont into a park for all. Join Gary Baverstock and the team, FrenchnDawson as they start work on Saturday 7 September between 11am and 3pm in the Alley, Bring a picnic, help paint or plant, look at the plans, peer into the caves. **Funded by Pocket Park Plus, National Lottery Community Fund, Awards for All and the Coastal Communities Fund.** We welcome anyone who can commit to working with us on the project. Contact Sophie at MSL on admin@mslprojects.co.uk or phone 01424 234000”.

Ore Valley

Perhaps you saw [in Hastings Independent that the old Power Station](#) site is up for sale? Please be assured that Heart of Hastings have not given up on Ore Valley. We are working hard to achieve our aims of affordable spaces and hope to have news to share in the near future.

Non members who would like to [join](#) before the AGM have until 10 am Wednesday 28 August. Don't forget, you are welcome at our AGM, and the Village Fete even if you are not a member, but only members can vote.

To get in touch, email shelley@heartofhastings.org.uk

All the very best, see you on the 31st.