



WORTHING BOROUGH  
COUNCIL

**Council**  
**31 October 2017**  
**Agenda Item 12 a**

Motion on Notice by Councillor James Doyle

Joan Bradley

'To mark the immense contribution of Joan Bradley to Worthing's built environment as Planning Committee chair and Council Design champion, at the next opportunity the Council will name a suitable new road Bradley Road.'

Proposed by Councillor James Doyle

Seconded by Councillor Dan Humphreys

**Local Government Act 1972**

Background papers

Email from Councillor Doyle 23 July 2017

Email from Director for Communities 24 July 2017



Motion on Notice from Councillor James Doyle

Promoting cycling safety - 'Dutch Reach'

'This Council asks that residents of the Borough, when driving vehicles, be encouraged to put into practice the "Dutch Reach" to open their driver door

'This Council promotes the use of the Dutch Reach by publicity on the Councils website to the linked video'

Proposed by Councillor James Doyle

Seconded by Councillor Bob Smytherman

### **Local Government Act 1972**

Background papers

Emails between Councillor Doyle and the Democratic Services Manager

28 July, 1 September and 7 September 2017



Motion on Notice - Councillor Alex Harman

**Honouring the links between Worthing Borough and Richebourg L'Avoue**

On 30th June 1916, Richebourg l'Avoué in France was the site of the Battle of the Boar's Head that owes its name to the network of trenches forming the shape of a boar's head.

This battle aimed to distract the Germans and to make them believe that the Great Offensive would be launched in Richebourg and not in the Somme. The 11th, 12th and 13th Battalions of the Southdowns Brigade were involved in this battle that lasted only 5 hours. Even so, 349 British soldiers and 17 officers died and over 1,000 were wounded or taken prisoners. Ever since, the 30th of June has been regarded locally as "The Day Sussex died". 22 of those who died were from Worthing.

In 1920, after the First World War, the Mayor of Worthing Ellen Chapman raised thousands of pounds in Worthing to go towards the rebuilding of Richebourg which was all but destroyed in the battle. This was the foundation of our relationship with Richebourg.

The strong links with Richebourg has continued in recent years with the support of a number of past Mayor's and Councillors. Every year, "The Day Sussex died" is remembered both here in Worthing and in Richebourg. The commitment of our continued friendship is something that the Mayor of Richebourg, Gérard Delahaye, supports by facilitating yearly commemorations in memory of the soldiers who died, inviting Cllr Sean McDonald over to their town for the 100th anniversary services last year and in encouraging links with local schools here and in Richebourg.

This Council acknowledges the links between the Borough and Richebourg as demonstrated by continued yearly commemorations of the actions taken by the Royal Sussex Regiment at The Battle of the Boar's Head on 30 June 1916; with this in mind the Council requests the directors for communities and digital produce a report to the Joint Governance Committee on the available options of strengthening our ongoing relationship, with a view to formally granting a civic recognition, specifically Freedom of the Borough, to honour the sacrifices of the past and strengthen ongoing ties and relationships between citizens of the Borough of Worthing and the Town of Richebourg.

Proposed by Councillor Alex Harman  
Seconded by Councillor Sean McDonald

**Local Government Act 1972**

Background papers

Email from Councillor Harman 8 September 2017