

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 23rd – 29th 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)

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:	Response: No objection
Applicant:	

Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No: DC/24/1631 26.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: 7 Pathfield Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of a single storey side extension with internal alterations (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed).	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination date 21.01.2025	
Application No: DC/24/1778 25.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: Oakfield, Cox Green	
Reason for Application: Removal of Condition 4 of previously approved application DC/23/0340 (Variation of Condition 3 of previously approved application DC/21/2211 (Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and erection of a replacement detached dwelling with new vehicular access, attached garage and associated car parking) to allow for amendment to the wording of the condition relating to the Bat Licence from pre-commencement to pre-demolition) Relating to the alteration of materials to include decorative club tile bands. To include the amended elevation document.	
Official Response Date: Not available/Determination date 20.01.2025	

Application No: DC/24/1815 22.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: Little Millfields, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Prior notification for the demolition of 3no. equestrian and poultry buildings.	
Official Response Date: Not available/Determination date 19.12.2024	
Application No: DC/24/1823 25.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: Okewood House, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/23/1432 (Removal of clock tower and velux roof lights to the existing garage roof and ancillary accommodation proposed replacement of clock tower with two traditional dormer windows) for retention of 2no. rooflights to the rear elevation of the existing garage.	
Official Response Date: Not available/Determination date 23.12.2024	

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 29.11.2024 from Sussex Police
Outstanding police work celebrated



Following really useful feedback from readers, I will be going back to sending my newsletter on Friday afternoons, helping to provide a timely round-up of each week.

Last week, I attended the Chief Constable's Annual Awards Ceremony where police officers, staff and volunteers were recognised for their exceptional work over the past year.

The ceremony was held at the East Sussex National Hotel, Uckfield and it has fast become a highlight of the year, giving an insight into the outstanding commitment, effort and achievements of our police force.

The winner of 'Police Officer Of The Year' was PC Josh Funnell, who is based on the West Sussex Division. An example of PC Funnell's exceptional work included negotiating for hours with a man in mental health crisis who had threatened to harm police officers and others with a knife. He was able to calm the man down, defusing the situation and bringing it to a safe conclusion.

Winning my Police & Crime Commissioner's Award was Sergeant Amy McAlees who has a passion for diverting children away from the criminal justice system and working effectively with schools and local partners.

Her ability to build rapport with young people, becoming someone they can trust and listen to, has led to one teenage shoplifter going from 50 reports of theft in three months, to zero. I am sure you will agree that this is a remarkable achievement and is one of many reasons why Sgt McAlees was commended.

I know that those who are recognised at the awards often regard what they deliver as simply 'doing their jobs' but it is important we recognise their achievements as they protect the public and successfully bring criminals to justice.

My congratulations and thanks also extend to all our officers, staff and volunteers, who go above and beyond every day to help keep our beautiful county safe.

Sniffing out crime: Sussex Search Dogs

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of visiting the Lowland Rescue Search Dogs Sussex team alongside Chief Constable Shiner.

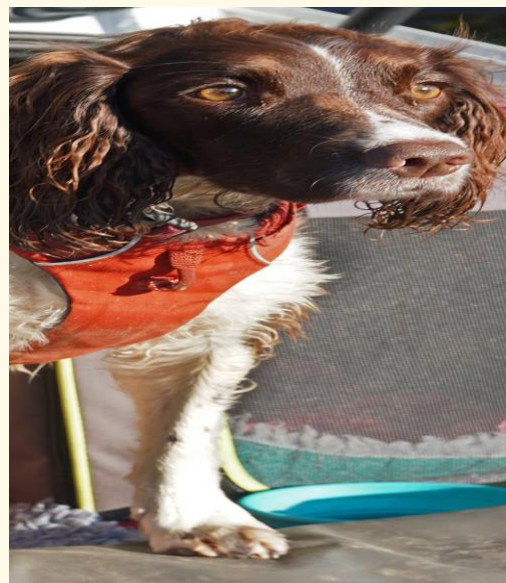
The team provide qualified search and rescue dogs to respond to emergencies and to search for and recover those who are missing, vulnerable or in distress.

The team support police forces across the nation by providing an emergency, on-call service 365 days a year, seven days a week.

During the visit we saw how search dogs use a technique called 'air scenting' to locate missing people.

Humans emit a cone-shaped trail of scent as they move about which the search dogs can pick up and follow until they reach the source.

We witnessed this in action with a member of the team hiding behind a thick hedgerow on some local farmland, posing as a missing person. The search dog quickly explored the surrounding fields until he located her scent, despite very windy and inhospitable conditions.



I also had the privilege of witnessing our Chief Constable present recently retired Search Dog Millie with an award for her long service and dedication to the team in Sussex. Millie also received special doggie treats which she thoroughly enjoyed.

See my website next week for more information and pictures from the visit.



Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Drink and drug driving devastates lives



Last year, the national organisation [Crimestoppers](#) received over 45,000 reports about people regularly driving while under the influence of alcohol and or drugs. This was almost a 20% increase from the previous year, with an average of 120 reports of information being received per day.

As we begin the festive season, CrimeStoppers have launched their campaign in a bid to raise awareness about the dangers of drink and drug-driving. Police forces are also ramping up efforts to catch drink and drug drivers and here in Sussex, our police force run a dedicated operation called Op Limit.

You can read more about Op Limit and how to report someone you know for drink or drug-driving on the [Sussex Police website](#).

Email dated 28.11.2024 from WSCC

WSCC Flooding, Roles and Responsibilities - Parish Briefing

Following the Winter Preparedness briefings that included operational drainage maintenance, we are pleased to invite you to a second briefing focused on Flood Risk Management.

This session will cover all other drainage related functions including levels of agency responsibility, Riparian Ownership, large drainage scheme assessment and delivery, and accessing drainage improvements locally.

Important updates for this session–

There will be one session for all participants, which will be recorded for those unable to attend.

While we cannot accommodate specific queries about individual cases during the session, we encourage you to raise complex enquiries to the dedicated mailbox - parish-town.enquiries@westsussex.gov.uk and we will ensure these are reviewed and addressed promptly.

Q&A opportunities

Please do use the teams chat function for questions during the session focusing on overall flood risk topics. We will allocate 10 minutes of the briefing to go through the questions. For those we don't have time to cover, we will again, collate in an FAQ document and send with the slides.

I have attached the results of the [Winter Preparedness brief questionnaire](#) for you to review. We received a low response of 17 completed questionnaires and encourage you to complete the questionnaire following this brief to help us continue to make improvements.

Kind regards,

Zoe Capel CMgr FCMI
Highways Customer Service Manager
Local Highway Operations
Highways, Transport & Planning
West Sussex County Council

Email dated 28.11.2024 from WSCC

More help to support West Sussex smokers to quit for good

NEWS RELEASE



More help to support West Sussex smokers to quit for good



Image: Members of the Smokefree West Sussex Quit4Wellbeing team with Councillor Bob Lanzer, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing

West Sussex County Council has announced a major expansion of its stop smoking services, to support residents to quit smoking for good.

Funded by a Government grant, the expanded Smokefree West Sussex services have increased the amount of free support available to help smokers to quit and provide more choice in how they choose to quit.

The services now include:

- A new specialist stop smoking service 'Quit4Wellbeing', offering face-to-face and over-the-phone support
- A new Smokefree app, available to support West Sussex residents over the age of 18 to quit smoking
- A new 'Smokefree West Sussex' phone line for help in accessing stop smoking services.

The extra services will significantly increase capacity to support people to quit smoking in addition to the support already available from the West Sussex Wellbeing Programme, participating GP surgeries and pharmacies.

West Sussex County Council's Public Health team also launched a new stop smoking campaign in October to show smokers looking to quit that 'It's Well Worth It', encouraging them to make a quit attempt and make use of the free support available from Smokefree West Sussex services.

Alison Challenger, West Sussex County Council Director of Public Health, said: "We're pleased to be expanding the range of free services available to smokers who want to quit. By offering more choice and a new digital stop smoking service, in addition to a range of other options, we hope many more people will be encouraged to access support to quit, particularly those who are unable to attend face-to-face sessions."

Councillor Bob Lanzer, the county council's Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing, said: "This new service supports the priority in [Our Council Plan](#) to help people fulfil their potential and lead healthy lives.

"Quitting smoking is one of the best things you will ever do for your health. It's much easier to stop smoking when you get the right support and, with professional help, you're three times more likely to quit for good."

For those interested in downloading the app or seeking local support, visit westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/smokefree or call 0330 222 7980.

Email dated 28.11.2024 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

NALC renews longstanding partnership with Clear Councils

I am delighted to announce the [renewal of our valued partnership](#) with [Clear Councils](#) (formerly BHIB Councils Insurance). This extension of our current partnership marks a significant step forward in our ongoing mission to empower and represent the interests of parish and town councils. Clear Councils' extensive understanding of the sector, close ties to county associations, and unwavering responsiveness have made them an invaluable partner. The renewal extends one of our longest partnerships since it began in 2017. It

reaffirms our shared commitment to strengthening local governance and providing parish and town councils with the resources and guidance they need to flourish.

NALC empowers communities to take a stand on White Ribbon Day 2024

This Monday, we showed our support for White Ribbon Day, an international campaign dedicated to ending male violence against women and girls and fostering a culture of equality and respect. This year's White Ribbon Day theme, It Starts with Men, resonates deeply with our mission to strengthen local governance and empower communities. We have outlined a series of initiatives to mark our support for White Ribbon Day 2024, raising awareness and promoting tangible action. We launched a brand-new digital [White Ribbon Toolkit](#), a powerful resource designed to inspire action, foster change, and combat gender-based violence. Additionally, we'll participate in the 16 Days of Activism on our social media channels, organise internal discussions, and publish a blog. [Our blog](#) explores the theme by asking an important question: What does it take to be a good male ally in the gender equality movement? In response, male allies, including myself and other staff, shared their insights, emphasising the importance of raising awareness about gendered violence, promoting inclusive opportunities, and fostering respect and equality. These commitments ranged from calling out sexist behaviour and challenging toxic masculinity to supporting women's leadership and advocating for safer, more equitable spaces. Many reflected on the responsibility of men to lead by example and educate others, whether through raising awareness, modelling positive behaviours, or mentoring the next generation to avoid harmful stereotypes. The blog also encourages readers to reflect on their allyship and adopt these practices to drive meaningful change.

NALC event on devolution

On 20 November 2024, we hosted our [latest online event on devolution](#), exploring the concept of onward devolution for parish and town councils. The event questioned the government's commitment to decentralising power while offering strategies and practical advice from national stakeholders and devolution advocates to advance local governance and empower councils. The specialist panel featured Zoe Adams, assistant research and communications officer, Special Interest Group of Municipal Authorities, Cllr Desna Allen, leader of Chippenham Town Council, and Cllr Phillippa Williamson, devolution spokesperson, County Councils Network (CCN). Cllr Allen shared how Chippenham Town Council took control of service delivery by setting and funding their own standards with an in-house team, stressing the importance of having clear goals, defined red lines, and a readiness to walk away during negotiations with principal councils. Cllr Williamson highlighted the critical role of devolution in driving economic growth, advocating CCN's position that powers and funding should be devolved to county and unitary authorities while promoting collaboration with parish, town, and district councils to ensure effective and inclusive governance. Zoe emphasised that devolution extends beyond large-scale deals to all levels of local government, showcasing how transferring services and assets to local councils fosters community ownership, sustains essential services amid financial pressures, and

strengthens partnerships despite challenges. [Find out more about our upcoming events](#) on our website.

NALC to host a free event on having a .gov.uk domain

I'm pleased to announce an upcoming online event on [the importance of parish and town councils having a .gov.uk domain](#), which will take place on 9 December 2023 between 12 pm and 1 pm. The event will discuss a .gov.uk domain, why your council should use one for its online activity, how to get a .gov.uk domain, the help available to do so, and good practices for making the most of your council's domain. To attend the event, visit the event listing on the day and join the event. We have partnered with the Parish Council Domain Helper Service, a part of the government's Central Digital and Data Office, to deliver this event.

New Scrutiny Committee

The new Scrutiny Committee (formerly [Finance and Scrutiny Committee](#)) met remotely earlier this week on 26 November 2024. The committee set its vision of "Demonstrating to members that NALC is well run, has sound corporate governance and transparent financial arrangements and is moving forward in the right direction, learning from experience and good practice". The committee also agreed to its terms of reference and elected Cllr Ian Cowling from Devon as chair and Cllr Alan Neal from Lancashire as vice-chair. It identified key elements of its work programme for next year and conducted a deep dive into our recently launched [new website](#). An impressive start!

Fortnightly county officers call

Around twenty county officer colleagues joined us at this week's fortnightly meeting. We were pleased to hear from Howard Midworth, who we commissioned to update the Good Councillors Guide to Finance and Transparency. Howard briefed the meeting on changes to the new guide, which will be published in January. Other items covered included information exchanges on support for newly created parish and town councils and dedicated officer roles within county associations for climate change, communications, health and well-being, and training.

Out and about

It's been another busy and productive week, attending numerous county associations and other events. I spoke at a Health on the High Street Industry Working Group on 20 November 2024, facilitated by Healthspaces UK. Chaired by the NHS Providers chief executive, Sir Julian Hartley, the event examined how integrated healthcare can be introduced into communities from cities to villages. I used the opportunity to highlight the role of parish and town councils in improving health and wellbeing and the importance of engaging early in discussions about local facilities. Marking the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Committee on Standards in Public Life and the Nolan Principles (accountability, honesty, objectivity, selflessness, openness and leadership), it was good to hear from the chair, Doug Chalmers, that they are still fit for purpose and to be reminded

that they are inspirational. At the event hosted by the Institute for Government, Doug also confirmed that the committee kept its earlier report on local government ethical standards under review and that there was still work to do. Take the time to [read his speech fully and watch the session back](#). Our solicitor, Gary Barker, delivered a legal update to the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils on 20 November 2024. Gary talked about the proposed Martyn's Law currently making its way through Parliament, remote meetings and proxy voting developments following the announcement of the government consultation, the proposed new employment rights for workers, and the new duty to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace. And I'm grateful to our colleagues at the Association of Democratic Services Officers for inviting our chair, Cllr Keith Stevens, to be among the special guests at their annual conference this week. In addition to engaging with attendees and exhibitors throughout the two days, Keith participated in a question time panel covering topics such as local government reorganisation, AI, remote meetings, devolution, scrutiny, and citizen participation.

Ministerial roundtables on empowering communities

Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, this week on 25 November 2024, attended the first of a series of roundtables convened by the Local Growth Minister, Alex Norris MP, to bring together experts and key organisations working in the community sector to inform the development of a long-term strategy. Other attendees included Local Trust, New Local, Power to Change, Company of Community Organisers, Citizens UK, Involve and Locality. The roundtable explored how the government can empower communities and increase participation and engagement in local decision-making, focusing on improving outcomes in our most deprived communities and creating more cohesive, integrated and resilient communities. As well as highlighting parish and town councils as a model for community empowerment, Justin used examples such as Queen's Park Community Council in Westminster and NALC's current Council of the Year, Braunstone Town Council in Leicester, to illustrate the potential of currently unparished areas. Discussions also considered ways to support positive and meaningful collaboration between communities, neighbourhood governance structures and local authorities.

And finally...

It will not be long until we reveal the finalists of NALC's Star Council Awards 2025, the pinnacle of nationwide recognition for parish and town councils! Among the thirty organisations that make up our expert judging panels is the Local Government Information Unit (LGIU), which announced the winners of their own Cllr Awards last week. Celebrating its 15th anniversary since being founded with support from NALC's partners, CCLA, the awards celebrate the vital work of councillors in principal councils across England, Wales and Scotland. Justin was at the England ceremony at London's Guildhall on 20 November, where Liverpool City Council scooped two awards, including the coveted Community Champion Award presented by CCLA. Congratulations to all finalists and winners. You can read more about all their contributions to their communities on the [LGIU website](#).

Email dated 27.11.2024 from HDC

Extreme weather: Flood alerts in Horsham District



Extreme weather Information and advice

Flood alerts in Horsham District

There are flood alerts in place in Horsham District. Use the links below to the Government's flood checking service to stay up to date:

- [River Arun flood alert](#)
- [Lower Arun \(Pulborough\) flood alert](#)
- [Mock Bridge near Shermanbury flood warning](#)

Issues look likely to continue into the afternoon and evening rush hour.

Driving in severe weather: Advice from Met Office

Here are some top tips for driving in heavy rain from Met Office:

- Even moderate rain can reduce your ability to see and be seen. A good rule of thumb is 'if it's time for your wipers, it's time to slow down'
- Increase your following gap to at least four seconds from the moving traffic in front
- If the road is flooded, turn around and find another route.
- Although the water may seem shallow, just 12 inches (30cm) of moving water can float your car, potentially taking it to deeper water from which you may need rescuing.



[Read the full article on the Met Office website.](#)

Check the forecast and plan ahead

Stay ahead of the weather by visiting the [Met Office website](#) for a look at the full forecast.

The [Met Office's Weather Ready website](#) has plenty of weather-related advice to help you prepare for the potential impacts of severe weather on your home, health and wellbeing and families this winter.

Find more information to help you prepare for an emergency, and information about our role as a local authority in extreme weather events, on our [Emergency planning and extreme weather webpage](#).



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Email dated 27.11.2024 on behalf of HALC

HALC matters

This is just a short email to let you all know that we are still engaging on behalf HALC.

I have two meetings scheduled at present and an update for you all early next month.

1. DALC discussion on the 5th December 2024
2. Horsham District Community Safety Partnership 12th December 2024.
3. I hope to update you all soon on the current position of the HDC local Plan early December.

Regards,
Graham



GRAHAM WATKINS

Councillor Chairman of Planning | Chairman of Neighbourhood Plan Consultation
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Email dated 29.11.2024 from WSCC

Relate West Sussex Update

We are pleased to share with you our latest [infographic](#). This visual representation highlights key insights within Relate West Sussex, and we believe it will provide valuable information to you.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration. We truly appreciate your commitment to our shared goals.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or require further details.

Best regards, Jaycee Leddra

Email dated 26.11.2024 from HDC

Latest news: New boards reveal the stories at Denne Cemetery | By-election result | Remembrance commemorations | Last chance to enter our Christmas Magic Displays competition



Latest news and information

New boards reveal the stories at Denne Road Cemetery

Visitors to Denne Road Cemetery can now find out the fascinating history of some of the notable individuals laid to rest at the site, as well as discovering the flora and fauna the area has to offer.

Two new interpretation boards have been created in a collaboration between Horsham District Council, The Horsham Society and Denne Neighbourhood Council.



[Read more](#)

New free support for aspiring young entrepreneurs in Horsham District

Through the 'Horsham Young Entrepreneurs' programme, young adults aged between 18 and 30 years old will be able to access a range of free online resources and one-to-one support to assist them in turning their dream of starting a business into an actionable plan.

[Read more](#)



Denne ward by-election result

A Horsham District Council by-election for Denne ward took place on Thursday 21 November 2024. The vacancy was a result of the standing down of Cllr John Milne.

Cheryl Sweeney (Conservative Party) was duly elected.

Visit our [Elections results page](#) to read the full results.



Council supports national White Ribbon campaign

Last night in support of White Ribbon Day our councillors gathered with members of West Sussex Women's Institute and Sussex Police Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne at the White Ribbon vigil in Horsham's Carfax.

As a Council we support this campaign to end violence against women and girls. This year the theme for White Ribbon Day is #ItStartsWithMen.

[Read more](#)



Remembrance commemorations in Horsham

A respectful act of remembrance was marked this year at the War Memorial in Horsham's Carfax on Sunday 10 November (pictured), and on Armistice Day (Monday 11 November) there was a short service for those who wished to remember the war fallen on the 'eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month'.



In addition to Remembrance services, Council Chairman Cllr Nigel Emery and members of the Horsham branch of the Royal British Legion also held a quiet wreath laying service with a two-minute silence at the war graves in Hills Cemetery, Guildford Road, Horsham.



Hills Cemetery contains some 65 Commonwealth war graves from the First and Second World Wars.

Council approves new carbon reduction plan to combat climate change

At a Cabinet meeting of Horsham District Council on 20 November, a new [Carbon Reduction Plan for 2024 to 2030](#) was approved by senior councillors.

The proposed new plan details new actions to support the Council to achieve its carbon net zero target by 2030.



[Read more](#)

Calling all businesses: last chance to enter our Christmas Magic displays competition!

Are you a Horsham District business with a Christmas display? Enter our Christmas Magic Displays competition for extra publicity in December and to help promote your local business community.

[We've had some brilliant entries so far](#) and public voting to choose winners opens on Monday 2 December.

To enter now, email a photo of your display - it can be internal or external - to

businessdevelopment@horsham.gov.uk by Friday 29 November.



[Find out more](#)

Improving air quality monitoring in Horsham District

Measures to improve air quality in the Horsham District moved up a gear recently with the introduction of new improved air pollution sensors.

[Read more](#)



Council hosts community support event

As part of its commitment to helping vulnerable and struggling residents and those hit by the cost-of-living crisis, we hosted a community support networking day at Ashington Community Centre.

The marketplace event saw some 40 different community organisations gather to network with each other, share updates and discuss the changing needs and emerging concerns of struggling residents locally.



[Read more](#)

Council visit to Thermo Fisher Scientific in Horsham

Cllr Knowles and Cllr Blackburn met with General Manager Christy Owings and members of the local Thermo Fisher senior leadership team to discuss matters of the local economy, including their plans to expand their Horsham site.



To support this planned growth, they are seeking to improve safe access for employees to the site from the main station as well as improving accessibility for HGVs.

[Read more](#)

New bench donated to Horsham Park

A uniquely designed new bench has been donated to Horsham Park by local company Sussex Iron Ltd.

Horsham District Council has recently installed the new bespoke bench in the maze area of the Park. It is created from metal and boasts a striking dragon motif design reflecting the St Leonard's Dragon in the centre of the maze and celebrating local culture.



[Read more](#)

[More news from Horsham District Council](#)



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Email dated 26.11.2024 from WSCC
Horsham Transport Improvements Stage 1 engagement

We are writing to let you know that we are seeking views on potential transport improvements in Horsham along two roads and at a junction, including for walking, cycling and public transport. The roads being considered are Rusper Road between Mowbray (North Horsham development) and Horsham town centre via Kings Road and North Street, A281 Guildford Road between Broadbridge Heath and Horsham town centre via Bishopric, and the B2237 North Parade junction with Wimblehurst Road.

By encouraging more walking and cycling, particularly for shorter journeys such as trips to education, and by improving public transport, we can help to create safer, more pleasant places in which to live, work and do business.

The improvements we are considering

The improvements being considered are being developed as part of our Strategic Transport Investment Programme (STIP) and could include improvements to walking and cycling paths and crossings, bus priority measures at traffic signals, as well as junction improvements to improve road safety.

Have your say

You can find out more about these suggested improvements by visiting <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/horsham-transport> where you can also have your say by

completing our questionnaire and commenting on interactive maps. This initial engagement period will close at 11:55pm on **14 January 2025**.

The feasibility study is at an early stage, so we would like to hear from people and organisations who may be affected by the improvements we are considering to help us to develop the designs. If we decide to progress the improvements, these designs would then be presented as part of a further consultation period, which we would expect to take place in 2025.

We want to gain as many responses as possible, so please share details of these improvements with your networks.

If you would like any of the materials in alternative formats, or have any questions, please email us at LTP@westsussex.gov.uk or contact us by telephone on 01243 642105 and we will do our best to assist you. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and have an NGT texting app installed on your computer, laptop or smartphone, you can contact us on 18001 01243 642105.

You are receiving this email as a representative of a group or organisation we understand to have an interest in sustainable transport infrastructure in the local area. Please email LTP@westsussex.gov.uk if you no longer wish to receive updates about the proposals.

Kind Regards Paul Eagle

Transport Planning and Policy Team
West Sussex County Council
01243 642105

Email dated 25.11.2024 from WSCC
Highways, Transport and Planning - News and Updates



Better Roads: A busy 6 months maintaining our highways in West Sussex

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](#)

Preparing for winter

Ahead of the coming winter months, we are increasing work to clear drainage systems and ensure water can run off the roads as effectively as possible should we get more heavy rain, providing extra resources to clear more gullies, ditches and areas where leaves build up.

So far this year, we have carried out more than 43,000 drainage gully cleanses, brought in extra CCTV resource to monitor and identify issues, and provided an additional jetting unit to clear flooded areas and get them moving as soon as possible.

West Sussex County Council's Highways Team will continue this work over the coming months and is calling on road users to help keep the network open by continuing to report any issues you encounter using our [online reporting tool](#).

Planting Season

Our planting season has begun, with West Sussex securing 300 trees to be planted around the county. This year we have 85 new trees kindly donated by our Parishes and our Donate a Tree Scheme. West Sussex supplied approximately 91 replacements and 124 new trees to be planted. If you are fortunate to have a new tree planted near you, please help by watering it, no amount of water is too much.

For more information on tree planting or if you would like to participate in our Donate a Tree Scheme please visit our web pages [Tree planting - West Sussex County Council](#)

Scheme Updates

Pedestrian Crossing refurbishment on Haslett Avenue East, Hawth Avenue, Crawley

Part of the Halogen Bulb Replacement Programme works to refurbish the crossing to a more efficient and green crossing from 11th November for approximately 6 weeks between 09:30 – 15:30. The works will include decommissioning of current pedestrian crossing and signals and installation of upgraded crossing, new signal

poles, signal heads and controller. There will be overnight road closure from 18th November 2024 to 21st November between 8pm to 2am. Multi Way traffic management will be in place throughout the works. Further details on one.network.

Community Highway scheme at Southwater



Above Image: New pedestrian footpath within the Western verge of the Blakes Farm Road between the southern roundabout with Wilberforce Way and the northern roundabout with Worthing Road.

Community Highway Scheme successfully completed in Southwater. Construction of a new pedestrian footpath, uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and installation of road marking have successfully completed.

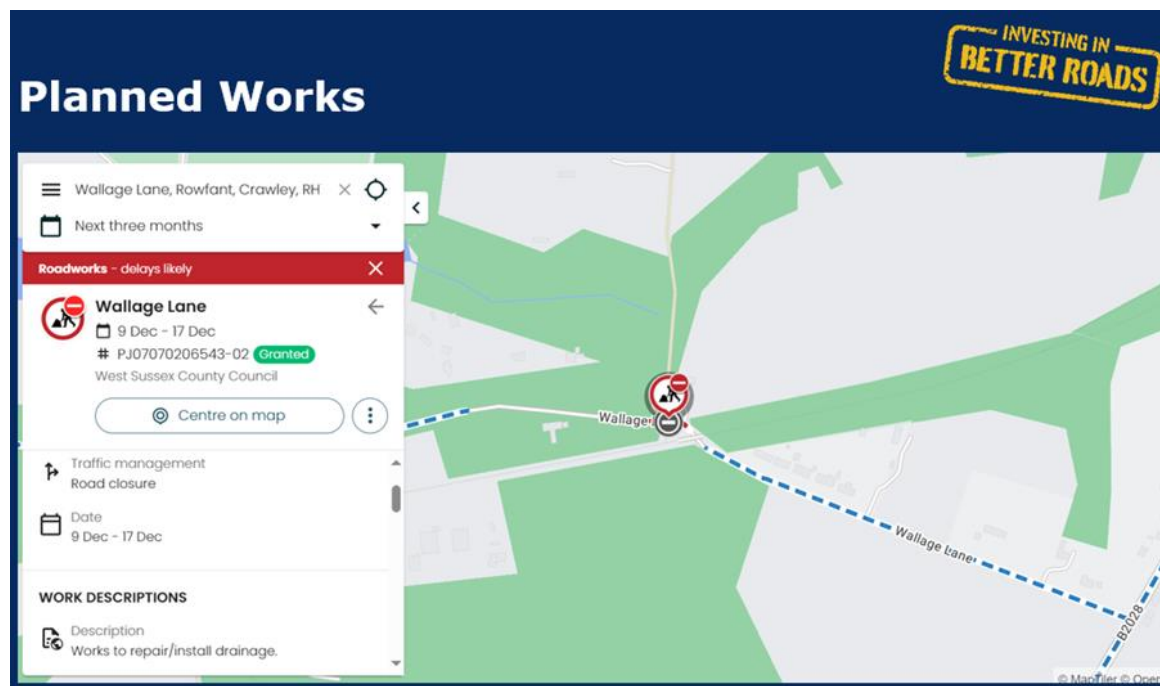
The works were required to improve the pedestrian facilities on the northern section of Blakes Farm Road and to improve the pedestrian access to Martindales.



A new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at the entrance to Martindales and the installation of road markings at this junction.

Road Closure on Wallage Lane, Rowfant, Crawley

Planned works to repair and install new drainage system to prevent flooding to start from 9th to 17th December 2024. There will be full road closure with route diversions signed on site. Further details can be found on one.network.



‘Road Safety Theatre in Education’ performance at Felpham Community College

On Monday 14th October, two ‘Road Safety Theatre in Education’ performances were put on at Felpham Community College; one for Year 7 and the other for Year 11 students. These performances are arranged by theatre company ‘Rapport Ltd.’, in collaboration with the ‘Sussex Safer Roads Partnership’, with whom WSCC are partners.

The Year 7 performance is called ‘Look Up’ and teaches students about the importance of pedestrian safety. It also covers how to spot hazards on a journey as a pedestrian, the importance of using our senses in road safety and how to think like a driver to become more aware of the impact behaviour has on safety.

The Year 11 performance is called ‘Take a Second’ and students learn about the impact of their own behaviours. It covers how to be a safer passenger actively, the impact of speed on an accident, the dangers of distracting a driver, drink and drugs and how to speak up to stay safe in a car.

Councillor Jaine Wild (for Felpham) attended the Year 7 performance and commented: -

“I attended the 2024 tour for Road Safety ‘Theatre in Education’ at Felpham Community College and must say how impressed I was. The engagement with students watching was first class and the team also interacted with the students asking individuals to come up and share situations. The theme was based on

modern times, of children head down crossing roads looking at mobile phones or wearing head phones and hoods up. This would of immediately struck a chord with the age group they were entertaining. We also had visual slides and sounds. The students would have been able to connect with the three main characters acting, and I was greatly impressed overall with the performance which would of made the students think. I personally would like to also see a theatre group for younger children, primary age who would be riding bikes to school for the first time. But overall a great production and certainly in terms of cost, worth it."

Jaine Wild, County Councillor for Felpham

Countryside Updates

Buchan Path, Buchan Country Park – Surface Improvement Works



A 600m length of path was widened, surfaced and with drainage works undertaken to help prevent water run-off degrading the path surface. Works were completed in May/June 2024.

Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common – Footpath 66Hu – Surface Improvement Works

This footpath is a popular route that became narrow, gullied and difficult for users to navigate. The 100m length of path was cleared, re-graded and surfaced to make the path wider and accessible for users including pushchairs. Works were completed in May 2024.



Plaistow – Restricted Byway 639 – Surface Improvement Works



An 800m length of restricted byway was impassable virtually all year round. Works were undertaken to clear and surface the path along with ditch clearance and culvert installation to assist with the drainage of the path. Works were completed in June/July 2024.

Lancing – Bridleway 2065 – Surface Improvement Works

560m length of bridleway was gullied and slippery in the wet due to underlying chalk. The path was re-graded and surfaced to provide a wider, level path for users providing a useful off-road link between Lancing College and the South Downs. The works were undertaken in August 2024.



Horsham – Footpath 1697 – Bridge Replacement Works



This bridge was damaged beyond repair by a fallen tree and required complete replacement. The path was closed until the bridge was replaced with a new 6.0m span timber footbridge. This new bridge was installed in August 2024.

Bolney – Footpath 18Bo – Surface Improvement Works

140m length of footpath was very muddy and impassable in wet conditions and is an important route from a housing development to the local Primary School. The path was cleared and surfaced to provide a safe off-road route available to use all year round. The works were undertaken in August 2024.



Hassocks – Bridleway 8C – Surface Improvement Works



475m length of bridleway was muddy and impassable during the winter. The path was cleared and surfaced to provide a usable bridleway link year-round. The works were funded using [s106 contributions](#). The works were undertaken in July 2024.

Aldingbourne – Footpath 300 – Surface Improvement Works

150m length of footpath was very muddy and poorly drained making access difficult for users. The path had significant vegetation and ditch clearance undertaken along with surfacing and new wider plank crossings installed. These works were funded using s106 contributions. The works were undertaken in August 2024.



King Charles III England Coast Path (KCIIIECP)

The final section of the King Charles III England Coast Path in West Sussex, between East Head and South Hayling, was approved on the 16th July 2024 by the Secretary of State.

Work is now underway to prepare the new stretch of coast path for public use. The first step is to contact owners and occupiers of the affected land to discuss the design and location of any new infrastructure which is needed, such as signs and gates. There will also be improvements to path surfaces and new sections of path for the public to enjoy.

When preparations are complete, new access rights will come into force along the route and adjoining spreading room.

[Read more on this stretch of the KCIIIECP](#)



We need your feedback!

We want to improve the Highways, Transport and Planning newsletter and would appreciate your feedback.

[Complete the survey here](#)

Email dated 25.11.2024 from HDC Enterprising Horsham

Enterprising Horsham is the Council's new economic plan that will help to unlock the full potential of the district's communities, economy, and places, to ensure fairer and greener economic prosperity for all. **A period of consultation is now underway ending on 29 November 2024.**

The Economic Prospectus and Business Charter draft documents can be viewed at the link below as can the details as to how to provide feedback (including an on-line form):

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/business/enterprising-horsham/>

This provides a major opportunity for parish & neighbourhood councils and other interested parties to inform and shape the future economic plans and associated investment for Horsham District; the greater the response the better the final plan will be in reflecting local needs, demands and aspirations.

I would be grateful if you could share with the parish councillors and via your communication channels and **encourage completion of the on-line feedback form by 29 November 2024.**

Call me on 07912501836 if you want to discuss.

I look forward to receiving your feedback

Regards, Greg

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Email dated 22.11.2024 from Sussex Police

Anti-social behaviour week





This week I've been in Westminster at the annual Association of Police & Crime Commissioners (APCC) and National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) Summit.

The 2-day event brings Chief Constables and Police and Crime Commissioners across England and Wales together, as well as keynote speakers including senior Government Ministers and senior policing representatives.

The first day of the Summit was opened by APCC Chair Emily Spurrell, who highlighted the importance of local innovations that have gone on to have great national impact such as our Pegasus Partnership tackling retail crime, Operation Soteria tackling rape and sexual assault, as well as hotspot policing addressing anti-social behaviour.

Over the next week, information and responses to announcements from the Summit will be on my website, social media pages and on the national APCC website.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB) remains an area of focus so my office and Sussex Police have joined a national campaign this week to address it. The campaign brings together partners and agencies to raise awareness on how ASB is being tackled throughout the year and how the public can report it.

My office works closely with Sussex Police's dedicated ASB lead who heads up our Immediate Justice (IJ) Taskforce, as well as our 12 local authority Community Safety Partnerships who focus on tackling ASB in our neighbourhoods.

A key part of our IJ programme is to teach offenders about the harm and damage they have caused through their actions and ensure they put things right for victims.

Whilst the offender is undertaking a reparative IJ activity, our partners are able to have restorative conversations with them and, in most cases, the offender is left with a full understanding of the harm they have caused and remorse for what they have done.

[On my website](#), I'll be highlighting some of the other fantastic work happening across our county to tackle ASB such as the story below.

Pathway to the pitch - improving behaviour through football

I'm delighted to have match-funded the Premier League Charitable Fund's commitment of £50,000 for the most recent tranche of their Kicks project.

The funding allows for an expansion of the programme which gives young people access to free weekly football sessions.

The young people who attend the targeted sessions have been referred by the police to improve their behaviour and learn key life skills such as leadership, teamwork, coping with pressure and problem-solving.

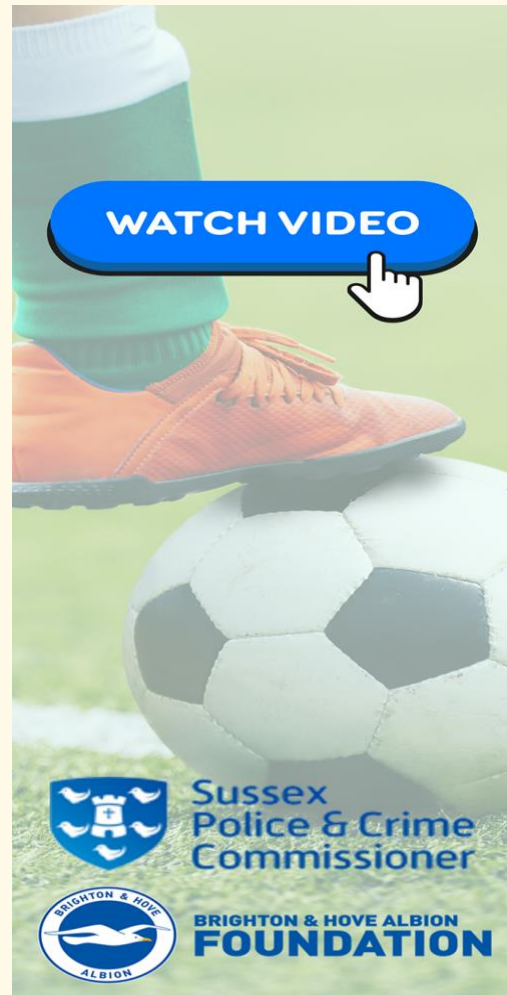
The project is based in areas that have seen an increase in youth-related anti-social behaviour. Locations for the sessions were identified by highlighting areas where young people required additional support and had fewer options for diversionary activities.

Local Sussex PCSOs also attend and join the sessions, helping to build relationships with young people and bridge the trust gap which often exists between them and the police.

Earlier this month, I visited Crawley Kicks to watch the children take to the pitch and to speak with the coaches and our PCSO in Crawley.

I first started supporting Premier League Kicks in 2016, when they applied to my Safer in Sussex fund. Since then, it has been fantastic to see the expansion of the project as it's offered in more locations around our county.

You can read more about this [on my website](#) or click the play button in the picture to the



right to [watch a video](#) about the day.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Crime falls in Sussex's hotspots



Crime has fallen in Sussex's hotspot areas after six months of targeted action.

More than 10,000 hours of extra patrols, tens of thousands of public engagements and relentless enforcement action has seen crime in hotspots fall by over 14% in the six months from April, 2024 – compared to the same time last year.

April was the official launch of Sussex Police's Hotspot Policing Team - a unit dedicated to tackling anti-social behaviour and serious violence in 29 areas with relatively high concentrations of crime.

Read more on the [Sussex Police website](#).



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Email dated 15.11.2024 from Basecamp
Local Risk Perception Survey

You might like to respond to this survey if you live in West Sussex. I note that it mentions village halls as a place people can choose to gather and receive information/support.

How many halls are taking this role on as part of disaster preparedness plans? It would be interesting to have some feedback - all helps make the case for the importance of village and community halls to community well being and resilience.

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.](#)