

Forum News



September 2026

This copy of Forum News forms the notes of a meeting held at
The Academy School at 4.15pm on 16th September 2026
If you would like to know more about any of the items, please contact us at:
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Present: Mike Nicholls Chair SCF, Philip Grocott Selsey Town Council (STC), Keith Selsey Pavilion Trust (SPT), Ali Archer Selsey Medical Practice Patients' Panel/STC, Karen Pirks SCF, John Fletcher SCF Trustee, Richard Turley RNLI

Apologies: Matt Tymon The Academy, Linda Edwards SCF Secretary

Mike Nicholls opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

➤ **Selsey Pavillion Trust (SPT)**

Keith reported that 50 people viewed The Pavilion Studio (small hall), on Saturday's Open Morning. SPT are now keen for community groups to make use of the Pavilion Studio and are offering an initial 50% discount until 31st December. 2 hours currently £18 including VAT. Chichester Festival Theatre (CFT) have booked some "Get Acting" sessions until Christmas. Films will be shown when licencing issues are resolved. Their social media presence is successful, checkout their website <https://www.selseypavilion.org> for available newsletters. Plan for the future is to raise funds necessary due to managing an older property to meet modern day building standards. They are hoping to provide pantos at some point, the last one taking place was in 1967.

➤ **Selsey Lifeboat Station.**

Richard Turley informed us that our local RNLI celebrated a successful Lifeboat Week in the Summer- all the stars aligned including weather, new activities drone display, and fireworks provided safe entertainment for the thousands who attended. Parking/road closures were managed well and happy that the bus service didn't require rerouting. They are grateful for the ongoing support by the crew and volunteers from local people.

➤ **SMP Patient Panel/STC**

Ali Archer said that the council and patient group are grateful to SCF for the updates, and the support provided by SCF and Care Shop for the wider community.

➤ **Selsey Town Council (STC)**

Philip Grocott stated that local town council is in a state of limbo as it awaits ongoing updates about the reorganisation of local government. This will affect all administration.

➤ **SCF/Care Shop**

Karen Pirks is working in partnership with other organisations in Selsey and is keen to engage with the Association of Community Wellbeing who work with people of 16 upwards, providing the services once known as the Buddy Centre and support for people with Learning Disabilities, Dementia and Carers. Karen recently met with local Care Managers and one of the speakers included a representative from WSCC Emergency and Resilience Planning, Natalie Provost. Natalie will give a presentation regarding this at the next SCF Forum meeting. Karen is keen to

gain more information from STC in this regard. Ali Archer has offered to follow up. Care Shop continues to be exceptionally busy. The Hubs situated across the peninsula are finding work/referrals expanding across Selsey and the surrounding districts. The Wittering's Care Shop was officially opened on the 1st of September and had 200 enquiries in the first 2 weeks.

➤ **Befriending Services**

Ronelle Juleff continues to provide a valuable range of services to prevent social isolation. She is grateful to have the ongoing support from the Selsey Shuttle Bus and Selsey Venture Bus, to get people to the various activities.

➤ **SCF Chair Mike Nicholls**

Mike is developing the Wittering's Community Forum with a number of people supporting as Trustees. They await Charity Status with the Charity Commission. There are 16 hubs and includes the Rookery in Selsey which provides a Digital Hub supported by Clarion Housing every Wednesday.

➤ **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

➤ **Next Meeting is 4.15pm Wednesday 18th November 2026, The Academy School**