

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 31 May – 6 June 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 14 July 2025

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

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14th July 2025	
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/25/0294</u>	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – No Objection provided that the bat mitigation work required on the new build is carried out in accordance with the approval conditions, and the bat licence is produced at the appropriate time before demolition of the existing building.
Applicant: Sailtops, Cox Green	
Reason for Application: Variation of condition 4 of previously approved application reference DC/24/0462 (Demolition of existing garage and annexe and construction of 1no 3 bedroom detached house with residential amenity areas, car parking and turning, together with hard and soft landscaping and new access) to alter the wording in regards to the bat mitigation class licence.	
Official Response Date:	

Application No: DC/25/0529	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – No objection
Applicant: 4 Pondfield Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Enlargement of existing porch and installation of pitched roof to front elevation, erection of replacement sun room with flat roof, creation of covered rear seating area and installation of window at first floor level to rear.	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th July 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th July 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14th July 2025

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

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

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

Correspondence

Email dated 05.06.2025 from SSALC

SSALC Summer 2025 Newsletter

Please find a link to the newsletter below;

[SSALC Summer 2025 newsletter](#)

Email dated 05.06.2025 from NALC

Chief Executives Bulletin

Events and meetings

- England's dispersed coastal communities contain around 18% of the country's population, larger than the north-east and north-western regions combined. However, all too often, these communities are overlooked and face numerous difficulties, including limited employment opportunities, poorer health outcomes, an ageing population, and loss of assets. At
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our [national network for coastal communities](#) meeting on 30 May 2025, members outlined their work. They called for urgent action to address these problems, which could significantly boost the national economy. The network recognised many of these concerns and flagged up local government reorganisation and devolution as potentially exacerbating the situation. They called for these communities to have a strong voice and support in any new unitary councils and combined or mayoral authorities that are set up. The network also backed a call from the Local Government Association and others to have a government minister dedicated to the coast.

- Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, was a panel speaker at the Institute of Place Management webinar on devolution and the role of town centres on 28 May 2025. The discussion explored how towns can play a central role in devolution, drawing on insights from ourselves, the High Streets Task Force, the Independent Commission on Neighbourhoods and real-world experiences from across the UK, including local government and community-led organisations. Justin spoke about the role of parish and town councils, as well as the government's English Devolution White Paper.

Parliamentary activity

- Earlier this week, we [launched our Westminster Forum](#) to strengthen the voice of England's 10,000 parish and town councils in national politics. With local government undergoing significant reforms, particularly in light of accelerating devolution, the Westminster Forum aims to unite parliamentarians and sector leaders in advocating for the vital role of parish and town councils. This cross-party initiative will enhance our influence in parliament, help shape legislation, and ensure parish and town councils are central to future public service delivery and local democracy.
- Local government minister Jim McMahon MP made a [statement on local government reorganisation](#) on 2 June 2025. All 21 two-tier areas had submitted interim plans to the government and would receive funding to further develop their proposals. The statement also noted that reorganisation should facilitate better and sustained community engagement by new unitary authorities, including through Neighbourhood Area Committees which could include parish and town councils. Alongside this statement, the government also published a [summary of feedback on interim plans for local government reorganisation](#) which provides some further information on Neighbourhood Area Committees including noting that "They can also include other service providers, such as town or parish councillors, when applicable, along with co-opted members from local community organisations. Areas considering new town or parish councils should think carefully about how they might be funded to avoid putting

further pressure on local authority finances and/or new burdens on the taxpayer. We recognise the value that town and parish councils offer to their local communities, but they are independent institutions and are not a substitute for meaningful community engagement and neighbourhood working by a local authority". We will consider the implications of the statement and feedback in discussions with government representatives and county associations.

- The [Bus Services \(No. 2\) Bill was debated on 2 June 2025](#) at the Second Reading and has now been sent to a Public Bill Committee, which will scrutinise it. It is expected to be reported to the House of Commons by 8 July 2024. Transport Select Committee member Olly Glover MP stated that in April, the committee visited Ireland to understand the reasons for a significant increase in rural bus patronage, which increased fivefold between 2022 and 2024. This was achieved through increased public funding and by engaging communities, particularly the local equivalents of parish and town councils, in the design of routes. Several other MPs, including those we have briefed, directly highlighted our points on poor rural bus connectivity, reliance on buses in rural areas on buses by non-drivers, increased rural isolation and the need for a powerful injection of demand-responsive transport in isolated places.

Support

- I'm excited to share that nominations are officially open for our Star Council Awards 2025/26, the only national awards celebrating the incredible contributions of England's parish and town councils. There are six categories, recognising everything from outstanding councillors and clerks to roof-raising parish and town councils and county associations, as well as climate action. It is your opportunity to spotlight the people and initiatives transforming local communities. Do you want to be recognised or know someone who should? [Find out how to submit your entry](#) before the 5 September 2025 deadline.
- As we continue to celebrate Pride Month, many parish and town councils are playing an active role in the celebration. Corby Town Council's [Corby Pride](#) is back for its third event, taking place between 6 and 8 June 2025. Last year, we had the pleasure of attending. Leighton Linlade Town Council is hosting [LB Pride](#) on 7 June 2025, while Morecambe Town Council has awarded a £4,500 grant to local charity Out In The Bay in support of [Morecambe Pride](#). If you're available, it's worth attending, not only to show your support but also to learn firsthand the powerful role your parish or town council can play in supporting such vital events.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), Hebden Royd Town Council shares how it is turning its commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusion into meaningful, community-led action. From funding grassroots groups and upgrading digital accessibility to creating inclusive cultural spaces and partnerships with organisations like Hebden Bridge Disability Action Forum, the council is leading by example. With vibrant events, progressive policies, and a focus on listening and learning, this blog offers a compelling look at how parish and town councils can make inclusion a lived reality.



Email dated 05.06.2025 from WSCC

2025 Recycling Survey

I am just reaching out to let you know that the Recycling and Waste Team are re-running their recycling survey throughout June to help capture public knowledge of recycling and inform future campaigns. The survey will be similar to those we've run previously, with questions focusing on where residents seek recycling information, as well as assessing their overall recycling knowledge.

Last year we received over 5,000 responses, 61% of these said they wanted to know more about what can and can't be recycled at home in West Sussex. In response, 24 new recycling animations were created and launched over the past year. These short videos focus on specific materials — such as black plastics, nappies, and bathroom items — and explain how to dispose of them correctly at home. This is just one example of how valuable last summer's recycling survey was in helping us talk to residents about recycling and waste prevention.

Whether or not you've taken part in a previous survey, we would love to hear from you and your audiences. We will be posting on social media regularly throughout June to promote the survey so please share where you can. I have also attached an A4 poster that I would be grateful if you could print and put up where available. The survey is open until midnight Monday 30 June 2025 and you can take part on our website here: [Think Before You Throw | Your Voice West Sussex](#)

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thanks, Nicola

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Email dated 03.06.2025 from CPRE

Mid Sussex seeks judicial review in dispute over finding of planning inspector on duty to cooperate

Mid Sussex District Council disputes planning inspector's finding that their local plan failed to meet the duty to cooperate, and is seeking a judicial review; details below.

Regards, Roger Smith

Dr R F smith

Trustee CPRE Sussex

<https://mail.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/litigation-and-enforcement/400-litigation-news/61117-council-seeks-judicial-review-in-dispute-over-finding-of-planning-inspector-on-duty-to-cooperate>

Council seeks judicial review in dispute over finding of planning inspector on duty to cooperate

- June 2, 2025

Mid Sussex District Council has launched a judicial review against the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government in a row about a planning inspector's finding that the council's local development plan failed to meet the duty to cooperate.

The council has said it is "astonished that the inspector's conclusions are one which the Secretary of State would even want to defend", arguing that rejecting the plan could delay thousands of new homes.

Mid Sussex's district plan, which covers the years 2021 - 2039, reached the examination stage last year and was subject to a series of hearings hosted by a planning inspector in October 2024.

In a letter following the hearings, issued in April 2025, the inspector said that Mid Sussex had failed to show that it had engaged "constructively, in an active and ongoing way" to help neighbouring councils meet "significant" unmet housing needs.

Her letter added: "The failure here is that the council has not adequately considered the requests of its neighbours – namely Crawley, Horsham and Brighton and Hove, in a constructive, active and ongoing way."

The inspector said the local authority could either withdraw the plan from examination or ask that the inspector write a report of her conclusions.

"I should say that the latter would involve further expense, and that the contents of the report would likely be very similar to this letter," she added.

In its ensuing pre-action protocol letter dated 17 April, the council said the inspector's letter "entirely fails to grapple with the council's case that the approach it has taken has in fact maximised the amount of housing which can be delivered without an 'adverse impact when assessed against policies in the Framework'".

The letter also said the inspector failed "to explain what the council could possibly have done to make the Plan more effective in addressing the unmet needs of adjoining areas".

The council highlighted previous successes in meeting housing need, including 1,498 additional dwellings to meet the unmet needs of neighbouring authorities in its Mid-Sussex District Plan 2014-2031 and the delivery of more than 1,000 new homes a year since adopting its 2014 - 2031 development plan, in excess of Mid Sussex's housing delivery target.

"In the council's view, this track record (of both taking the issue of meeting housing needs seriously and demonstrable over-delivery in meeting that need) has been exemplary," the letter said.

"Critically, it is a record which is reflected in, and would be continued under the Plan, which (as stated above) would not only meet all of Mid-Sussex's own needs, but would also provide an additional 1,042 homes to meet the needs of surrounding areas."

The council warned that rejecting the plan would mean the loss of a "ready to go" local plan that could allocate more than 8,000 new homes and would waste taxpayers' money and cause several years' worth of delays in delivering a new plan.

"The council finds it impossible to understand how that outcome is consistent either with the planned system, or the Government's commitment to delivering 1.5 million new homes over the next five years," the letter added.

However, MHCLG later said it did not agree with the council's reasoning and said it agreed with the inspector that it is necessary for the plan to identify the beneficiaries of the council's surplus of homes.

Responding to the Ministry in a letter dated 2 June, the council said its response "fails to grapple with a number of key points" and later added: "The council is astonished that the Inspector's conclusions are one which the Secretary of State would even want to defend."

The council said a "far simpler solution" to the disagreement would involve the inspector recommending a main modification to the plan.

The Leader of Mid Sussex District Council, Cllr Robert Eggleston said: "Mid Sussex has drawn up its plan following the advice of very senior planning lawyers and advisors, so we are understandably amazed at the Inspector's rationale.

"It is extraordinary that the inspector has ignored the evidence we provided. The same evidence that has previously satisfied other Inspectors."

Cllr Eggleston added: "We are left with no choice. We must protect Mid Sussex from unplanned, speculative development.

"We have worked diligently for many years to undertake the work thoroughly and in accordance with government guidance and the law. The inspector's ill-founded conclusions are a slap in the face for proper plan making and the patient, careful work needed to build consensus amongst communities and with our partners."

A spokesperson for the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government said it would not be appropriate for the department to comment on the litigation at this time.

Adam Carey

Email dated 04.06.2025 from WSCC
Celebrate Sussex Day with us!



news release

Celebrate Sussex Day with us!



Each year on 16 June it's Sussex Day when we celebrate all that's great about our county.

View our new Sussex Day webpages where you'll find some inspiration on how you can make the most of what the county has to offer – whether on Sussex Day or any day of the year!

Information you'll find includes:

- Details of a [free online webinar](#) taking place on Sussex Day combining the wealth of archives at the Record Office with fascinating film footage from Screen Archives South East to explore the experiences of ordinary West Sussex residents on the Home Front in the Second World War.
- A tour of Edes House in Chichester where you can discover its historic past.
- Details of local places to go, things to do, walks, cycle paths and trails, where to eat and drink and much more from Experience Sussex.
- How to make the most of our libraries and Record Office – including learning about the history of your hometown or village or borrowing a book about Sussex.
- A quiz so you can test your local knowledge.

Councillor Pieter Montyn, Chairman of West Sussex County Council, said: “Sussex Day not only serves as a reminder of what a great place West Sussex is, but also comes at an ideal time to discover something new about our county, or revisit somewhere that you haven’t been to for a while.

“There is so much to see and do in the county and so much to be proud of.”

The Sussex flag will be flown at County Hall in Chichester on Sussex Day.

[Visit the new Sussex Day webpage here.](#)

Email dated 03.06.2025 from i-Rock West Sussex
i-Rock Horsham District Fundraising Fun Day

My name is Rosa, and I am contacting you from [i-Rock Horsham District](#), a service that supports young people aged 14–25 with their mental health, wellbeing, and life goals based in Horsham but support across West Sussex.

We are planning a community **Fundraising Fun Day** to raise money to enhance what we can offer young people locally - and we are looking for kind local businesses to support us through raffle prize donations or sponsorship.

Funds raised from the event will go directly to **i-Rock Horsham District**, via our official charity partner *Heads On* (registered charity no. 1051736). Heads On is the charity for Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust, and ensures that all funds raised for i-Rock are ringfenced and spent on making things better for the young people who use our service in Horsham and the surrounding area.

Whether you’re able to donate a product, voucher, experience or offer financial support, your generosity will help us create a fun and inclusive event that brings the community together and directly benefits local young people.

As a thank you, we would love to:

- Promote your support on our social media and event materials
- Share your business with attendees on the day
- Offer you the opportunity to get involved and be part of the fun!

The event will take place on **Tuesday 29th of July** at **Horsham Youth Centre** and we’re expecting a great turnout of local families, young people, and supporters.

If you'd like to donate a raffle prize or discuss sponsorship opportunities, please reply to this email or contact me on 01403885333.

Thank you so much for considering supporting us - it really will make a difference.

Rosa

Rosa McNally (she/her)

Team Administrator | i-Rock Horsham District

Fundraising in aid of *Heads On* (Registered Charity No. 1051736)

[Find out more about i-Rock HD](#)

Please note that i-Rock Horsham District is not an emergency service and cannot respond as such. If you feel you need urgent support please contact the Sussex Mental Health phone line - available 24/7 on by calling 111 and selecting the Mental Health option. If you or your child are at immediate risk of harm or require medical attention please call 999 or visit your nearest local Accident and Emergency department at hospital.

Other crisis support:

- text SUSSEX to 85258 – available 24/7
- [Childline](#) (24/7)
- [Papyrus](#) (Prevention of Young Suicide)
- [Samaritans](#)

Email dated 02.06.2025 from WSCC

West Sussex County Council celebrates the incredible impact of volunteers during Volunteers'



news release

West Sussex County Council celebrates the incredible impact of volunteers during Volunteers' Week



Thank You, Volunteers

#volunteersweek



West Sussex County Council is shining a spotlight on the invaluable contributions made by volunteers as part of national Volunteers' Week, which runs from 2 to 8 June.

This annual celebration recognises the incredible impact volunteers make across the UK and provides a chance for the county council to say thank you for the commitment and support shown by volunteers in West Sussex.

Councillor Duncan Crow, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire & Rescue, said: "From supporting vulnerable young people and preserving local history, to helping residents reduce waste and nurturing our beautiful countryside, volunteers play a crucial role in enhancing the lives of residents across West Sussex and are the vibrant heartbeat of our communities.

"Volunteers are crucial support for many of our services and community initiatives. Their dedication and selflessness truly make a difference, touching countless lives and enriching our county. During national Volunteers' Week, and indeed all year round, we extend our deepest thanks to every individual who gives their time to support others in West Sussex. Your impact is immeasurable."

The vital work of West Sussex volunteers was recently highlighted at the Mid Sussex Applauds Awards earlier this month when two county council Waste Prevention Advisors received awards. Pauline Mallinson won the prestigious Volunteer of the Year award for her volunteer work with Share Haywards Heath, county council waste prevention, and Scouts, while Colin McFarlin received a Highly Commended award in the Environment and Climate Change Champion category.

A network of Waste Prevention Advisors collectively contributed over 1,600 hours of their time last year, helping residents to reduce, reuse, and recycling their household waste.

The Waste Prevention Advisor volunteers have been instrumental in helping to run seven monthly Community Food Hubs across the county. In the last 12 months, 4,617 residents have saved 48,748kg of food that would have otherwise been wasted.

The positive effects of volunteers are felt across a wide range of county council services. For young people, the support of volunteers can be life changing.

The parent of a young carer who receives transport to local groups by a volunteer driver shared: "It's brilliant and helps me so much, they get to go somewhere without me and their little brother and do things for themselves and have fun. It's also given me peace of mind knowing the kids are safe and with someone we all trust."

The mother of a young carer who has benefitted from a volunteer mentor added: "It's been good for him to have an impartial person to speak to and having time for just him. He's been able to just be a child and not worry!"

Opportunities to Get Involved

If you've been inspired by the incredible work of our volunteers and would like to contribute to your local community, we have a variety of volunteering opportunities available. Your time and skills, no matter how small, can make a significant difference.

We are currently seeking:

- **Library volunteers:** Support your local library and help bring the joy of reading and learning to others. [Library volunteer - West Sussex County Council](#)
- **Waste prevention volunteer:** Help encourage the residents of West Sussex to think more widely about reducing, reusing, and recycling waste! You'll engage with a diverse range of people and demonstrate a genuine commitment to waste prevention and protecting the environment. [Waste prevention volunteer - West Sussex County Council](#)
- **Independent Visitor volunteers:** Visit a child living in care once a month to offer support and advice and spend time doing fun activities such as going to the cinema, playing sports, or visiting new places. We will be holding recruitment events on [28 July 12.30pm to](#)

[1.30pm](#) and [29 July 7pm to 8pm](#) for training courses which start in September. Find out more and book your place by visiting our website. [Independent Visitor Scheme - West Sussex County Council](#)

- **Young carer volunteers:** We are looking for volunteers to help our staff run groups for young carers aged 11-16 one evening a month during term time. Groups run in Bognor Regis on Thursday and Mid-Sussex on Tuesday from 6pm-8pm. Full training and supervision is provided, and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Find out more by emailing youngcarers@westsussex.gov.uk or visiting our website. [Young carers - West Sussex County Council](#)

To explore these and many other volunteering opportunities with West Sussex County Council, please visit [Volunteering - West Sussex County Council](#)

Visit the [Volunteers' Week](#) website to find out more about the national scheme.

Email dated 02.06.2025 from HDC Planning Compliance

Monthly Planning Compliance Team statistics for May 2025

During May 2025, we received 35 new Planning Compliance investigations.

The closure statistics for May are shown below:

Reasons Closed									
Year	Month	Complaints Closed	No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient	Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	% Closed within 90 days
2025	May	29	14	3	8	4	18	11	62.07

No Enforcement Notices were issued during May.

We have two Informal Hearings being held this month to determine appeals on outstanding Enforcement Notices- the first is on 3rd June 2025, and is in relation to the stationing of a mobile home for residential purposes at a property known as Oaklands Stud, formerly known as Tanglewood Equestrian, Forest Grange, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6HX. The second Hearing is on 10th June 2025 and is in relation to the stationing of caravans for the purposes of human habitation together with the associated operational development comprising the importation of crushed stone aggregate, the laying of material to form a hardstanding and the laying of services in connection with the unauthorised residential use of the land at a site known as Staalcot Farm, Stall House Lane, North Heath, Pulborough.

We also have appeal site visits arranged by PINS for further cases. However we are still awaiting 11 decisions on appeals relating to other enforcement notices issued.

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

Kind regards, Madeleine

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Email dated 01.06.2025 from HDC

Climate and Environment Action News June 2024



Tackling climate change in the Horsham District

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

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



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Single use vapes are banned from 1 June 2025

The UK ban on single-use vapes from 1 June is a welcome step in tackling the environmental damage caused by vapes. However vapes will still be around, causing dangerous, preventable fires and harming the environment.

Recycle your vapes

There are two ways you can recycle your electronic cigarettes, also known as vapes, in Horsham District;

1. Book a collection from your doorstep
2. Recycle vapes at a drop-off point



Do not put vapes in your household bins.

Please share this information with anyone you know who uses a vape. Thank you.

[How to recycle vapes](#)

Great Big Green Week

7-15 June 2025

Great Big Green Week is the UK's largest annual celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Why not get involved?

Here at Horsham District Council we are constantly reviewing, improving and initiating measures to support our partners and communities to reduce carbon emissions throughout the Horsham District.



[Read about our climate and environment projects](#)

[Visit the Great Big Green Week website](#)

District events during Great Big Green Week

Here below are some events that we know are taking place in the District during Great Big Green Week.

Greening Steyning

- **14 June** - [BN44 Repair Cafe](#)
- **14 June** - [Home Energy Helpdesk](#)
- **28 June** - [Climate Cafe](#)

HOME ENERGY
HELPDESK



@ The Repair Cafe

Sussex Green Living

- **28 June** - [Sussex Green Hub](#): Includes the Horsham Community Fridge, a Home Energy Saving Help Desk, Horsham Repair Cafe, Transition Horsham, a recycling and refill service, Horsham Eco Churches, a Green Book library, Community Cafe and more.



Stay informed locally

Don't forget to keep an eye on the Council's social media pages and those from your local area to keep up to date with local events. We'll be promoting ways you can join in this year's Great Big Green Week campaign theme 'Let's Swap For Good' on our social media channels. Give us a follow [@HorshamDC](#) to stay up to date!

Choose Sussex food and drink on Sussex Day, 16 June

Choosing to buy at least some local produce from Sussex is a simple way to minimise food miles, reduce your carbon footprint, and support our local economy and community.

It is now easier than ever to find local producers and the shops, restaurants, pubs and cafes which serve and sell great food and drink which has been reared, grown, caught or made in Sussex.

The Sussex Six Campaign, supported by Horsham District Council, promotes the importance of using and buying local produce. 120 Sussex Six businesses have now made the pledge to take on at least six more Sussex food and drink products or ingredients.



[See the Sussex Six Directory for full details](#)

Photo: We present a Sussex Six Heroes certificate to Joe and Rebecca from Kinsbrook Vineyard in Thakeham.

How much do you know about recycling? Take the survey

West Sussex County Council are running their annual survey to gather information on what you already know about recycling, and what information would help you to recycle more.

Last year a new series of animated videos were produced to answer questions raised in the survey, such as what additional kerbside collections are available, what to do with specific materials, and packaging symbols and recycling logos.



The survey is open from 2 to 30 June

The survey just takes a few minutes and your answers will help us to help you in the future.

[Take the survey](#)

Applications reopen for Community Climate Funding

We have now given grants to over fifty community groups, from local scout groups and community halls to churches and schools, to support their aims to become more sustainable (and frequently saving on their utility bills too).

If this is of interest to your community group, a new round of funding is now available. **Applications close on 30 June.**

[Discover the Community Climate Fund](#)

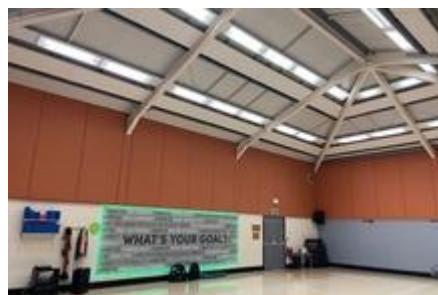


Image: Chanctonbury Leisure Centre; a recent grant recipient.

Rural communities can benefit from new funding



We have launched a new round of businesses funding for rural communities thanks to over £260k from the UK Government's Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF). The fund is provided to invest in local rural businesses and sustainable community projects.

Expressions of Interest are open until noon on Friday 13 June 2025 for capital projects only. Grants offered are from £25,000 to £75,000.

Projects that have been supported in the past include:

- Installing solar panels, providing renewable energy for a rural business building.
- Footpath improvements to enhance public access along the River Adur, supporting local tourism, sustainable and healthy travel, and community well-being.

[Read the guidance and submit your expression of interest](#)

Get support from the Kinder Business Networking

If you are a local business with an interest in environmental sustainability you could benefit from the support of the Kinder Business Network.

Friendly, lightly structured meetings are held in Horsham town centre on the fourth Wednesday of every month, with a focus on collaboration, support, education and practical solutions.

Visitor places are £15 and include light refreshments.



Next meeting: 25 June, 10.30am- 12.30pm

At this month's meeting Henny Swan from [TetraLogical](#) will be offering a talk on website accessibility, sharing useful insights and providing demonstrations.

For more information or to book on to this meeting, please email the Kinder Business team at business@kinderliving.co.uk.

[Kinder Business Network](#)

Events in brief

Tuesday 3 June from 7.30pm
Steving Method Church, £7

The Steving Bookshop presents **An evening with veteran nature writer Roger Morgan-Grenville.**

'Think Like a Tree' 3 day course
6 to 8 June

[Willows Lakeside Retreat](#) in Pulborough.

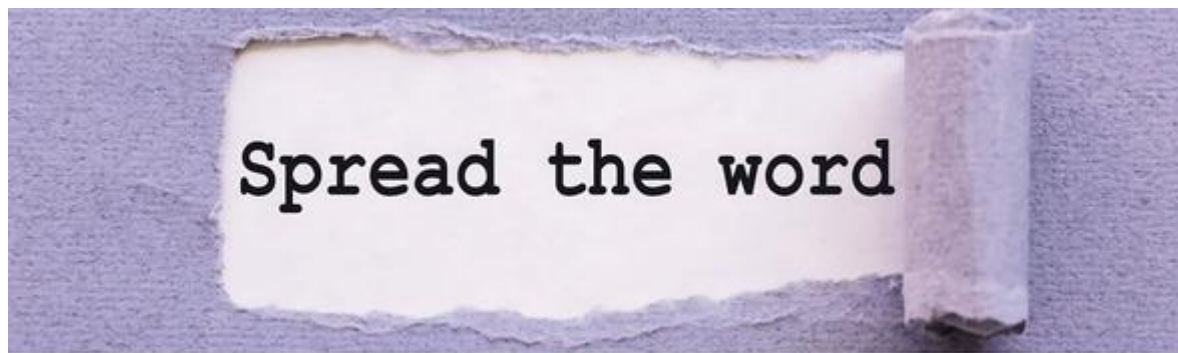
This 3 day course teaches you how to learn from Natures Principles and the Wisdom All Around.

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I'm delighted to announce that my Safer in Sussex Community Fund is now open for applications. You can find out more and apply for funding by clicking the banner above or going to the 'get involved, apply for funding' section of my website.

My fund provides financial support (grant awards up to £5,000) to local organisations and projects that aim to reduce crime and improve community safety.

Since becoming PCC, I have been able to support over 600 community groups with over £2.3m. Following an application and panel decision process, the funding gets awarded to a variety of groups. In the past, these groups have included: Nightlife Safety Advocates; Community Speedwatch; youth groups; funding for safety tools and equipment including additional CCTV and security radios; recovery hubs and training for specialist staff and volunteers in the community.

Hosting my Community Fund has always been a vital part of my role and it is always really interesting to see applications come in from such a broad range of groups. If you're interested in applying, a good place to start to see if your group is eligible, is to look at my [Police & Crime Plan](#) to understand my priorities. If your community groups aims or objectives fit within my three overarching public priorities, then we would really like to hear from you.

Safer shopping in Crawley



In March, Crawley businesses voted against maintaining their Town Centre Business Improvement District (BID). The BID was funded through a levy imposed via the business rates scheme and was not a 'direct cost' to individual businesses. Whilst its important that businesses have a say and need to see value from their business rate contributions, this decision has far-reaching consequences. For example, the BID funded an effective team of business wardens who will no longer operate across the town centre as a result.

One of the key objectives of the BID was to 'make the town centre safer' so I was keen to not lose momentum on some of the town's safety initiatives already in place.

Consequently, I have stepped in to continue funding the Crawley and Gatwick Business Watch (CGBW) scheme with £25,000 as they previously received most of their funding from the BID. The funding will help CGBW to continue their work in preventing crime and keeping the town centre safe for retailers. Their initiatives include: the information-sharing platform Disc; updates for retailers on known criminals; security

radios; support for businesses with licensing matters; as well as various training programmes.

Last week, I met with the Manager of Crawley and Gatwick Business Watch, Paul Dowling, at County Mall in Crawley. Joining the meeting were representatives from local businesses including Primark, Superdrug and The Entertainer as well as Sussex Police.

It was interesting to hear about the challenges the retailers face - in particular how they access and share their own store's CCTV footage with police. We discussed ways to make this easier and devised a plan to ensure that providing information and intelligence to the police is quick and easy.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

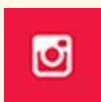
New High Sheriffs of Sussex

On Wednesday, the new High Sheriffs of East & West Sussex visited my office in Lewes to learn more about the work of my team.

High Sheriffs are appointed yearly to their independent role and their active support for emergency services, crime prevention agencies and the voluntary sector is hugely appreciated.

It was helpful for Dr Timothy Fooks (High Sheriff of West Sussex) and Anne Brown (High Sheriff of East Sussex) to meet the different teams in my office and for them to hear examples of the varied range of work I undertake as PCC for Sussex.

You can read more about the work of High Sheriffs on [their website](#).



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