

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 28th October – 3rd November 2024 (Agenda November 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:

- **Donated TV collected and installed in RH**
- **Metal 6x4ft shed under construction!**

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 11th November 2024

Application No:	Response:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11 th November 2024	
Application No: DC/24/1624 24.10.2024	Response:
Applicant: Rose Cottage, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Construction of outbuilding (Lawful Development Certificate – Proposed)	
Official Response Date: 21.11.2024 – determination 19.12.2024	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11 th November 2024	
Application No:	Response:/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11 th November 2024
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Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11th November 2024	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11th November 2024	
Application No: EN/24/0419 23.10.2024	Response/Comments: Pending Consideration
Address: 11 Bridge Road, Rudgwick	
Nature of Complaint: Alleged: flat roof of rear extension changed to a pitch roof, first floor window on the existing rear flank of the property has been blocked up and three Velux windows onto the side of the roof have been installed.	
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 01.11.2024 from WSCC

Have Your Say on Electric Vehicle chargepoint locations

News release

Have Your Say on Electric Vehicle chargepoint locations



West Sussex County Council plans to install further Electric Vehicle (EV) Chargepoints across the county and wants to hear residents' views on the proposed locations.

This latest phase of proposals forms part of the broader West Sussex Chargepoint Network, a partnership between West Sussex County Council, its district and borough partners and Connected Kerb.

The latest proposals are part of the county council's ambitious plans to help create a sustainable and resilient future and aligns closely with the council's Climate Change Action and Adaptation Plan.

Locations have been chosen based on either public requests or because they are recognised as an area with limited off-road parking and a lack of publicly available chargepoints.

Current on-street parking arrangements will remain unchanged, and proposed EV bays will be accessible to all unless there is an existing restriction in place such as Residents Permit Parking. Should enforcement of the bays be considered in the future, the county council will seek further public consultation.

Cllr Joy Dennis, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: “We want to lead the way on more sustainable transport options, a key priority in Our Council Plan to help protect the environment.

“We’ve already delivered hundreds of chargepoints and expanding the network is a crucial step in reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and reducing harmful carbon emissions, particularly where residents have limited access to off-road parking.

“Our rollout will give residents and communities the confidence and infrastructure to help them switch to an electric vehicle for a cleaner and greener future for generations to come.

“These proposals are at locations across the county, so I would urge people to take a look at the locations, and let us know their opinions on them via the survey.”

To date, 253 dual-socket electric vehicle chargepoints have been installed on the roadside and in district and borough car parks across West Sussex, with hundreds more planned for the coming years.

To share your views on the EV Chargepoint proposals, please complete the online survey at

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/ev-chargepoints>

The consultation runs from Friday 1 November to Friday 29 November 2024.

To view the proposed locations or to suggest a site for future consideration please visit the Connected Kerb website: www.connectedkerb.com/westsussexresidents



Tackling climate change in the Horsham District

November 2024

In these newsletters we share with you how Horsham District Council, our partners, and communities across the District are working to reduce carbon emissions and improve the local environment.

Look out for updates on Council and community initiatives and events, national campaigns, plus suggestions on how you too can make a difference. If you have any comments or suggestions please [email the communications team](#).



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Wilder Horsham District extended for another three years

At a recent Cabinet meeting senior councillors agreed a three year extension to its five-year Wilder Horsham District initiative, supporting this vital work for nature recovery and biodiversity in the Horsham District until at least 2028.

Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery Cllr Colette Blackburn commented:

"We want to continue the momentum for change to encourage, inspire and support more individuals, landowners and community groups to reverse the decline in nature, and create better and more connected habitats."

The project also works with other organisations such as West Sussex County Council and neighbouring authorities to develop joint projects that will help to deliver the Nature Recovery Network. This includes the [Weald to Waves](#) scheme and the [Adur River Recovery](#) project.



[Find out more about Wilder Horsham District](#)

Celebrating two years of our Climate Action Network

This October marked two years since the launch of our Parish and Neighbourhood Council Climate Action Network. This network came out of a series of workshops in the autumn of 2022 to support parish and neighbourhood councils in formulating and implementing climate action plans and to help them understand their influence locally.

We were pleased to welcome representatives from 14 parish and neighbourhoods who recently attended an anniversary meeting at the Council offices. Here they were able to share inspirational stories, celebrate their progress, work on their One Planet action plans and discover areas for collaboration. Pulborough, Shipley, and Southwater (see *Southwater's new*



logo here) also gave presentations detailing their progress on developing their own climate action plans. Great work everyone!

The aim of this network is to connect all the Parish and Neighbourhood Councils within Horsham District in their climate action, and we are delighted that it has continued to grow over these past two years, with over 80% of our Parish and Neighbourhood Councils now involved.

[Get involved](#)

Map your actions for nature

If you are a member of a group or organisation working for the benefit of nature in Sussex, please help by mapping your actions.

Whether they are large or small, in progress, implemented or planned, the Sussex Local Nature Recovery project (SLNR) want to hear about them! Your answers will inform the priorities for nature at the heart of [SLNR Strategies](#).



[Map your actions](#)

There's still time to apply for a Nature Recovery Award

There is still time to apply for a Nature Recovery Award of up to £5,000 as part of our Wilder Horsham District project.

This award, set up with support from the Sussex Wildlife Trust, offers funding and guidance for landowners and community groups who would like to develop practical schemes to help wildlife thrive and to improve their local natural landscape.



Applications close 29 November.

[Read more](#)

Brush up on your recycling knowledge

According to a recent County survey, 60% of residents want to know more about what can and can't be recycled in your recycling bin at home. For example, have you ever wondered what to do with foil, biscuit and sweet tins, and aerosol cans?

Our new recycling videos, part of our **Think Before You Throw** campaign produced in partnership with the West Sussex Waste Partnership, will answer your most common recycling questions.

Check out County's A-Z of recycling for a full list - and see the article below for NEW Items that you can now recycle!



[Think Before you Throw](#)

[A-Z of recycling in West Sussex](#)

New opportunities to recycle your waste

1. Toothpaste containers

Good news! We can now accept squeeze toothpaste tubes in your kerbside recycling. The lid just needs to be closed to ensure any residue toothpaste doesn't spread onto other recycling items. Visit County's [A-Z of recycling](#) for details.

2. Unwanted paint

Working with Community RePaint (sponsored by Dulux) there are now opportunities for donating and/or collecting unwanted paint to help reduce waste and redistribute it.



The following Recycling Centres offer paint reuse:

- Horsham
- Crawley
- Burgess Hill
- Littlehampton
- Shoreham
- Westhampnett

Residents can donate paint for reuse as long as it is in good condition (for example, it has not dried up) and the paint container at the site has capacity to accept it.

[The Community RePaint scheme](#)

NEW Mobile App

Download our **free app** to get the latest information direct to your phone wherever you are: Check when your next recycling and waste collection day is, search for what can and can't be recycled, find your nearest recycling site, and more.

You will also receive personal notifications letting you know when to put your bin out and also if there is a delay to collecting your recycling or waste.

[Download our mobile app](#)

Repair, reduce and reuse pop up events this month



Sussex Green Living will be bringing a pop-up eco-Christmas gift and 'less waste shop' to the following repair shops this month:

Saturday 2 November 10am-12 noon

Ashington Repair Cafe, Ashington Church, London Road, Ashington, RH10 3JR

Saturday 9 November 2pm-4pm

Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding Village Hall, High Street, Upper Bedding, BN44 3WN

Saturday 16 November 10am-12 noon

Henfield Repair Cafe, The Henfield Haven, Hewitts, Henfield BN5 9DT

Saturday 23 November 10am – 12 noon

The Amberley Eco Hub, St Michael's Church Hall, Church St, Amberley, BN18 9ND

Saturday 30 November, 10am- 2.30pm,

The Sussex Green Hub, United Reformed Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham RH12 2RG

Other repair cafes

There are lots of other repair cafes in Sussex found here. And don't forget, if you do want to have something repaired (perhaps those old Christmas lights that have been in your cupboard for a year!), do book it at least a month in advance. If there are beyond repair you can recycle them - just [book our small electrical collection service](#).

[Find a Repair Cafe](#)

News in brief



COP 29

11-22 November 2024

Baku

This year Azerbaijan has been selected as the Presidency of the 29th Conference of the Parties (COP29). It will bring together leaders from governments, business and

Find out about:

- What is net zero and why is it important?
- Issues and the value of financing climate action.

civil society to advance concrete solutions to address the climate crisis.

The conference will also see countries present their updated national climate action plans under the Paris agreement, which are due by early 2025.

- Why is energy key to tackling the climate crisis?
- Initiatives for a just transition that benefits people everywhere.

[Read more](#)



Share our latest updates with friends

Have you enjoyed reading this newsletter? Do you want to share your enthusiasm with friends and family? Please pass this newsletter on. They can also [sign up to receive their own newsletter here](#).

If you have any projects, initiatives or events that you would like to share with subscribers of this newsletter, please send the details to communications@horsham.gov.uk

Useful Links

[Read how we are tackling climate change](#)

[Get involved in climate action](#)

[Apply for a Community Climate Fund](#)

[The Wilder Horsham District project](#)

[Read our latest climate action blog posts](#)

[Sussex Green Living EVENTS calendar](#)

[Greening Steyning EVENTS calendar](#)



[Visit the West Sussex Climate Action Hub](#)

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West Sussex,
RH12 1RL



**Horsham
District
Council**

Email dated 31.10.2024 from Chichester District Council
Local Plan newsletter - October 2024



[Southbourne Allocation Development Plan Document public consultation launched](#)

The Southbourne Allocation Development Plan Document, a planning document which sets out areas of Southbourne that have been identified as options for future housing development — including how this could be supported through community facilities and infrastructure — is now out for public consultation.

As part of this six-week consultation, people can view the documents and make

comments before **5pm on Thursday 12 December 2024**, by visiting:
www.chichester.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultations

The council's revised Chichester Local Plan, which was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination earlier this year, identifies Southbourne as an area for strategic development. Working with Southbourne Parish Council and other partners, Chichester District Council — in conjunction with specialist consultants Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design — is in the process of producing a Site Allocation Development Plan Document to provide further detail on specific locations that are suitable for development within the Southbourne parish.

The document also outlines considerations such as infrastructure, housing, transport, landscape and environmental impacts that are relevant to each allocation option being considered.

At this stage, this council is consulting on a version of the development plan document that considers a range of options for how the strategic development identified for Southbourne in the new Local Plan can best be achieved. Feedback from this consultation will help inform the final version of the document, which will include the preferred allocation option and, following further public consultation, will then be examined by the Planning Inspectorate in the same way as the Local Plan.

“The Southbourne Allocation Development Plan Document aims to support a thriving and sustainable local community for Southbourne, both now and in the future,” says Cllr Bill Brisbane, Cabinet Member for Planning at Chichester District Council. “The development plan document complements the Chichester Local Plan 2021–2039, which broadly identifies Southbourne as an area that would support up to 1,050 additional homes. The role of the development plan document is to provide more detail, including the specific locations for development, opportunities for local employment, and the types of infrastructure and community facilities needed to support the existing and growing community.

“One of our key aims is to integrate a range of energy-efficient homes that meet local needs, including affordable housing, while embracing Southbourne's character, heritage and beautiful landscapes. The plan also looks at ways to promote active and sustainable travel; connect people with nature; and preserve and enhance biodiversity in the area.

“Once adopted, the development plan would be a key consideration when the council are making decisions on relevant planning applications. This is important to ensure that the right housing is located in the right places. Community engagement is a key priority for us and this six-week consultation offers the opportunity for residents and stakeholders to share their views on the options being considered for the allocation of

housing sites in the Southbourne parish.”

The consultation is now open and will run until **5pm** on **Thursday 12 December 2024**. A public exhibition will be taking place on **Wednesday 20 November** between **2pm** and **7pm** at St Johns Church, Main Road, Southbourne, PO10 8LB.

To view the documents and make comments, please visit:

www.chichester.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultations

Local Plan examination

The revised Chichester Local Plan is currently being independently examined, with examination hearings running until 13 November 2024. Details about the examination process, including a full timetable of the hearing sessions, can be found at:

www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanexaminationstatements.

More information about the Local Plan, including the council’s Statement of Consultation, which summarises the work that has been done to prepare the plan to this point — including previous consultations and the suggested modifications that have been submitted alongside the Local Plan — is available on the council’s website at: www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanexamination.

A27 Chichester Bypass Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document approved

The A27 Chichester Bypass Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which provides detailed advice and guidance on the council's updated approach for securing development contributions to mitigate traffic impacts on the A27 Chichester Bypass, was adopted at a Full Council meeting on 1 October 2024.

We published the new SPD for public consultation between 30 May and 11 July this year, in accordance with regulatory requirements, and the feedback was used to inform the approved version. You can view all of the responses received as part of this consultation, along with more information about the document and why it is important at: www.chichester.gov.uk/supplementaryplanningdocuments

This document will replace paragraphs 4.46 – 4.54 of the council’s Planning Obligations and Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document, which is a document that sets out our policy for securing developer contributions from new

development that require planning permission. You can find out more about this here:
www.chichester.gov.uk/supplementaryplanningdocuments

Email dated 31.10.2024 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

NALC welcomes government announcement on remote meetings

Since temporary COVID-19 powers ended in May 2021, we have been at the forefront of a national campaign to allow parish and town councils to hold remote council meetings. This is why we [strongly welcome the deputy prime minister's announcement](#) that the government is committed to allowing councils to hold remote council meetings and published a [consultation paper](#), which closes on 19 December 2024. We will, of course, be responding, but I want to encourage all parish and town councils, county associations, and individual councillors and clerks to participate in this essential consultation. Your responses are vital in demonstrating the continued strong support for this flexibility, building on the momentum from the previous call for evidence.

NALC introduces new dedicated resource on community safety

We have [launched a comprehensive resource](#) to support parish and town councils across England in enhancing community safety. This [new website section](#) offers parish and town councils a range of information and resources on issues critical to local safety, such as addressing emergency and disaster planning and building partnerships with local authorities and police forces. The new web section also features a [case study publication](#) illustrating how parish and town councils have successfully enhanced community safety through targeted interventions. These real-world examples include organising local safety events, collaborating with environmental officers, and reducing dangerous driving. This resource underscores our commitment to empowering parish and town councils to foster stronger, safer communities.

NALC backs Mumsnet campaign to publish parental leave policies

I'm really pleased that we have [endorsed Mumsnet's campaign](#) encouraging public sector organisations to publish their parental leave policies openly. This campaign supports a growing movement for workplace transparency and equality. As a further step, we have also taken the unique step of publishing our [Staff Handbook](#) in its entirety in the open area of the NALC website, making our parental leave policies openly available. By doing so, we lead by example, providing a resource that parish and town councils can reference as they update or create their policies. This added measure reflects our dedication to the campaign and creating a workplace culture supporting equality, transparency, and family-friendly practices. I urge parish and town councils and to do the same, by publishing their parental leave policies on the open areas of their own websites. We continue our engagement with Mumsnet working and supporting each other on common interests and initiatives.

NALC's event on emergency planning

On 23 October 2024, [NALC hosted an online event on emergency planning](#), featuring insights from Nick Aldworth, director of Risk to Resolution Ltd, Jane Biscoombe, Weymouth Town Council's town clerk, and Richard Hood, senior project officer of Communities Prepared. Aldworth highlighted proactive measures for terrorist preparedness under Martyn's Law, which requires public venue managers to implement safety measures against terror threats. Biscoombe stressed clear communication, thorough documentation, and local knowledge to manage emergencies effectively. Hood discussed the value of community involvement, focusing on understanding local skills and concerns to strengthen emergency response. You can [find out more about our upcoming events](#) on our website.

NALC speak in parliament on Martyn's Law

I was delighted that our chair, Cllr Keith Stevens, was in parliament this week to give evidence to MPs on the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law. The session held on 29 October 2024 was the first day of the House of Commons Committee Stage, where a committee made up of MPs heard oral evidence from a range of people and organisations, including Figen Murray, Brendan Cox, Mayor Andy Burnham, Metropolitan Police and Hospitality UK. Keith spoke alongside Helen Ball from the Society of Local Council Clerks, where they highlighted the impact of the legislation on parish and town councils, welcomed the increase in the standard tier threshold from 100 to 200 people, which we lobbied for, reinforced the need for support including guidance, and highlighted issues requiring further clarification such as responsibilities and cooperation. You can [read the full transcript on Hansard](#) of the morning session featuring Keith and Helen or [watch it back on Parliamentlive.tv](#), likewise [read](#) and [watch](#) the afternoon session, which included Jeremy Leggett from Action with Communities in Rural England and Dan Jarvis MP, the minister for security.

On the blog: Black History Month

[This week's blog](#) celebrates Black History Month 2024, themed "reclaiming our narratives". Parish and town councils are actively engaging their communities to celebrate contributions of Black individuals and communities to history and culture. Councils are hosting events that include fairs, exhibitions, workshops, and performances, each tailored to highlight the stories and achievements of Black Britons, past and present. Great Linford Parish Council features a marketplace of Black-owned businesses, Hinton Parish Council spotlights WWII Black veterans, and Leighton-Linslade Town Council offers educational gatherings. Meanwhile, Lowestoft Town Council, Nailsea Town Council, and Queen's Park Community Council are providing cultural events from African music to film screenings. These efforts showcase local governments' commitment to unity, diversity, and ongoing community education, fostering a month of meaningful celebration and reflection.

Larger Councils Committee

Our [Larger Councils Committee](#) met on 29 October 2024, and ahead of the draft minutes being available, here are some headlines. The Local Government Association's LG Inform programme manager Alex Rigge spoke about the 15,000 datasets held by LG Inform and the 20,4000 datasets held by LG Inform Plus (covering all English principal authorities and, in some cases, lower levels of government) and how they could help councils with decision-making, training and development, advocacy and campaigning, community engagement and allocation of resources. Neil Taylor, a member of the [Improvement and Development Board's](#) Intervention Task Force, shared the draft intervention guide and informed the committee about two councils where he had conducted intervention work. The committee asked NALC to discuss with the [Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments](#) whether there was

scope for them to support the development of this activity. The committee also received updates on Martyn's Law, future study tours, and the [Local Council Award Scheme](#) criteria review.

Fortnightly county officers call

In this week's meeting between NALC and county associations, Lee Cleaver from our partners Clear Councils Insurance (formerly BHIB Councils Insurance) attended to discuss council insurance and county court judgments. Our policy manager, Chris Borg, provided an update on next year's in-person conference outlining the programme, theme, date and location. The conference will focus on the devolution theme and take place on 23 June 2023 in London. We'll share further details in due course. I highlighted some key announcements for the sector made by deputy prime minister Angela Rayner MP at the recent LGA Conference, along with our activities at the conference. There was also an update on the local government pay settlement.

Demos report on local government finances

According to a new report by the think tank Demos, [Beyond the sticking plaster – a vision for long-term reform of local government finances](#), a fundamental reform of local government finances in England is needed. However, a need for clarity about the purpose of local government is a severe barrier to reform of the finance system. Focussing on demand led to high-needs services delivered by principal authorities, the report argues that serious reform is urgent because of the crisis in local government finances. Its central recommendation is for the government to create Public Service Trusts to take on legal responsibility and commissioning powers for adult social care, children's social care, homelessness, and support for children and young people with SEND. The report also proposes a new vision for liberated local government in England, focusing on two purposes: local democracy and place leadership. Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, attended the event to engage with attendees and make the case for the role parish and town councils play in communities as the first tier of local government and the impact that financial challenges facing principal authorities have on our sector.

And finally...

This year's [White Ribbon Day](#) theme is 'It starts with men', so we are asking: "How are you showing up as a male ally?" We seek a quote (up to 50 words) from men in the sector sharing how you support gender equality and challenge harmful behaviours. Your story could inspire others to act. The quotes will be feature in our White Ribbon Day campaign. Please email your quotes to daisy.petrow@nalc.gov.uk and be part of the change!

Email dated 30.10.2024 from Sussex Police

Additional funding to crack down on organised crime gangs



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

KATY BOURNE OBE





Today, the Chancellor of the Exchequer presented her Autumn Budget to Parliament setting out the estimated impact of changes to tax, welfare and public services.

I am pleased that the Chancellor has recognised the need to tackle the ever-growing issue of shoplifting that blights our local highstreets.

The promised additional funding to crack down on organised crime gangs is paramount. This is something that I have already been working on with retail partners and police through our ground-breaking Pegasus partnership.

Further training for police and additional funding to prevent retail crime will help all police forces to see more success in tackling criminals, further protecting our retailers and keeping our high streets safe.

The settlement will also increase the core government grant for police forces, helping to support frontline policing levels across the country and boosting visible neighbourhood policing, although we are still working through the finer details. We should also see support to tackle violence against women and girls as well as knife crime.

This includes implementing Raneem's Law, which sees domestic abuse specialists employed in police control rooms and establishing Young Futures Hubs to prevent young people being drawn into crime.

I look forward to hearing more details over the coming weeks on how the Government's pledges will be put into practice and, specifically, what that looks like for us as a county.

Celebrating our ICVs

Many of you will have read in my previous newsletters about our Independent Custody Volunteer (ICV) scheme which consists of volunteers who visit police stations to check on the welfare and rights of detainees.

On my behalf, ICVs can also make recommendations to the police to improve the welfare of detainees.

Our scheme in Sussex holds the highest Platinum status which acknowledges an outstanding standard of custody visiting at our five centres across the county.

The Sussex ICV team has also been recognised for its ground-breaking work developing multiple national changes across custody.

Earlier this month, my office hosted a thank you event for our ICV volunteers who tirelessly give up their time to the scheme.

In the last year, over 250 visits have been carried out by the team, more than 690 detainees have been seen and over 280 volunteer hours have been logged.

Awards were given out to volunteers for their ability to inspire their team members, their diligence and leadership.

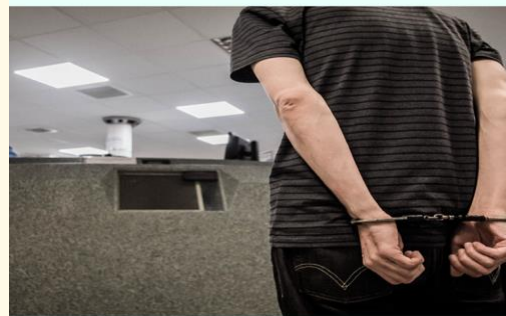
The fantastic work they do helps detainees needs to be identified and met, which in turn helps them to engage better with the custody process.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



**Sussex
Police & Crime
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INDEPENDENT CUSTODY
VISITOR SCHEME



Work with us



Do you have skills that can contribute to the business of policing, in relation to governance, risk, financial arrangements, internal audit and external audit and how these services are being managed?

Myself and Chief Constable Shiner are recruiting a new Independent Member for our Joint Audit Committee.

This is an exciting opportunity to be involved in independent oversight and high-level focus on the adequacy of the governance, risk and control arrangements for Sussex Police and my office.

To find out more, visit the vacancies section on my website or click on the link below.

www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/vacancies/

Email dated 30.10.2024 from WSCC
Highways, Transport and Planning - News and Updates

Highways, Transport and Planning



** Winter Preparedness Briefings

Thank you for attending the WSCC Local Highways Operations - Winter Preparedness briefing October 2024

Please do complete the brief questionnaire to enable us to gather your feedback on the Winter preparedness brief and future briefing topics. Your feedback is valuable and will help us improve future sessions. Please click on the following link to complete:

7th October Briefing: <https://s.surveyplanet.com/8w8j53mx>

14th October Briefing: <https://s.surveyplanet.com/w4fhpd9m>

15th October Briefing: <https://s.surveyplanet.com/w4fhpd9m>

We are also pleased to provide you with a dedicated email address to escalate complex issues, which is: parish-town.enquiries@westsussex.gov.uk

Please do continue to use our online reporting channels to notify us of new issues. For emergency issues on the Highway please telephone our contact centre which is available 24/7 on: 01243 642105. This will allow us to address your queries more efficiently.

We are looking to deliver our next Winter related brief, early – mid December and will confirm topic when all the questionnaires have been completed and reviewed. Please can you complete by 9 November to provide us time to prepare for December.

Please find some useful links we identified from the briefing session:

[Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement - West Sussex County Council](#)

[Winter service - West Sussex County Council](#)

[Better Roads campaign: our commitment to improving road conditions continues - West Sussex County Council](#)

[Better Roads - West Sussex County Council](#) – Pothole information

Climate Change

Within Highways, Transport and Planning we have been training our staff to become 'Carbon Literate' to support the decarbonisation ambitions of the service. This is providing our colleagues with an understanding of the fundamentals of climate change science. On a practical level, it is enabling our staff to take action in their roles and at home to reduce emissions and adapt to climate impacts (playing a part in meeting the net zero target by 2030).

So far 23% of Highways, Transport and Planning staff have become certified Carbon Literate. We aim to increase this to train the large majority of staff over the next few years.

Scheme Updates

Successful completion of Community Highway Scheme in Worthing

The scheme originates from a community Highways Scheme application proposed by the school governors at Durrington Infant & Junior School to address concerns for pupils crossing multiple junctions which have no formal crossing points. The scheme is now complete and the following improvements have been delivered for safer access:

- Raised table across a 4-way junction including localised resurfacing.
- Crossing point by realigning Acaica Avenue junction.
- Tactile crossing points at Cotswold Road and Salvington Road.
- Double yellow lines at junctions and refresh lining.
- New advance warning signs on approach to table.

The improvements will help pedestrians to safely cross the junctions at suitable locations and reduce motorist speeds on approach to the junction.



Tactile crossing points and double yellow lines at junctions and refresh lining at Cotswold Road and Salvington Road, Worthing

New Pedestrian Crossing at Littlehampton Road, Worthing

Successful refurbishment of signalised pedestrian Crossing at Littlehampton Road near Chantry Road and Stone Lane in Worthing. The crossing equipment has reached end of life and needs replacing. The scheme is part of the 3years Halogen Bulb Replacement Programme. The works included installation of some new poles, signal heads, detectors and the tactile paving areas replaced for new.

Safer Active Travel to Yapton Primary school

A new shared pedestrian and cyclist path has been constructed on the eastern side of North End Road, starting from Pear Tree Close and continuing south for approximately 330m. An uncontrolled pedestrian crossing at Yapton Primary School has been constructed, and alterations to existing bus stops and parking restrictions to support the improvements.

Pedestrians will benefit from improved pavement surfacing, formalised crossing points and safer crossing options at Yapton Primary School. Cyclists will also have safer options available to them when travelling on North End Road. Both benefits will help to promote active travel.



A new shared pedestrian and cyclist path near Yapton Primary School

Community High Scheme in Hunston

Following a community highway scheme application to improve pedestrian facilities crossing B2145 Selsey Road, Hunston. Works will provide a safer crossing point and new footway enabling pedestrians to access bus stops. The works include installation of a new footway, upgrade pedestrian traffic refuge islands, footway resurfacing, and improved dropped crossings. The works will begin from 4th November 2024 for approximately 7 weeks between 07:30 -17:30. Bus stops - Oakview (north and south bound) and Recreational ground (southbound) will be suspended for safety reasons. Traffic management will be in place. Apologies for any inconvenience. Further details on one.network

Follow us on X!

Project updates are frequently posted on the West Sussex Highways X account (formerly Twitter). Just search [@WSHighways](#) if you aren't already following.



Email dated 29.10.2024 from HDC

SDNPA Nature Recovery - Advice to Parishes & Grants

I thought it would be worthwhile sharing advice the SDNPA has produced for parishes on getting started with nature recovery in their areas - see the attached and [here](#) . This information would be useful for any parish, regardless of whether they have sites for renaturing within the boundary of the South Downs National Park or not. For qualifying parishes i.e. those that have sites for renaturing within the boundary of the SDNP or potentially sites outside of the boundary of the SDNP but which would help deliver the South Downs National Park Management Plan (a conversation with the SDNPA Grants officer - grants@southdowns.gov.uk would be useful to establish eligibility), there are a range of grants available. For some the latest funding round is closed but these will reopen sometime in the future.

Commissioning a Parish Report

The various relevant grants are:

Renature - <https://southdownstrust.org.uk/renature-fund/>

Sustainable Communities Fund -

<https://southdownstrust.org.uk/app/uploads/2024/01/Sustainable-Communities-Fund-Guidance-Notes.pdf>

Trees for the Downs - <https://southdownstrust.org.uk/trees-for-the-downs-fund/>

Beelines - <https://southdownstrust.org.uk/beelines-fund/>

Pounds for Ponds - <https://southdownstrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding/pounds-for-ponds-fund/>

Volunteer Conservation Fund - <https://southdownstrust.org.uk/vcf/>

There is also a Litter Picking grant - <https://southdownstrust.org.uk/boltini-litter-picking-fund/>. which while not directly related to nature recovery the removal of litter from nature sites is important for the maintenance of good quality habitats.

Please share this information with your parishes. Those parishes wholly or partially within the SDNP and those bordering the SDNP would benefit from all the information in this email. Those parishes not in the SDNP or bordering it would probably only benefit from the advice on how to go about renaturing their parish, though these parishes would have access to HDC funding (Community Climate Fund and Nature Recovery Award) as well as any grants from other organisations such as the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Hope you and your parishes find this information useful.

Regards, Joan

Joan Grech

Councillor for Storrington and Washington Ward



Email dated 29.10.2024 from WSCC

Cabinet agrees next steps to set budget for year ahead



news release

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Cabinet Members at West Sussex County Council have set out the next steps in setting their budget for the year ahead, as they seek to close a gap of up to £38.5m.

The County Council reported in July that it was facing a budget gap of £60m in 2025/26. This figure has now reduced to £38.5m, and projections show the figure could be brought down further to £8.2m if a decision is made to increase council tax.

Cabinet Members today (Tuesday 29 October) agreed to launch a public consultation to ask residents for their views on how finances and services are prioritised. Councillors also agreed to continue to lobby government for an increase in their funding allocation.

Cllr Paul Marshall, Leader of West Sussex County Council, said: “We again find ourselves in the difficult position of having to make decisions about vital services for our residents, when the funding available to us is not enough to pay for them.

“We are doing everything to prioritise essential services, especially to the most vulnerable residents and communities, and we have already made good progress to reduce our budget gap. However, further action is needed between now and February when we will set our final budget.”

The local budget update comes as the national government is about to detail its first autumn budget tomorrow (30 October). However, the final level of funding on offer to West Sussex County Council will not be known until the Local Government Financial Settlement is published in December.

Cllr Jeremy Hunt, West Sussex Cabinet Member for Finance and Property, said: “We are continuing to see a high demand for our services, in particular social care, and next year we are currently predicting we will need to invest an additional £23.9m in vital services. Also, alongside our normal pressures such as inflation, we have the added challenge in setting our budget for 2025/26 of a new Government, who up until this point have not given us any indication of their proposed funding plans for local authorities. This has made the budget setting process extremely challenging.”

The public consultation is due to launch in November. The Cabinet will consider feedback from the public consultation at a meeting in January before recommending budget to Full Council in February for a final decision.

Email dated 28.10.2024 from ESALC
WSALC and Succession Planning

For some time I have been working with our CEO, Trevor Leggo, on a succession plan. Trevor has not indicated that he wishes to discontinue his executive leadership of WSALC, but I recognise that that day will eventually come. Trevor is also the CEO of ESALC where, since early 2021, Emily Simpson has been employed directly to manage ESALC's affairs.

At its meeting on 26th September last, the WSALC Board unanimously agreed that Emily Simpson will takeover the day to day management of WSALC, from Mulberry & Co.. Emily will also take the position of Assistant CEO of WSALC.

Trevor and I met with Mark Mulberry on Thursday last and agreed a timetable for such changes. These will be completed by 31st December 2024 following a transition period, the details of which will be sent to you all as soon as I have completed the associated formalities. Mulberry & Co will remain as WSALC's Company Secretary, Accountant and attend Board meetings.

WSALC will continue to provide Training, Clerk/RFO employment placings and other facilities, as part of the subscription service available to all WSALC member Town and Parish Councils.

Mulberry & Co was invited to continue to provide each of the District Associations with Secretary/Treasurer support but have decided to step aside from these roles. Replacements for these roles are identified and each District Association will be contacted directly.

Kind regards

Douglas

Douglas Denham St Pinnock
Chair, West Sussex Association of Local Councils

Email dated 28.10.2024 from West Sussex Carers Support
Latest news from Carers Support West Sussex

Making caring visible, valued and supported



Carers Support is now six months into delivering the new contract, and we would like to extend our thanks for your patience as we transitioned to the new operational structure. Several organisational changes were implemented during this time, and we are pleased to report that we have now reached a stable "business as usual" status.

We have successfully completed recruitment for newly established roles, and our team members have adapted well to their new responsibilities. Additionally, we have implemented a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to better serve the 30,000 carers registered with our service. This new CRM will enhance our communication with carers and streamline our reporting capabilities, which are critical for our ongoing growth and development, ensuring we continue to move in the right direction.

November marks the arrival of the yearly Carers Rights Day campaign which aims to raise the awareness of the rights unpaid carers are entitled to.

Gemma, a carer who recently discovered what she was entitled to said:

"Thanks to Carers' Support making me aware of my rights as an unpaid carer, for my mother who has dementia, I've been able to register as a carer with my GP, get a free flu jab and request unpaid Carers' Leave, all in the space of a week! My employer has been so supportive and I know that I can request flexible working if I need it.

All these actions will enable me to provide the best possible care for my mother and achieve a better work/life balance."

Knowing rights as a carer can boost confidence when requesting certain services. In highlighting these rights, our aim is for carers to **look after themselves and connect**.

[Click here to see services available to carers](#)

To Help You Get Started with Carers' Rights

We've created an [animation that distils seven key rights](#), offering a helpful overview of the essential information. Whether you're advising carers or navigating your own caring responsibilities, this resource is a great starting point.

If you're a working carer, you'll also find details about workplace rights that could be useful for balancing your career and caring role—empowering you with the knowledge you need when it matters most. We're also excited to announce a fantastic programme of events open to registered carers—both online and in-person—focused on this year's campaign theme: helping you recognise your rights. The programme includes informative talks such as:

- Creating choice, not chance when it comes to legalities.
- Do you know how to start a conversation about funerals?
- Do you avoid difficult conversations as a carer?
- What Rights do Carers have?
- Speak Clearly, Carers.

We're hosting two in-person events, serving both the north and south of West Sussex, offering the same programme at both venues. Plus, those attending will have the chance to enter a prize draw to win e-vouchers: 1st = £100, 2nd = £75, and 3rd = £50 (T&Cs apply).

[Find out more here](#)

Have you considered using your experience to support carers?

We offer several fantastic volunteering roles that allow you to share your experience and help carers. Opportunities include roles such as Check-in and Chat, Community Shop Volunteer, or Carer Group Facilitator.

We welcome volunteers from all areas of the community, regardless of expertise or background. The key qualities we seek are the ability to listen and show empathy. Every volunteer receives a thorough induction, covering our vision, values, and how we support carers.

[Interested in joining our team? Find out more here.](#)

[Let's talk about ...
your experiences of NHS Health and Care in 2024](#)

We would like to know how people living in Sussex currently feel about local NHS health and care services.

We want to hear from local people about your confidence and satisfaction in the NHS and where you feel we can improve. As well as going out to local communities, we have published a survey to ensure that you can have your say.



Your views and experiences will support local NHS services such as Urgent Care, Primary Care and Pharmacy First to understand what is working well and where we can make improvements.

[The survey will take approximately 15 minutes to complete, and each response will be reviewed and analysed.](#)

The survey will close on **Sunday 3rd November 2024.**

Thank you for taking the time to read our news. Please do pass onto to anyone who would benefit from keeping informed. And remember to follow our social media channels for up to the minute news.

Kind regards, Caroline Pope
CEO

Email dated 28.10.2024 from HDC

Latest news: [Vote now in the People's Budget](#) | [Future refurbishment plans for Horsham's Capitol Theatre to be reappraised](#) | [Save the date for our Christmas launch party](#)



Latest news and information

Have your say in the People's Budget

It's time to vote! We need you to decide which local project should receive funding to benefit our young people.

Some £100,000 of funding is being made available to local charity groups and community organisations wanting to focus on activities and initiatives that support children and young people under 25.

You can vote for just one, so choose the project that means the most to you!



[Vote now](#)

Future refurbishment plans for Horsham's Capitol Theatre to be reappraised

The refurbishment plans for The Capitol are to be reappraised and a decision has been taken to rescope the project at a reduced cost.

We are still committed to making improvements which will enhance the overall customer experience, meet our environmental ambitions and secure this much-loved cultural venue for the future, whilst maintaining and ensuring financial diligence.



[Read more](#)

Calling all Horsham District good causes - your chance to win £500

Horsham District Community Lottery is now five years old. To celebrate it is giving local charities and good causes the chance to win a special £500.

It's free, quick and easy to register to fundraise through our local lottery.



[Read more](#)

Step into Christmas in Horsham this year

Christmas in Horsham starts this year on Friday 22 November with our Christmas Launch Party.

In partnership with Your Horsham (the Horsham BID), Horsham District Council is kick starting its Christmas Party from 4pm to 9pm in the town centre.

Come along and enjoy live music, lights, festive markets and street food, extended shopping hours, a special Jack and the Beanstalk trail and more.

St Mary's Church Choir and St Mary's Primary School Choir will lead a lantern parade from the church to Market Square. Plus, spend £50 or more between 4pm and 8pm to be entered into a prize draw to win some incredible prizes.



[Christmas events](#)

There's still time for you to have your say on our Council Tax Support Scheme proposals

Have your say on our proposed changes to our Council Tax Support Scheme.

We'd like to hear your feedback on our amendments to band restrictions, savings limit, non-dependent deductions and the Percentage of Scheme Support.



[Read more](#)

Horsham Remembers

This year's Remembrance Sunday service will be on Sunday 10 November and Monday 11 November at the Carfax Horsham.

These events are organised in partnership with the Royal British Legion and are an opportunity to remember, commemorate and recognise the sacrifice of serving and civilian individuals who have ensured that the freedoms and way of life we treasure has been preserved.



[Read more](#)

Planning Inspector publishes key documentation on Horsham District Local Plan

In July 2024, Horsham District Council submitted its draft Local Plan for independent examination. Following the appointment of the government's Local Plan Inspector, Mr Luke Fleming, a 'Matters, Issues and Questions' document regarding the Plan has now been published.

This document sets out the subjects about which the Inspector would like to better understand in his examination of the plan.



[Read more](#)

Share your views on emergency preparedness

How prepared are you for an emergency? Sussex Resilience Forum wants to hear your views so they can help our households, businesses and local communities be prepared for emergencies.

Take the 5-minute survey to help shape their work.



[Take the survey](#)

Sussex Resilience Forum is a partnership of local organisations working together to support the local community to be prepared for and during emergencies.

[More news from Horsham District Council](#)



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**Email dated 28.10.2024 from Mulberry
WSALC Support Role**

At the recent West Sussex Association of Local Councils (WSALC) board meeting, a decision was made to terminate the agreement with Mulberry Local Authority Services to provide support to the association and its member councils. This will take effect from 31 December 2024.

Mulberry Local Authority Services are proud of the role we have played in providing high quality support to councils across the county since the dissolution of the previous Three Counties arrangements in 2021, ensuring that advice and guidance has been accessible to officers and councillors and provided in a timely manner.

We are grateful for the regular thanks and appreciation we've received from clerks and councillors who have contacted us during that time and benefitted from the wide-ranging experience and knowledge our team members have been able to provide.

We wish WSALC and all member councils every success in their new arrangements.

Mulberry Local Authority Services continues to expand its hugely popular training programme, and as internal audit clients you will still benefit from the discounted training rates offered and continue to be able to making bookings through www.mulberrylas.co.uk/training-programme

Our continuing association with the Surrey Association of Local Councils (SALC), the Joint Panel on Audit and Governance (JPAG) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) ensures we are aware of key strategic developments across the wider local council sector, and we can advise our internal audit clients accordingly on any matters which are covered by the internal control objective tests contained within the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR).

Kind regards

The Mulberry LAS Team

Email dated 29.10.2024 from Rural Services Network
Rural Bulletin



WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!



Welcome to this week's edition of the Rural Services Network Rural bulletin.

Last week, I had the privilege of attending the Local Government Association Conference in Harrogate, where I emphasised the crucial need for rural areas to be integral to discussions on national economic growth. In a session focused on 'Delivering Inclusive Growth,' I highlighted the persistent underfunding of rural councils and the unique challenges our rural economies face. This dialogue with key policymakers, including the Under Secretary of State, Minister for Local Growth Alex Norris, and Bev Craig of Manchester City Council, reinforced the importance of inclusive strategies that consider both urban and rural needs in fostering national prosperity.

Angela Rayner, the Deputy Prime Minister also announced at the conference, that the Government will consult on changes to the Councillor Standards system, remove the requirement for Councillors home addresses to be published, and allow councils to use virtual attendance at council meetings. This final point will potentially enable a wider range of the rural community to be involved in politics at a local level as they will not have to travel long distances to take part in meetings.

This week, our attention turns to the government's budget announcement. We are poised to monitor the implications closely, especially concerning rural communities. Early indications suggest significant proposals regarding housing development and education funding, alongside speculations about changes to fuel duty, which could profoundly impact rural residents. We will provide a detailed analysis of these developments to ensure that the voices and needs of rural communities are not only heard but also addressed effectively in these national fiscal policies.

Stay tuned for our insights and reflections on these critical discussions that shape the rural landscape.

FEATURE ITEM



Rural must be at the table to discuss growing the economy

Sharing the stage with a Minister, last week Rural Services Network Chief Executive Kerry Booth stressed the importance last week of rural organisations being at the table to contribute to discussions on growing the nation's economy.

Speaking at the LGA Conference in Harrogate, Kerry took to the main stage to share her concerns that the rural economy was being overlooked in favour of growth in cities and towns, when there is a need to grow the whole economy to help the nation to prosper.

[Read more](#)

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[Rural Services Network to Monitor Impact of Upcoming Budget on Rural Communities](#)



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RSN MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

Supporting Farming Communities in North Yorkshire

Healthwatch North Yorkshire is seeking to understand the barriers that prevent the farming community in North Yorkshire from accessing health services. By gathering insights through an online survey, the initiative aims to improve healthcare services and resources tailored to the needs of this community. The

findings, shared anonymously with the NHS and supportive organisations, will contribute to better support and development of services. We encourage you to share the survey within your networks. The survey closes soon and is available until the end of October.

[Complete the survey here](#)



Imagine How The Peak District Will Look In The Future In Family Friendly Art Events At Castleton Visitor Centre This November

An exhibition of seldom-seen nostalgic photographs of Peak District scenes is set to inspire people to think about how places might look in the future and create new pictures to show it.



A Peak District Imaginarium will be created during creative drop-in workshops for the public over two Saturdays at Castleton Visitors Centre, when thoughts, memories and questions will be collected by two artists, working in collaboration with Bob Johnston, Megan Blomfield and Gui Pozzer from the University of Sheffield, and used to envision landscape views that future generations might see.

[Read more](#)

Do you have news or innovative projects to share? Submit your updates and press releases to press@sparse.gov.uk for inclusion in the members section of our weekly rural bulletin!



Looking for funding for your local project or community group? Read the **latest** edition of the **Funding Digest** [here](#)



Read the **latest Government Consultations** that may be relevant to rural communities [here](#)



Member Insights is the place to discover the statistics that define communities within our membership

Visit the Members Insights [here](#)



Find out about our campaign for fairer funding for rural areas [here](#)

This includes our work on the Local Government Finance Settlement