

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 30th November – 6th December 2024 (Agenda December 2024)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

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

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

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

Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- The wall outside the Co-Op carpark repaired by HDC

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 9th December 2024	
Application No: DC/24/1811 05.12.2024	Response:

Applicant: Bucks Green Pig Farm Bucks Green Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Outline application for the erection of dwellings with associated garages, parking and landscaping with all matters reserved.	
Official Response Date: 26.12.2024 / Determination 16.01.2025	
Application No: DC/24/1845 05.12.2024	Response/Comments:
Applicant: 6 The Marts, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of a single storey front extension, side first floor extension, single and two storey rear extension and conversion of garage into habitable living space.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 30.01.2025	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No: DC/24/1834 27.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: Little Millfields, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Prior Notification for Change of Use from 2no Agricultural Buildings to 1no dwellinghouses (C3 Use Class).	

Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 21.01.2025	
Application No: DC/24/1826 01.12/2024	Response:
Applicant: Little Hookland, Lynwick Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of oak framed garage in front garden	
Official Response Date: 26.12.2024 / Determination 26.01.2024	
Application No: DC/24/1807 28.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: Swains Cottage, Tismans Comman, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of an oak-framed carport, landscaping alterations including extension of gravel driveway and addition of new vehicle access to the highway. (Listed Building Consent).	
Official Response Date: 26.12.2024 / Determination 23.01.2025	
Application No: DC/24/1806 28.11.2024	Response:
Applicant: Swains Cottage, Tismans Comman, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of an oak-framed carport, landscaping alterations including extension of gravel driveway and addition of new vehicle access to the highway. (House Holder Application).	
Official Response Date: 26.12.2024 / Determination 23.01.2024	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th December 2024	
Application No: DC/24/1529	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – No objection
Applicant: Well Cottage, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey rear extension	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

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

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

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

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9th December 2024

Application No:	Response/Comments:
Address:	
Nature of Complaint:	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

Thank you for your ongoing patience while this was under construction.

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

Correspondence

Email dated 04.12.2024 from HDC
Christmas Bin Collections



Your bin collections over Christmas and New Year

There will be no bin collections in Horsham District on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

Our operatives will be working on Saturday 28 December and will work additional Saturdays on 4 January and 11 January to catch up.

Waste and recycling collections will be back to the normal schedule week commencing 13 January.

Garden waste collections will be suspended over the festive period from 23 December and will resume on Tuesday 7 January.

Get a collection notification the night before bin day

Have you downloaded the Horsham District Council app yet? When you do, you can enable our bin collection notification.

The notification arrives at 4pm the day before your bin collection to remind you which bin will be collected. You'll also be notified of any changes to your collection calendar.



[Download the app](#)

View and download your personalised bin collection calendar

Your collection schedule for the whole year is available on our website: simply select your address and you'll be able to access your personalised bin collection calendar.

The calendar can be printed from the webpage.

[View your 2025 bin calendar](#)

Christmas recycling tips

This December West Sussex County Council are sharing their favourite ways to reduce waste over the festive period. From recycling tips to low-waste gifting, their dedicated webpage has lots of ideas.

[Think before you buy](#)



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 **recycle**
for Horsham District

 **Horsham
District
Council**

Email dated 05.12.2024 from HDC

Latest news: New recycling points for vapes and batteries | Vote for your favourite Christmas Magic Display | Lifespring Christmas fair | New scheme to protect Horsham Park



Latest news and information

New recycling points for vapes and batteries

We're trialling two new collection points for used disposable vapes and batteries to encourage residents to dispose of these items more safely for recycling.

The two collection points are at The Pavilions Leisure Centre in Horsham and the Chanctonbury Leisure Centre in Storrington.

Batteries, vapes and small electricals can cause fires if disposed of in wheeled bins and have recently been a major cause of fires in our waste collection vehicles, meaning that whole loads of recycling have had to go to waste.

[Read more](#)



Vote for your favourite Christmas Magic Display to be entered into our prize draw

Celebrate the Christmas spirit and support local businesses by voting for your favourite sparkling windows and festive displays, in our Christmas Magic Displays Competition.

Place your vote from Monday 2 December to Sunday 15 December using the online form for the chance to win a fantastic prize!

[Read more](#)



Lifespring Christmas fair at Horsham's Drill Hall

Lifespring Church hosted its first Christmas Fair in Horsham's Drill Hall this year.

Pictured are, on the left Jos Wintermeyer from the Lifespring Senior Leadership team and on the right, Leader of Horsham District Council Cllr Martin Boffey at the Fair.



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Council looks to adopt new scheme to protect future of Horsham Park

At a Horsham District Council Cabinet meeting on 20 November senior councillors agreed to work with the Fields in Trust organisation to assess the viability of placing Horsham Park into trust under a scheme that they manage, in order to protect the park in perpetuity to ensure long term accessibility of the Park for the local community.



[Read more](#)



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**Horsham
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Email dated 05.12.2024 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

NALC anti-terror checklist and Martyn's Law

We've published an [anti-terror checklist](#) developed by the Martyn's Law Steering Group on our new website. The checklist outlines actions that parish and town councils of all sizes can take to enhance their preparedness for local terrorism risks. While not exhaustive, these steps align with the anticipated requirements of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, which is currently being passed through parliament. By adopting these measures, parish and town councils can proactively contribute to the safety and security of their communities. Next week, the Bill will enter its Report Stage in the House of Commons. In preparation, we've sent MPs our briefing, which sets out our broad

support for the legislation while highlighting areas requiring further clarification, such as funding and other support to assist in its effective implementation.

National Network: Coastal communities

[Our national network for coastal communities](#) met on 28 November 2024 to discuss initiatives for supporting ageing populations and environmental challenges in coastal areas. Bianca Rossetti, strategic partnership manager for Greater Manchester for Ageing Better, presented the World Health Organisation's Age-Friendly Communities Framework, emphasising the need for integrated strategies across housing, transport, and social inclusion to enable older people to live fulfilling lives. She shared practical examples such as community events, intergenerational debates, and tailored neighbourhood networks, urging local councils to adopt diverse, resident-led approaches. In the Q&A, the network explored ways to improve accessibility and outreach, highlighting transport challenges, the need for offline communication methods, and flexible community spaces. The open forum expanded discussions to environmental concerns like coastal erosion, water quality, and sustainable planning, calling for innovative solutions to protect vulnerable ecosystems and improve infrastructure.

National Network: Young councillors

Staying on the subject of networks, [our national network for young councillors](#) met on 3 December 2024 to consider ways to enhance political participation among young people and share experiences as councillors. Cllr Lewis Anderson, the network's chair, opened the meeting with insights from the [My Life My Say Conference](#) in London, highlighting key campaigns and opportunities for collaboration with organisations like ElectHer. Councillors shared good practice and projects they have been working on, such as a community kitchen project at the village hall, which not only provides meals but fosters social connections. The toolkit development section of the meeting focused on equipping new young councillors with resources to navigate challenges, understand council finances, and handle issues like online abuse. In the open forum, members brainstormed themes for 2025, including broadband projects, expanding network membership, and promoting young councillor participation through blogs, newsletters, and county associations. [Find out more and sign up for the network today!](#)

On the blog: Nip in the Bud

[This week's blog](#) by Beth Kerr, educator, consultant, and coach specialising in wellbeing and digital agency for Nip in the Bud, explores practical strategies to help young people navigate the challenges of the digital age. Beth highlights the importance of prioritising wellbeing through sleep, hobbies, exercise, and relationships, encouraging young people to reflect on how these elements affect their mood and performance, while simple measures like keeping phones out of bedrooms can enhance sleep quality. She explains how social media exploits adolescents' natural impulsiveness, peer-driven behaviour, and neural flexibility, recommending activities like analysing favourite apps to build self-awareness. Acknowledging the powerful influence of tech companies, the blog advises setting realistic

boundaries, such as storing phones in another room at night, and modelling healthy habits to steer young people toward wellbeing goals. Nip in the Bud's short film, A Stolen Childhood, further explores the impact of smartphones and social media on youth mental health, offering valuable insights for families, educators, and communities to foster healthier digital environments.

Roundtables on councillor standards and graves reuse

Roundtables on key issues have recently addressed councillor standards and grave re-use. On 28 November, our legal manager, Jane Moore, participated in a meeting of the expert stakeholder group on councillor standards. Convened by the Local Government Association (LGA) in response to the deputy prime minister's October announcement about forthcoming consultations on changes to the councillor standards system, the meeting brought together representatives from across local government to discuss challenges and potential solutions. It formed part of the LGA's preparatory work ahead of the consultation, with the next meeting expected in the new year. On 29 November, our policy manager, Chris Borg, chaired a roundtable to shape our response to the Law Commission's consultation on burial and cremation. The session included contributions from NALC colleagues, the chair of our [Policy Committee](#), the vice-chair of our [Smaller Councils Committee](#), the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), and Dr Julie Rugg, a national expert on grave management from the University of York. This productive discussion has directly informed our response, which we'll publish in the coming weeks.

Mumsnet urges parish and town councils to publish their parental leave policies

In a call for greater transparency and fairness in the workplace, Mumsnet, the UK's largest network for parents, has appealed to parish and town councils to publish their parental leave policies. The letter, part of Mumsnet's ongoing [Publish Parental Leave campaign](#), highlights the importance of accessible information about parental leave for prospective employees, particularly mothers. The letter sent by Mumsnet founder and chief executive officer Justine Roberts states, "Publishing parental leave policies is a small, cost-free change that encourages a race to the top for employers, helps tackle the gender pay gap, and allows potential employees to make informed decisions about their futures." Mumsnet advocates for the government to require large organisations to disclose their parental leave policies. Until such legislation is enacted, the campaign encourages voluntary publication. We recently took this step by [publicising our policies](#), setting an example that Mumsnet hopes other parish and town councils will follow.

House of Lords report on high street

The House of Lords Built Environment Committee recently published the [High Streets: Life beyond retail](#) report. I was delighted to see the report recommend that parish and town councils that can demonstrate appropriate maturity in their financial management should be eligible to bid for government funding directly. Other recommendations include where a local authority is seeking to lead change on the high street, it must work in partnership with landlords, business owners and the local community, and the Government should explore

whether the Business Improvement District model should be expanded to require the participation of community representatives beyond local business owners. Furthermore, the report acknowledges the important role local markets play in boosting footfall on high streets, contributing to their local economies and acting as catalysts for the high street brands of tomorrow. It features [our submission](#) to the committee's inquiry into high streets in towns and small cities and contains evidence from Frome Town Council and Morecambe Town Council.

Local government finance policy statement

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) recently published its [Local Government Finance November Policy Statement](#). Additionally, the minister of state for Local Government and English Devolution, Jim McMahon OBE MP, has written to promote the statement to chief executives of all local authorities. The 2025/26 local government finance settlement will begin to redirect money to the places and services that most need it, laying the groundwork for fundamental funding reform from 2026/27. Overall, the provisional settlement aims to ensure that local government will receive a real-terms increase in Core Spending Power of around 3.2% in 2024/25. From 2026/27, the government will provide a multi-year funding settlement for local government and start to allocate funding based on the ability of areas to raise income from local taxes and an up-to-date assessment of need. Local authorities will also receive £233 million of additional funding for homelessness services – taking total spending to nearly £1 billion in 2025/26 – to support them in funding their statutory duties to provide temporary accommodation and prevent homelessness and rough sleeping. The key element of the policy statement for our sector is there will be no council tax referendum principles for parish and town councils (and mayoral combined authorities) in 2025/26. This is hugely welcome, as we have lobbied for this flexibility to be continued. The provisional local government finance consultation will be issued in mid-December, and we will respond in the New Year.

NALC at events in Westminster

Our chair, Cllr Keith Stevens, my colleagues, and I have attended several end-of-year events in Westminster over the last week to engage with government, parliament and other stakeholders. On 27 November, we were pleased to join the [District Councils' Network at their 50 Years of District Councils' Parliamentary Reception](#). To help us promote the great work of parish and town councils, we were thrilled to be joined by Cllr Anthea Ambrose, deputy leader of Braunstone Town Council, who won the coveted Council of the Year in last year's [Star Council Awards](#). As well as speaking to a range of Peers and MPs, Keith and Andrea met government ministers Baroness Taylor of Stevenage and Jim McMahon MP. On 3 December, Keith and our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, were at the [Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Christmas stakeholder reception](#) at the Royal Society. Secretary of State Steve Reed MP and minister for water and flooding, Emma Hardy MP, who is a former town councillor, were among the numerous attendees they spoke to about the part our councils can play in the work of the department, such as nature, flooding, community resilience and climate change. On 4 December, Justin was at the

Localis think tank's Christmas reception and launch of their latest research report, [Restoration and Resilience](#).

And finally...

A reminder that the government has announced a commitment to allowing councils to hold remote meetings, and a [consultation is now open](#) to gather feedback. This is a crucial opportunity to demonstrate strong support for the flexibility that remote meetings provide. The consultation closes on 19 December 2024, and we will be submitting a response. I want to strongly encourage parish and town councils, county associations, councillors, and clerks to participate in this essential consultation. Your input is vital in maintaining the momentum from the previous call for evidence and ensuring the continued benefits of remote meetings for councils across the country. Make your voice heard and respond before the deadline!

Email dated 04.12.2024 from WSCC

Last chance to have your say on our £2 billion budget



news release

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West Sussex County Council is urging residents to take part in a consultation to make their views known on its budget and priorities as the closing date for comments approaches.

The consultation closes at 11.55pm on Sunday 15 December and all comments will be considered as part of the budget setting process for 2025/26.

The £2 billion budget for 2025/26 will be spent on services for more than 900,000 West Sussex residents and 42,500 businesses.

The county council provides around 80% of local government services

including adults' and children's social care, education, public health, fire and rescue, roads, libraries, trading standards, economic development, and waste disposal and recycling.

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

The council's key priorities are: keeping people safe from vulnerable situations; a sustainable and prosperous economy; helping people and communities fulfil their potential and making the best use of resources, all underpinned with a cross-cutting theme of protecting the environment.

As the deadline to complete the consultation nears, residents are encouraged to take part at westsussex.gov.uk/budget. An Easy Read version of the consultation is also available.

Anyone without access to the internet [can visit a library](#) or [family hub](#) to complete the consultation. For anyone needing further support completing an online form, help can be arranged from a digital volunteer.

Alternatively, people can request a printed version is sent to them, with a freepost return envelope, by calling 01243 777 100.

The county council's 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 on 14 February for a final decision.



9 December 2024

The importance of a parish and town council having a .gov.uk domain

Join our free webinar to learn more about how a .gov.uk domain can help your parish or town council and available funding.

[Online](#)



13 December 2024

Empowering the young councillors of tomorrow

Discover how to cultivate their interest in becoming the local councillors of the future.

[Online](#)



29 January 2025

Navigating rural realities

Gain a competitive edge in addressing the intricate challenges that rural councils face.

[Online](#)



26 February 2025

Is the fight for standards a losing battle?

Unlock the strategies your council can employ to support national campaigns to enhance behaviours.

[Online](#)



26 March 2025

Breaking the mould of local councils

Uncover your council's success secrets in attracting a broader and diverse range of candidates.

[Online](#)

Email dated 02.12.2024 from HDC

Examination of Horsham Local Plan – Hearing Sessions Information

I am writing to you in relation to the Horsham Local Plan examination. The hearing phase of the examination is scheduled to begin next week.

The council confirms that the Hearing sessions will be **livestreamed** and whilst they understand the high level of public interest, due to room size and availability they are unable to accommodate large numbers of observers to the Hearings so kindly request that you attend the hearings only if necessary. The majority of seats will be allocated to participants and not seating which will leave a more limited number of seats in the public gallery.

Observer seating will be allocated on a first-come, first-serve basis. For Health and Safety purposes the council will not allow observers to remain in the Main Conference room if there are no seats available and will kindly ask observers who do not have a seat to watch the sessions remotely. Observers and larger contingents are strongly encouraged to follow the proceedings remotely. Details of how to watch the sessions will be confirmed shortly. Please note that only individuals listed in the programme as participants may take part in the debate, and speaking from the public gallery is not permitted.

For individuals formally registered to speak and listed in the **hearing programme**, a reserved seat at the table will be available, ensuring the right to participate is upheld. The hearing programme has been updated to include participants. If you have requested to participate in the hearing sessions please check the [hearing programme](#) to ensure you have been listed for all sessions requested and the name of your participant is correct. Only those listed on the programme will be permitted to speak so please let me know immediately if any changes to the programme are required. If you have already notified me of a change since its publication this will be included in the next published version of the programme.

The Inspector has asked that I draw your attention to his [examination guidance notes](#) which explain among other things, the role of the Inspector and the purpose of the examination hearing sessions as these will be used to guide the discussion at the hearings. The Inspector will also give some brief opening remarks on day 1 of the hearings before considering the first Matter as detailed in his Matters Issues and Questions and Hearing Programme.

Hot seating is intended for active participants. A hot seat can only be provided if the person will be actively participating in the debate. Therefore, hot seating will not be available for support staff and contingents, and it is strongly encouraged that they only attend the hearings if necessary.

Hearing statements have recently been published and can be accessed in [here](#).

If you have submitted a statement(s), please review them carefully to ensure they are recorded as intended. If there are any discrepancies, kindly contact me as a matter of urgency. Please note that the hearing programme and hearing statements include a 7-digit reference number. This is for internal purposes and may not directly correspond to the representation you have submitted.

For further information on the hearing sessions please see [here](#).

Documents are continuing to be added to the [examination library](#) including agendas for some hearing sessions.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

Kerry Trueman

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Email dated 02.12.2024 from CPREW

Results of sewerage survey

As you may recall, CPRE Sussex launched a campaign for “sewerage before development” earlier this year <https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/what-we-care-about/water> As part of our campaign, we undertook a survey of the local town and parish councils across Sussex.

The final results of this survey are summarised in the [attached table](#) and confirm the widespread extent of sewerage deficiencies in Sussex. The data gathered is an important part of our evidence base and very helpful for progressing the campaign. Many thanks to all those local councils who participated.

We think the issue of needing to ensure that sewers and wastewater treatment works are upgraded *before* development will become more and more pressing. In Oxfordshire, we've now seen the Environment Agency object to major new housing schemes on the grounds that the treatment facilities were inadequate to handle lots of new waste; we suspect that this will be far from the last case where this happens.

We've heard from some LPAs that they are already actively using pre-commencement conditions to address the need to upgrade sewerage before new homes are occupied, and we hope that others will do the same. We've written to Sussex MPs, asking them to contact the Secretaries of State for MHCLG and DEFRA to make the case for the NPPF to more explicitly require that sewerage and sewage treatment facilities must be adequate before allowing housing developments to commence or be occupied. We've also requested that they contact the Environment Agency, urging them to review the environmental consequences of diffuse sewage flooding. Further, we have suggested that an appropriate parliamentary select committee should explore the conflicts between inadequate sewerage infrastructure and housing policies, including making suitable recommendations to the Independent Commission on the future regulation of the water companies.

We're also producing a guide on how to assess the sewage system for parish and town councils, including actions that they can take, which we will be making available soon.

Yours sincerely, Paul Steedman
Director

Email dated 02.12.2024 from HDC Planning Compliance

Monthly Planning Compliance Team statistics for November 2024

During November 2024, we received 30 new Planning Compliance investigations.

The closure statistics for November are shown below:

Year	Month	Complaints Closed	Reasons Closed						
			No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient	Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	% Closed within 90 days
2024	November	66	15	12	22	16	35	31	53.03

No Enforcement Notices were issued during November. We are still awaiting 13 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 02.12.2024 from HDC

Climate Action News - December 2024



Tackling climate change in the Horsham District

December 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](#).



Content:

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- **Air pollution – introducing more accurate monitoring and reporting**
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- **We are trialling a new way to recycle your vapes, batteries and old phones**
- **Help to keep reptiles and amphibians safe over the winter**
- **Interested in setting up a Community Tree Nursery?**
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Read the Council's 2025-2030 Carbon Reduction Plan

At a Cabinet meeting of Horsham District Council on 20 November, a new Carbon Reduction Plan for 2025-2030 was approved by senior councillors.

The plan includes actions such as making Council buildings more energy efficient by changing their heating systems, as well as reducing emissions through climate change focused building and vehicle management.

This latest Carbon Reduction Plan builds on the work previously achieved under two previous action plans and provides a clear pathway to delivering actions that bring the Council's direct carbon emission to Net Zero by 2030, helping to make Horsham District a cleaner, healthier, more sustainable place for all.



[Read our 2030 pathway](#)

Air pollution – improving air quality monitoring

Air pollution is the biggest environmental health risk in Europe. Now measures to improve air quality in the Horsham District has moved up a gear with the introduction of three new Zephyr® air pollution sensors.

The sensors have been installed in the existing air quality management areas of Cowfold and Storrington and, for the first time, close to industrial processes in north Horsham.

These stations produce real-time data of air pollution levels and show whether pollution is exceeding the Government's annual limit.

Photo: Cabinet Member Cllr Jay Mercer and Environmental Protection Officer for Air Quality Thais Covre Delboni.



[Find out how we monitor our air quality](#)

We can all make small changes that can help improve the air quality in Horsham District. Find ideas and tips to inspire you in the link below.

[Help improve Horsham District's air quality](#)

Get ready for a climate friendly Christmas!



As Christmas approaches there are plenty of ways for you to celebrate sustainably this year, from thoughtful gift-giving and eco-friendly wrapping, to buying party outfits second hand, or hosting a low-waste party. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Start with a list**

Before you hit the shops, talk to your loved ones about what they would actually like or need, so nothing goes to waste and everyone is happy! And think about buying locally too - it cuts down on long distance transport emissions and supports the local economy.

- **Shop second-hand**

Why not explore charity shops for pre-loved party outfits and gifts? Not only is this better for the planet and cheaper in the pocket, but your money could also support a good cause.

- **Eco wrapping**

Get creative with your gift wrapping! Use cloth or last year's wrapping that can be reused, and repurpose old cards to make festive gift tags.

- **Host a party without the waste**

When planning your Christmas party, ditch the disposables and use reusable items instead of single-use alternatives. It's an easy way to cut down on unnecessary waste.

- **Reduce food waste**

Be mindful about food planning during the holidays. Plan your menus in advance to avoid overbuying festive food items that might go to waste and [get creative with your Christmas leftovers](#).

New trial collection points for unwanted vapes and batteries

New trial collection points have been set up in Chanctonbury Leisure Centre (Storrington) and The Pavilions In The Park in Horsham for residents to recycle their batteries and disposable vapes. Unwanted mobile phones* can also now be dropped off for recycling at the Council reception at Parkside.

Why this trial?

In recent months there have been several damaging waste vehicle fires caused by the disposal of batteries and vapes in household waste. These can cause fires when the vehicle crushes the batteries.

Whilst we already offer special kerbside collections for unwanted [batteries](#) and [small electrical items](#), we hope this added opportunity to drop off unwanted items in local spaces will make recycling these items even more convenient for residents.

We will be trialling this until May to see if the demand is there before considering rolling this out across the District.

** Whilst the contractor will wipe data before recycling the mobile phones, it is your responsibility to clear any personal data from your unwanted phone.*



Create your own shelter throughout the winter for amphibians and reptiles

Q: If you were a frog, where would you want to be to stay warm and cosy this winter?

A. In a hibernaculum of course!

This time last year [Council Chairman joined Aldingbourne Trust to create a hibernaculum](#). A hibernaculum is a structure providing shelter throughout the winter for amphibians and reptiles, such as frogs, toads, newts, lizards and snakes.



You may also want to build a hibernaculum which will provide a haven for the precious native wildlife just in time for winter.

[How to build a hibernaculum \(written instructions\)](#)

[How to build a hibernaculum \(video\)](#)

Interested in setting up a Community Tree Nursery?

Did you know that planting trees can develop more than just saplings? By getting together to do your bit to help our lived environment, you can also help support your community and develop new skills. You don't have to be a professional to join or start a community tree nursery and be part of something amazing.

The English [Tree Council](#) has produced a helpful and comprehensive tree-growing guide that has everything you need to start collecting seeds and nurturing them into trees, as well as some interesting cases studies of successful Community Tree Nurseries.

Remember, the best time to plant trees is between November and February. This is when the trees are dormant.

[Download the guide here](#)



News in brief

Sussex Green Living (SGL) Hub Saturday 28 December

United Reformed Church, 45 Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2RG.

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Email dated 02.12.2024 from Mole Valley District Council Mole Valley District Council Planning Policy Consultation Mailing List

The Council is contacting you as you have previously responded to a consultation on the Future Mole Valley Local Plan and/or have expressed a wish to receive news about the plan.

On 15 October 2024, the Local Plan (2020-2039) was adopted, and no further consultation will take place on the document. To ensure accordance with Article 6(1)(e) of the UK GDPR and Data Protection regulations Mole Valley District Council (MVDC) is reviewing its Local Plan contact data which was provided to us during consultation stages and gathered as part of the plan-preparation. This letter is asking you if you wish to remain on the planning policy mailing list for when a new plan or policy document is prepared, or if you wish to be removed.

I wish to remain on the Planning Policy Consultation Mailing List

If you wish to remain on the mailing list, **please reply to this letter before 23:59 on Thursday, 19 December 2024**. Please note that for the sake of cost and sustainability, future consultations will be online and the Council requests that you provide an email address. Please reply to: planning.policy@molevalley.gov.uk. Your response must include the following details:

- Your full name
- Email
- Postcode; and
- The capacity you are interested in planning policy choosing from the list below:
 - Private Individual
 - Business
 - Community Groups/Organisation
 - Developer/Housebuilder
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 - Public Services
 - Utility/Infrastructure Provider
 - Statutory Consultee
 - Landowner
 - Planning Agent/Consultant

Your details will then be held until a new Local Plan is adopted plus one year to allow for a further review of the mailing list. Further details on how the Council treat your data can be found in the [Council's Privacy Notice](#). Correspondence on future plans and policies will be via email or other electronic means.

If we do not hear from you before 23:59 on Thursday, 19 December 2024, you will be automatically removed from the mailing list.

I wish to be removed from the Planning Policy Consultation Mailing List

If you wish to be removed from the mailing list, you do not need to do anything. The Council will remove your details after 19 December. You can rejoin at a later date, by getting in touch or commenting on any future consultation where you will be added as part of that process.

Specific Consultation Bodies, General Consultation Bodies, Relevant Authorities and Duty to Cooperate Prescribed Bodies

If you are receiving this email and you are any of the above bodies or authorities (see Paragraphs 2 and 4 of the Local Plan Regulations 2012), you will remain on the mailing list. However, the Council would be grateful if you could respond by the same deadline to ensure we have the correct information. Shared team email addresses are preferred to individual staff member's addresses to futureproof against staffing changes.

The planning policy team thanks you for your cooperation.

Yours Faithfully

Planning Policy

Mole Valley District Council