

## POWERING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY



### THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL.

It's always been an enticing invitation. The problem is that it can often be difficult to know how to act. Well, here's something we can do.

On Friday 21 November, the Shoreham Society and Transition Town Shoreham are hosting a workshop by Energise South Downs designed to help local people accelerate the global transition away from fossil fuels.

The workshop *How might Shoreham-by-Sea power its community using locally produced renewable energy?* is part of ten Future Energy Landscapes Workshops Energise South Downs is running across the south-east. Using a tried and tested model from Centre for Sustainable Energy, the workshop aims to discover the types and scale of renewable energy that could meet the needs of locals.

Energise South Downs works with communities to bring sizeable new solar power projects online. Funded by investors drawn from the local community, Energise South Downs fits the panels and sells the power to large consumers. Best of all, every year a slice of the profits goes to fund local community projects. It's a win-win-win.

Community-led energy schemes are not for profits that have spread across the UK. In 2024 schemes like these produced enough energy to power 230,000 homes and supported almost 800 jobs.

In Sussex there are at least five community energy co-operatives doing amazing work through this type of model. In Shoreham, examples of using a community energy model with rooftop solar have already been successful in Shoreham Port. So where else and how could this happen in Shoreham?

If you're interested in finding out more, including becoming an early-stage investor, come and take part in the interactive workshop.

Tickets are FREE but please reserve your seat to avoid disappointment by visiting

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/shoreham-by-seas-future-energy-landscapes-workshop-tickets-1622390406379?aff=erelexpmlt>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 17 October at 7pm St Peters Hall, £3

Two corners, three buildings: the public architecture of Shoreham by Sea.  
See next page for further details.

Friday 21 November at 7pm St Peters Hall, £3

Powering our community: the solar energy options for Shoreham by Sea.  
See main article on this page for further details

## Yikes is just the ticket!

Nik Yikes has become our new Volunteers Coordinator.

This important role includes recruiting, training and supporting volunteers to carry out a wide range of roles, as well as organising regular social events.

Nik brings a wealth of experience to the role. She has had a successful career in the voluntary sector in a variety of contexts, including the recruitment & management of staff and volunteers. She is currently employed by Age UK West Sussex as a Community Agent for the Adur area, contracted to tackle the social isolation of many older local people.

Welcoming her new role, Nik said, "Shoreham-by-Sea is special! I care deeply about our town's future and the aims of the Shoreham Society. As Volunteer Coordinator I hope to recruit people into a wide variety of roles and to encourage collaboration, friendship and fun!"



# TWO CORNERS, THREE BUILDINGS: THE PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE OF SHOREHAM BY SEA

A TALK BY RICHARD BINGHAM



The Post Office, the Library and The Shoreham Centre...three buildings that many of us walk past every day and often go inside. But why do they look the way they do?

In this talk, Richard Bingham will take you on an illustrated tour of Shoreham's public architecture. On the way, we will stop by the Post Office (c. 1933), the Library at Pond Road (1966) and The Shoreham Centre (1970s / 2013 remodelling).

Public architecture is different from domestic architecture. Not only because it fulfils public functions – borrowing a book, sending a letter, visiting the seat of local government - but because the way it looks reveals a lot about how our society thinks about the public realm.

What classical ghosts are trapped in the façade of Shoreham's Post Office? What makes that dark, cavernous space beneath the library an example of "indefensible space"? Where is the ceremonial entrance to The Shoreham Centre?

Find out the answers by coming along to the talk on Friday October 17<sup>th</sup> at St Peter's Church, West Street, BN43 5DJ, beginning 7.00 pm.



## THE MAIN EVENT

Ever fancied yourself an impresario?

Well, here's a chance to bring some of the most exciting speakers to Shoreham-by-Sea, and to play a key role in keeping your fellow Shorehamites up to date with all that is happening in the town and beyond.

The Shoreham Society is looking for someone to help us run our Friday evening talks.

For many years, the talks have been at the core of what the Shoreham Society offers, and are highly valued by members for their range, topicality and sparkle. We run nine live events each year, and audiences regularly exceed 50 people. Subjects range from Solar Power to Sussex Kelp, from Devolution to Dolphins.

This is an exciting time to be joining the team. We are currently surveying members to ascertain whether the day should be changed from Friday. We will also be moving back to The Shoreham Centre next year in order to take advantage of improved audio-visual facilities.

As Events Co-ordinator you will have a central role in drawing up a schedule of future talks reflecting life in Shoreham by Sea. You will then liaise between external speakers, other committee members and the venue.

The Events Co-ordinator is also usually on hand to help open and close the venue and assist the speaker with setting up the audio-visual equipment. To do this, you will have the help of a team of volunteers.

If you, or someone you know, would like to find out more about this vital and rewarding role within the Shoreham Society drop us a line at [info@shorehamsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@shorehamsociety.org.uk) and we'll get back to you.



## Political Fireworks

As bonfire night approaches, look out for your latest edition of *The Journal*.

In November's edition we will be covering the controversial changes to local government. In 2026 a new Mayor of Sussex will be elected. The following year, Adur and all the other District and Borough Councils in the country will be abolished, to be replaced by "Unitary Authorities".

As well as explaining these fundamental changes, November's *Journal* will carry an exclusive interview with Katy Bourne, the first Mayoral candidate to throw her hat into the ring.

And we will be bringing you the latest news on the campaign that's just been launched to establish a Town Council in Shoreham.

Stay up to date with *The Journal*.

