

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 11th – 17th November 2024 (Agenda December 2024)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)
Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
 - APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
 - CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
 - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
 - HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
 - HDC (Horsham District Council)
 - NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
 - WSALC (West Sussex Association of Local Councils)
 - WSCC (West Sussex District Council)
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Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

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GENERAL REMINDER: If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

Delegated Applications

Delegated Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No: DC/24/1757 08.11.2024	Response: No objection

Applicant: Riverside Farm, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Removal of 6no existing antennas, Installation of 3no new antennas. Other associated ancillary development including internal upgrade of existing equipment cabin and installation of 1no new GPS Node	
Official Response Date: Not available / Decision date 06.12.2024	
Application No: DC/24/1742 08.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: Monks Farm, Honeywood Lane, Okewood Hill	
Reason for Application: Prior Notification for Change of Use and extension of an Agricultural Building to 3no dwellinghouse (C3 Use Class)	
Official Response Date: 05.12.2024 / Determination 02.01.2025	Response:
Application No: DC/24/1715 04.11.2024	
Applicant: Pilgrims Rest, Cox Green	
Reason for Application: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a self-build dwelling and garage	
Official Response Date: 05.12.2024 / Determination 30.12.2024	Response: RPC responded to the original planning application in 2014.
Application No: WA/2024/02152 14.11.2024	
Applicant: Cranleigh Brick & Tile Works, Knowle Lane, Cranleigh	
Reason for Application:	

Application under section 73a to vary condition 65 of WA/2013/1947 (approved plans numbers and documents) to allow alterations to layout and design access layout to plots alterations to turning heads and visitor parking; details of ashp and car chargers	
Official Response Date: 13.12.2024 / Determination 05.02.2025	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No:	Response:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No:	Response:/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	

Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Address:	
Nature of Complaint:	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!
 Thank you for your ongoing patience while this was under construction.

<https://rudgwick-pc.gov.uk>

Correspondence

Email dated 15.11.2024 from WSALC WSALC AGM & Conference 2024

Trevor and the Board were delighted to see so many familiar as well as new faces at last week's West Sussex AGM and subsequent joint Conference with East Sussex and hope everyone who attended found it useful and had an enjoyable time.

For those who were unable to attend, please see below for a summary of the day and attached copies of the presentations by [Mark Valleley on Transport for the Southeast](#) and [Steve Tilbury on planning](#). Also attached is a [draft copy of the minutes from the WSALC AGM](#).

REPORT ON JOINT CONFERENCE HELD AT THE AMEX, 4.11.24

The joint ESALC/WSALC conference took some organising but overall has been deemed a great success, showcasing how SALC membership brings together councillors and clerks to receive vital information and share their own experiences.

After the respective AGM meetings, **Chief Constable Jo Shiner** gave an excellent presentation alongside temporary ACC Rosie Ross, stressing the breadth of responsibilities and challenges faced on a daily basis by Sussex Police. She ended with an exhortation for us all to thank those police we see for their efforts in keeping Sussex safe. A precis of the talk is attached for those who would like a reminder or to circulate it to their councillors.

Keith Stevens (Chair of ESALC & NALC) spoke about various issues concerning **NALC**. A comprehensive new NALC website has been launched, for which he encouraged all present to register. Keith explained how NALC is planning increased lobbying of the government and how important it is to let your local MP know good news stories; he also spoke about a move towards legislation permitting remote council meetings and the sanctioning of abusive councillors.



After lunch, the talks continued with **Mark Valleley , Head of Strategy for Transport for the South East** (based at County Hall in Lewes). Mark spoke about how the organisation is pushing for adequate infrastructure to support sustainable economic growth in our area. He said an online consultation is to begin on 10th December for 12 weeks, helping to inform their revised strategy with visions and goals up to the year 2050.*



The final speaker was already known to many - **Steve Tilbury, planning consultant**, who talked about revised housing targets (fortunately Sussex is not as badly affected as some other areas in the south east) and the new Planning and Infrastructure Bill expected in the New Year. His talk was of interest to everyone in the room as these changes will affect all parishes in Sussex.

It was gratifying that all speakers were listened to with great attention and that many questions were asked at the end of each presentation. Douglas Denham St Pinnock, Chair of WSALC, finished by thanking everyone involved, saying the high attendance by councillors, clerks and exhibitors for this joint conference demonstrated the event's success and that it should definitely be repeated.



** Udimore clerk (and Burwash councillor) Bob Franklin pointed out that he is a local conduit to Transport for the South East and can be contacted for information or to put forward ideas to the organisation. His email is parishclerk@udimore.org*

POLICING PRESENTATION BY SUSSEX POLICE CHIEF CONSTABLE JO SHINER AND TEMPORARY ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE ROSIE ROSS



CC Jo Shiner began by summarising the huge range of responsibilities faced by police across Sussex including dealing with protests, roads, Gatwick airport, Premier League football, community policing, Beachy Head and the coastline. She emphasised that much of Sussex is rural – which brings its own challenges to policing – and how it can take 4 hours to get to one side of the county to the other.

Sussex Police is ahead of most other forces in its use of technology and data, with its PowerBi system which is updated every 15 minutes. This uses advanced analytics to identify issues arising around the county including community tensions where a policing response may be needed imminently.

In her 32 years of policing Jo said she had never known frontline police face as much danger as they do now. Having said this, the aim is always to police all communities fairly and with impartiality, working with numerous organisations and tiers of local government (including WSLAC and ESALC!) across Sussex.

She explained how resources are shared with Surrey Police in an unusual arrangement which saves money on joint resources but also means the command environment is a complex one. Unfortunately Sussex is one of the poorest forces in the country – receiving a low amount of funding because of the current Government funding formula.

The current establishment of 3,200 officers is due to rise again shortly (before natural attrition) and she emphasised that recruitment to Sussex Police is consistently successful. Interestingly, 62% of the last 'detective only' intake were women!

Jo ended her part of the presentation by saying that a large extent of the county's crime remains hidden, including organised crime gangs who cause so much harm and misery to communities with activities such as County Lines. The police focus relentlessly on disrupting these OCGs but this work is unseen by the public.

T/ACC Rosie Ross then took over the presentation and spoke about how policing has become so much more complex than when she joined the force 24 years ago. Her 'A Day in the Life of Sussex Police' slides showed some interesting statistics including the rather daunting figure of 2,056 contacts made every day via email, phone or social media. All incidents need to be assessed and prioritised.

The police rely hugely on the support of local councils and are aware that, through this contact, they can gauge how communities feel about the policing service they receive. Engagement is really significant, enabling the police to maintain the support of the community and ensure that people understand the importance of reporting.

Rosie also spoke about the Right Care Right Person initiative which resulted last year in hours saved equating to that of 41 full time police officers. The issues presented by people with mental health challenges, as well as alcohol and drugs, complicate an already difficult situation but Right Care Right Person tries to make sure that the police are not bearing the whole brunt of the work involved.

Her talk ended by stressing that the fear of crime is often worse than the reality and that working together in a collaborative way is the best path to tackling issues successfully.

Questions included

The role and safety of PCSOs - it was stressed that, unlike some forces, Sussex is currently determined to keep its PCSOs and hugely values their contribution. Every effort is made to keep them safe and there's an ongoing review about safety equipment.

Parking issues in a residential street – residents should get together en masse and speak to the local council as well as the police. There's power in numbers.

SSRP – why has Sussex pulled out – Jo has the national portfolio for roads and firmly believes that there's a better model for dealing with roads issues, especially better use of technology. This was also the answer to a question about speeding in Hamsey.

Shoplifting – Sussex Police has a dedicated Business Crime Unit which solves over 50% of cases where there is strong evidence provided. However it's important that shops support the police by reporting crime and supplying good quality evidence.

County Lines – the police are always keen to receive any information and Jo Shiner stressed that councils should use Trevor Leggo as a conduit to liaise with the police if necessary.

101 – the current wait time is 2 minutes 3 seconds but if there are any concerns about long wait times for a specific phone call, please feed that back to the police.

Trevor Leggo thanked Jo and Rosie, expressing his appreciation of the exceptionally strong relationship between ESALC/WSALC and Sussex Police.



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Email dated 14.11.2024 from WSCC

Better Roads, Carers Rights, living independently, and more!



**Welcome to the November 2024 edition of our Residents' eNewsletter,
featuring the latest news and updates from your county council.**



Let us know what you think

Have you taken part in our budget consultation yet?

Our budget for 2025-2026 amounts to over £2 billion which will be spent on services for our 900,900 residents and more than 42,500 businesses.

We'd like to hear your opinions and views on how and where we should spend that money.

[Have your say](#)



Better Roads - what are we doing?

Almost 40,000 safety related defects on highways across West Sussex have been repaired between April and September as we retain our commitment to better roads.

This year the council invested an extra £13 million to actively tackle the problem of our deteriorating roads and keep the county moving.

This was in addition to the base budget for the year of £42.8 million and £2.1 million received from the Department for Transport's Road Resurfacing Fund.

[Read more about our roads](#)



We ask Secretary of State to see first-hand the importance of the A27

We have written an open letter to the government raising concerns about the decision to cancel planned improvements to the A27 and offering support to work together to find a solution to the problems.

The letter, from county council Leader Paul Marshall and the Chair of Transport for the South East (TfSE) Keith Glazier invites the Rt Hon Louise Haigh MP to see first-hand why the road is so important to our communities.

The A27 is a strategically important route that links towns and cities along the Sussex and Hampshire coast. It has long been considered sub-standard and unreliable, suffering specifically from congestion at Chichester, Arundel and Worthing, as well as to the east of Lewes.

The letter outlines the leaders' concerns that the decision to cancel the A27 improvement schemes will further harm opportunities for growth across the Sussex region and impact on local businesses and trade in the region.

[Read more](#)



Supporting families to live independently

Our **Meals on Wheels** provider, Health & Independent Living Support (HILS), joined forces with West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service recently to demonstrate how we're helping people live independently in their homes.

While on a special visit to customers Michael and Audrey, Rural Engagement Officer Ben Applin [carried out a safe and well check](#), gave advice on making their home safer, and fitted two smoke alarms for free.

Ben said: "For our officers and crews, knowing they can easily refer residents to one of our partner services such as HILS, ensures that we continue to take a joined up approach to community safety and make sure those who are most at risk have professional, ongoing support."

Visit the [HILS website](#) or call 0330 2000 103 for more information. Every visit includes delivery of a hot meal and dessert, along with a caring wellbeing check from their Community Team Members.

Extra support:

Are you aged 66 or over? **Pension Credit** could give you extra financial support such as the Winter Fuel Payment and access to other benefits such as free NHS

prescriptions. The [importance of claiming was highlighted recently by our councillors](#). [Find out more, including eligibility and how to access the benefits](#)

It's **Carers' Rights Day** on 21 November. If you or someone you know is an unpaid carer you can:

- Ask your GP practice to identify you as a carer on your patient record.
- Request a free flu jab - if you're the main carer for an older or disabled person who may be put at risk if you became ill, or if you are in receipt of Carer's Allowance.
- Request a [carers assessment](#) if you're over 18 and provide regular unpaid care for someone.
- Register with [Carers Support West Sussex](#) to find local support and use their Smart Search tool to find information most relevant to you. Find support and information for young carers aged under 18 [here](#).



#NoExcuse for violence

16 Days of Activism is an international campaign which calls for action to end violence against women and girls around the globe.

It runs from 25 November in the UK, marked by [White Ribbon Day](#), and ends on 10 December which is [World Human Rights Day](#).

This year our Community Safety Team will be raising awareness on the different forms of violence each day, working alongside local support service providers.

Find more information and where to access help and support on the topics highlighted during the campaign by following [WS Community Safety \(@WSxCommSafety\)](#).

Violence and abuse can affect anyone of any gender. If you are affected by these issues, you can find information on the link below.

[More information](#)



Pick up a pre-loved paint pot!

You can now donate unwanted paint or pick up a pre-used pot for your own DIY at designated Recycling Centres across West Sussex.

In collaboration with Biffa and Community RePaint (sponsored by Dulux), we have launched this initiative which is aimed at reducing paint waste and encouraging reuse of partially used pots.

To donate or collect paint, you must book an appointment to visit a Recycling Centre in advance.

[Donate or pick up some paint!](#)



Change someone's life forever

We are highlighting a new film which raises awareness of the need for more people to step forwards and foster. We are urgently seeking more foster carers to change a child's life forever.

Sam, pictured above, from Horsham has been a foster carer for over 23 years said: "We welcomed our first foster child into our family in 2002 as a tiny newborn, when my twins were five. He lived with us for two and a half years and my children still consider him a brother. He and his mum live abroad now, but I speak to his mum all the time. He is amazing and watching him continue to grow has been such a gift and benefits us all."

The number of children and young people cared for by the county council stands at over 900 across the county, with 20 currently waiting for a foster home.

Our foster carers receive comprehensive training, ongoing professional support and a competitive financial package of up to £30,393 per child per year, with additional fees for specialist roles.

[Find out about fostering](#)

More news



Head to our [Newsroom](#) to find all the latest news.

- If you are eligible, protect yourself and your loved ones from winter bugs by getting your Flu, Covid-19 and RSV vaccines. Find out more about winter vaccinations and how to get them on the [NHS website](#).
- We've recently completed [over £1million worth of transport improvements outside primary schools](#) as part of active travel to school schemes to encourage families to leave their cars at home and choose active, sustainable travel options for the school run.
- Public sector leaders and chief executives from the water companies have held a summit to discuss [progress on water issues in West Sussex including flooding prevention](#).
- People living and working near their local fire station are [urged to join the ranks as a retained firefighter as the fire service faces one of its biggest challenges](#) since the Second World War. Retained firefighters – otherwise known as on-call firefighters - make up almost half of West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service's operational workforce, but it is becoming increasingly harder to recruit people into the role.
- Come along to [Edes House in Chichester](#) on Sunday 1 December from 11am to 3pm for an open house and mini market. See the house decorated for Christmas, listen to some live festive music and visit our story grotto.
- As members of the [Sussex Resilience Forum](#) (SRF), we're supporting its Local Risk Perception Survey to identify current levels of risk awareness and preparedness across Sussex, in relation to extreme weather conditions. [Take part in the survey by 8 December.](#)

Did you know?



Worthing Library is hosting a free start-up business help and information event on Tuesday 19 November from 10.30am to 4pm. Watch live screenings of chats with food brand founder Charlie Bigham, network with local business experts and explore the new business offer from Worthing Library as a Business & Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC). [Book your free ticket here.](#)

Did you receive this eNewsletter from a friend? [Sign up here.](#)



Email dated 14.11.2024 from HDC
Horsham District Women's Health Survey

I am writing to let you know about our Horsham District Women's Health Survey – this is a piece of work with Park and Orchard Primary Care Network and the Horsham Local Community Network. If you are able to raise awareness of this survey through your contacts that would be very helpful.

I have attached the flyer with a QR code for ease of access and the link to our website:

<https://www.healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk/blog/2024-10-30/horsham-district-womens-health-hub-survey>

Email dated 14.11.2024 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Annual General Meeting

Over 100 representatives from county associations across England attended our Annual

General Meeting (AGM) held online on 7 November 2024. The AGM [called on the new government to recognise the role of parish and town councils](#) in delivering their missions and to note that all levels of government must work together to build stronger communities. The AGM reappointed Baroness Scott of Needham Market (Liberal Democrat Party) as president, and Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (Green Party) and The Earl of Lytton (cross-bencher) as vice-presidents. The Conservative and Labour appointments will be announced in due course. We were pleased to be joined by the police and crime commissioner for Merseyside and chair of the Association of Police and Crime Commissioners (APCC), Emily Spurrell, who spoke about her work, role and the APCC. She stressed the parish and town councils' role in supporting local community safety and is keen to continue working with the sector and NALC. The AGM also agreed to 8.34 pence per elector affiliation fees for 2025/26, capped at £2,137 for larger councils, and to initiate a review of how our affiliation fees are set and calculated.

Improvement and Development Board

The [Improvement and Development Board](#) (IDB) met on 12 November 24 to discuss several topics, including the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA), the Local Government Association (LGA) [Sector Support Programme](#), updates from the [Civility and Respect](#), Workforce and Data Task Forces, and recommendations from the Intervention Task Force. The IDB made several decisions, such as approving the changes proposed for CiLCA certification. The change was to NALC's role regarding CiLCA trainers, which the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) will now take on, with assurances that it would not impact the role of county associations. The final report from the Intervention Task Force was approved. Key lessons learned from addressing chronic failures in the sector were highlighted, and agreement was made to compile these insights into a good practice guide. The guide will support parish and town councils experiencing similar issues by drawing on the significant expertise and evidence from the two Intervention Boards held to date. The Task Force included, among others, two chief executives (one active, one retired) and a head of legal services, all of whom had participated in one or both Intervention Boards. The IDB expressed their gratitude for the outstanding work of the Intervention Task Force.

On the blog: Transport Planning Society

[This week's blog](#) by Tom van Vuren, Transport Planning Society's policy director, explores whether investing in cycling infrastructure leads to more cycling trips. By applying the concept of induced demand, he argues that better cycling facilities, like dedicated lanes and secure parking, can attract new cyclists, leading to health benefits, reduced emissions, and less traffic. Tom uses studies to show that well-planned cycling programs can significantly boost cycling rates. However, the impact varies by location, with urban areas seeing the most substantial gains. While many new cyclists shift from public transport or walking rather than driving, evidence from the Netherlands suggests that improved cycle access to train stations can increase cycling and rail use. Tom stresses the need for solid, localised evidence to justify investments, advising against relying too heavily on data from other

areas. His insights and resources offer a solid foundation for making the case for cycling infrastructure.

Out and about

Several of my colleagues were out and about over the last week. Legal manager Jane Moore and Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance project manager Claire Reed attended the [Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils Conference and AGM](#) held in Wellesbourne on 6 November 2024. Jane delivered a legal update on new and forthcoming legislation. The conference was a massive success, with around 100 attendees and 25 sponsors. Our member services manager, Anders Hanson, spent three days in Knutsford as part of the town council's [Corporate Peer Challenge](#). Corporate Peer Challenge is an improvement tool offered jointly with the LGA to the largest parish and town councils. The panel spoke to more than 75 people, including councillors, council staff and representatives of the council's external partners. Panel members included Falmouth Town Council's clerk Mark Williams, chair of Waddesdon Parish Council in Buckinghamshire Cllr Steve Walker, and Jill Scarr as peer challenge manager on behalf of the LGA. The Digital Democracy Partnership was formed during the COVID-19 pandemic, bringing together local government representative bodies such as NALC, the LGA, Lawyers in Local Government, the Association of Democratic Services Officers and the SLCC. Jane and our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, joined the latest meeting on 13 November 2024 to discuss the respective organisation's responses to the current [government consultation](#) and the new proposals around proxy voting. There is continued support for councils to have the maximum possible flexibility. Issues and challenges raised at the meeting included technical capability and capacity, guidance and sharing of good practice, predetermination and confidentiality, and ensuring effective meetings, mainly when held hybrid. Our Policy Committee is developing our response, highlighting these issues. Still, I want to encourage all parish and town councils, county associations, and individual councillors and clerks to participate in this essential consultation!

Fortnightly county officers call

This week's meeting between NALC and county associations focused on the implications of the recent budget, particularly the impact of the proposed increase in employer [National Insurance contributions](#) on the parish and town council sector. There was also an update on registrations on the new website, the recent meeting of the IDB, and our AGM. One Voice Wales also gave an overview of a [Senedd inquiry into community councils](#).

Do you need help advertising your job?

Are you looking to advertise your job vacancy? Last year, we advertised over 140 jobs for parish and town councils! Over the years, we've received positive feedback on this service, and this continues with recent comments such as "excellent service", "we found a successful candidate through NALC", and "easy to use". We offer premium and standard packages that use a range of platforms, including our new website, social media channels,

and e-marketing, to help you share your vacancy. Plus, we provide further discounts for multiple job listings! You can find out more about [how to advertise your job](#) on our website.

And finally...

Our [partners](#), Breakthrough Communications, are celebrating the Christmas season with 12 Days of Christmas Presents for Your Council. This festive series offers free daily gifts to inspire and support your parish or town council's communications and compliance. [Sign up now](#) to unwrap your exclusive Christmas gifts and bring seasonal cheer to your council!

Email dated 13.11.2024 from Sussex Police
Gang that stole nearly £200,000 of goods have been jailed



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

KATY BOURNE OBE



I'm starting this week's newsletter off with some good news! A brazen criminal gang who stole nearly £200,000 worth of products from Tesco have been caught, arrested and jailed.

You may recall in previous newsletters, I have discussed the Pegasus partnership that I convened last year which brings together most of the UK's top retailers and a specialist policing team called Opal? Working together, we are improving the way retailers are able to share intelligence with each other and policing, helping to better understand the tactics used by organised retail crime gangs and identify more offenders.

Thanks to the specialist work of the Opal team, enabled by our Pegasus partnership, intelligence was provided to Surrey Police about an organised crime gang who were committing shop theft across Surrey and the wider country.

Working closely with Tesco and Opal, our neighbouring force were able to investigate, prove the greater crime of organised conspiracy and convict three suspects of 120 offences.

The three defendants who were charged were key figures in a much larger organised crime gang responsible for around 800 offences across the country. Police believe the entire gang has ceased to operate since these arrests.

I'm delighted the members of this gang have been brought to justice and congratulate Surrey Police and the Opal team on taking these criminals off the streets.

This result is exactly why I established the unique Pegasus Partnership so that retailers and police forces could effectively share intelligence and identify the organised criminal gangs who are driving the massive increase in shop theft we have been seeing.

You can read more about this [here](#).

I am also delighted to share that the Policing Minister has announced the government will give £5 million additional funding to our Pegasus Partnership.

The significant funding boost is an acknowledgement of this work and recognises the urgent need to tackle these crimes which cause harm to so many retail businesses, large and small, and to those shop workers on the retail frontline. My full response and more details about this will be available on the [APCC website](#) shortly.

Remembrance day

It was a privilege to attend two Remembrance Day events this week.

The first took place on Remembrance Sunday in Haywards Heath, where I was honoured to lay a wreath at the War Memorial.

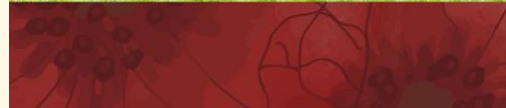
It was wonderful to see lots of children at the ceremony representing various clubs and organisations. I'd also like to extend my thanks to the Haywards Heath Police Cadets who also attended to pay their respects and lay a wreath on behalf of Sussex Police.

Shortly before 11.00am on the 11th November, I joined dozens of police officers and staff on the lawns of police headquarters in Lewes for the annual Remembrance Day commemoration.

The Chief Constable and Chaplain gave solemn readings and dedications to fallen colleagues, including from Laurence Binyon's traditional poem 'For the Fallen' and wreaths were also laid by Police Federation and Unison representatives and East Sussex Chief Fire Officer.

The rain held off whilst the Last Post was played, followed by a two-minute silence (when all that could be heard was the falling of the Autumn leaves) and the uplifting notes of hope from the bugle playing Reveille.

It may be 106 years since the end of the First Great War and the sacrifices of relatives we never met but we can be sure that, in Sussex, police officers and staff will remember them.





Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Safer Ageing Week

It's 'Safer Ageing Week', providing us with an opportunity to highlight the abuse that older people can suffer whilst also allowing us to showcase the brilliant work that Hourglass do to support elderly people experiencing such harm and neglect.

Abuse against an elderly person is often hidden, especially when it is inflicted by family members, friends or those they rely on for help and this is why we all need to be aware of the signs.

I am delighted to have been able to support the charity 'Hourglass' in providing their prevention and early intervention programmes, helping older people to spot the signs of abuse and supporting them with how to cope and recover if they have been a victim.

With the funding provided through my office, three Independent Domestic Violence Advisors have been embedded into the Hourglass service, providing specialist and tailored guidance. Our dedicated advisors are helping to restore rightly deserved dignity to our elderly and promote safer ageing.

You can read more about the great work of Hourglass on [their website](#).



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