



Let's get exploring at Newhaven Fort with Wave

From Friday 1st May, Newhaven Fort will be opening its doors for the first time under the management of Wave.

Wave is best known in the local area for successfully managing and operating leisure facilities and whilst the Newhaven Fort will bring diversification to the Wave portfolio by combining the skill sets of the Wave and Fort Management and Operations Teams, this new approach will drive success into this local and valuable heritage site.

Situated at the mouth of the river Ouse with a stunning view out over Seaford Bay, Newhaven Fort is an award-winning attraction. This striking Victorian fortification completed in 1871, has interactive displays, reconstructions and exhibitions that bring history to life for adults and children alike.

Duncan Kerr, CEO of Wave said: "We are delighted that Wave has concluded negotiations with Lewes District Council for the management of Newhaven Fort."

Kerr continues: "We are really energised about the opportunity of working with the staff currently at the Fort to bring to life a business plan that continues to offer a strong robust presence in the south and that raises the profile of exciting future prospects."

Lewes District Council said: "Newhaven Fort is an important heritage asset and as a responsible custodian, Lewes District Council understands the need to protect the Fort for future generations. The Council believes that entering into a management agreement with Wave will safeguard the future of the Fort, by attracting more visitors and increasing the number of events, underlining the importance of the Fort not just to Newhaven but to the South Coast."

The Fort boasts an immersive experience with the Second World War air-raid simulator in the Home Front exhibition; an interactive exhibition taking you through the D-Day landings in 1944, what life was like in the trenches during the First World War and the history of the Fort and its role in defending Newhaven.

New and regular visitors to Newhaven Fort are welcomed back from with a stunning timetable of events including VE Day celebrations on 9th May, Living History Weekend over the late May Bank Holiday.