

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 4th – 10th 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)

Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

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

Delegated Applications

Delegated Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No: DC/24/1272 07.11.2024	Response:

Applicant: Oakfield, Cox Green, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application DC/21/2209 (Demolition of existing detached garage and outbuilding. Erection of two-storey detached dwelling and detached garage on existing garden land) Amendments to building envelope and Air Source Heat Pump to side (NorthEast) elevation.	
Official Response Date: 21.11.2024	
Application No: DISC/24/0280 05.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: The Stables, Loxwood Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Approval of details reserved by condition 4 and 5 to approved application DC/24/0103.	
Official Response Date: 28.11.2024 (determination 31.12.2024)	Response:
Application No:	
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:	Response:
Applicant:	

Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

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 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 11 th November 2024	
Application No: DC/24/0933	Response/Comments: Written Representations, must be received by 9 th December 2024.
Applicant: Arundene Orchard, Loxwood Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of detached two storey dwelling and detached double garage	

Official Response Date:	
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New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11 th November 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 07.11.2024 from WSCC A24 Horsham to Dorking Corridor Feasibility Study Stakeholder Webinar

West Sussex County Council and Surrey County Council have undertaken a joint **feasibility study of potential improvements to the A24 Horsham to Dorking corridor**. The corridor have been identified as part of the Government's [Major Road Network](#) and the study outputs will inform future funding applications for improvements. The study corridor includes the A24 between the A24/A264 Great Daux roundabout near Horsham, and the A24/A25 Dorking Deepdene Roundabout.

We hosted a webinar in 2022 for organisations and groups to invite views about priorities for the study. Since this time feasibility work has been undertaken on a package of improvements for the corridor and we would like to invite attendees to a Microsoft Teams **webinar meeting on Monday**

2nd December 2024 (2-4pm) where we will be reporting back on the outputs of the study and inviting feedback. We plan to share further information about the study including a feedback form, and presentation slides, around the time of the meeting. We also plan to make the feedback form, slides and a recording of the webinar presentation available for anyone unable to attend the webinar.

For information the notes from the original stakeholder meeting in 2022 are attached to this email. Unfortunately the study did not progress as quickly as originally envisaged because of a number of challenges through the study, however we would now like to report back on the outputs.

The study has reviewed potential highway interventions across all modes, and identified a range of interventions for road safety, walking, cycling, public transport access, and road capacity. The aim of the webinar is to report back on these measures, as well as other measures which have been reviewed but are not considered possible to bring forward, and seek views from stakeholders.

If you or a representative of your group or organisation would like to attend the meeting please respond to this email at ltip@westsussex.gov.uk and joining information will be provided. Depending on demand we may need to limit attendees at the webinar so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, however we will do our best to accommodate all interested attendees.

You are receiving this email as a representative of an organisation or a group we understand may have an interest in this study. Please respond to this email to let us know if you do not wish to receive future updates about this study.

If you have any questions about the study or this webinar, please get in touch.

Kind regards, Jamie Dallen and Steve Howard

Jamie Dallen, Transport Planning & Policy Senior Planner, West Sussex County Council

Steve Howard, Transport Strategy Manager, Surrey County Council

Email dated 07.11.2024 from WSALC

Employers NI update

NALC has informed us that Initial feedback from MHCLG officials is that parish and town councils will not be compensated for the increase in employers' national insurance contributions announced in last week's budget. This is extremely concerning and NALC has estimated it may cost the sector £10m per year. NALC will be pressing government to rethink this but, in the meantime, would recommend councils (and county associations) assess the financial implications for them in the current round of budget setting.

Best regards, Anna



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Email dated 07.11.2024 from Southern Water
Rudgwick WTW - Weekend working

Please find a letter which has been sent to residents regarding the capital scheme at Chephurst Copse, Rudgwick Water Treatment Works, located at The Haven, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9BQ.

Do let me know if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Many thanks, Hannah

Hannah Morley,

Stakeholder Engagement Manager - Sussex



from
**Southern
Water** 

in partnership with



Ref: PRN 751165
Date: 5 November 2024
Tel: 0330 303 0368

Dear Customer,

Update - Rudgwick Wastewater Treatment work improvements.

Further to our previous letter, regarding the improvements we're making at our Rudgwick Wastewater Treatment work, we wanted to provide you with an update. Work has been progressing well over the last few months and we are nearing completion.

What happens next?

We need to carry out some work to get the new equipment working. Unfortunately, we need to work this weekend 9 and 10 November between 8am to 4pm.
We do not expect this work to be noisy with no more than 4 vehicles being used to bring staff to site. We only expect hand tools to be used.

We expect this project to be completed by the end of the year with the team removing the site compound and reinstating the land by April 2025.

How to contact us

If you have any questions, please call Matthew Thompson Communication and Communities Lead at GTb on 07810 655423 Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm

Alternatively, please call Southern Water, out of hours, on 0330 3030 368. Just tell us you're calling about Capital Projects, with Project Reference Number (PRN) 751165, so we can help you more quickly. Or you can email us at capitalcomms@southernwater.co.uk.

Thank you for your support while we carry out this essential work.

Yours faithfully

Email dated 07.11.2024 from AirS
AirS Autumn Newsletter



AirS Newsletter Autumn 2024



Participants in the Woods on Prescription session getting crafty at Bentswood hub in Haywards Heath

Introducing our new CEO Maryanne Matthews



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter!

I am delighted to be writing this introduction to what will be my first AirS' newsletter, as CEO. I feel privileged to have taken up the role of leading this brilliant charity and team at the start of October. I believe deeply in working at individual, organisational and place level, alongside local people and their communities, to achieve the futures they want for themselves. I hope in the coming years at AirS we will be able to do more of this with rural communities across Sussex, building on the work we already do.

A bit about myself. I started life as a secondary school teacher teaching Politics and Sociology in girls' state schools. After that I went on to work in an economic development agency, focusing on developing new services to address disadvantages faced by marginalised local communities.

I have also spent time in the private sector as an advisor to government departments on improving services to their citizens. For the last 12 years I have been in the voluntary sector, where I founded and led a national charity for young people living in poverty to get into employment. I have also advised and supported other charities to transform their services and increase the impact of their work. I volunteer at a youth charity, where I mentor young people to support them onto career pathways. and am also a voluntary external member of Queen Mary University of London's governing body.

I have lived on and off in Lewes over the last 17 years, have two grown up children, a large ginger cat called Frankie, and an even larger long coat German Shepherd puppy called Mabel. I love being in nature, be it in my garden, walking on the Downs or by the sea.

Since arriving at AirS, I have met many of you who we work with as part of our mission to support rural communities as they take the lead in ensuring that their communities and those in them thrive, creating sustainable futures.

We know that there remain many rural communities who want to make positive changes to address a range of needs in their local area. Over the coming months I will be working with the AirS team to look ahead and plan how we can continue to grow our support to community-led change across rural Sussex. As part of that I will want to listen closely to what communities tell us about how we can support them, so that our services are truly impactful.

Do please get in touch with your feedback, questions, if you need our support or if you would like to get involved in our work as a volunteer.

The more we can do together the stronger our communities will be.

Happy reading!

Best wishes, Maryanne

More new additions to our team!



AirS is delighted to introduce two new community development workers to the team.

Jasmine Watkins joins our new project in partnership with Hope Keith Villagers Trust, working in the communities of Colgate, Faygate and Rusper.

Jasmine says: "Before coming to AirS I worked on the Together Arun Project, where I worked on legacy and sustainable projects, so they could continue when the funding didn't!"

We also welcome Julia Titmuss who will be working in Wealden district, especially Hailsham and Polegate. More about Julia in our next newsletter.

A tour of Sussex Community Land Trusts

Tom Warder

The National CLT Network CEO Tom Chance joined Tom Warder and Maryanne Matthews (AirS CEO) for a day of visiting six Community Land Trusts across the two counties earlier this month.

Starting in Arundel, we visited the Ford Road scheme of 90 homes (27 affordable) being delivered by Arundel CLT in partnership with Aster housing association.

Arundel Gate - Ford Road



Arundel CLT Directors including Hilary Knight - also a CLTN Board member – (second from right) pictured with Tom Chance (far right), Tom Warder (third from right) and Maryanne Matthews (fourth from right).

This was followed by a coffee in Ford with Maureen Chaffe of Ford CLT, who are seeking to acquire up to 500 affordable homes and a community centre as part of a large site - The Landings. Again in partnership with Aster Housing Association.

Moving east, we then visited the six homes now fully occupied by local residents at Parsons Green CLT scheme, a stand alone scheme delivered by Ringmer Area CLT.

This consists of four genuinely affordable rented homes. The homes are of high specification, with an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) A rating, including ground source heat pumps, solar panels and high levels of insulation. These are beautiful homes which form a natural extension to the village, are of excellent design and high quality.

Seeing is believing: visits from Local Authority officers and members led to substantial grants to support the project as well as Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) contributions from Ringmer Parish Council and local benefactors.

Parsons Green, Laughton Road



Maryanne Matthews (AirS) Max Pengelley (RACLT Chair) and Tom Chance (CLTN)

Next stop was the Strawberry Field site in Windmill Hill being delivered by Herstmonceux CLT. Another highly sustainable mixed development of 17 homes with 13 affordable for rent and shared ownership and four homes for sale on the open market to cross subsidise. These are very low energy and low impact homes with full accessibility including ground floor bedrooms. The project aims to start on site in the New Year.

Furthest east was a site visit to the scheme at Orchard Close delivered by Icklesham Parish CLT and Hastoe Housing Association in 2022. This has been very well received by the community and consists of 15 homes, 12 for Social Rent and three Shared Ownership.

Orchard Close, Icklesham



Ickelsham Parish CLT Directors Peter Turner, Geoff Foot(Chairman), Roland Gardner are joined by Tom Chance (CLTN)

All these projects have been supported from day one through to completion by the Sussex Community Housing Hub, the enabling service provided by AirS. The National CLT Network works very closely with the Hub and indeed these member CLTs to provide infrastructure support, a wealth of good practice resources and advocacy at a national level.

Tom Chance from CLTN had a valuable opportunity to explore the achievements in Sussex and to better understand the challenges unique to the region. He noted that it was wonderful to see the homes being built or completed and how he valued hearing the frustrations of volunteers also. A tour which he felt would convert most:

“to the wisdom, energy and care that communities can bring to the stewardship and development of land.”

It was also a great way for our new CEO Maryanne to meet these groups and see the schemes.

“I found the depth and longevity of commitment from all the volunteers I met was amazing. Their dedication to lead the change they want to see in providing the right housing for their communities was truly inspiring. I look forward to visiting more CLTs in the coming months and to ensure AirS continues our support to them.”

(Maryanne Matthews – AirS CEO).

Horsted Keynes Community Land Trust achieves key milestone!

Graham Maunders



Horsted Keynes Village Green

The Sussex Community Housing Hub service has been providing advice and support to residents of Horsted Keynes who want to provide more locally affordable homes for the

community. In October, the feasibility group achieved a key milestone, establishing Horsted Keynes Community Land Trust as an incorporated Community Benefit Society, which is being run by and for Horsted Keynes people.

This will provide the essential springboard to its first project, acquiring six affordable homes for local people to rent, which will be managed by the trust's housing association partner.

Whilst the Trust is focusing on increasing affordable housing for local people, as a Community Land Trust it will be able to act as a community led entity for other community facilities where needed.



For more information on Horsted Keynes Community Land Trust please see:

www.horstedkeynesclt.com

For more information on Community Land Trusts please see:

<https://www.communitylandtrusts.org.uk/about-clts/>

For more information on the work of Sussex Community Led Housing Hub please see:

www.sussexcommunityhousinghub.org/

If you would like to discuss any aspect or are a community group that requires advice or support, please get in touch!

Graham Maunders – Community Led Housing Advisor

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The Sussex Rural Affordable Housing Partnership (SRAHP)
In the housing press

Housing Digital published a very positive article earlier in October on the work that the Sussex Rural Affordable Housing Partnership are carrying out to support Action in rural Sussex, helping to spread the message that there is a need for sites to come forward in rural areas particularly on the outskirts of villages.

[Sussexpartnership launched to boost rural housing : Housing Digital](#)

Lost Woods Project

Karen Laver

It's been a busy summer for our Lost Woods team who have been out and about engaging with many communities within the project's boundary (Storrington to Lewes).

During the school holidays a series of well-attended woodland walks and craft sessions helped families to explore and enjoy their local woodlands in Burgess Hill, Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint. The project's 'mobile hub' was out on tour, visiting summer events, providing activities and talking to people about their local woodlands.



Learning about wildlife at a Lost Woods family amble

Meanwhile conservation groups across the region learnt more about the special wildlife of their woodlands. AiRS staff and our expert volunteer wildlife champions assisted groups with information on protecting dormice, advised on butterfly conservation, talked about the importance of lichens and ran overnight moth surveys searching for tigers, carpets, sharks and hawk-moths.

A key part of the Lost Woods project is supporting groups who wouldn't normally visit woodlands, helping them to access the physical and mental wellbeing benefits that woodlands provide. Over the summer the team worked with MIND, Burnside Day Centre, Growing New Roots, Esteem and Bentswood Hub, arranging and providing outdoor sessions.



Networking in Nature with local community groups, woodland businesses and wellbeing organisations at Scrase Valley in Hayward Heath

Our Woodland Connection and Networking in Nature training sessions attracted mental health professionals, conservation group volunteers, council workers, and ecologists who discussed how spending time in nature can make real difference to people's wellbeing.

At Small Dole and Burgess Hill the 'Woods on Prescription' initiative provided weekly sessions for participants in a safe and supportive space in the woodlands where they could enjoy wildlife engagement and relaxing, therapeutic activities. We've received lots of great feedback from these sessions. One attendee said "I really enjoyed coming and trying something new. I appreciate what you're doing to help the community."

Introducing young people to the mysterious world of bats

Michael Blencowe



Bat Bingo with the Kangaroo club for young people with learning disabilities in Burgess Hill

On September evenings, as darkness descended, you would have found members of our Lost Woods team leading groups of young people silently through the woodlands. As part of the project the team have been working with youth clubs and young carers groups in Henfield, Burgess Hill and Lewes, helping them learn about the secret world of bats.

Autumn is a great time to go looking for pipistrelles, noctules, serotines and our county's 15 other bat species. At this time of year the Sussex night sky is filled with deafening cries as bats swoop and swirl, plummet and pounce at their insect prey as they fatten up in preparation for their long winter sleep. But this acrobatic anarchy overhead goes unnoticed by us humans. Our hearing is limited and when it comes to night vision we're as blind as a... well, something with really bad eyesight... in fact anything but a bat. Bats have good vision, but it certainly isn't their strongest sense. Bats navigate and hunt using echolocation, the animal world's most incredible superpower.

Through the Lost Woods project (supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund) we have been able to purchase bat detectors; equipment which allows us to 'tune in' to the bats ultrasonic frequencies so we can listen to bats as they hunted overhead. After a game of bat bingo the Lost Woods team gave each group a crash course in bat detecting before these young chiropterologists (bat experts) pointed their detectors up into the night sky and listened for the clicks, slaps and claps of hunting bats.

It was great to be able to watch and hear Common and Soprano Pipistrelles swirling overhead. For some people, this was the first time they had ever seen bats. We had some great feedback from everyone at these sessions.

One young person wrote that the evening was *"exhilarating!, I loved the experience and it's inspired me to do some research on bats and get to know a bit more"*.

Thank you to everyone from Esteem, Landport Youth Club, West Sussex Young Carers, Henfield Youth Club and Kangaroos Teenscene for joining us on these nocturnal adventures.

Villagers Connect!
In Colgate, Faygate and Rusper
Jo Peters



We are delighted that our new project, Villagers Connect, in partnership with the Hope Keith Villagers Trust, is now active and our two Community Development Workers are starting to get out and about in Colgate, Faygate and Rusper. It is early days, and we are starting out meeting people, listening to what they have to say and learning what is already happening and where their support is wanted and needed.

AirS staff host an event at Rusper Village Hall: Weds 30th October 2024

As part of this 'getting to know you', the 'Villagers Connect' team held an open drop-in event at Rusper Village Hall. Residents had a chance to look at the plans for renovating the Hope Keith Community room and give their ideas about the room which they hope will be transformed next year. The community development workers at AirS had some great chats with the residents and learned a lot about the area.

Thank you to all who took part and came along, and we will see you all over the next few weeks!



For more information on the event or the project itself, please contact Jasmine or Jo:



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jo.peters@ruralsussex.org.uk

Village Halls Service
Angela Milligan

Village Halls Week 2025



**celebrating,
encouraging
& supporting
volunteers**
17-23 March 2025



**Village
Halls
Week**

Here at AirS we're already beginning to plan for Village Halls Week 2025, an annual celebration of village and community halls and the volunteer trustees who run them as well as the many community groups and activities that use them.

In England alone, it is estimated that over 80,000 people regularly volunteer their time with village halls, from those on management committees who oversee the day-to-day use of the building and its finances, to those who organise events and group activities for the benefit of the local community.

A facility has been set up on ACRE's that village hall groups can use to register their interest in the campaign, receive news and updates as well as resources to help them get involved.

If your group is interested in the campaign, please complete our [registration form](#) so we can send you news and resources to help you get involved. Village halls planning to hold local events will be featured on our Google pin map.

Village Hall Trustee Feature

Over the next few months we'd like to feature village hall trustees in our newsletter, asking them why they volunteer and what they enjoy about it. If you'd like to suggest a volunteer trustee to feature, please contact Angela Milligan at villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk

Bespoke Training for Village Hall Trustees

Subscribers to the AirS Village Hall Service can access free and subsidised specialist training. Over the next few weeks we are providing training in the following subjects:

- PPL/PRS music licensing
- Safeguarding for community buildings
- Legionella risk assessment training

If you are not a subscriber to the service but are interested in any of the above courses then email us at villagehalls@ruralsussex.org.uk Please note places on some courses are limited.

Making it Happen enters its last six months

Laura Heales

The five-year Making it Happen project is reaching its end. This asset-based community development project, funded by East Sussex County Council, has seen us able to support a range of ideas in the towns of Wealden.

From the new nature reserve in Polegate to the Skatepark in Crowborough, including Hailsham Boxing club, the Kinship carers, Uckfield Warm Welcome Café and Green Transition, Crowborough, ideas from the public for new activities to enhance their local communities have been inspiring and have made a huge difference within Wealden.

Whilst the grant scheme has now closed, Julia and Jo are still able to offer support and can signpost you to other funding. They will also be out and about chatting to you to learn what

new ideas and aspirations you may have, which will help us find further funding for us to work together. So please do contact them if you would like to meet them.

Jo (Crowborough and Uckfield): jo.peters@ruralsussex.org.uk

Julia (Hailsham and Polegate): Julia.titmuss@ruralsussex.org.uk

"Making it Happen works with some brilliant groups and projects across the county. Now, thanks to a series of programs produced and broadcast by Latest TV, we're able to showcase just some of the amazing things these projects have been up to in their communities. Phenomenal Happenings features episodes exploring projects from all five districts of East Sussex, we are pleased to showcase some of the Wealden Groups we have supported here"



You can watch the Wealden episode of Phenomenal Happenings here:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/10977014/video/1001545902>

If you require further information related to any of the items included in this newsletter, have any questions, or would like to suggest subjects for future issues, then please email

Sarah Blake at

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Email dated 07.11.2024 from WSCC

Meals on wheels is more than just a meal in West Sussex



NEWS RELEASE

Meals on wheels is more than just a meal in West Sussex



West Sussex meals on wheels provider Health & Independent Living Support (HILS) has been making some special visits this week to highlight National Meals on Wheels Week, and to promote the valuable service they offer to customers across the County.

Commissioned by West Sussex County Council, HILS delivers 2,983 meals each week to homes across the county, 365 days a year to residents in the community who are elderly, disabled, or housebound that want to remain independent in their own homes.

To mark Meals on Wheels Week, Ben Applin, Rural Engagement Officer from West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, helped HILS deliver a meal to customers, Michael and Audrey, while conducting a Safe and Well Visit.

Audrey said: "Our daughter-in-law set up the service for us both as we were struggling to prepare and cook a hot meal for ourselves. We enjoy the selection of food on offer and the

meals are very good. The drivers are always lovely, and we enjoy having a chat with them when they deliver our meals. We would not be without it.”

Ben added: “Keeping people safe and independent in their own homes is the main aim of our Safe and Well visit. For our officers and crews, knowing we can easily refer residents to one of our partner services such as HILS ensures that we continue to take a joined-up approach to community safety and make sure those who are most at risk have professional, ongoing support.”

During the week, HILS visited Age UK’s ‘Friendship Fridays’ lunch club in Horsham, where they regularly provide hot meals. Lunch clubs like this, highlight how social eating helps to reduce loneliness and social isolation as it brings people in the community together to share the enjoyment of food and time together.

National [Meals on Wheels Week](#) (4 to 8 November) is an annual initiative run by the National Association of Care Catering (NACC) to raise awareness about the importance of good nutritional care across communities that meals on wheels services provide throughout the UK.

Councillor Amanda Jupp, West Sussex County Council’s Cabinet Member for Adults’ Services, said: “Meals on wheels is a wonderful service, not only because it ensures that vulnerable residents receive regular nutritionally balanced meals, but it also gives family and friends reassurance that every day someone will be looking in on their loved one. The service plays a vital role in helping residents to live independently at home, which is one of our key priorities.”

For further information visit www.hils-uk.org/ or call the Support Team on 0330 2000 103. Hot meals start from £8.99 (for two courses), and every visit includes a caring wellbeing check from Community Team Members.

Email dated 06.11.2024 from Sussex Police
Supporting male victims of domestic abuse





Tomorrow marks 'Supporting Male Victims of Domestic Abuse Day' led by the organisation [ManKind Initiative](#).

Statistics show that 1 in 7 men experience domestic abuse. This type of behaviour can include emotional, psychological, financial and economic abuse.

It can also include controlling behaviour as well as stalking and harassment.

According to ManKind Initiative, of all the domestic abuse crimes recorded by police for 22/23, 25% were committed against men and over 20% of male domestic abuse victims don't tell anyone they are a victim of abuse.

Having spoken with male victims of domestic abuse, it was clear there was a gap in provision for support for men delivered by men in Sussex.

Following an application to the Ministry of Justice for funding, I was able to commission two male Independent Domestic Abuse Advisors (IDVAs) to offer this tailored support service for men in Sussex.

The two Sussex-based male IDVAs were recruited earlier this year through Victim Support and the Mankind Charity and it is encouraging to know that our male IDVAs are already making a significant difference to the lives of male domestic abuse victims and survivors.

I am grateful for the support of Victim Support and Mankind Charity for overseeing the two roles to ensure Sussex can provide the highest-quality service to those who need it most.

Keeping young people safe online

Last week, the NSPCC issued a report that revealed online grooming against children has increased by 89% in the last six years with more than 7,000 Sexual Communication with a Child offences being recorded by police last year.

Over the past three years, to help keep young people safe online, I have provided over £680,000 to [Barnardo's](#) and the [YMCA DownsLink Group's WiSE project](#) to fund an initiative called Project SOLAH.

Standing for 'Safer Online At Home', SOLAH began in November 2021 as a pathway for the Sussex Police Online Investigation Team to refer children and young people into especially where they were either uploading self-generated images to the internet or sharing indecent images of children between themselves, in person or online.

Children and young people who have been identified as being at risk are offered safeguarding advice and education sessions delivered by specialist staff at YMCA DownsLink Group's WiSE project and Barnardo's.

The sessions can focus on: education looking at what online grooming and sextortion is; how to use apps safely; exploring where messages may end up; talking about what privacy means and the implications of sharing photos, as well as discussing online content, contact and conduct.

Visit [my website](#) to read more about this and hear my views on the Online Safety Bill and looking after our young people online.





Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Holding the police to account - watch live.

On Friday 15 November, I'll be holding my final Performance and Accountability Meeting with Sussex Police for 2024.

The meetings are an opportunity for me, on your behalf, to hold the Chief Constable to account in an open and transparent way.

In my upcoming PAM, I'll be scrutinising the Force on a variety of topics, including:

- The impact of the Government's Early Prisoner Release Scheme for Sussex Police
- The Online Safety Act as mentioned in my newsletter above.
- The delays on DBS checks.

You can watch live on [my webcasting site](#) on 15th November at 1pm.

Email dated 04.11.2024 from WSCC
Have your say on our budget for 2025-2026

Budget 2025-2026
special edition



Welcome to a special Budget 2025-2026 edition of our Residents' eNewsletter



Prioritising our services to support communities and vulnerable people

We're working hard to balance our budget for the year ahead to ensure we make best use of resources and can continue to invest in and deliver services that support our communities.

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

We reported in July that we were facing a budget gap of £60m in 2025-2026. 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.

The county council provides around 80% of local government services and touches the lives of every resident and business in West Sussex, as well as the tens of thousands of visitors we welcome to the county each year.

Services provided by the county council include adults' and children's social care, education, public health, fire and rescue, roads, libraries, trading standards, economic development and waste disposal and recycling.

Our focus is to deliver services that support our communities and vulnerable people.

We have key priorities which shape the way we deliver services.

They are:

- keeping people safe from vulnerable situations
- a sustainable and prosperous economy
- helping people and communities fulfil their potential
- making the best use of resources.

These priorities are all underpinned with a cross-cutting theme of protecting the environment.

[More information](#)



Watch our animation

Press 'play' to view a short video to explain why we're running a budget consultation.



Tell us what you think

We want to hear your views about our budget and priorities and how we spend taxpayers' money in the coming year 2025-2026.

Getting the views of our residents is a vital part of the budget setting process, so please take part by filling in our budget survey.

Anyone without access to the internet [can visit a library](#) or [family hub](#) to complete the consultation.

EasyRead surveys are also available online and in print.

If you know anyone who would like to receive a printed copy of the survey and a freepost return envelope, please call our customer services team on 01234 777 100.

The consultation closes on Sunday 15 December and all comments will be considered as part of the budget setting process for 2025-2026.

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

Take part in the consultation

Annual Report

2023–2024



Transforming the ways we work

Our latest Annual Report outlining how the county council performed against the priorities in Our Council Plan is now published.

Between April 2023 and March 2024, we continued our proud track record of transforming the ways in which we work to make the best use of resources and deliver effective services.

The full report summarises what we delivered during this time and links to further details in our performance dashboard.

[Read the Annual Report](#)

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Email dated 04.11.2024 from Planning Compliance
Monthly Planning Compliance Team statistics for October 2024

During October 2024, we received 37 new Planning Compliance investigations.

The closure statistics for October are shown below:

----- Reasons Closed -----									
Year	Month	Complaints Closed	No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient	Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	% Closed within 90 days
2024	October	31	5	9	10	5	20	11	64.52

Two Enforcement Notices were issued during October, as follows:

EN/23/0545	12 Great Lime Kilns, Southwater, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 9JL (EN) Installation of new cladding on the ground floor front elevation (constituting operational development) without the required planning permission
EN/24/0134	Development Site Lot 1, Kent Street, Cowfold, West Sussex Without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from an equestrian use (the keeping of horses on the land) to mixed equestrian and residential use by the stationing of a mobile home on the Land for the purposes of human habitation in the approximate position shown hatched orange on the attached plan.

We are still awaiting 12 decisions on appeals relating to other enforcement notices issued.

I hope this is helpful- if you have any questions on individual cases, or any other planning compliance matters, please contact me.

Kind regards, Madeleine

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Email dated 01.11.2024 from HALC
HALC AGM Draft Minutes & HDC Presentation

Please find links to the [draft minutes](#) of the HALC AGM along with [presentations from HDC](#).

Kind regards, Anna

Email dated 01.11.2024 from WSALC
WSALC Annual Report

Please find links to the WSALC Annual Report 2023-24 below.

[WSALC Annual Report](#)

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Kind regards, Anna



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