

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 21st December 2024 – 3rd January 2025 (Agenda January 2025)

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:

- Salt bin installed in layby on the road to Little Street

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 13 th January 2025	
Application No: DC/24/1924 11.12.2024	Response/Comments:

Applicant: Furnace House, Guildford Road, Slinfold	
Reason for Application: Variation of condition 1 of previously approved application reference RW/55/99 (Commercial fishing of the top lake) to allow for water savings associated with a reduction in fishing numbers to be captured for offsetting.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 05.02.2025	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th January 2025	
Application No: CA/25/0001 02.01.2025	Response:
Applicant: Church Hill House Church Street Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Surgery to 1x Group of Leyland Cypress forming hedge (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area)	
Official Response Date: 23.01.2024 / Determination 13.02.2025	
Application No: DC/24/1986 02.01.2025	Response:
Applicant: Bucks Cottage, Tismans Common, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Alterations to Boundary wall (Householder Application)	
Official Response Date:	

23.01.2025 / Determination 17.02.2025	
Application No: DC/24/1987 02.01.2025	Response:
Applicant: Bucks Cottage, Tismans Common, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Alterations to Boundary wall (Listed Building Consent)	
Official Response Date: 23.01.2025 / Determination 17.02.2025	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th January 2025	
Application No: DC/24/1815	Response: Prior Approval not required / RPC – No objection
Applicant: Little Millfields, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Prior notification for the demolition of 3no. equestrian and poultry buildings.	
Official Response Date: Determination 19.12.2024	
Application No: DC/24/1823	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC no objection
Applicant: Okewood House, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/23/1432 (Removal of clock tower and velux roof lights to the existing garage roof and ancillary accommodation proposed replacement of clock tower with two traditional dormer windows) for retention of 2no. rooflights to the rear elevation of the existing garage.	

Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13th January 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th January 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th January 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Address:	
Nature of Complaint:	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

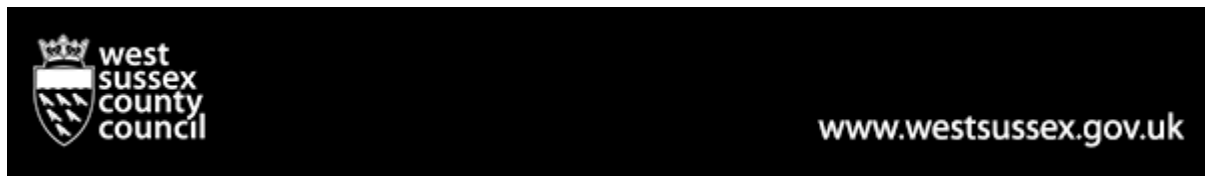
Thank you for your ongoing patience while this was under construction.

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

Correspondence

Email dated 02.01.2024 from WSCC

West Sussex County Council: Cold Health Alert



Incident Information from WSCC

Resilience and Emergencies Team

UKHSA have issued an AMBER Cold Health Alert for the South East of England from 12:00pm today (Wednesday 2nd January 2025) until 12:00pm on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Forecast weather is likely to cause significant impacts across health and social care services, including:

- A rise in deaths, particularly among those aged 65 and over or with health conditions. We may also see impacts on younger age groups
- A likely increase in demand for health services
- Temperatures inside places like hospitals, care homes, and clinics dropping below the levels recommended for assessing health risks
- Challenges keeping indoor temperatures at the recommended 18oc leading to more risk to vulnerable people
- Staffing issues due to external factors (such as travel delays)
- Other sectors starting to observe impacts (such as transport and energy)



This weather could increase the health risks to vulnerable patients and disrupt the delivery of services. Please refer to the national [Adverse Weather Health Plan](#)

View the full warning at the [Cold-Health Alert platform](#) site.

Cold weather can affect your health. The people most likely to be affected are the elderly, the very young, and people with pre-existing medical conditions.

If you know or look after someone that may be susceptible to the effects of this cold weather period please help make sure that they stay warm and well, and if possible check in advance that they are prepared for this cold spell.

- Stay tuned in to weather forecasts
- Check room temperatures and maintain it at 18C or warmer
- Keep warm and active and if you have to go out dress warmly and wear non slip shoes.
- If you are concerned about your own health or welfare or that of others please alert the [emergency services](#).

For more information

- Met Office [Cold-Health Alert platform](#)
- NHS [Keep Warm Keep Well](#) leaflet
- WSCC [Dealing with extreme weather](#)
- WSCC [Preparing for emergencies](#)
- WSCC [Report a road and footway issue](#)
- Follow us on Twitter for regular updates [@WSCCNews](#) [@WSCCResilience](#) [@wspublichealth](#)

Follow the Resilience and Emergencies Team on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).
Or find out more at the [West Sussex County Council website](#).





Tackling climate change in the Horsham District

January 2024

Happy New Year! 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:

- **Our community grant schemes reopen for applications**
- **NEW car sharing scheme opens in West Sussex**
- **Sustainable management for our waste collection vehicles**
- **NEW grant funding supports community waste, reuse, and repair projects**
- **Didn't get a Thermal Imaging Camera for Christmas?**
- **Have your questions answered at a Sustainable Energy event**
- **News in brief: Amberley Eco Hub and Horsham Waste Prevention events**

Our community grant schemes reopen for applications

1. Community Climate Fund

Do you have a community project idea to help tackle climate change or biodiversity loss? Applications are open once again for funding from the Community Climate Fund, with up to £5,000 available per project to make them happen.

Applications close on Sunday 31 January.



[Find out about our Community Climate Fund](#)

2. Nature Recovery Award

The Nature Recovery Award is part of our [Wilder Horsham District](#) project, offering funding to support landowners and community groups to expand and improve biodiversity and networks for wildlife. Applicants can apply for funding for projects of any size up to a maximum of £5,000.

Applications close on Thursday 2 March 2025.



[Find out more](#)

NEW car sharing scheme opens in West Sussex



A new app has been launched by West Sussex County Council to help people arrange car sharing to help reduce car emissions, reduce air pollution, and save on fuel costs.

The West Sussex Carshare scheme will allow you to add your journey, search for other people to share it with, and keep track of your personal financial and carbon savings.

Watch a video introducing car sharing which you can view on YouTube. You can also read their introductory leaflet via the link below:

[Read more](#)

Sustainable management for our waste collection vehicles

You may have heard of the mantra 'Reduce, Reuse, Repair and Recycle' often quoted in our bid to live more sustainably, reduce unnecessary consumption, and limit our waste.



Here at Horsham District Council we have taken this onboard and have been refurbishing our 13 refuse collection vehicles. So, instead of replacing these trucks, we have extended their lifespan, providing a green, cost-effective solution.

Each vehicle part used has also been sourced within the UK, ensuring we support local suppliers and reduce our carbon footprint too.

NEW grant funding supports community waste, reuse, and repair projects



West Sussex County Council, in partnership with Biffa, is launching a **Waste Prevention Community Grant Fund**.

This grant fund is designed to empower local community groups, schools, charities, and social enterprises to take innovative steps in reducing their waste and encourage reuse and repair.

This is an opportunity for communities to make a real difference in waste prevention and sustainability.

Applications open on 13 January 2025 and close on Sunday 2 March.

[Find out more](#)

Didn't get a Thermal Imaging Camera for Christmas?

Community groups and parish councils are now able to hire free thermal imaging cameras to help show where buildings are losing heat, and therefore energy.

Pictures on screen are colour-coded to show temperature differences that identify where to improve insulation, block draughts, save energy, and keep warm.

Judy Tucker, from Shipley Parish Council and the community group Greener Shipley, borrowed a thermal imaging camera from Horsham District Council and was able to work with 11 private homes in her parish to help see where their home may be losing heat. Many showed heat loss from around windows, doors and letter boxes, which is relatively simple to fix. For some, the scan provided reassurance that steps they have taken to insulate their homes are effective.

Find out how your parish or community group may be able to take advantage of our free camera hire.



[Read more](#)

Have your questions answered at a Sustainable Energy event

Thursday 30 January 2025, 7pm
The Cricket Pavilion
Mannings Heath Common

This is your chance to find out how solar panels and heat pumps can improve your home energy efficiency, save you money as well as reduce your carbon emissions.

Organised by Nuthurst Parish Carbon Busters, this event will feature experts in sustainable energy including those in solar panels, heat pumps, and helping clients improve home energy efficiency using natural materials.

If you propose attending, please e-mail Nick Tidey at carbonbusters@nplink.org so they can have an idea of numbers.



News in brief

Amberley Eco Hub and Repair Cafe

**St Michael's Church Hall, Church St,
Amberley, BN18 9ND**

The Amberley Eco Hub takes place on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Please make a note of the following dates and date changes:

Saturday 11 January

Saturday 1 February (a one-off change due to hall renovations).

Saturday 8 March (and back to the 2nd Saturday moving forward).

[More 2025 eco events](#)

Visit the latest Waste Prevention event

**Monday 15 January, 10.30am–12.30pm
Horsham Unitarian Church, Worthing
Road, Horsham RH12 1SL**

Passionate recycling and waste prevention volunteers will be on hand to advise on waste prevention, reuse, and recycling, and are eager to answer questions about the county's recycling services and waste reduction initiatives. If you would like the team to give a talk, visit your school, attend an event, or if you would like more information, please do contact them.

[Contact the team](#)



Share our latest updates

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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Email dated 27.12.2024 from WSCC West Sussex Road Safety Strategy Public Consultation

I am writing to advise you that West Sussex County Council is currently consulting on a new West Sussex Road Safety Strategy. We are seeking responses from road users and community groups across West Sussex. I invite you to participate and to share with your members / networks to do so also.

You can have your say via this link: [West Sussex Road Safety Strategy 2025-2036 | Your Voice West Sussex](#).

If you require any of the information for this project in an alternative format, please contact 01243 642105 or via email at roadsafety@westsussex.gov.uk and we will do our best to assist you.

The consultation is due to close at 1155pm on Sunday 2nd February 2025.

Best wishes for the festive season.

Regards

Chris Stark BA (Hons), CMgr FCMI, FIHE

Road Safety Group Manager, Transport and Network Operations, Highways, Transport and Planning Place Services, West Sussex County Council

Email dated 27.12.2024 from HDC

Universal Credit Migration - information for local residents

The Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) is continuing to issue **Universal Credit Migration Notices** to customers in West Sussex letting them know one or more of their benefits will be ending and inviting them to apply for Universal Credit. This will continue throughout 2025. We would like your help please to let people know where they can go to for advice and support about this if they need to.

I have attached here a poster from Citizen's Advice. We would be very grateful if you would please display this on your notice boards, websites and/or social media channels so that people know where to find support to help with their application if they receive one of these letters.

I have also given you some wording below that you may like to share on your social media feeds or on your website. We don't want people to do anything until they get the migration letter from DWP, but we do want as many people as possible to know about the Help to Claim number. It is important that the public know they can get support from Citizens Advice as these things can be confusing for the best of us, and worrying for some.

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Why this is important

If residents receive a Migration Notice, one or more of their benefits (including Tax Credits, Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance Pension age tax credits, and Housing Benefit) will end by the deadline date on the letter. If they still need financial support after this date, they will need to claim Universal Credit instead. They must make a claim before the deadline date.

This migration work is being led and managed by the DWP, and Citizens Advice are providing additional help to those individuals who may need extra support with their migration. We are working closely with the Revenues and Benefits team and Citizens Advice to support this by signposting residents to where they can get advice and support if needed.

If you receive enquiries about this from concerned residents please note that we have posted guidance on our website to help signpost support for those who may receive such a notice.

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/council-tax-and-benefits/universal-credit>

Thank you very much.

Best regards, Sarah.

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Help with Universal Credit applications

Help to Claim is a dedicated service from Citizens Advice, available online and by phone. It's free, independent and confidential.

Call us for free:

0800 144 8 444 (England) or **0800 024 1 220** (Wales)
8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday.

Chat to one of our **Help to Claim** advisers online at
citizensadvice.org.uk/helptoclaim



Email dated 23.12.2024 from WSCC
Highways, Transport and Planning - News and Updates

Highways, Transport and Planning



Happy Holidays

FROM
WEST SUSSEX HIGHWAYS



WSCC Leader, Cllr Paul Marshall reaffirms our commitment to winter resilience on the county's highways



As we enter the winter months and the weather starts to turn, I want to take this opportunity to reassure the residents of West Sussex that I, and my colleagues at the county council, remain committed to improving our county's roads and keeping West Sussex moving. The extreme weather of the last two winters has had a substantial impact on our road network which suffered large levels of flooding resulting in damage to the road surface.

Over the past six months, our highways teams have been working hard to repair this damage, and I believe that their efforts are paying off. Almost 40,000 safety defects were repaired in the first half of this financial year, and we will continue to respond to reports as the weather allows.

To ensure that this hard work isn't undone and that we are prepared for the impact of extreme weather this year, we have invested a further £1.5million for much-needed resources to continue maintenance work and provide resilience in responding to emergencies.

[Read more from Cllr Paul Marshall](#)

Road Safety Strategy Consultation



West Sussex County Council is asking for your feedback to help shape the [West Sussex Road Safety Strategy](#), which outlines how we intend to improve road safety across the county and reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured in traffic collisions.

A key objective in [our Council Plan](#) is to keep people safe from vulnerable situations and the strategy sets out our vision to create a safer road environment for everyone while encouraging active and sustainable travel in the county.

We want to hear from as many people as possible who walk, wheel, cycle, use public transport, or drive in West Sussex. Your feedback will help make the highways network in the county safer for all road users, especially the most vulnerable.

[Complete the survey](#)

Scheme Updates

Pedestrian Improvements in Horsham

Following a community highway scheme application to improve pedestrian facilities crossing. In order to improve access to Comptons Brow Lane and The Glade, a new footway and pedestrian refuge island were successfully built on Harwood Road. The works has benefited in improving pedestrian safety by providing safe crossing points and a new footway.



From left to right: Harwood Road crossing before and after

Successful completion of Road Safety Scheme in Aldsworth and Chichester

To address the high frequency of traffic accidents along Sheepwash Lane/Emsworth Common Road in Aldsworth, a road safety scheme was implemented. Along with a new 30 mph speed limit, a local safety plan included new warning signs, verge marker posts, resurfacing and an extension to the double white line system. Now that the project is finally finished, road users will benefit from increased safety.

Another Road Safety Scheme was delivered to improve lane guidance and safety for traffic on the approach to A285 Portfield Way from the Sainsbury's roundabout.

The works included:

- Installation of new and replacement road signs.
- Vegetation clearance.
- Adjustment of the carriageway line markings.



Community Highway scheme at Southwater

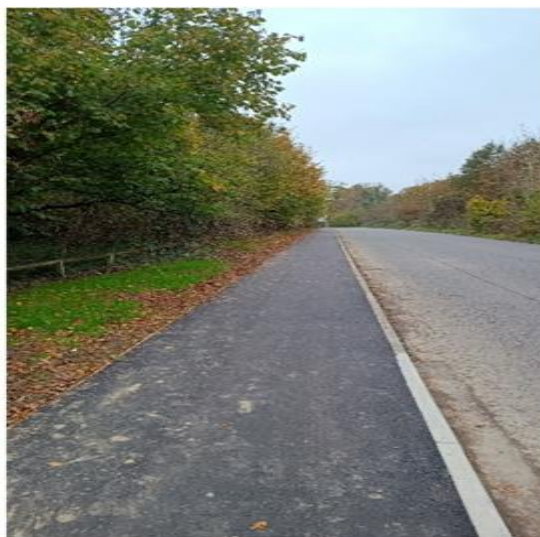
Southwater's Community Highway Scheme was successfully completed. Road markings, an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing, and a new footpath have been installed. The purpose of the construction was to enhance pedestrian access to Martindales and the pedestrian amenities on the northern portion of Blakes Farm Road.



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

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

Halogen Bulb Replacement Programme progress:

A three-year programme to upgrade the halogen bulbs to LED is nearly halfway through. Along with the upgrade, the traffic signals team has utilised this opportunity to address any additional upgrades required to bring the crossing locations to the latest WSCC standards. The team successfully upgraded six crossings in November. The crossing equipments had reached end of life and required replacing at the following roads:

- Franklynn Road near Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath
- Tylers Green near Broad Street roundabout Road, Cuckfield
- Washington Road near Heather Way, Sullington
- Newland Road near Broadwater Road, Worthing
- North Street near Foundary Lane, Horsham
- Mulberry Lane near Mersham Gardens, Worthing

Using the latest technology, a near-sided puffin crossing has been installed, making it greener, more effective, and more efficient. In addition to tactile cones and audible beepers to assist visually impaired pedestrians, above-ground detectors were installed to increase pedestrian safety. The detectors detect the presence of pedestrians, which affects the timings of the signals. Additionally, LED features have been added to lower energy and maintenance costs, increase driver visibility, and support the Council's Net Zero commitment by lowering carbon emissions.

Traffic Signals upgrade at Southgate Avenue in Crawley successfully complete.

Obsolete traffic lights have been replaced with new, more reliable, and energy-efficient equipment at three junctions in Crawley:

- Southgate Drive and Hawth Avenue
- Southgate Avenue's junction with Tilgate Way
- The bus gate at the southern end of Southgate Avenue, junction with Brighton Road.

The works were completed in phases and the team successfully refurbished the sites nearly 4 weeks early. The improvement works included:

- Using LED technology to improve the traffic lights' reliability, reduce maintenance and save energy and running costs;
- Updating the control software to give buses priority and react to vehicle movements in real time, helping traffic flow;
- Renewing all "tactile paving" on the approaches to crossings (these textured surfaces help visually impaired people identify the approaches);
- Converting crossings to the latest Puffin type: these have the "red or green man" signals on the same side of the road as the pedestrian (as opposed to the old-style, with signals across the road);

- Upgrading the Southgate Avenue/Tilgate Way crossing to a 'Toucan': a crossing for both pedestrians and cyclists, so "two can" cross.

Please Note: the traffic control system could take up to three months to fine-tune once the works are finished before it is running as effectively as possible.

Reconstruction of river wall completed in Chichester

Through accelerated teamwork, the river wall repair, and signals upgrade at A285 Westhampnett Road were successfully completed. The environmentally friendly "FlexMSE" soil bagwork was used to replace the wall, which was in poor condition. This will help prevent the nearby River Lavant from eroding the road. Compared to the conventional concrete bagwork system, this one offers many benefits such as:

- The FlexMSE bagwork is filled with a combination of sand/compost above water level and gravel below water level using recycled materials, with no concrete or steel reinforcement. This helps reduce our carbon use.
- This soil filled bagwork is approved for use by the Environment Agency in water courses and SSSI's (Sites of Specific Scientific Interest). This helps reduce our impact on the surrounding environment.
- After installation the wall is hydroseeded, which involves spraying wildflower seeds and mulch onto the wall face, which covers a large area quickly and inexpensively. The hydroseeding help encourage long term biodiversity through wildflowers being established on the riverbanks.

A285 Westhampnett Road river wall repair



Image 1. Environmentally friendly "FlexMSE" soil bagwork



Image 2. Hydroseeds in green colour to make application visible. The seeds are coated with water gel before spraying onto the bagworks.

Completed Resurfacing at Haslett Avenue East and Gatwick Road roundabout, Crawley

The successful resurfacing of Haslett Avenue East with the Junction of College Road and Haslett Avenue East with the junction of Southgate Avenue has now been completed. This is in addition to the completed resurfacing works at Gatwick Road roundabout in Crawley.



Bikeability December Summary

This academic year our Bikeability Team have been out instructing in schools from 9th September and we are booked in to offer training right up until 19th December 2024!

In the first half of this academic year we have trained in excess of 2500 year 6 children at Level 1&2 Bikeability, across 72 schools. We have also carried out 4 balance bike courses to date, training over 80 reception children.

We will be back in schools again from 6th January to 18th July 2025 and are due to deliver Level 1&2 Bikeability training to a further 4600 Year 6 children in 124 schools. We will also be in 23 schools teaching the balance bike courses to 1013 Reception children.

Within the above numbers are 11 specialist SEND/SEMH/APC schools where we work closely with the staff to design a bespoke service that meets specific requirements of their students.

However, as well as offering this bespoke approach to the specialist schools, we also recognise the wide ranging support needs of children within all schools. So our training model (working with individuals and in pairs) is designed to lend itself perfectly to tailoring the sessions to the individual ability, pace and needs of each rider.

We often overstaff a little where we can to enable flexibility and capacity to offer children learn to ride / bike control improvement opportunities wherever possible.

In the last few months we have also had 12 new instructors trained and they have been shadowing experienced instructors over the last few months. Our experienced instructing team have been excellent at mentoring and supporting our new instructors, 5 of which have now successfully passed their post course observation assessment, meaning they are now fully qualified. 4 new instructors are booked in for a January assessment. And the remaining

3 will continue working with the fully qualified instructors to build up their shadowing hours and experience.

Drainage

The Drainline contractor over the summer period (from 01/07/2024 – 22/11/24) in the build up to the winter have completed a total of 477 ad hoc jetting jobs across the county which is a resource outside of the standard cyclical programme and they have also completed 72 CCTV survey jobs.

Currently this financial year we are on track for the contractor Balfour Beatty to complete 67 small drainage improvement schemes.

Have your say on Transport Improvements

West Sussex County Council is asking for public feedback to help develop transport improvements at the Hazelwick and Tushmore junctions on the A2011 Crawley Avenue.

The engagement period will close at 23:55 on 7th January 2025.

[Read more about the A2011 Crawley Avenue transport improvements](#)

West Sussex County Council is also inviting residents and road users in Horsham to share their feedback on transport issues on Rusper Road, A281 Guildford Road, and the B2237 North Parade/Wimblehurst Road junction. The improvements could help ease the flow of traffic, make conditions safer for everyone, and encourage walking, cycling and use of public transport. The engagement period will close at 23:55 on 14th January 2025.

[Read more about Horsham transport improvements](#)

Follow us on X!

Updates on emergency reports are posted every day and project updates are posted frequently on the West Sussex Highways X account (formerly Twitter). Just search [@WSHighways](#) if you aren't already following.

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Email dated 23.12.2024 from HDC

Latest news: Winning Christmas Magic Displays announced | What's next for Horsham District's Local Plan? | New free courses to improve health and wellbeing in 2025



Latest news and information

Winning Christmas Magic Displays announced

The votes are in and the winners announced for this year's Christmas Magic Displays Competition. The competition was part of our 'Buy Local Gift Happy' campaign to support local businesses and high streets this festive season.

Over 80 businesses and charities from across Horsham District's high streets got into the festive spirit and over 1,600 of you cast your votes to choose your favourite!



[View winners](#)

What's next for Horsham District's Local Plan?

The Government-appointed Planning Inspector has announced a pause in the Horsham District Council Local Plan examination. Read the full statement on our website.

[Read more](#)



Safe travel event draws a crowd in Horsham

Our Horsham Town Neighbourhood Wardens Maria and Oscar were out in Horsham town centre on Saturday 14 December, alongside West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service and Sussex Safer Roads Partnership.

The event highlighted the importance of road safety, especially over the festive period.

[Read more](#)



Christmas and New Year bin collections

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

Our crews will be working on Saturday 28 December, Saturday 4 January and 11 January to catch up.

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

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

Want a notification straight to your phone the night before bin day? Click below to download our app.

[Download app](#)



Council Tax Support to increase for vulnerable residents

Following a public consultation, Horsham District Council is changing the support it gives to vulnerable residents to help them pay their Council Tax.

At a meeting of full Council on 11 December, councillors voted unanimously to pay 100% of the Council Tax due for the most low-income taxpayers of Horsham District, an increase from the current 90% discount.

Other changes to elements of the means tested criteria within the Council Tax Reduction Scheme have also been agreed which will benefit eligible residents.

[Read more](#)



Get active in 2025: new free wellbeing courses

Horsham District Wellbeing is pleased to announce new Get Active courses in 2025 which will be available across the Horsham District, greatly expanding the availability of the Wellbeing team into surrounding villages.

Strength and Tone and Aquafit are new additions to the programme for the new year.



[Read more](#)

New Business Training Programme launches for Small Business Saturday

Entrepreneurs and business leaders from across Horsham District can access an exciting new series of business training workshops, 121 sessions and resources, as part of the Council's Business Training Programme.

[Read more](#)



And finally...wishing you a very Merry Christmas!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Horsham District Council. Thank you for subscribing to our Latest News email update this year.



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