

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 28 June – 4 July 2025 (Agenda July 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:

- **VAT return for £1,761.30 submitted to HMRC**

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 th July 2025	
Application No: HRA/25/0015 02.07.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Little Millfields, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Application under Regulation 77 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 relating to Prior Approval consent DC/25/0124.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 27.08.2025	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th July 2025	
Application No: DC/25/0425 03.07.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: 1 Barnsfold Cottages, Barnsfold Lane, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Application to confirm the continuous residential use in contravention of Condition 3 of application ref RW/64/62 for a period in excess of ten years (Lawful Development Certificate - Existing).	
Official Response Date: 24.07.2025 / Determination 19.08.2025	
Application No: DC/25/0948 06.06.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Wagtails Farm, Okehurst Road, The Haven	

Reason for Application: Siting of mobile poultry structures (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed).	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 01.08.2025	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th July 2025	
Application No: DC/25/0321	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – No objection
Applicant: 6 The Marts, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of a single-storey front extension, garage conversion. Erection of a single and two-storey rear extension.	
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
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Application No: DC/24/1967	Response/Comments: Appeal lodged 24.06.2025
Applicant: Sail Tops, Cox Green	
Reason for Application: Variation of Condition 1 of previously approved application 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) Relating to site area, change of use of land, vehicular access and minor elevational revisions to the new dwelling.	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/22/0068 APP/Z3825/W/24/3349522	Response/Comments: Appeal Dismissed
Address: Smithers Farm, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	
Nature of Complaint: Refusal of planning permission – Erection of a two-storey rural workers dwelling and change of use of existing dwelling to estate office.	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th July 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Address:	
Nature of Complaint:	
Official Response Date:	

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION

THE HAVEN BILLINGSHURST

NOTICE IS hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, as amended, the use of (and parking on) **The Haven Billingshurst** from junction with **Haven Road** is temporarily prohibited from **4th of August at 9:30 to 4th August at 15:30**

The restriction will be in place off peak only between 09.30-15.30

This closure is necessary to allow **Volker Highway to undertake urgent Carriageway Patching on behalf of WSCC**

Emergency vehicle, Residential and Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times

The alternative route for traffic will be signed on site

This restriction will be effective for a maximum of 5 days from the start date given above

Any queries about the effect of the closure on traffic using the highway please contact West Sussex County Council on 01243 642105

Any queries about the works please contact **Volker Highways on 01243 642105**

Dated **04 July 2025**

Matt Davey
Assistant Director of Highways, Transport and Planning

Correspondence

Email dated 04.07.2025 from WSCC

West Sussex Highways report highlights County Council's proactive approach to road maintenance



NEWS RELEASE

West Sussex Highways report highlights County Council's proactive approach to road maintenance

A recent report outlines West Sussex County Council's continued commitment and investment in the county's highways along with detailing its preventative approach to highways maintenance.

The report, which has been published on the [council's website](#), has been produced in response to the requirement from the Department for Transport (DfT) for all local highways authorities to publish information about their highways maintenance activities to help local taxpayers see the difference that funding is making in their areas.

The DfT set out that the report should present local level information about the overall state of the county's road network, including what percentage of roads are in what condition, and how this has changed in recent years.

West Sussex's 2,500mile highway network plays a vital role in connecting people and places across the county. It supports the wellbeing of our residents, enables our communities to thrive and provides our residents with access to jobs, learning and business opportunities.

Unfortunately, roads are not permanent structures and deteriorate over time and the network has been experiencing a notable, year-on-year increase in the number of safety defects, reaching the highest level on record in 2024/25.

The periods of extreme fluctuations in weather across the seasons that have been experienced in recent years has only served to accelerate the decline in the condition of our roads.

In response, the council has allocated additional funding in the current and past two financial years, to support a more proactive maintenance approach.

This proactive approach provides additional resource to fix potholes and increased capacity for drainage works including jetting, gully repairs and digging of grips and roadside ditches.

The additional funding has also allowed for an increase in the Highways, Transport and Planning Delivery Programme which delivers highway infrastructure maintenance schemes. The programme focusses on improving carriageway and footway surfaces as well as maintaining of highways infrastructure such as bridges and traffic signals.

Each of these measures aim to strengthen the resilience of the highway network and reduce the impact of extreme weather events, particularly during the winter period.

Cllr Joy Dennis, WSCC Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: “I hope that this report will help our residents to understand that the scale of the county’s highway assets is substantial and managing them effectively, so that residents and businesses can go about their daily lives with minimal disruption, is no small task. When factoring in both operational and financial constraints, the complexity of this responsibility becomes even more apparent.

“Council officers work diligently to ensure that the highway network remains safe, functional, and cost-effective. Their efforts are guided by a commitment to delivering services that meet both local needs and national standards.

“As is the case across much of the country, maintaining road conditions in West Sussex presents ongoing challenges. Not only do we have the impact of severe weather events, but we must also factor in the increase in the volume of traffic using our network on a daily basis, along with the ever-growing requirement from utility companies to carry out works within the carriageway to install and update their own infrastructure in order to support the demand for their services.

“This report demonstrates that, despite the difficulties faced by the Highways team, the Council’s performance - aligned with the Council Plan and national best practices - is commendable.”

Email dated 02.07.2025 from HDC

Latest news: Better Billingshurst consultation now open | Love Parks Week activities

**Latest
News**



**Horsham
District
Council**



Horsham District celebrates Love Parks Week

From 26-30 July children and families will be able to participate in free and low-cost activities to celebrate Love Parks Week. The Fabularium live theatre group are back along with plenty of arts, crafts and sports activities to kick off the summer holidays!



Love Parks Week 2025



Council visit to AJW Aviation Group in Slinfold

As part of a series of meetings with prominent local businesses, Horsham District Council's Enterprise team and Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Property Cllr Jonathan Taylor recently visited AJW Group at their premises in Slinfold near Horsham.

[Read more](#)



Help us deliver exciting improvements for Billingshurst

Improvements for Billingshurst's village centre, sports and recreation areas and community buildings move a step closer as we ask people to share their views on the 'Better Billingshurst' Community Fund and Investment Programme. The consultation is open until 21 July.

[Find out more](#)



Concert dates



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The future of local
government in *West Sussex*

LGR Information



A group of south-east councils – including Horsham District Council - that holds Southern Water to account regarding water quality and infrastructure problems, has met with a government minister responsible for water and flooding.

Armed Forces Sunday marked in Horsham

Horsham's Carfax area was the focus for Armed Forces Sunday on 29 June this year where an array of military vehicle displays, military themed stalls was available in the 'Veterans' Village' which was created in the town centre to commemorate Armed Forces Week for 2025, along with local charities and organisations.

There was also a short parade through the Carfax to the War Memorial by the Horsham Air Cadets (1015 Sqdn) Band, Cadets, veterans and Standards.



Armed Forces Day 2025



Your Friday Lates July line-up

Every Friday 6-8pm throughout the summer there's live music on the Carfax bandstand and pop-up food and drink stands. The atmosphere at June's events was fantastic: here's your July line-up!

- 4 July: Made in Tennessee country night
- 11 July: The Wonderful West End
- 18 July: ABBA Tribute: Is there a soul out there?
- 25 July: Pride night, hosted with Crawley Price

[Read more about Friday Lates](#)

[Click here for more news from Horsham District Council](#)



[View current Council Consultations](#)



Email dated 03.07.2025 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Events

- We've [released additional tickets for our sold-out event](#), Beyond the Precept: Exploring Alternative Income Sources, scheduled for September 24, 2025. The event will delve into sustainable, non-precept revenue streams for parish and town councils. It will include guidance on securing funding from national organisations and real-world insights from parish and town councils that have successfully diversified their income. I'd encourage interested parties to register promptly, as this new allocation is expected to sell out quickly.
- We attended the Local Government Association Annual Conference in Liverpool this week to raise the profile of the sector. It was great to speak with so many attendees about the vital role of town and parish councils. We hosted a fringe event yesterday on the topic of stronger parish and town councils in the age of devolution and reorganisation, which featured Alex Norris MP, LGA chair Cllr Louise Gittins, our Suffolk Association of Local Councils colleague Sally Longmate, and was hosted by Paul Marinko of The Municipal Journal. We also supported Falmouth Town Council at their Innovation Zone session, which explored the changing role of parish and town councils following the creation of unitary authorities. It was also great to work with the Society of Local Council Clerks on our joint exhibition stand. You can read more about how the conference unfolded later this week on our website.
- Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs and administration manager, Claire FitzGerald, joined the Hertfordshire Association of Parish and Town Councils (HAPTC) Annual General Meeting on 1 July 2025. Justin gave a presentation on our joint work supporting parish and town councils, as well as devolution and local government reorganisation and its implications. He also answered questions on engaging with residents on precept increases and the future of neighbourhood planning. The meeting heard from the deputy executive member for resources and performance at Hertfordshire County Council, Cllr Tim Williams, who spoke about the administration's 100-day plan and stressed the crucial role of parish and town councils in their local communities. He wants to strengthen working between the different tiers. The deputy chief executive of Hertfordshire County Council, Scott Crudgington, talked about the various proposals being considered as part of the local government reform.
- The Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) celebrated their 75th anniversary in style, launching an [excellent video](#) designed to encourage more people to get involved in their parish and town councils as councillors, clerks and council staff. It

also showcases the award-winning work ([Star Council Awards 2024 County Association of the Year winner!](#)). Our president, Baroness Ros Scott of Needham Market, spoke at their Annual General Meeting, congratulating them on their work and thanking parish and town councils for their efforts.

Support

- On 25 June 2025, during the House of Lords' second reading of the [Planning and Infrastructure Bill](#), I was pleased to see our briefing referenced alongside several mentions of parish and town councils. Lord Rooker acknowledged our general support for the Bill. Minister Lord Khan of Burnley reiterated that the Bill would expand the ability to remove the hope value of land when it is acquired by a parish or town council for projects that support the delivery of affordable housing. The Viscount Trenchard added that while local authorities can currently compulsorily purchase land and transfer it to parish and town councils for purposes such as building affordable homes, the Bill, as drafted, would exclude hope value from applying in such cases when the land is used for that purpose. It was good to see Lord Lansley highlight neighbourhood planning as an effective mechanism for housebuilding, and Baroness Bakewell shared our disappointment that the government has axed funding for neighbourhood planning. We will be working with peers and the Better Planning Coalition on amendments to the Bill at the Committee Stage.
- The [Bus Services \(Number 2\) Bill Committee](#) held its latest session on 24 June, at which we issued our briefing in advance. We argued that in certain circumstances, parish and town councils would be best placed to determine which bus services fulfil the requirements of a "socially necessary service" and thereby avoid the removal of a bus route that meets essential local demand. We drafted a clause amendment for the part of the Bill on Enhanced Partnerships to be amended. In the [Hansard](#) extract, Simon Lightwood MP and Jerome Mayhew MP debated new clauses which would enable local transport authorities to establish rural bus hubs in areas, thereby creating a hub-and-spoke model of bus service delivery. The National Audit Office publication [Local Bus Services in England](#) also makes a supportive point that "Bus service performance has not recovered to its pre-pandemic levels, which were already in decline. COVID-19 has led to changes in how frequently people travel by bus and in the journeys they make". It goes on to say that "the total number of bus journeys decreased by 9% in 2023/24 compared to 2019/20 (from 1.96 billion to 1.78 billion). But the number of concessionary journeys taken by older and disabled people has fallen by 29%. There have also been reductions in bus routes, measured by the distance bus services cover, of 15%, with significant reductions on commercial routes, particularly in more rural areas".
- We have partnered with Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) to [launch a new survey](#) designed to help parish and town councils enhance their flood resilience. The short survey will capture what information and support parish and

town councils need to better plan for flooding. The results will directly shape the development of practical resources tailored to local needs, ensuring that any future resources are genuinely helpful and relevant. To provide a broad and representative range of input, we request one response per parish or town council. The [survey](#) will close on 29 August 2025.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), the Internal Audit Forum challenges parish and town councils to look beyond the ticked boxes of their Annual Governance and Accountability Return forms and ask. Are we truly meeting the standards of good governance? From knowing your internal auditor to questioning compliance with transparency laws and the Local Government Act, this blog serves as a potent reminder that an audit is more than a formality. It's a public duty.

Email dated 02.07.2025 from WSCC

Driving towards a greener future with next phase of EV chargepoint sites agreed



news release

Driving towards a greener future with next phase of EV chargepoint sites agreed



A network of electric vehicle (EV) chargepoints in West Sussex is set to continue to grow as an additional 30 on-street sites are confirmed.

The sites were agreed following a countywide consultation, and you can [view the results here](#).

The work is led by West Sussex County Council with district and borough councils plus delivery partner Connected Kerb.

The latest chargepoints will be installed with additional underground wiring making it easier to expand further in the future.

The West Sussex Chargepoint Network already has hundreds of chargepoints on streets and in car parks that are convenient for drivers to access, especially for people without a private driveway.

The network will continue to grow in coming years and support the county's move to electric vehicles ahead of the 2035 ban on new petrol and diesel car sales.

Councillor Joy Dennis, the county council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, welcomed the latest expansion: "The growing network of chargepoints directly supports our residents in making the switch to electric vehicles as we approach the 2035 deadline. This ongoing work underpins our commitment to a greener, more sustainable West Sussex for everyone.

"Crucially, no changes to existing parking arrangements are proposed at this time; other vehicles can continue to park as usual, but we do encourage considerate parking to ensure

EV drivers have access to charging points. Any future changes to parking restrictions would, of course, be subject to the normal consultation process."

Chris Pateman-Jones, CEO of Connected Kerb added: "We're proud to continue supporting West Sussex County Council in delivering one of the most ambitious and accessible public charging networks in the UK. Expanding this infrastructure is essential to making EV adoption realistic and convenient for everyone - particularly residents without off-street parking. This next phase is another important step towards building a cleaner, greener future for the county, giving drivers the confidence that reliable charging is never far away."

This initiative to help provide sustainable transport options, that are accessible to all, aligns with [Our Council Plan](#) priority to support a sustainable and prosperous economy, alongside our commitment to protect the environment.

The county council welcomes your feedback and suggestions as we continue to develop a charging network that serves all residents. To propose new sites for future chargepoints, please visit the [Connected Kerb website](#).

Email dated 02.07.2025 from HDC

Join communities across the District in reducing their carbon emissions and protecting the local environment



July 2025



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](#).

Content:

- Get advice on personalised home energy measures with our new online tool
- Community Energy Fortnight, 1-14 July
- Funding reopens to support nature recovery
- Working hard to improve biodiversity in Henfield
- Green LEAP funding reopens for sustainable business initiatives
- Horsham's Community Composting Hot Bin Trial is a success
- News in Brief: Upcoming events

Get advice on personalised home energy saving measures with our new online tool



We have been working with Chichester District Council and Parity Projects to provide a new free-to-use online tool for Horsham District and Chichester District residents.

The tool will provide you with personalised information to help you to :

- choose which changes to make to your home to reduce the amount of energy you use
- discover ways to help make your home more comfortable to live in
- reduce your carbon emissions.

Simply put in your postcode, choose your address and your goal, and suitable energy-saving measures will be suggested for you. along with average costs for the works.

Open the Energy Saving Plan Builder

Community Energy Fortnight



This July we celebrate Community Energy Fortnight

1-14 July 2025

Community Energy Fortnight is a nationwide celebration of how local people are choosing to invest in Community Energy. From solar schools to heat networks, every step we take is building a cleaner, fairer energy system. We invite you and your organisation to get involved — share your story, inspire others, and be part of a movement that's growing stronger, smarter and more connected every year. Find out more

at: communityenergyengland.org

Grants for insulation, solar and more

Wednesday 2 July, 2pm-2.45pm (Free online event)

Everything you ever wanted to know about grants for insulation, solar, heat pumps etc (but were afraid to ask)! This event is suitable for home owners, private tenants and landlords, whatever your income. Visit this page to see what other events are also on offer.

Register for this event

Funding reopens to support nature recovery



Our Nature Recovery Award fund, set up in partnership with our Wilder Horsham District project and the Sussex Wildlife Trust is OPEN again for new applications.

We can fund up to £5,000 each to support landowners and community groups wishing to implement practical schemes to expand and improve networks for wildlife across the Horsham District landscape. The Sussex Wildlife Trust also offer site visits to help support and develop your project ideas. **The fund closes on 29 August.**

[Read about our past recipients](#)

[Apply for a Nature Recovery award](#)

Working to improve biodiversity in Henfield



Our Countryside team have been working in partnership with the Henfield Conservation Volunteers to manage our land in the village. At the Tanyard, additional native hedging including Hawthorn and Hazel has been planted which will provide fruit, shelter, and cover for wildlife. Yellow Rattle, also called the meadow-maker, which weakens dominant grasses allowing wildflowers to flourish, has been sown and is now blooming.

While on Henfield Common, non-native invasive Wilson's honeysuckle in the woodland has been dug out and a log pile in the Western Triangle created. Common Lizards have been recorded on the Common, and we hope the log pile will provide shelter and a basking place.



Green LEAP funding reopens for sustainable business initiatives

Green LEAP grants of up to £5,000 are available for climate-friendly projects which demonstrate how businesses plan to develop their climate ambitions. Read some Green LEAP stories to inspire your own ideas.

The funding window opens on Friday 11 July at 10am and will close at midday on Monday 21 July.

Further rounds may be announced at a later date, subject to funding.

[Apply for Green LEAP](#)



Horsham's Community Composting Hot Bin Trial is a success

St. Marks Church in Horsham was one of the first community groups in the District to trial a Hot Bin. Over 8 months, the community using the Hot Bin managed to divert 155kg of food from waste, whilst learning about how to reduce their food waste. This case study illustrates how a community hot bin can to help bring communities together, reduce food bills, improve local soil health, and reduce the carbon impact of food waste.

[Community Hot Bin Trial](#)



Recycling Drop-Off service expands to Upper Beeding

Beeding & Bramber Village Hall, High Street, Upper Beeding, BN44 3WN

A new recycling drop-off is now open on the second Saturday of each month, from 2pm to 4pm. This joins the growing network of drop-off points for hard-to-recycle items. Find your nearest recycling hub at the Sussex Green Living website and learn about what you can recycle.

[Locate nearest recycling hub](#)



Give Your stuff Away Day in Steyning.

This event occurs four times each year on Sundays. The next one is on 6 July and then 5 October

Give Your Stuff Away Day is a great way of getting rid of all that 'stuff' that's clogging up your closets, your loft, and your shed – things that still have plenty of useful life in them, but which you just don't use any more. Your junk could be someone else's treasure and giving it away saves waste going to landfill.

[Give Your Stuff Away Day](#)

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](#)

[Explore our Wilder Horsham District programme](#)

[Read our latest climate action blog posts](#)

[Visit the West Sussex Climate Action Hub](#)

Email dated 01.07.2025 from WSCC
Keeping safe and well across the county this summer

Summer Special

Supporting your
health and wellbeing



Welcome to our Health and Wellbeing Summer Special eNewsletter!

With summer now in full swing, we've got some helpful tips and online resources to support you and your family's health and wellbeing as well as information on where to get further support in your local area.



Keeping safe this summer

Long, sunny days are great for trips out with family and friends — but heat, fire and water hazards can quickly spoil the fun.

A little forward planning helps keep everyone, including pets, safe and well this summer. Our keeping safe this summer pages include advice on:

- Heat alerts and heat safety.
- Hydration.
- Checking up — looking out for friends, family, neighbours, pets and animals.
- Your health, including sun safety, sexual health, and tick awareness.
- Fire safety and [summer fire safety advice](#).
- Water safety.
- Festivals — planning before attending events.
- Travelling abroad and travel vaccinations — speak to your GP or practice nurse for general advice about travel vaccinations and travel health, such as protecting yourself from malaria. You can also pick up free condoms from your [local sexual health hub](#), or if you are aged under 25 you can order them for free online. Sexually transmitted infection (STI) tests (chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, and HIV) can also be ordered [online](#) ahead of travel.

How to keep safe this summer



Don't delay: quit smoking today

You're three times more likely to quit smoking for good with the right support, even if you've tried to quit in the past. What's more; the summer holidays can be a great time to do it, with a change of routine and no-smoking flights offering the perfect opportunity to quit for good.

In West Sussex we have a team of specialist stop smoking advisors who can offer free, non-judgemental support and the right quit aids. For more information, visit our [stop smoking services page](#), call 0330 222 7980 or download the [Smokefree app](#) to access free support today.

Quit for good



Support for mental wellbeing

If you or someone you know is struggling with their mental wellbeing, for example anxiety, stress or low mood, there's support available 24/7.

Text SUSSEX to 85258 for free, confidential support at any time of day or night. You'll be connected to a trained volunteer who can help you feel heard and supported. This service is provided by [Shout](#).

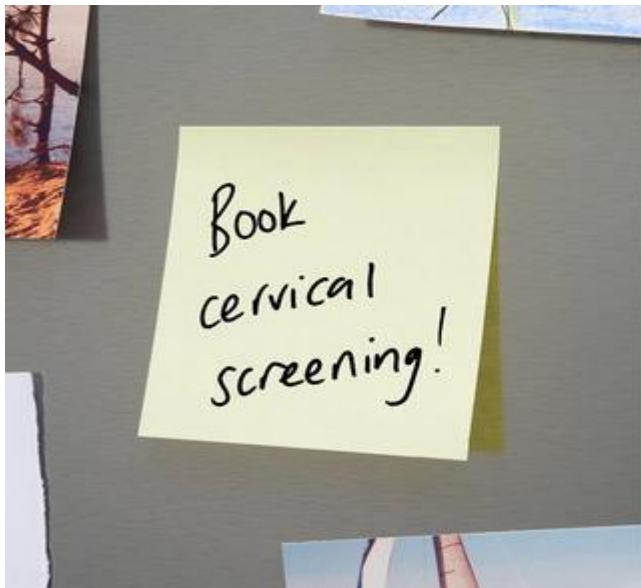
You're never alone in how you feel — help is just a message away.

Online resources and support:

A dedicated hub called [e-Wellbeing](#) offers free mental health resources and self-care tips for children and young people aged 13 to 25, and for adults (aged 25+). So if you're looking for help managing your wellbeing, such as managing anxiety, improving sleep or dealing with stress, you'll find clear, trusted advice.

Visit the e-Wellbeing hub for 13 to 25 year olds

Visit the e-Wellbeing hub for those aged 25+



**Don't ignore
your cervical
screening invite**



Too busy for cancer? Get screened!

Last month was Cervical Screening Awareness Week and we're continuing to recommend those aged 25 to 64 take up the offer of regular cervical screening (sometimes called a smear test), which is carried out at GP practices. Cervical screening checks the health of your cervix and is effective in detecting abnormal changes before they can turn into cancer.

Pre-cancers rarely cause symptoms, which is why regular cervical screening is important. Even if you've had the [Human Papillomavirus Vaccine \(HPV\)](#) it's important that you still attend your cervical screening, because the vaccine doesn't provide protection against all strains of HPV. The HPV vaccination protects against the human papillomavirus, which can cause cervical cancer and other types of cancer. Detecting cancer early can save lives, as it's often easier to treat and has a better chance of being cured at an early stage.

If you missed your last cervical screening invitation, it's not too late, you can still book an appointment with your GP practice. Screening saves lives. Please don't wait.

[More information on cervical cancer screening](#)

More news



Head to our [Newsroom](#) to find all the latest news from your council. In the meantime, here are some reminders of services and resources to support a healthy lifestyle.

- [Alcohol Awareness Week](#) is taking place from 7 to 13 July, and is a great opportunity to take the online [DrinkCoach](#) test to understand your risk. It's safest not to drink more than 14 units a week, spread over three or more days and with a few days off (14 units is equivalent to 6 pints of average-strength beer or 10 small glasses of lower-strength wine). If you're pregnant, the safest option is not to drink at all.
Drinking too much alcohol can increase the risk of liver disease, cancer, heart problems, and mental health issues. Take control now by visiting [Call the Shots on Alcohol](#) and find out about free local support from [West Sussex Wellbeing](#).
- Check out all the **weight management** services available in West Sussex by visiting the [West Sussex Wellbeing website](#). This includes information on our free weight management courses and support.
- **Do you or someone you know use a telecare alarm?** Landline phones are switching to digital, which could stop telecare alarms working. The switchover is already happening, so you need to act now. If you or someone you know uses a telecare alarm, call the landline provider now for support. Visit the [Digital Phone Switchover website](#) to find out more.

Have your say



Your pharmacy services

In February, we asked you to tell us about your experience with local pharmacy services to help us to understand how residents and communities use them. These comments and suggestions helped to inform a draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA), which is a statement of needs for pharmaceutical service provision within the area. We are seeking your feedback on the draft PNA; the consultation is open until Monday 28 July at 11.55pm. To have your say please [visit our website](#).

Young people's voices

We're asking all young people in West Sussex to tell us what they think about leisure-time activities that they may do in their free time. If you know someone aged 11 to 19 years old (or up to 24 years old with a learning difficulty or disability) please ask them to take part to help shape activities across West Sussex. Fill out [our survey](#) by Sunday 6 July 2025 and enter our free prize draw to win a £20 voucher.

Did you know?



Looking after teeth from an early age is key to preventing dental issues down the road. If your child experiences a dental emergency like a knocked-out tooth or severe toothache, don't wait — seek immediate care. You can access urgent dental services through the [NHS Sussex Emergency Dental Service](#). You can also read our [tips for looking after children's teeth](#) for more information.

Did you receive this eNewsletter from a friend? [Sign up here](#).

A promotional banner for the 'Smokefree West Sussex' campaign. On the left, a yellow box contains the text 'STOPPING SMOKING' and 'IT'S WELL WORTH IT'. Below this, the 'Smokefree West Sussex' logo and the 'West Sussex County Council' crest are displayed. On the right, a photograph shows a man and a young child playing with a colorful ball on a grassy lawn. At the bottom right, a yellow bar contains the website address 'westsussexwellbeing.org.uk/smokefree'.

Email dated 01.07.2025 from West Sussex Fire & Rescue
Fire service launches public consultation

A message from the Interim Chief Fire Officer of West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, Gary Ball:

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has today launched [a public consultation on its proposals for its next Community Risk Management Plan](#).

This plan will set out the direction of the fire service for the next four years.

The service is keen to hear from as many people as possible on its proposals, and so I invite you all to take the time to review the public consultation and share your thoughts on our proposals.

I would also ask you to raise awareness of this public consultation with your councillors as well as residents living within your communities and encourage them to have their say too.

The consultation comes after the service ran a community questionnaire last year in which it asked residents to highlight the areas of risk within their communities that concerned them the most. Many of you will have taken the time to complete this questionnaire and we are incredibly grateful for all of the valuable insight that you shared, which has helped us prepare this set of proposals based on your feedback.

Our consultation can be completed [online](#), or by filling out a paper copy of the consultation. If you would like a paper copy, please email yourfireservice@westsussex.gov.uk. If you would like a paper copy, please either email yourfireservice@westsussex.gov.uk or 01243 786211 and one will be sent out.

If you have any notice boards that we could display a poster on promoting our public consultation as well we would be very grateful if you could let us know, and these can also be sent out to you.

Warmest regards, Gary

Email dated 30.06.2025 from West Sussex Carers Support
Latest news from Carers Support West Sussex

Making caring visible, valued and supported



Welcome to the June edition of our professional newsletter.

An update about how we have been working to make carers seen, heard, and included.

At Carers Support West Sussex, we are funded by West Sussex County Council to make a difference to the lives of carers, and we make it our job to advocate on behalf of and highlight the invaluable role that carers play in our communities. Since the general election last year, we have written to all nine West Sussex MPs to introduce them to our services and invite them to meet with local carers.

Meeting with MPs

We have met with Jess Brown-Fuller in Chichester, Peter Lamb in Crawley, Mims Davies in East Grinstead, most recently with Alison Bennett who represents Mid Sussex with plans to meet with Tom Rutland in East Worthing. We have given these MPs information about the picture of caring in their constituencies and asked for their support in raising concerns with the government over issues such as Carers Allowance Overpayments, Welfare Reform and Carer Poverty. We are pleased to have been able to get their support in emphasising the vital role of carers.

Raising Voices, Making Waves: Carers' stories at the heart of change

Here are just a few of the ways we've been championing carers voice's over the past few months:

- We have presented evidence from West Sussex Carers to the select committee, chaired by Liz Sayce on the impact of the Carers Allowance Overpayments

- We are working with NHS colleagues to create a commitment to carers and to ensure that hospitals understand their responsibilities in involving carers in hospital discharges
- We are active partners of the Carers Poverty Coalition and regularly send reminders to MPs about the impact that decisions such as Welfare Reforms will have on carers.
- Our teams of staff work in your local districts and use every opportunity at meetings with partners to champion the role that carers do.

Together, we'll keep raising the voice of carers, championing their rights, and ensuring carers are not only seen, but truly heard and valued.

[Click here to see available services](#)

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

Carers Week 2025

We've just wrapped up a fantastic Carers Week, and what a week it was. With 28 events held both in person and online, there truly was something for everyone. It was a pleasure spending time with so many carers, chatting, connecting, and celebrating the vital role carers play in our community.

Janis, a carer who joined us for the tour at Leonardslee Gardens, shared her experience:

"Carers Week—what a wonderful day! The guided tour was full of fascinating information, especially the history of Leonardslee. The complimentary tea and cake were a lovely surprise, and walking through the peaceful gardens with friends from my support group made it extra special."

Carers Week is one of our ways of saying thank you to carers for all that they do. We're so pleased so many carers were able to join us throughout the week.

We've gathered some highlights and photos from the week, take a look here: [Carers Week](#)

Be the Face of Change – Join the “Give Carers a Break” Campaign

This July, national charity, Carers Trust is launching a bold national campaign to demand what all unpaid carers deserve: the legal right to a proper break.

They’re lighting up Parliament Square with powerful images of real carers, not actors or stock photos, and they’d love for you to be part of it.

If you’re a carer, this is how you can get involved:

- Take a photo of yourself (or just your message) holding a simple placard that answers: “If I had a proper break, I would...”
- Just write your answer on paper, cardboard, or even the back of a cereal box—nothing fancy needed! Keep it short and clear (10 words or fewer works best).
- Take a landscape photo at home, holding your placard. If you’d rather not be in the picture, just snap the placard by itself.

Your image will help show the nation what caring really looks like—and why change is urgently needed.

Deadline to submit your photo: 9th July

Submit your photo here [Give Carers A Break](#)

Support for carers and people with disabilities looking for work

Impact Workability (IW) (a part of Supported Employment West Sussex) is a West Sussex charity helping people with disabilities and carers to find the right employment (paid/voluntary) for them.

IW work with individuals to identify their skills and match these to employment they are interested in. They then provide support through the application, interview and induction process, also ongoing support. IW also support people that are already in employment and would like some advice.

Find out more here [Workability - IMPACT INITIATIVES](#)

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](#)

Worried About Scams? Just Ask Silver

Not sure if that email is safe? Then consider using the FREE online scam checker tool from: Ask Silver, that helps you check if a website, email, or text might be a scam.

You can paste a link, screenshot, or message into the tool, which will check it for signs of a scam and provide suggestions for next steps on staying safe.

Additionally, you can sign up to receive regular alerts about the latest scams to keep you aware of the very latest scammer tactics and help keep yourself safe.

[Ask Silver- Free Scam Checker](#)

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

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Email dated 27.06.2025 from Sussex Police
Safer Streets this Summer



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

KATY BOURNE OBE



July sees the start of some important national campaigns beginning with the Home Office's Safer Summer Streets initiative running from 30 June until September.

The national campaign is led by PCCs and Chief Constables and involves many partners - including police, councils, schools, health services, businesses and transport – working together to tackle anti-social behaviour, particularly in town centres during the busy summer period.

In Sussex, our Force will use a strategy known as 'hot spot policing' to gather evidence and tackle crime in specific areas.

You may have heard the term before but what does it mean? Hot spots are identified areas with persistently high levels of crime or disorder. Every county has hot spots and, quite often, they're in high footfall areas, like town centres but they can also include specific buildings, certain roads or even particular addresses.

Hot spot policing involves using an increased, frequent, visible policing presence, because evidence shows this not only deters criminals but also minimises the crime opportunities for offenders.

Whilst the campaign will see a renewed focus on town centres, hot spot policing is not new to Sussex. In April last year, my office secured £1.4 million from the Home Office to expand policing efforts in 29 areas with higher crime rates and anti-social behaviour across our county.

This led to a 15% reduction in crime and a 20% reduction in anti-social behaviour - proof that targeted and visible policing works.

Our partners (listed above) also have a key role to play in ensuring safety this summer, with involvement in projects such as improved lighting, public engagement and working with police to manage large-scale summer events.

I look forward to seeing more positive results from our Force and partners throughout the summer months and hearing how the campaign is landing in other parts of the country.

What happens after the crash?



In the UK, every 17 minutes someone is killed or seriously injured on the roads and, since 2022, national figures show that road deaths have increased by 5%.

Injuries and deaths on the road are usually down to what police call the 'fatal five' causes: speeding; drink and drug driving; not wearing a seatbelt; and distraction - like using a mobile 'phone. All these are preventable.

It is likely that, at some point in our lives, we've walked or driven past a devastating crash. Sadly, for those involved, the moment often marks a life changed forever – whether that's from trauma, injury, loss or even the end of a life. Recently, Sussex

Police [posted a video](#) showing the horrific consequences of what can happen if you look at your phone when driving.

That is why, in Sussex, I provide funding to road safety charity Brake, to deliver a unique service that sees victims and family members receive specialist support after a crash. Our dedicated Independent Road Safety Advocate/caseworker has been in place for over a year now and has already supported 147 people.

Last week, our Sussex caseworker spoke to Brake's national conference about his role, discussing how he provides emotional and practical help as well as support with court cases, seeking and using lawyers and injury rehabilitation.

Too many people are being seriously injured or killed on our roads so we need to be more ambitious and innovative if we want to see fewer lives lost and families devastated. That is why, in Sussex, we are developing a new policing unit in the near future, specifically designed to tackle the 'fatal five'. I look forward to updating you on this soon.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Illegal cigarettes, tobacco and vapes seized

Officers seized hundreds of cigarettes, tobacco and vapes from a man preparing to sell the goods in Bognor.

The man was seen unloading the goods from a vehicle, officers approached him and successfully confiscated all of the merchandise. He was reported to licensing teams.

This is one of a number of seizures made by Sussex Police in partnership with Trading Standards to crack-down on illegal trade in the area.

Officers have seized over 64,000 illegal cigarettes and over 14kg of illicit tobacco from sellers in Bognor Town Centre since 19 May this year.



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