

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 24 - 30 May 2025 (Agenda June 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)
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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).

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9th June 2025

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

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

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

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9th June 2025	
Application No: <u>DC/24/1490</u>	Response/Comments: Refused / RPC - objected to this retrospective application as there is currently insufficient detailed information provided to support justification for granting approval, and therefore the application is in breach of HDPF Policy 28.
Applicant: Hyeswood, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Extension of the existing residential curtilage to include pod and stable building to be used as ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling. (Retrospective).	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: <u>DC/25/0389</u>	Response/Comments:

Applicant: Little Jungle, 29 Gaskyns Close, Rudgwick	Permitted / RPC - no objection
Reason for Application: Surgery to 2x Field Maple.	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/25/0482	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – no objection
Applicant: The Plough Cottage, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Installation rooflight and timber casement window to the rear elevation, replacement casement window and replacement timber front door to the front elevation, secondary glazing installed to the windows on the front elevation, replacement timber vehicular gate, and internal wall repair in lime plaster and floor repairs in limecrete (Householder Application).	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/25/0483	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – no objection
Applicant: The Plough Cottage, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Installation rooflight and timber casement window to the rear elevation, replacement casement window and replacement timber front door to the front elevation, secondary glazing installed to the windows on the front elevation, replacement timber vehicular gate, and internal wall repair in lime plaster and floor repairs in limecrete (Listed Building Consent).	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th June 2025	
Application No: DC/24/0848 23.05.2025	Response/Comments: The application is recommended for refusal.
Applicant: Land to the west of Whites Copse, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Change of use of land from agricultural to mixed agricultural, day nursery and forest school (Use Class E(f)). Retention of existing field shelters. Construction of education/nursery building, polytunnels and woodwork shelter. Alterations to existing access and extensive hard and soft landscaping.	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th June 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 9 th June 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments: Pending consideration
Address:	
Nature of Complaint:	

Official Response Date:	
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Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

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

Correspondence

Email dated 30.05.2025 from Southern Water

Southern Water publishes Final Draft WRMP24

I'm writing to let you know that we've today published our Final Draft Water Resources Management Plan 2024, commonly referred to as Final Draft WRMP24. It's our long-term plan to ensure we provide secure and reliable water supplies for the future. We've finalised the plan and are publishing it at the same time as submitting it to the government to be formally approved by the Secretary of State.

The publication of this important document comes at a time when our region, along with the rest of the country, is feeling the pressures of the driest Spring since 1852.

It's more important than ever that we all use water wisely. The Environment Agency has identified that by 2050, almost 5 billion extra litres of water a day will be required to maintain public water supplies in England. More than half that need is in the South East – to improve the environment by taking less for public supplies and catering for rapid population growth, while planning for climate change and expected future droughts.

Our Final Draft WRMP24 outlines a number of projects we're developing to maintain water supplies across our region. The initiatives we're working on include reducing leakage (we reduced weekly leakage by more than 15% between April 2024 and April 2025 across our region – saving 17 million litres every day), improving water efficiency and developing new sources of water using water. We anticipate the draft will be formally published in Autumn 2025.

We are grateful to everyone who has helped us shape our plan as it's been developed. We will be writing to all who gave feedback as part of the consultation directly – notifying them of the plan's publication and where they can find the response to the query they raised.

We hope you enjoy reading our plan to keep taps and rivers flowing for generations to come. If you'd like to help us share ways everyone can use water wisely via your networks - more information can be found at [Save a little water](#).

To read our plan, [visit our dedicated webpage](#).

Yours sincerely, Steve, **Stakeholder Team**

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Email dated 30.05.2025 from WSCC

West Sussex Equine Charity Partners with Youth Justice Service to Support Children



news release

West Sussex Equine Charity Partners with Youth Justice Service to Support Children

A leading equine charity has partnered with the [West Sussex Youth Justice Service](#) (YJS) to offer children who are currently working with YJS a unique opportunity for rehabilitation through hands-on work with horses.

[Moorcroft Equine Rehabilitation Centre](#) in Slinfold will host weekly sessions for young people – mostly aged 13 to 18 – providing a calm, structured environment where they can learn new skills, build confidence, and contribute positively to the community.

The charity, known for its work in rehabilitating and reschooling horses of all breeds, will welcome participants to its centre which is currently home to over 25 horses. They will participate in a variety of activities to help maintain the centre. In addition, those who feel comfortable with horses can enjoy supervised time with a Moorcroft horse and learn all about equine health and wellbeing.

Mary Frances, Chief Executive of the charity, says: “We’re proud to be able to support these young people who, for one reason or another, have found themselves in a difficult situation. If spending time with our horses helps them find a new direction, that will be a wonderful achievement.”

The initiative is part of the YJS’s community reparation programme, which aims to help young children make amends while developing life skills and self-worth.

Those attending will learn about the daily care and attention horses require. They'll also gain insight into common equine health issues and experience first-hand the charity's dedicated team as they support horses on their journey back to full health.

Sally Pescott, Restorative Justice and Communities Team Manager says: "Many of the young people we work with face complex challenges, such as trauma and disrupted education. They can also have a myriad of speech, language and communication needs. Being around animals can break down barriers and help them open up in ways traditional settings cannot.

Rian James, Youth Justice Support Officer who has already accompanied a number of children to access this facility says "Moorcroft's team has been incredibly welcoming. Their willingness to share their space and expertise is hugely appreciated. We need more organisations like this to help young people reconnect with their potential."

Participants typically attend two to three sessions, volunteering for two hours each time. The programme not only supports rehabilitation but also introduces young people to the responsibilities and rewards of animal care, while also giving back to the community.

Moorcroft Equine Rehabilitation Centre can provide schooling and rehabilitation, for any length of time, for all breeds of horses, whether as a result of lameness, time-off, or following surgery. The charity also runs educational courses for both horse owners and professionals in the equine industry, including long reining courses and equine massage. It is dedicated to helping horses thrive.

To find out more about Moorcroft, please visit: www.moorcroftracehorse.org.uk or call 07929 666408.
For more press information or to arrange a media interview, please contact Tracey Thompson:
tracey.thompson@trinitypr.co.uk / **07547 100504.**

About Moorcroft Equine Rehabilitation Centre:

Moorcroft is a registered charity and our mission is to re-school and rehabilitate all breeds of horses, including former racehorses. We are passionate about achieving a sound, comfortable and pain-free horse to ride and enjoy. Everything we do is about enhancing the confidence and understanding of both rider and horse in order to achieve that goal. For more information, please visit:

www.moorcroftracehorse.org.uk

Email dated 29.05.2025 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Engaging with parliament

- Our policy manager, Chris Borg, met with Alex Mayer MP on 21 May 2025 to discuss the [Bus Services \(No. 2\) Bill](#), focusing on funding, rural transport planning and community transport. Alex is a member of the [Transport Select Committee](#) and has encouraged us to submit written evidence to its [Buses Connecting Communities Inquiry](#), which we'll be doing in due course. We also highlighted the work of several councils on community transport, including Houghton Regis Town Council, which contributes to the [South Beds Dial-a-Ride](#) service.
- Chris was joined by our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, as they met with the shadow minister for transport, Jerome Mayhew MP, on 22 May 2025. They briefed him ahead of the Second Reading of the Bus Services (No. 2) Bill in the House of Commons. The Conservative shadow team in the House of Lords has already tabled an amendment to the bill focused on demand-responsive transport. Jerome has agreed to highlight the role of parish and town councils and press for them to be consulted by Enhanced Partnerships when decisions are made about essential community transport services. It will ensure parish and town councils have a voice in planning and maintaining rural transport options, especially when traditional operators withdraw or change services. The meeting followed a previous discussion with shadow minister Lord Moylan, which laid the groundwork.

Events and meetings

- During this week's meeting between NALC and county officers on 28 May 2025, there was an update on our [Star Council Awards](#) (launching soon!) and information on encouraging eligible parish and town councils to sign up for the [national network for super councils](#). We also asked for views on the reform of parish polls and provided information on their recent parliamentary engagement. The meeting concluded with an open forum, during which we discussed recent activity on by-election costs, artificial intelligence, and collaboration with the Local Government Association on parish and town council staff recruitment.
- Justin Griggs also attended the Norfolk Association of Local Councils Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2025. The meeting introduced the new board, reviewed the year's activities, and noted the accounts. Justin gave a presentation on our work with county associations to support and promote parish and town councils, devolution, and local government reorganisation.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), our policy officer Jessica Lancod-Frost shares key insights from a recent study tour to Braunstone Town Council, winners of our 2023 Star Council Awards Council of

the Year. The tour provided a firsthand look at Braunstone's trailblazing sustainability projects and community initiatives, ranging from carbon-neutral buildings and green spaces to electric vehicle charging and active travel schemes. The event underscored the power of partnership, innovation, and leadership in delivering real impact. The blog offers lessons that your parish or town council can apply, as well as a glimpse into how peer learning through future study tours can drive change.

- We sat down with [Room 151](#) to explore how ongoing local government reorganisation and devolution in England may empower parish and town councils to become more influential grassroots powerhouses. The article dives into how parish and town councils are stepping up to deliver more services, manage bigger budgets, and lead local regeneration. We advocate for expanded roles, direct access to funding (beyond limited council tax precepts), and greater recognition at the national level. While highlighting case studies that illustrate both opportunities and challenges, stressing the need for flexible planning, local collaboration, and a more sustainable financial model to support the growing role of community-level governance. The article is freely available until 4 June 2025 for our members, thereafter, you will need a Room 151 subscription to read it.

Email dated 29.05.2025 from Rural Services Network

RSN Weekly News - Free Edition (29 May 2025)

This week the Rural Services Network brings you updates from across sectors. From meaningful rural proofing to the persistent challenge of fuel poverty, we look at the policies and innovations shaping life in our rural communities.

Here's a summary of the key developments:

- **Real Rural Proofing Means Meaningful Change:** The Government's latest update on rural proofing signals progress, but the RSN warns that true change will only come when rural considerations are fully integrated into policymaking.
- **Coastal and Rural Young People Missing Out on University:** A new RISE report reveals that young people from coastal and rural areas are significantly less likely to attend university, with participation gaps widening over the past decade.
- **New Figures Expose Rural Fuel Poverty Gap:** DEFRA's latest statistics highlight the persistence of fuel poverty in rural areas, driven by older housing stock, limited fuel choices, and higher energy costs.
- **RABI Announces FarmersAid:** The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution has unveiled a new initiative to provide farmers with critical, real-time trauma guidance in the event of on-farm accidents
- **Developments in Energy Infrastructure:** The Government has launched a consultation on mandatory community benefit schemes and shared ownership options for low-carbon energy infrastructure.

- **Mobile Technology in Agriculture:** A new Mobile UK report showcases how technologies are transforming agriculture—from precision monitoring to enhanced animal welfare. However, the report also highlights the need for further investment and policy support to ensure rural communities can fully benefit from digital innovation.

You can read these articles [here](#).

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If you would like to receive our full range of services, please get in touch. Membership includes access to our extensive publications packed with invaluable resources including our funding digest, as well as our exclusive [meetings and events](#).

Find out more about becoming a member [here](#).

Rural Services Network

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Email dated 28.05.2025 from BRTA

BRTA AGM and Public Meeting Guildford 1

I [attach](#) details of our AGM and Public Meeting. All are welcome.

BRTA wants to see a new-build modern railway between Guildford-Cranleigh-Horsham to enable more modal choice between road and rail access between these towns and the outlying areas they may serve. It would be a local rail link for local people. In addition the link, if built, would also have a regional rail-based travel appeal of Reading-Guildford-Horsham/South Coast and vice versa as well as access to a new proposed rail link arcing Guildford-Heathrow-Old Oak Common potentially, giving key access to major outlets and then to Gatwick from the south via Three Bridges.

These rail journey opportunities could be of great benefit and enable the impact of development to be better managed and things like parking land use demand, congestion and pollution by more traffic, to be abated by a rail alternative.

BRTA needs local people's interest, support and help. Our membership is open to all via: <https://brtarail.com/become-a-member/> As well as membership, there are voluntary opportunities to help deliver the questionnaires with Simon Barber, raise funds for the campaign and work together as a loose team to advance the cause, case and delivery date as much as possible. Cycleways can be slewed alongside with a perimeter fence. Other development over a 10 year planning period can be relocated. The route should never have been compromised. We need to act now, to ensure a viable railway option is retained and challenges to rail-implementation are minimised as much as possible. We welcome your help and collaboration please.

Yours sincerely, Richard Pill, BRTA CEO

<https://brtarailvolunteer.blogspot.com/>

Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Over all day-to-day Coordination with Executive Committee (EC), Media and Publications Coordinator, Delegating, BRTA Bedford Green Fair Support, Bedford Area

Rep.; On-line engagement/Social Media links, Professor Andrew Williams Assistance, Team Growth and Role Allocations.

Richard Pill (BA Hons), FAETC:

Email dated 28.05.2025 from WSCC Highways
Highways, Transport and Planning - News and Updates



In this newsletter you'll read our Highway Operations 2024/2025 update, Riparian Toolkit, scheme updates and so much more!

Highway Operations 2024/2025

A busy but effective year of maintaining the county's road network

Figures for the 2024-2025 financial year have highlighted the significant progress made by WSCC's highways team in improving the condition of the county's 2,500 miles of road.

Between April 2024 and March 2025, the council's highways team delivered a wide programme of essential reactive maintenance and proactive improvements including:

- 44,767 potholes repaired, using durable methods such as 'sawn and sealed' patching and 'spray injection patching'
- A decrease in the average time between receiving a report and repairing a pothole to just 14 days
- 36,031 sqm of small and medium scale structural carriageway and footway patching.
- 4,789sqm of repairs during a 3-month trial of mastic asphalt. This repair technique is highly durable, has recycled properties, no wastage and no excavation required. We

are monitoring sites to establish if this should be a regular programme for future years.

Given the challenges face during the winter of 2023/24, the County Council retained a Jet Patcher and employed 3 find and fix gangs for winter 2024/25 to offer further resilience to deal with carriageway deterioration. The gangs were deployed on a proactive approach to identify areas of deterioration and repair them before they became a safety issue.

The overall number of defects identified and waiting to be repaired on the network are at some of the lowest levels in recorded years.

The team's hard work has been reflected in the number of reports of defects, such as potholes or blocked drains being submitted by the public. In a clear sign of the improvement in the condition of the county's road network, there has been a drop in reports from 69,669 last year to 53,574.

The highways team also delivered a variety of traffic related maintenance, including:

- 2,635 signs cleaned and cleared of overhanging vegetation
- 123,000 drainage gullies cleansed
- 63 small scale drainage schemes completed
- 27million sqm of grass verges cut

Better Roads campaign

Increasing winter resilience by managing the county's drainage assets

A relatively dry winter when compared to the previous two years allowed the County Council's contractor to utilise additional resource to maintain the county's drainage assets in a serviceable condition through the winter months and deliver some of our lower priority works.

We operated 5 reactive jetting vehicles through the winter which were deployed to flooding locations reported by members of the public. In most cases the contractor was able to resolve the problem and ensure the asset was free flowing. Whilst we inevitably had some unavoidable road closures this year due to flooding, the number was vastly reduced compared to the previous 3 years.

Works continued on clearing our ditch network in rural areas and again this work had a positive impact on enabling surface water to drain from the highway.

Riparian Toolkit is now available

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new Riparian Toolkit designed to support you with watercourse/riparian matters in your area. If you have not yet received your copy, please do contact us at Parish-Town.Enquiries@westsussex.gov.uk and we will email it to you.

The toolkit provides readily accessible information and resources on topics such as:

- Riparian ownership and responsibilities
- Guidance on managing vegetation
- Contact details for relevant agencies

We believe this resource will help you when assisting residents with watercourse enquiries.



Dates for your diary

4 June 2025

We invite you to an informative virtual briefing to learn more about the West Sussex County Council's Community Highway Schemes and Community Traffic Regulation Orders. Representatives from the team will provide insight to:

- What is a Community Highway Scheme (CHS) and a Community Traffic Regulation Order (TRO)?
- How do we assess and prioritise CHS and Community TRO applications?
- How long does it take to deliver a CHS and a Community TRO?
- How can parish and town councils can support their communities when they are making an application?

Please do submit your questions to Parish-Town.Enquiries@westsussex.gov.uk with the subject line: 4 June Briefing.

Invites will be sent in the next week.

23 June 2025

We invite you to an informative virtual briefing to learn more about the vital work of the West Sussex County Council Highways Network Management team. This is an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the Highway Network Management Plan - [Highway Network Management Plan](#)

Representatives from Highway Network Management team will provide insights about:

- Who we are (an introduction)
- Legislative Requirements
 - Emergency Works
 - Timescales
- Overview of the Highways Network Management Plan
 - Demand of the Network
 - Forward plans
 - Compliance Inspections
 - Lane Rental

Please do submit your questions to Parish-Town.Enquiries@westsussex.gov.uk with the subject line: 23 June briefing.

Invites will be sent in the next week.

Licence to plant

If you are looking to plant a tree near the highway you may be interested in the Tree Licence to Plant Scheme. This scheme, which is free of charge to apply requires you to pick the sites, fund and source the trees, plant and maintain them. The county council will check the site and species for suitability and issues the licence. For more information and application form [here](#).



Donate a tree

Alternatively, you could contribute to the cost of a new tree to be planted outside/near your property through the Donate a Tree scheme. Orders need to be received before July to secure planting in November to End February. If your chosen species is suitable for the area, the cost covers the acquisition of the tree from a reputable company, planting and undertaking a three-year cyclical maintenance plan. Just fill out the form on the web, and we will do the rest.

Please note: With all new trees planted, we ask that you water them, especially during periods of dry weather.

[Visit our Tree Planting webpage](#)

The new Lyminster Bypass is now open



Motorists in West Sussex can now enjoy faster and more convenient journeys to and from Littlehampton and Bognor Regis on the Lyminster bypass which officially opened on Friday 9 May.

The County Council worked with Jackson Civil Engineering to design and build the northern section which includes a 225-metre viaduct that is an engineering masterpiece, designed to endure and adapt to future climate challenges. With 96 foundation piles anchored deep into the chalk base, it guarantees stability and longevity.

Built on a floodplain, the viaduct features advanced flood management solutions, including a natural-looking swale and ponds to handle rainwater runoff.

[Read more about the bypass](#)

Public Realm Improvements bring new look to Bognor Regis Esplanade



West Sussex County Council is pleased to announce the successful completion of the Bognor Regis Esplanade improvements. This significant milestone marks a major step forward in the ongoing regeneration of Bognor Regis seafront, which will see over £40 million of investment from public and private organisations.

The project has delivered several enhancements aimed at improving the accessibility, safety and aesthetic appeal of the Esplanade.

[Find out more about the Esplanade](#)

WSP Volunteering Activities

WSP are consultants in highway and engineering design and are contracted to work with the county council. They volunteer and deliver social value across the county, carrying out activities such as preserving wildlife habitats, volunteering with charities or working with schools to deliver career fairs/talks to name a few. A few recent highlights of their work include:

Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group

The charity focuses on preserving wildlife habitats on the Manhood Peninsula. In October 2024, four WSP colleagues volunteered at Triangle Pond in Birdham, helping to clear vegetation and add bark and chippings to the path. Their work aimed to improve the habitat for water voles and other aquatic creatures.

Pagham Harbour Conservation Area

In February 2025, a team of WSP volunteers under the supervision of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) helped clear over a quarter of the vegetation in the Pagham Harbour Conservation Area. The volunteers visited Tern Island, which is part of the internationally important wetland site for wildlife such as Blackheaded Gull, Little Tern, Common Tern, and Sandwich Tern.

Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital

On 4 July 2025, volunteers will attend Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, which cares for injured and orphaned British wildlife before releasing them back into the wild. They will be helping with tasks such as cleaning enclosures, site maintenance, and outdoor upkeep as the hospital gears up for their busiest season.

Scheme Updates

Planned works to deliver Community Highway Scheme at A273 Clayton Hill, Clayton / Pyecombe

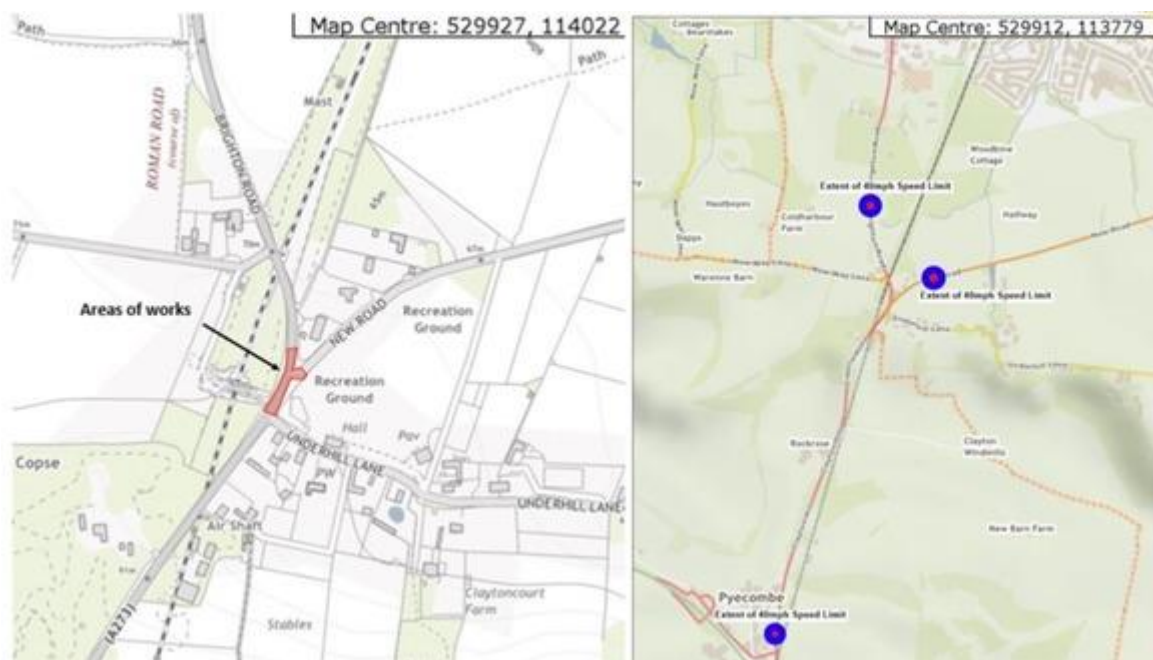
Following the application for a Community Highway Scheme (CHS), two pedestrian islands have been constructed at:

- Junction of the B2112 and A273
- A273 north of the junction with Underhill Lane.

The scheme, which includes the introduction of a 40mph speed limit, will provide better crossing facilities for pedestrians. (please see image below). Works are planned to take place from 12 May to 20 June 2025 between 7:30 am – 5:30 pm. Some delays are to be expected as the works will be using temporary traffic signals which may cause some delay. This is to ensure the site is safe to pass through. Further details can be found on [one.network](#) .

Please plan your journey in advance and look out for important safety signs along your route. If you have any concerns regarding access during these works please ask the onsite staff, your safety is our priority.

Please Note: These works will not interfere with the planned London to Brighton Bike Ride 2025 on the 15 of June 2025.



Junction Improvement Works at Cedar Avenue / Rocky Lane, Haywards Heath

Improvement works at the Cedar Avenue junction with Rocky Lane (A272) will begin on 9 June, running through to 15 August 2025 between 8 am – 4 pm with traffic management in place.

The junction is being widened to improve safety and reduce potential conflict between road users and pedestrians by improving sightlines as well as creating a better, safer crossing point for pedestrians. Work will involve relocating significant utility infrastructure beneath the road surface to accommodate the improvements.

The proposed changes will be delivered by West Sussex County Council's contractor, Landbuild, alongside several key utility providers including SGN, UK Power Networks, BT, Virgin Media and South East Water. The various utility works will take place in a collaborative manner to minimise disruption where possible.

Advance warning signs via will be in place from 27 May 2025, we'll also be letter dropping to those residents we believe will be most affected by the works ahead of construction.

Installation of a new drainage system in Burgess Hill's A273 Jane Murray Way

From 2 to 27 June 2025, essential works will take place to install a new drainage system to collect surface water from the land south of B&Q. The drainage will run through Mid Sussex District Council land and discharge into a new filter drain on the southern verge of Jane Murray Way.

These works will help alleviate flooding on the A273 Jane Murray Way and within the nearby industrial estate around William Way.

Work will take place between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm daily, with traffic managed by two-way lights. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience while these improvements are made. For further updates and details, please visit [one.network](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/one.network).

Road safety improvements in Bognor Regis and Crawley

West Sussex County Council has converted an existing segregated footway cycleway into a shared cycleway around Orchard Way Roundabout in Bognor and its connection points. This scheme originated from concerns raised following cycle collisions. Works included:

- Resurfacing
- Vegetation clearance
- Tree crown lifting
- Signage upgrade

These improvements will benefit pedestrians and cyclists using the roundabout.

Another road safety scheme in Crawley involved replacing outdated directional signs at all entry points to the A23/A2011 Tushmore Gyratory. The work also included updating lane destination markings and clearing vegetation around the junction.

Gatwick Road Roundabout to Hazelwick Roundabout, Crawley

West Sussex County Council recently completed resurfacing works in Crawley from Gatwick Road Roundabout to Hazelwick Roundabout and all adjoining side roads (entrances).



Improved public transport satisfaction

We're proud to share that satisfaction with bus services in West Sussex has improved to 86% following the [results of the 2024 Transport Focus survey](#). And Compass Travel were the second most highly rated bus operator of the 61 included in the survey.

In the 2024 National Highways and Transport Network survey, West Sussex bus passengers have reported increased satisfaction with bus safety, bus accessibility and cleanliness.

Environment and climate change newsletter



Would you like to hear about how the county council is working to protect the environment and how you can be more sustainable in your day-to-day life? Sign up to our Environment & Climate Change e-newsletter and receive all our latest news and developments straight to your inbox. [Sign up here.](#)

[Read the April edition](#)

Keep up to date

WhatsApp

Bringing you gritter alerts, grass cutting updates and up to date information on road issues affecting high speed roads. You can follow silently or opt for alerts to notify you when we share an update. To find us open WhatsApp and select "Updates" from the bottom menu, then simply search for WSHighways or click the link - [WSHighways](#).

Bluesky

Updates on emergency reports are posted every day. Just search for [@wshighways.bsky.social](#).

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](#).



Email dated 28.05.2025 from HDC
Website Updates

As you may know, following the PAS review and feedback from yourselves, we have been looking at making improvements to our website to help members of the public understand the planning process. Just to let you know that these updates are now live on our website see link below:
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/apply-for-planning-permission>

Largely the feedback we received was that people struggle to understand the planning process, what to expect once they have applied, and why certain applications go to committee etc. The page has been designed to guide people through the planning process, but also uses anchor links so that they can jump straight to the relevant part for them.

As part of the PAS action plan we have also added links to a plain English guide to the planning system and a code glossary, to further support people's understanding of reports etc.

Hopefully people will find this page more useful with all the relevant information in one place, and could be a useful link to send out when you receive queries on calls or by email.

We will continue to review it so if you receive or have any feedback on it we are happy to look at this as part of the review.

Many thanks, Faye

Faye Burchell

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Email dated 28.05.2025 from WSCC

West Sussex County Council seeks residents' views on draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment



news release

West Sussex County Council seeks residents' views on draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment

West Sussex County Council is inviting residents to comment on its draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA).

In February of this year the county council carried out a public survey asking people in West Sussex for their views on pharmacy services to help understand how residents and communities use them. Thousands of residents fed back during the initial survey, which has helped to inform a draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment.

A public consultation is now open, and residents can view and comment on the draft assessment until Monday 28 July at westsussex.gov.uk/pharmacy

A Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment is a statement of needs for pharmaceutical provision within a local area and takes place every three years. The West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board is required to undertake and produce the report, which is used by NHS England, local

authorities, and local NHS systems, to plan and deliver pharmaceutical services across the county.

The Health and Wellbeing Board brings together representatives from the county council, the NHS, district and borough councils, and the voluntary and community sector, who work in partnership to improve the health and wellbeing of the local population and reduce inequalities.

West Sussex has 142 community pharmacies, 12 dispensing GPs, five dispensing appliance contractors, and two distance-selling (internet or mail order) pharmacies.

Councillor Bob Lanzer, West Sussex County Council's Cabinet Member for Public Health and Wellbeing said: "We would like to thank all those who took part in the public survey earlier this year for telling us about their experience of using pharmacy services in the county – the comments and feedback we have received have been so valuable in helping us to put together the draft PNA. We encourage everyone, especially those who took part in the initial survey, to now review and share their thoughts on our draft needs assessment."

For anyone who doesn't have internet access, the draft PNA can be viewed online for free at any [West Sussex library](#).

The final PNA will be published on the West Sussex County Council website by Wednesday 1 October 2025.

Email dated 26.05.2025 from Carers Support West Sussex
Latest news from Carers Support West Sussex

Making caring visible, valued and supported



Welcome to the May edition of our professional newsletter.

This month, we're on the countdown to carers week, taking place in June. We talk about our carer hubs; do you know the locations throughout the county? Read about Mandy, a carer registered with Carers Support, who vowed to 'give something back' following the support she received for her caring role.

Read on to find out more.

[Click here to see available services](#)

[Click here to use our new carers smart search function. Helping you to find information relevant to you](#)

The countdown to Carers Week has begun

This year's theme: Caring about equality highlights the urgent need to recognise and support unpaid carers, who too often go unseen and unheard.

At Carers Support, we know that unpaid carers face daily challenges that can affect their health, finances, careers, and opportunities, simply because they care for a friend or family member. Caring responsibilities aren't shared equally in society, and it's time to change that.

As we count down to Carers Week, we're inviting all carers registered with us to join in a week of recognition and relaxation.

From the 9th of June, we've planned a variety of online and in-person carer events. A chance for carers to take a well-deserved break, connect with others, and celebrate their caring role.

We would appreciate your support in helping us raise awareness during Carers Week. Please feel free to share our social media posts across your channels to help spread the word and show your support for unpaid carers. Thank you!

[Read more about the week here](#)

Have you heard about our carers hubs?

Our carer hubs provide a welcoming space where carers can talk openly with our friendly wellbeing workers about any aspect of their caring role. Whether there are questions about available support, needing a well-deserved break, or concerns about finances, we're here to help.

Some of our carer hubs offer bookable appointments, while others welcome you to drop in during opening hours for a friendly chat. Please check individual listings for specific details. We're dedicated to supporting carers in the community, making sure you have easy access to the guidance and support you need.

[Find the hub locations here](#)

Paying it forward: Mandy's journey from carer to volunteer

As with most volunteers, there is often a heartfelt motivation to 'give something back' to the local community by generously giving their time. Here at Carers Support, we welcome volunteers from all areas of the community and levels of expertise and skills. To make sure we are serving our carers well, the main skills we look for is the ability to listen and have empathy. As you will read in this story, empathy is a skill Mandy brought in abundance to the volunteering team.

[Read more about Mandy here](#)

Healthwatch survey

Are you a working carer who struggles to access health and wellbeing services for your own health?

Healthwatch would like to better understand the challenges you face and what support could improve your experience.

Please take part in Healthwatch's survey: [Survey](#)

Closing date: Midnight on Friday 30 May 2025.

If you would like assistance or require a different format, please contact Healthwatch via: helpdesk@healthwatchwestsussex.co.uk or call 0300 012 0122

Jobs at Carers Support

Looking for a job, or know someone who is? Take a look at the roles on offer at Carers Support. You could join a great and friendly team to support carers.

[Read about the roles on offer here](#)

Care Can't Wait

Care Can't Wait is a new national campaign from ADASS (Association of Directors of Adult Social Services) that aims to raise awareness about what adult social care is and how it enables millions of people to live their life on their own terms.

This powerful new campaign features stories from people who draw on a range of care and support to live and work independently. These stories highlight what's possible when care works well, and why we need urgent reform so that more people can get the support they need to live the lives they want to lead.

[Find out more information here](#)

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

Kind regards
Caroline Pope, CEO

