

THE HAVENS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

Year Ended 31st March 2022



Adopted by Full Council 7th February 2023

INTRODUCTION

The Havens Community Council (HCC) is a non-political, elected tier of local government which is closest to the people. The Council consists of 10 voluntary Ward Councillors and represents the interests of the communities of Broad Haven, Little Haven, Talbenny, Hasguard, Haroldston, Rosehill, Portfield Gate, Walton West and Broadway. Much of the community sits within the boundary of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The remainder are coastal communities within the boundary of Pembrokeshire County Council. The historic core of Little Haven was designated a Conservation Area in February, 1998. The Community Council can influence decision makers such as the Planning Authority (Pembrokeshire Coast National Park) and the Unitary Authority, (Pembrokeshire County Council) through its role as a statutory planning consultee. It also has powers to provide amenities such as the Boardwalk in Broad Haven and recreation grounds such as Broad Haven Play Park and Football Pitch. The community has almost a 1,000 electors and covers an area of circa 10 square miles.

HCC's objective is to *recognise a duty to be responsive to the needs of all who live in the Havens by helping to build a resilient, healthy and sustainable environment.*



Broad Haven Play Park

FINANCE

HCC receives most of its funding from the Precept which was reduced by 8.5% when compared to the previous year and was set at £27,000 for the year to March 2022. This funding is supplemented by a modest income received from Trafalgar Car Park Honesty Box donations and the sale of advertising space in The Havens Community Diary.

An Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant was received during the year for £26,654 which was used to renew and expand play equipment at Broad Haven Play Park

The most significant items of expenditure during the year ended March 2022 can be seen below. They are represented as a % of the Precept.

Recreation Grounds Maintenance	36%
Salaries & Allowances	25%
Grants & Donations	17%
Professional Fees & Insurances	9%
Christmas Light Features	5%

<u>AUDIT</u>

The Council's accounts for the year ended March 2022 have been independently internally audited. They are also subject to external audit by Audit Wales and the outcome will be published on the Council's website in due course at: https://www.pembstcc.co.uk/the-havens-community-council

TRAINING

The Council is a member of One Voice Wales and, in accordance with measures contained in the Local Government & Elections (Wales) Act 2021, a formal training plan will be published later in the year. Councillors are expected to hold core competences in the Code of Conduct and Financial Governance.

ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS 2022

HCC made donations amounting to £4,469 to local good causes during the year to March 2022. Support was provided to both Broad Haven and Little Haven Village Halls. Honesty Box funds were also distributed to Support the Boardwalk, Broad Haven Play Group and Broad Haven Football Club.

An Enhancing Pembrokeshire Grant was utilised to fund the new Balance Trim Trail at Broad Haven Play Park.





Finishing touches were also added to the Hamlet play equipment during the year – a project which was started in 2021 following a substantial donation from The Havens Carnival Committee.



The Little Hamlet, Broad Haven

KEY OBJECTIVES FOR 2023

Following local elections in May 2022, a new Community Council has been elected and is focussing on delivering a stable transition in conjunction with the support of a newly appointed Clerk. New initiatives for The Havens will be incorporated into a business plan to be delivered during the five-year term of this Council.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this Annual Report. It is hoped you found it informative. Please remember that your Community Councillors can all be contacted individually – contact numbers are provided on the website at: <u>https://www.pembstcc.co.uk/the-havens-community-council</u>

Alternatively, if you prefer to email the Community Council the contact address is: <u>clerk@havenscommunities.org.uk</u>