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EDITOR'S WELCOME

The days are getting longer and as the summer beckons we can look forward to months of (hopefully) good weather to get out and about with friends and family and enjoy all that this beautiful part of the country has to offer.

There are so many events to enjoy for all the family including sport, music, theatre, fetes, the list goes on and for Petworth the very special Secret Gardens returns in June (see page 5).

Petworth Park Sports reveals its summer plans on page 22 and there are a couple of walks to take part in on page 26.

Looking after our towns and villages is so important for the environment and our own health – once again local volunteers have been out litter picking in the Petworth area and dog fouling is on the increase – it is a sad part of society that is completely preventable.

As always please do browse the pages and support our local businesses featured throughout the magazine and the trades and services on pages 30-31

From the Petworth Pages team I wish you an amazing summer and we will be back in August with the autumn edition.

Best wishes Kerry

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We are delighted to say that Petworth's Secret Garden Event will be open this year on 8th June 2025 from 1pm-5.30pm, promising a delightful treasure trail around Petworth. From large country gardens with sweeping vistas, exquisite courtyard gardens, to abundant 'no dig' organic allotments, there will be something for everyone.

Ticket sales will be available on the day, together with music, entertainment and plant sales in Rosemary Gardens, with a children's trail around the gardens and delicious refreshments available in Leconfield Hall.

Tickets are available to purchase in advance by visiting www.tinyurl.com/secretgardens2025, from Petworth Community Garden's stall at the Petworth Farmers Market on Saturday 24th May or on the day at Rosemary Gardens.





This wonderful day out is run in support of Petworth's Community Wellbeing Garden (formerly Petworth Community Garden) which will also be part of the trail.

This community charity is accessible for all ages and abilities and has been run for the community by the community since 2005. Working with members of the community from all walks of life, including wheelchair users, people with learning disabilities, physical disabilities or other support needs, families, children and older people, friendly integrated groups are put together according to need and ability. Projects include Tuesdays 'Learn and Grow' accessible gardening day, Wednesdays Men's Shed rural crafts, Thriving Thursdays therapeutic gardening, and across the projects, 'Stepping Stones to Work', Plot to Plate cookery, 'Jammy Dodgers' preserves. More recently, responding to the cost of living crisis, the charity has developed a community outreach service, delivering fresh produce to locals signposted from the food bank. All projects aim to make gardening and rural crafts, healthy local food and community wellbeing, accessible to all.

Secret Garden Trail Tickets

Cost: £8 (Students, 12-18's and Universal credit are £5.00)
Children under 12 free



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SUMMER REPORT FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The Petworth Town Council clerk gives Petworth Pages a comprehensive report on activities at the council over the past few months and plans for the future.

The weather has been lovely, and the town is looking fantastic, thanks to Cllr Ricia Hewlett and her team of planters. I am sure you will agree with me that the planters really add colour to the town. You may have noticed that some of the planters are damaged, but new tougher planters are on their way and will be planted up soon. Plans have been finalised for the summer planting scheme and hanging baskets have been ordered, so that is something to look forward to.

In the main car park, our telephone box is looking tired and weathered, and I am delighted to report that this will be repainted in the coming weeks. In Rosemary Gardens a considerable amount of time has been spent removing all the ivy from the wall. A big thank you to all those that have helped with this.

March saw the arrival of the 20mph zone in Petworth. This was the result of many hours work by

councillors, our MP and others. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you for all the hard work that went in to achieve this. A change such as the implementation of a 20mph limit on our roads, takes time to settle in. We have received some great positive comments and are delighted that residents are already seeing the difference. The Traffic and Highways Committee has already identified improvements to the programme, as well as identifying other issues in town, something that they will be working on in the coming months. If you have any points to raise, we would love to hear from you.

Linking in with the 20mph zone, the council are keen to hold speed awareness sessions around town, aimed at helping to enforce the new speed limit and combat the increasing issue of speeding on our roads. We are looking for volunteers to act and help us with this. If you are interested, please do get in touch and contact me in the Town Council office (details at the end).

There is good news for users of Rosemary Gardens and the residents at the end of Rosmary Lane as we are close to conducting the repairs to the east wall.



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Many hours have been spent considering options and then obtaining surveyor reports and obtaining quotes but at last we have a plan, a contractor and await the final few details from the planning department. Although we do not have a firm date yet, we are confident that the wall will be repaired soon.

Whilst I speak of Rosemary Gardens, please can I remind all dog owners to pick up dog mess and use the dog bins in the area. We have noticed a sharp increase in the amount of dog mess, not only in Rosemary Gardens but all over the town, even outside people's front doors. Dog fouling is an offence which if caught may result in the issue of a penalty fine. Our Open Spaces Committee are working closely with Chichester District Council to monitor and improve the situation, and we are advised that wardens will be in the area.

The Petworth Town Council has approximately 80 allotments around the town, split into four sites – Angel Street, Grove Street, Tillington Road and Station Road. Vacant plots become available throughout the year, so if you fancy putting your hand to growing vegetables or flowers, contact me at the Town Council office or via our website to be added to the waiting list.

Petworth Town Council has an annual budget for grants and is proud to offer small grants to organisations around the area. The Finance and General Purposes Committee scrutinise applications and make

recommendations to full council. This financial year we have awarded grants which include local events, the purchase of sporting equipment and much needed medical equipment for a hospice. If your organisation would like to be considered for a small grant, the terms and conditions and application form can be found on our website. If you would like to discuss an application, please do get in touch.

The Christmas Cracker 2025 event seems like a long way away, but the working party have now met, and plans are well and truly forming for another great event. The date of our Christmas Cracker 2025 event is Saturday 6th December. Fingers crossed for the weather! We are now taking bookings for stall holders and details can be found on our website.

Finally, a reminder that the minutes and agendas of all our meetings are available on our website. We have a noticeboard in the main car park and soon in the library as well. We post agendas for all upcoming meetings. The Town Council offices are at the back of the library, and I am available on a Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 11.00am and 1.00pm to 2.30pm in the office. If you have any points to raise, questions to ask or would like to know more about the council or even be a councillor yourself, please do get in touch.

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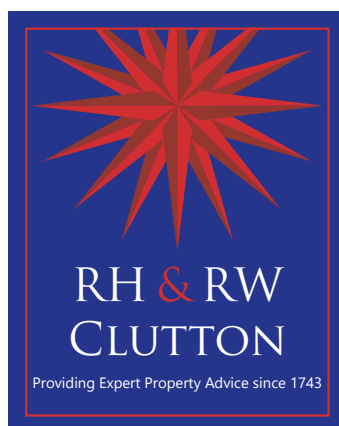
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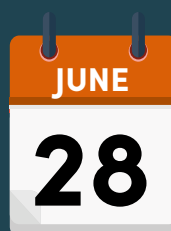
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