

## NEWS

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### Welcome to Lancing and Sompting Local

We're glad you've joined us at Lancing and Sompting's only online local hub for discussions, information, history and much more.

We've only just started out, so we need your support to get more people involved and signed up as a member. It's completely free!

Take a look at our website as to what we have to offer.

We see the struggle of keeping up to date with information on the various social media groups for Lancing and Sompting.

People asking about local events upcoming in the area. History images being posted multiple times by different people. Comments asking about a post that was made on a different group.

So, we thought of a way to accompany these

groups with certain aspects.

Lancing and Sompting Local features pages, forums and groups to be able to discuss crime, history and to allow you to find upcoming events.

A monthly newsletter is also sent to every member.

So sign up, explore and get involved. It's as simple as that!

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- Lancing and Sompting Crimewatch
- **4. Upcoming Events**
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## What We Offer

#### **Local Amenities**

Need a new dentist?

#### **Information Board**

local developments in the area?

Information Board page.

#### History

Read more about our History platform

#### **Events**

#### **Being a Member**



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#### Board

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## Local History

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#### 12th November 1940 - German Air Raid

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#### **Our Vision**

Local history is important and Lancing and Sompting both have histories dating back to the Domesday Book (1086).

There are thousands of images, videos and documents online and on social media for the history of both villages. Our aim is to create an online local hub where people can post, discuss and comment on all thing's history.

#### Features

We see various different historical photos of Lancing and Sompting every day on social media, so we have created the very first road name history platform.

We have a forum platform with over 300 road names for you to start adding the history of your road, and others.

Search for the road name, and then add stories, pictures, videos and documents all easily either online or via our new mobile app. Each road name has its own page so you can start multiple discussions or

Coming soon are a Local History Map and a "Then and Now" feature.

#### How to get involved

To start getting involved with local history you will first need to become a member. This is completely free, like all of our website features.

To become a member simply click 'Log In' in the top right corner of our website, or within the Menu on mobile phones. From here you can either sign up with your email address, Google or Facebook accounts.

Once signed up you can begin using the History features, plus much more.

## Lancing and Sompting Crimewatch

#### What is Crimewatch?

The Lancing and Sompting Crimewatch group is a platform on our website which allows members to discuss local crimes to make others aware of issues, or to ask for advice.

#### How do I get involved?

As a member of our website, you receive access to our Crimewatch page by default.

Simply head to the 'Information Board' page and click 'Crimewatch'.

We have created various different topics where you can discuss specific types of crime (and we can always add more if required).

In the group you can share a post, including photos and videos. You can also comment on others' posts too.







## Upcoming Events



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#### **Upcoming Events**



#### **Discover New Events**

Posters for local events are posted online all the time but these are lost on the timeline or don't have enough information.

Our Events page supports these events and allows businesses to use our website to post information on the event online for everybody to see all the time.

You can then view our Events page and see all upcoming events.

This page is designed to work best on our new mobile app so download the app to keep up to date with events locally.

#### Can I advertise my event?

Of course! Our website is the local hub for Lancing and Sompting, especially when it comes to events. We would hate for anybody to miss out as they don't have social media or can't see the event within a shop window.

Simply complete the Contact Us form on the Events page to enquire about adding your event and we will be in touch.

#### Do you offer event services?

We do! As well as advertising your event on our website, we have the ability to take payments for events, as well as send tickets to purchasers via email after purchase.

Leaving us with the ticketing, leaves you more time to plan the good stuff.

If this service is something you require or would like to make an enquiry, please contact us via the Contact Us form on the Events page.

## How to Advertise with Us?

#### What's on Offer?

Lancing & Sompting Local is the only online local hub for the area and with over 25,000 people in the two villages there are plenty of people to see your advertisement.

We have opportunities to advertise your business on our website on our Local Business page. We can also add your business into our monthly newsletter which is emailed to every member of our website.

Alternatively, we can offer to advertise your upcoming events on both our website and newsletter. Other event services are available, please see our Events page above for more information.

For more informaiton on how to advertise with us, please contact us via the Contact Us forms on our website.



#### Future Updates

It's Christmas! And there are plenty of questions circulating the social media groups for Lancing & Sompting; "Where are the best places to see Christmas Lights?", "Where is Santa's Sleigh?".

Questions like these are frequently asked for other national celebrations, like Easter and Halloween. Lancing & Sompting Local will be introducing groups for these celebrations to allow people to post and discuss the best places to go for these celebrations.

When completed, updates will feature in our future newsletters so keep your eyes peeled!