

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 26 July – 1 August 2025 (Agenda September 2025)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

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

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

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

Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- Annual salt audit submitted to WSCC Highways

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 8 th September 2025	
Application No: DC/25/1025 31.07.2025	Response/Comments:

Applicant: Mill Hill House, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of a three bay garage and log store (Householder Application)	
Official Response Date: 21.08.2025 / Determination 17.09.2025	
Application No: DC/25/1026 31.07.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Mill Hill House, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of a three bay garage and log store (Listed Building Consent)	
Official Response Date: 21.08.2025 / Determination 17.09.2025	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:

Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No: DC/25/0093 18.07.2025 PINS; APP/Z3825/W/25/3369471	Response/Comments: Waiting notification from HDC.
Applicant: Windacres, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Prior Notification for Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a single dwellinghouse.	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
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 01.08.2025 from HDC

Horsham Wellbeing August Newsletter



This month, our popular Get Active and Weight Off workshops are open for booking! Join us as we explore practical ways to boost your wellbeing — from understanding your blood pressure and staying hydrated to tips for feeling happy and healthy every day.

Content:

- Book your free WOW and/or Get Active course now
- Free blood pressure checks in Swan Walk
- Understanding blood pressure workshop

- Hydration
- Menopause information evening
- Carers Support- free group & 1-1 coaching
- Happiness Awareness Month
- Eating Seasonally: Blackberry season
- Cycle to work day

Available to book: WOW and Get Active

Our next round of group courses start this September - and this year, there's even more variety than ever before!



FREE

Weight Off Workshops

Book today!

Weight Management Courses

Spaces are filling up quickly for our popular Weight off Workshops starting in September.

All groups will include private weekly weigh ins, toolbox, food diaries and weekly group workshops. Some groups will also include a gentle introduction to exercise.

We have courses running in **Billingshurst, Storrington, Southwater and Horsham!**

If you're ready to commit to making sustainable changes, we think you'll love WOW.

12-week course starting in September

[Read more](#)

Get Active Courses

New to exercise but don't know where to start?

Our **10 week Get Active courses** are a gentle introduction back into regular exercise. We have a range of beginner classes led by qualified instructors.

- [Pilates](#) – Improve balance, posture, strength, and flexibility.
- [Learn to Run](#) – Go from walking to jogging safely and gradually.
- [65+ Back to Exercise](#) – Fun, low-impact strength and aerobic workouts for older adults.
- [Legs, Bums and Tums](#) – Easy-to-follow routines to tone with Low and high impact options offered to suit your needs.
- [Aquafit](#) – An aerobics class in water, providing a supportive environment for your body.
- [Strength & Tone](#) – A combination of aerobic and strengthening exercises
- [Swim4 Health](#) – A 6 week swim only membership to The Pavilions in the Park (Horsham), Billingshurst or Steyning leisure centre.



[Read more](#)

**Friday 29
August**

**Free blood
pressure
checks and
information
stand**



Find us in the centre of Swan Walk

On **Friday 29 August** we will be offering **free blood pressure checks** in Swan Walk Shopping Centre in Horsham.

You will find us outside Superdrug between **10am and 4pm**.

As well as blood pressure checks, one of the team will be on hand to answer any questions you might have about our service. Pop along and say hello!



Worried about high blood pressure?

You're not alone—and the good news is, there's plenty you can do to take control.

Our group session, Understanding Blood Pressure, breaks down what your numbers really mean, why they might be high, and offers simple, practical steps to help lower them — often before medication is needed.

These free sessions will run next month and are open to anyone who lives or works in the district. Spaces are limited, so book early to secure your place!

12th September: 2:30-4:30pm

[Book here](#)

17th September: 5:30pm-7:30pm

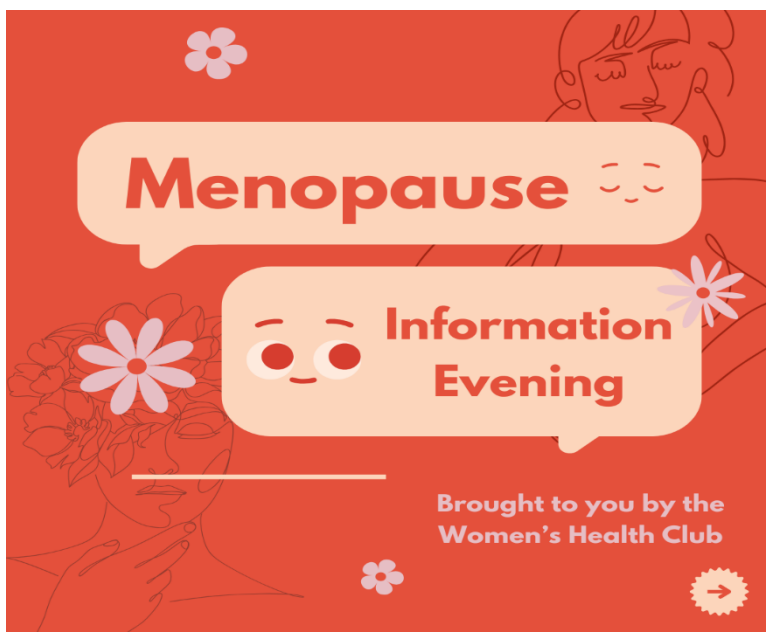
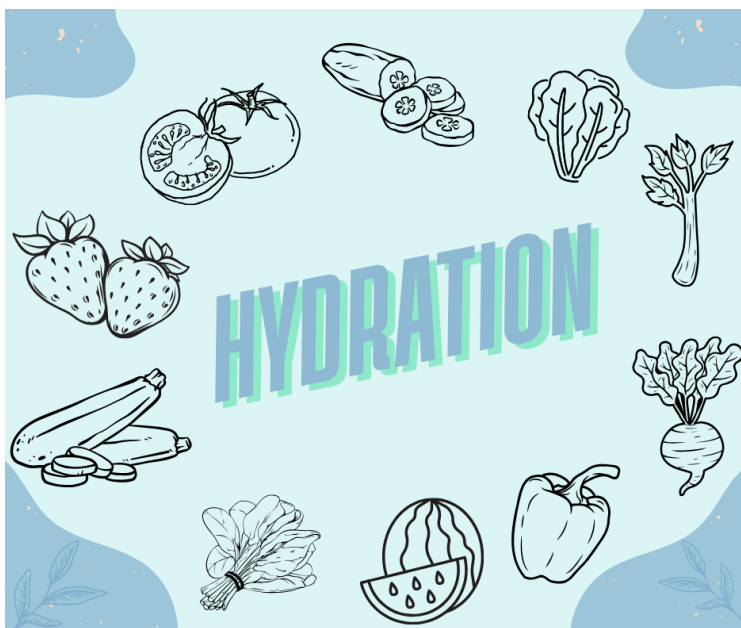
[Book here](#)

Hydration

With the summer heat upon us, it is so important that we stay hydrated. Did you know that we can stay hydrated through not only drinking enough water, but by the type of foods we eat?

Here are some hydrating foods
you can include in your diet:
Water content (approximately):

- **Cucumber** 95-97%
- **Iceberg lettuce** 95-96%
- **Celery** 95%
- **Radishes** 95%
- **Tomatoes** 95-95%
- **Courgette (Zucchini)/Summer Squash** 94-95%
- **Watermelon** 92%
- **Spinach** 91-93%
- **Strawberries** 91%
- **Bell peppers** 90-92%



Menopause Information Evening on Nutrition

Hosted by one of our Health
and Wellbeing Advisors:

"How eating well can help
both Peri and Menopausal
symptoms".

Wednesday 13th August

6:30-7:30pm

Orchard Surgery, Lower
Tanbridge Way, Horsham. All
welcome

[Book your free ticket here](#)

Free Carer Coaching- Carers Support West Sussex

Being a carer, it is easy to put someone else's wellbeing over your own.

Carers Support offer free group and 1-1 coaching.

Key benefits for carers who have taken part in coaching include:

- Increased confidence in themselves and their abilities
- Greater self-worth
- Feeling more choice and control in their caring role

To register as a carer with Carers Support West Sussex and find out more about their coaching sessions, visit their website.

Carers Support West Sussex



Happiness Awareness Month

In today's busy world, Happiness Awareness Month acts as a good reminder for us to slow down and live in the moment, celebrate life's simple joys and spread positivity to those around us.

Here are 5 simple ideas for you to try:

1. Start a gratitude journal and note down 1 or 2 positive things each day.



2. Compliment a friend or colleague or send them a nice message- it will make their day.
3. Go for a walk in nature and notice the beautiful surroundings.
4. Unplug from your phone for an hour and enjoy being present in the moment.
5. Do a random act of kindness- kindness breeds kindness

Happiness is found in the small, meaningful moments—so take time to notice and appreciate little things that matter and make you smile

[Find out more here](#)



Cycle to Work Day- 7th August

Cycle to Work Day is the UK's biggest celebration of everyday cycling. It encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to ditch the car or train and choose their bikes for the daily commute.

So why not join in and choose to cycle or walk to work! Not only would you be making a positive environmental impact, but you will be getting some great exercise in before and after your work day!

[Read more](#)



Eating Seasonally

August marks the beginning of blackberry season — a perfect time to enjoy this delicious and nutritious fruit. Blackberries are high in antioxidants, fibre, vitamins and minerals, making them a fantastic addition to a healthy diet. They're a good source of vitamin C, which supports the immune system and helps the body fight off infections.

Their natural sweetness and vibrant colour also make them a perfect superfood for a refreshing summer fruit salad.

[Blackberry Frozen Yoghurt Recipe](#)

Email dated 01.08.2025 from HDC

Latest news: Addressing housing challenges | Celebrate Blue Star Harriers at Horsham Museum

Latest News



**Horsham
District
Council**



Local partners unite to address housing challenges in Horsham District

We recently hosted Homes for Tomorrow, a summit-style event focused on tackling local housing challenges and informing our new housing strategy. Delegates on the day included housebuilders, central government representatives, planning officers, John Milne MP, Supported housing providers, community workers and officers from West Sussex County Council and Horsham District Council.

Regular question and answer sessions and a panel session created opportunities for all those attending to share expertise and learn from each other.

Our Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities Cllr Sam Raby commented: "Attending this event, surrounded by such a wealth of housing expertise, was invaluable. The insights gained and shared will play a crucial role in shaping our new housing strategy that truly meets the changing needs of our people in the Horsham District. Everyone deserves to live in a home that's safe, secure and of a good standard regardless of their circumstances and our new Homes for Tomorrow strategy is set to help us achieve this."



[Read more](#)



Horsham Park wins prestigious Green Flag Award for sixth year

Horsham Park has once again been officially recognised as one of the country's best parks. The internationally recognised award is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the Council's Parks and Countryside team, Horsham Denne Neighbourhood Council, the Friends of Horsham Park, idverde and the many volunteers who help maintain and enhance this much-loved green space.



Two weeks left to have your say on Local Government Reorganisation

There's still time to shape the future of local government in West Sussex.

Residents, businesses, and community groups are being encouraged to take part in a county-wide survey before it closes on Wednesday 13 August.

More than 4,500 people have already shared their views and there's still time to participate.

[Read more](#)

[Complete the survey](#)



Museum's Time Traveller Craft Challenge is now open!

Travel through time this summer holiday with a different historically themed children's craft each week at Horsham Museum. Tuesday to Friday, 22 July to 29 August, 10:30am - 3pm

[Book now](#)



Horsham's Blue Star Harriers celebrated at Horsham Museum

The story of a much-loved Horsham athletics club is the latest new exhibition at Horsham Museum.

The Blue Star Harriers display celebrates the club's centenary.

[Visit now](#)

Horsham Town Council consultation results are in

Horsham District Council recently invited local residents, businesses and community groups to share their views on whether Horsham Town Centre should have a town council.

Results from the initial public consultations have shown some 75% of respondents are in favour of the creation of a town council for Horsham and over 88% of respondents felt a town council would deliver improved local decision making and community representation.



[Read the feedback](#)

Click here for more
news from Horsham
District Council



View current Council
Consultations



Email dated 01.08.2025 from HDC

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

Tackling Climate Change



Horsham
District
Council



August 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:

- Major low energy lighting project now completed
- Our commitment to creating 'Wildways' across the District
- National recycling success for the District
- Council supports local communities on active travel initiatives
- Waste prevention events in August
- Nature-focused Summer Reading Challenge
- Listen to students' viewpoints on the climate emergency
- More eco friendly services come to Storrington

Major low energy lighting project now completed



Since we completed a major project to replace the lights in all our multi-storey car parks to low energy (LED) lighting, we have now extended this programme of works to all our Council-owned surface car parks across the District, as well as in Horsham Park. To give you an idea of the scale of this, just replacing the first 387 lights in Swan Walk car park reduced our carbon emissions by almost 19,000kg a year, as well as saving almost £11k in energy bills!

This wider project is now completed and includes car parks in: **Bolney, Cowfold, Billingshurst, Henfield, Horsham, Partridge Green, Pulborough, Roffey, Southwater, Storrington, Upper Beeding, and Warnham.**

By replacing hundreds of these bulbs and fittings we have now reduced our power consumption, and so carbon emissions, from our car parks over the last three years by over 40%. This is equivalent to approximately 111 return flights from Gatwick to Rome and back, or driving from Horsham to Edinburgh and back 583 times!

This all contributes to our aspiration for the Council's direct emission to become net zero by 2030. [Read our 2025–2030 Carbon Reduction plan](#). See more details, including how to reduce your own lighting bills, in our new blog post, linked below.

[Low energy lighting blog post](#)

Our commitment to creating 'Wildways' across the District



As a Council we are committed to enhancing green spaces through the [Wilder Horsham District](#) programme which is in its sixth year, and we are now in the second year of the **Wildways initiative**. This involves allowing grass to grow longer in selected parks and open spaces to support wildflowers and pollinators. By cutting selected areas of the grass less frequently, the soil becomes less fertile, and this enables the wildflowers to out-compete the grass, grow and set seed. After a number of years, the wildflowers become well established and look more abundant.

The dry start to 2025 has presented both challenges as well as opportunities for local biodiversity efforts. In the coming weeks, be sure to look out for swathes of wildflowers such as germander speedwell, hawkbit, and yarrow which can cope with drought conditions and produces abundant nectar which is particularly important for supporting early pollinators when other nectar sources might be scarce.

Whether enduring drought or wet conditions, the resilience of some species is remarkable and shows that given the chance to flourish, our hedgerows and amenity greenspaces can also be a haven for wildlife too.

[Find out about our Wildways project](#)

National recycling success for the District



DEFRA has announced their 2023/24 recycling figures which show that Horsham District Council has a high performance compared with other collection authorities which do not collect food waste, ranking second in this group. Huntingdonshire came first. We'd like to extend a big thank you to all our residents for helping us to achieve this success.

Weekly [food waste collections](#) will be launched across the District in spring 2026. All residents will be receiving further details in January outlining how food waste collections will affect them.

Keep up to date with our recycling and waste news, plus receive top tips on how to reduce waste and recycle more, by signing up to our [Waste and Recycling email newsletter](#).

To receive updates and timely reminders of all your recycling and waste collections, please download the Horsham District Council **mobile app** via the link below.

[Download our mobile app](#)

Council supports local communities on Active Travel initiatives



Encouraging walking and cycling, and making it safer and easier for all, is something that many local people care about and we are happy to work with local parish councils who wish to develop Local Walking and Cycling Plans. For example, Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding have recently agreed to develop their own Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan following a public consultation.

We recognise the importance of enabling more active travel to create better, safer, healthier and more accessible towns and villages. Horsham District Council will assist in this in our role as the Local Planning Authority. We are also in the process of recruiting a full time Active Travel Co-ordinator who will be able to support Plan developments.



Upcoming Waste Prevention community events

Have your questions answered about the county's recycling services and waste reduction initiatives.

- **Sunday 10 August (10am–4pm)** Waste Prevention information stand at Camelia Botnar Garden Centre, Littleworth Lane, Horsham, RH13 8NA.
- **Saturday 16 August (1pm–6pm)** Waste Prevention information stand at the Ashington Festival, Ashington Recreation Ground, Church Lane. RH20 3JX.



Summer Reading Challenge: Story Garden

Libraries across Sussex are offering children a Summer Reading Challenge. The theme this year is Story Garden, aiming to inspire a love of reading, nature and exploring the outdoors.

Running until Saturday 13 September, children aged 4-11 will be asked to read books and complete reading challenges to collect stickers, and they will receive a special medal and certificate for completing their challenge. There will also be a mini challenge for those aged under 4 years.

Summer Reading Challenge



More eco friendly services come to Storrington - 27 August 2025

Chanctonbury Leisure Centre,
Spierbridge Road, Storrington.

1. A new [Bottle Refill and Return service](#) comes to Storrington thanks to a West Sussex County Council / Biffa Waste Prevention Community Grant awarded to [Sussex Green Living](#). This service includes dry food, household and personal care bottle refills. Refills help to cut packaging, saving on production resources, reducing waste and saving you money.

2. Monthly Community Food Hub, 10am - 11am For a suggested small donation, you can pick up a wide selection of surplus foods which would have otherwise ended up as waste.

[Locate your nearest Food Hub](#)



Listen to students' viewpoints on the climate emergency

Earlier this year, a group of media students at Horsham's College of Richard Collyer used our Climate Action Strategy as an opportunity to develop their filming portfolio.

The finished film highlights the Council's Climate Action Strategy and showcases the students' views on how they interpreted the strategy, why they thought it was important, and what we can all do to make a difference.

You may also like to hear a [short interview](#) the students held with a member of the Collyer's Sustainability Committee to find out what she thinks is important for climate action.

[Climate Overview Video](#)



Share with your friends

Have you enjoyed reading this newsletter? Do you want to share your enthusiasm with friends and family? Please pass this newsletter on, or they can [sign up to receive their own newsletter here](#). More articles like this can also be seen in our special [climate blog](#).

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 31.07.2025 with NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin**

31 July 2025

Events and meetings

- Our [Larger Councils Committee](#) met at our partner [CCLA](#) offices in London on 24 July 2025. William Oldham from the Local Government Association (LGA) discussed the national recruitment campaign for local government, which we successfully pressed to get expanded to include parish and town councils. Karen Chapple and Rebekah Thompson gave a presentation on Haverhill Town Council's initiatives to support young people, which saw them shortlisted in the LGC Awards 2025. The committee discussed the benefits and challenges of remote and proxy voting and the implications of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill. The committee agreed to explore alternative hosts for next year's study tour. The committee were also encouraged to submit nominations to our [Star Council Awards](#) and received updates on several key areas, including neighbourhood planning, the Martyn's Law Steering Group, our [national network](#) for super councils and [Local Councils Explained](#).
- The Martyn's Law Steering Group came together on 28 July 2025, continuing its vital work on preparations for the implementation of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025, which received Royal Assent earlier this year. The group delivered its key milestone of publishing all three advice notes, which are [available on our website](#). These documents will help parish and town councils better understand and prepare for their responsibilities under Martyn's Law. Looking ahead, the group confirmed its plans for the next set of materials to be produced and published later this year. The group shared valuable updates on their recent engagements with the Home Office, the National Counter Terrorism Security Office, and the Security Industry Authority. All parish and town councils, regardless of whether they currently own or manage premises or organise public events, are strongly encouraged to review the newly released advice notes. These resources are essential for building strong, proactive approaches to public safety and preparedness ahead of Martyn's Law coming into effect in 2027.
- Our head of policy and communications spoke at the Shropshire Together Conference on 25 July 2025, organised by the Shropshire Association of Local Councils. The conference brought councillors and clerks together to focus on the future working relationship and role for our sector with the unitary authority following May's local elections. Justin's presentation covered the devolution picture nationally, how it impacts parish and town councils and why coming together now is critical. There were also excellent presentations from Bridgwater Town Council on their experience of devolution in Somerset, Shropshire

Council on the financial challenges it faces and commitment to partnership working, the local branch of the Society of Local Council Clerks, and an interactive workshop on developing a partnership agreement.

Support

- We have urged the government to prioritise local democracy, sustainability, and accountability in its proposed reforms to planning committees. In [our response](#) to the government's consultation on proposals around the delegation of planning functions, the size and composition of planning committees and mandatory training for members of planning committees, we highlighted the need for a strong, community-led planning system that empowers parish and town councils and protects the integrity of local places. You can [read the full response](#) on our website.
- We have urged the government to put parish and town councils at the heart of plans to support England's most deprived neighbourhoods. In [our response](#) to the Independent Commission on Neighbourhoods' (ICON) Green Paper, we made a strong case for involving parish and town councils in designing and delivering future funding and support. We argued that the best solutions to deprivation are rooted in communities themselves. Parish and town councils know their areas best and are well-placed to lead efforts to improve lives on the ground. You can [read the complete response](#) on our website.
- We have partnered with the LGA to [bring two inspiring events](#) designed to encourage more people, especially those from underrepresented backgrounds, to stand for election as parish or town councillors. The first event, [Local Democracy in Action](#), on 17 October 2025, is a free event tailored for parish and town councils and county associations looking to energise their communities and widen the pool of people stepping forward to serve. The second event, [People in Action](#), on 14 November 2025, is another free event for those curious about becoming a councillor and want to make a meaningful difference where they live.
- Following the shadow cabinet reshuffle, our chair, Cllr Keith Stevens, has written to the new Shadow Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Sir James Cleverly MP, to offer congratulations on his appointment. Keith expressed our commitment to working constructively with the Conservative Party on its approach to localism and devolution, in particular the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill. We look forward to engaging with him and his team to ensure that parish and town councils remain at the heart of communities, helping to deliver vital services and giving residents a truly democratic voice.
- The [government published its strategy for modern and secure elections](#), which sets out plans for delivering commitments to strengthen electoral integrity and broaden democratic participation. Key proposals include extending the franchise to 16- and 17-year-olds in all UK elections (aligning with Scotland and Wales), registration from age 14, and automatic voter registration. Other steps include introducing voter photo ID at polling stations to reduce impersonation, reforms to postal and proxy voting (including adjusted deadlines, stronger ID checks, and tighter ballot controls). A new Digital Imprint Regime would require clear labelling of online political material to improve campaign transparency. The Electoral

Commission would prioritise integrity, with greater accountability to parliament. Further measures include preventing intimidation and undue influence near polling stations and improving accessibility for disabled voters. We will engage with the government and the sector as these reforms progress.

Resource

- [In this week's blog](#), The Woodland Trust highlights how parish and town councils can make a lasting impact this Love Parks Week through strategic tree planting. With free tree packs available and a powerful new Tree Equity Score tool to guide decision-making, parish and town councils have everything they need to boost biodiversity, fight climate change, and bring communities together. From village greens to hedgerows, even small projects can deliver significant benefits. Read the full blog to find out how to get started.
- The [Martyn's Law Steering Group has published a new in-depth advice note](#) providing background on the Act, explaining how it relates to parish and town councils, its key requirements, understanding the threat from terrorism, and focusing on wider practical emergency planning. The advice note also explains the concepts of publicly accessible locations and wider public participation, clerk reporting and council recommendations, community resilience planning and business continuity, support and resources available, and next steps.

Email dated 30.07.2025 from WSCC
Have your say on the future of local councils in West Sussex



news release

Have your say on the future of local councils in West Sussex



There's still time to shape the future of local government in West Sussex. Residents, businesses, and community groups are being encouraged to take part in a county-wide survey before it closes on **Wednesday 13 August**. More than 4,500 people have already shared their views and there's still time to participate.

Launched on 17 July, the joint survey from Adur District Council, Arun District Council, Chichester District Council, Crawley Borough Council, Horsham District Council, Mid Sussex District Council, West Sussex County Council and Worthing Borough Council, asks people where they live or work, which council services they use, and how they believe local councils should be structured in the future. The feedback will help inform the response to the Government's request for proposals on moving to a simpler, single-tier council model, replacing the current two-tier system of county and district or borough councils.

So far, the response has been strong, with thousands already taking part. All councils across West Sussex are working together to ensure that any proposals reflect the views of local people and communities before being submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in September. Once proposals are submitted by 26 September 2025, the Government will begin a formal consultation process. A Government decision on Local Government Reorganisation in West Sussex is expected in Spring 2026.

Whether you're a resident, a business owner, or part of a local organisation, this is a chance to influence how vital services like waste collection, housing, education, and social care are delivered in the future.

The councils are especially keen to hear from organisations supporting vulnerable or underrepresented groups. Every voice matters, and this input will help ensure that decisions reflect the needs of everyone in West Sussex. Hard copy and large-print versions of the survey are also available at all council receptions and libraries across the county for those who prefer non-digital options.

It's important to note that this process is about local government reorganisation which concerns streamlining how services are delivered locally. It is separate from devolution, which involves transferring powers from central government to new regional Mayoral Authorities.

These changes could affect how you're represented, how decisions are made, and how public money is spent. Whether you've just moved to the area, run a business, care for a loved one, or simply want your voice heard, your opinion matters.

Take part in the survey online here: www.shapingwestsussex.org, or pick up a paper copy at your local library or council office. The survey closes on **Wednesday 13 August at 11:59pm**.

For more information visit

www.westsussex.gov.uk/campaigns/future-of-local-government-in-sussex/

For timetable and process information please see the

[summary update of the local government reorganisation](#) from the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government.

Email dated 30.07.2025 from WSCC

Highways, Transport and Planning - News and Updates

Highways, Transport and Planning



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

A recent report, which has been published on the [council's website](#), 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 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.

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."

[Read more](#)

New Road Safety Strategy aiming to reduce death and serious injury on West Sussex roads



West Sussex County Council has updated its Road Safety Strategy to encourage all road users to prioritise road safety, so that fewer people will be killed or seriously injured in collisions on its roads. After holding a public consultation, the strategy has been developed to influence behaviour and create a safer road network for everyone.

- Speed management because evidence from national police data shows that going too fast is the main cause of collisions and makes death or serious injury more likely in a crash.
- Planning and designing safer roads and using technology to prevent collisions and protect those most at risk.
- Encouraging all road users to prioritise road safety when they travel.

[Find out more](#)

EV ChargePoint for Community landowners Webinar

We are pleased to invite you to our next webinar on Microsoft Teams on **Wednesday 30 June at 1pm** - an invite will have been sent to you - aimed at community landowners and parish councils located in West Sussex, to learn more about the exciting progress being made in West Sussex Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure. You should have already received an direct calendar invite.

West Sussex County Council, in collaboration with district and borough councils and Connected Kerb, is leading one of the most ambitious EV charging rollouts in the UK; with nearly 1,000 chargers already deployed across the county.

Now we want to let you know how your community can be part of this success.

This session will:

- Introduce the WSCC partnership with Connected Kerb.
- Explain the benefits of the ORCS grant and how it supports EV infrastructure.
- Show how town and parish councils can get involved and access funding.
- Provide a clear roadmap for applying and implementing EV charge points in community car parks.

(Please note: this webinar will discuss the community landowner / parish EV charge points, not on-street sites, or locations).

There will also be time allocated to answer questions at the end of the webinar. Please note this session will be recorded and shared.

Annual Grit Audits – 2025/26

The annual Grit Audits for 2025/26 have now been sent out to Parish and Town Councils with licensed grit bins and hippo bags.

We kindly ask that all relevant councils complete and submit their audits by the outlined deadline of Friday 1st August 2025, to help us ensure that there is adequate grit supply across the county ahead of the winter season.

If you have any questions or queries regarding the grit audits or your grit bins/hippo bags, please contact us at Parish-Town.Enquiries@westsussex.gov.uk.

Selsey Pollinator Highway Project



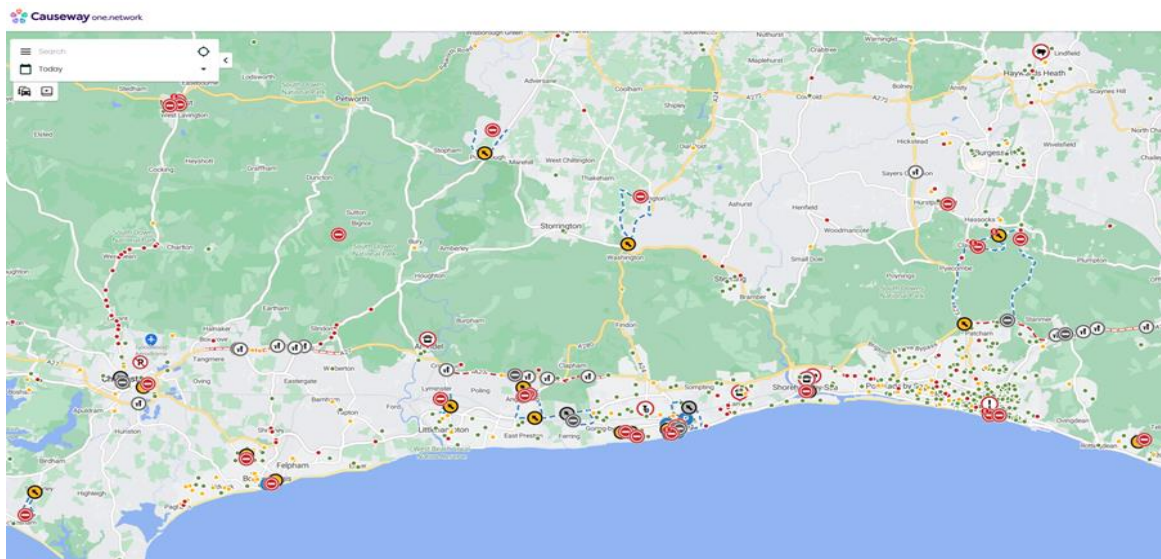
Image taken by Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group

WSSCC and the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group are working in partnership to link together habitats for our all important pollinators. The Selsey Pollinator Highway Project was created to restore and increase wild areas that are so needed by pollinators such as bees, moths, butterflies and wasps.

Find out more

Find out about Road Works in your area

Did you know that you can view information about road works on <https://one.network/>? Find out full details of roadworks taking place in West Sussex including the location, associated diversion routes, the nature of the works being undertaken and who is responsible for the works. There are also links to our public notices for temporary traffic regulation orders such as road closures which give more detailed information on restrictions.



If you create an account you can sign up for email alerts of road works within an specific area. You can choose when you would like to receive the alerts either daily, weekly or monthly.

So next time you are wondering about some road works happening in your area or are planning an important journey, remember one.network – you can find this through our website too if you type 'Roadworks map' into the search bar.

Answering your frequently asked questions

Why use surface dressing instead of resurfacing?

A surface dressing treatment is a preventative measure while resurfacing is a corrective treatment.



Surface dressing

We treat a road with surface dressing to extend it's life before it suffers significant damage. We may use it in situations where a road surface might still look to be in reasonable condition.

When used at the right time surface dressing delays the need to do more significant work and is a fast process, so causes comparatively little disruption to residents and road users.



Resurfacing

Resurfacing takes place when the road has significant or structural damage already. The damaged material needs removing and replacing. Resurfacing works are a bigger job than surface treatments and cause more disruption to residents and road users.

For more information visit [Road surface dressing - West Sussex County Council](#)

Why is no one on site during roadworks?

There can be many valid reasons why team members may not be visible on-site during roadworks:

- Nature of the works - e.g. Gas leak works would have to vent the build-up of toxic gas before it is safe to begin repairs.
- Equipment failure - frustrating for all involved but cannot be planned for.
- Tarmac plant closure - causes supply delays.
- Materials curing such as concrete.
- Team members called away to emergency works. Utilities have a finite resource. Therefore, in peak usage times such as winter for gas or summer for water where emergencies are more common due to pressure on services, teams may be removed from planned works to attend to emergencies.
- Waiting for a different team - similar to emergencies utilities have to plan and use their staffing resource carefully. Therefore, they often have one team to do excavations for all works, a separate team to complete repairs and a third who completes reinstatements. This means there is a small amount of downtime between each team arriving and completing their section of works.
- Waiting for another utility to arrive - if the gang have discovered a leak for example or if they have accidentally damaged another utilities equipment.
- Lunch break - work regulations apply to sites.
- Working hours - Traffic management may be needed 24hrs a day due to open excavations however if area is residential then team members are bound by Environmental Health regulations on working times.

Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement

Riparian Toolkit

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.



Scheme Updates

A new shared use path at Lancing beach

WSCC has installed a new segregated cycle path alongside the Perch Cafe in Lancing, connecting the existing shared pedestrian and cycle path at either end of this new section. This safety improvement focuses on reducing conflict between user groups on a busy section of the National Cycle Route (2), whilst still ensuring the public's enjoyment of the local area.

In addition, cycle facilities were also installed, including inclusive cycle stands and cycle aids, while priority was provided for cyclists at the intersections, encouraging free flow movement for cyclists and pedestrians alike.

Efforts were made to increase awareness of the existing Public Rights of Way (PROW) network by introducing a new all weather path, and the removal of steps to further improve accessibility for mobility-challenged users. Several memorial benches were strategically relocated on Lancing Green, making access to them easier. Additionally, the existing path adjacent to The Perch will be resurfaced to enhance usability and extend its lifespan.



Image credit: Landbuild

Essential road, drains and bridge maintenance works on the A23 in Crawley

On Wednesday 23 July/In July West Sussex County Council will start work/started work to refurbish the Crawley bypass railway bridge and to improve the traffic signals and drainage network on the A23 Crawley Avenue near the Ifield Community College junction in Crawley. As part of the works the road will then be resurfaced.

The works are expected to last for eleven weeks until October, dependent on external factors such as weather. They will be coordinated in phases with most of the work scheduled during the school summer holidays to keep traffic disruption to a minimum. Traffic management will maintain the flow of traffic during any necessary lane or road closures.

More information can be found on [one.network](#) and [our website](#).

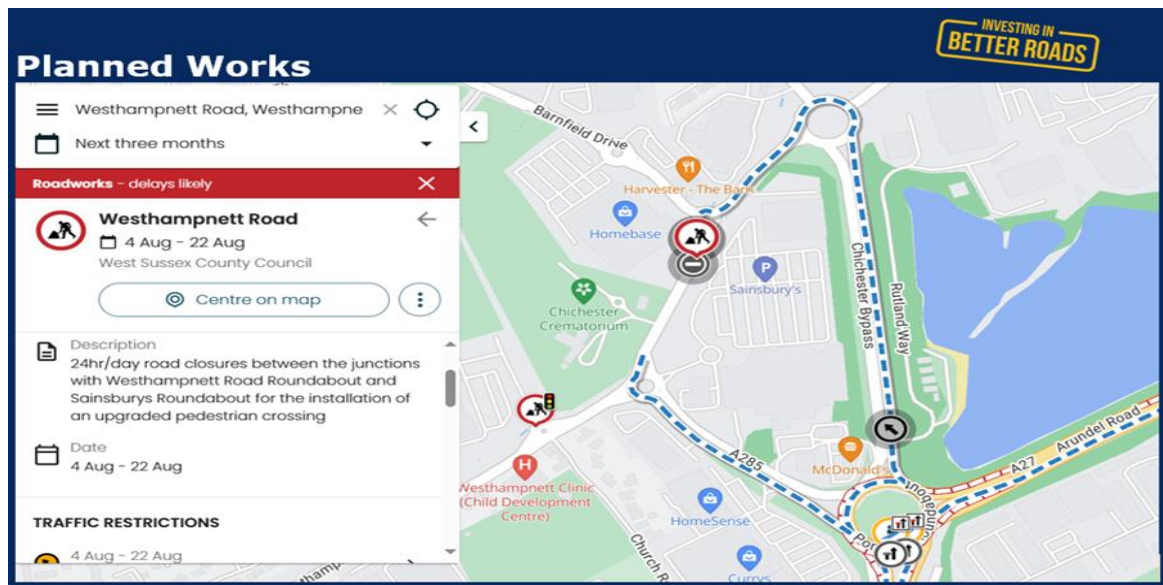


Planned works to refurbish signalised crossing in Chichester

Works to refurbish signalised toucan crossing at Westhampnett Road near Barnfield Drive, Chichester to start from 4 August 2025 for approximately 3 weeks.

The existing crossing equipment has reached the end of its service life and now requires replacement to ensure continued safe and reliable operation. For safety of workers on site, the road will be closed to northbound traffic, while southbound traffic will still be allowed through. A diversion will be in place, directing northbound vehicles east along Portfield Way, then north on the Chichester bypass, and south on Westhampnett Road.

The works will generally be undertaken during the hours of 9:30 am and 3:30 pm but the road closure and temporary traffic lights will remain in place during the week. Access to the crematorium will be maintained at all times but will only be accessible by heading southbound on Westhampnett Road and/or using the diversion route.



Shoreham Active Travel Improvements

Following a public consultation in June 2024, improvements to provide safer active travel to Buckingham Park Primary School was agreed. WS Highways are delivering these improvements in 3 phases.

Phase 1 is now complete:

- Installation of a parallel crossing on Upper Shoreham Road near The Drive and Buckingham Road junctions.
- A segregated cycle path on the northbound spur at the Buckingham Road and Upper Shoreham Road junction.
- Cycle bypasses in the buildouts on Middle Road.

Phase 2: Works will begin on 22 July 2025 for approximately 6 weeks during summer holidays, focusing on new pedestrian crossings, a shared cycle/pedestrian path near Buckingham Primary School, and junction realignment at Windlesham Road. Temporary traffic signals will be in place. Access to school will be maintained throughout the duration of the works.

Phase 3: To minimize disruption amid other network works, Carriageway Resurfacing and replacing road markings outside Buckingham Park School will take place during October half term from 27 to 31 October 2025 under a full road closure of Buckingham Road near the school. The bus stop outside no. 56/58 will be moved to outside no. 54 to improve safety for passengers getting on and off.



Community Highway Scheme in East Grinstead

The Community Highway Scheme at Del La Warr Road in East Grinstead is has been delivered to improve existing crossing facilities and create a new pedestrian link to popular local amenities. The works were included in two phases and included construction of:

- new section of footway with retaining wall
- raised table crossing point
- carriageway and footway resurfacing
- renewal of road markings
- installation of cleft fencing



Work to restore key local pedestrian link at Whites Footbridge set to begin

West Sussex County Council will soon begin work to replace the closed Whites Footbridge near Steyning, restoring a vital pedestrian route between Upper Beeding and Steyning. The project is planned to start on 14 July 2025 and is expected to take approximately 12 weeks.

Upcoming works include demolishing the existing bridge and building a new footbridge, alongside completing footpath resurfacing on the east side of the river as part of the White Bridge Link project. These upgrades will create a durable, all-weather pedestrian route between Upper Beeding and Steyning, improving

accessibility and safety year-round. The bridge replacement is funded by the council's capital budget, while footpath improvements are supported by the Wilson Memorial Trust and a local community group. Click [here](#) for further details.

Keep up to date

WhatsApp

Did you know you can get gritter alerts, grass cutting updates and up to date information on road issues on WhatsApp? 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](#).

X & Bluesky

Updates on emergency reports are posted every day and project updates are posted frequently on the West Sussex Highways X [@WSHighways](#), and Bluesky [@wshighways.bsky.social](#) accounts.



I am writing to you, as you either responded to a recent planning consultation or are on the Council's planning consultation database, to inform you that the Council has adopted three new Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).

On 22 July, the Council adopted the:

- (1) Affordable Housing SPD (2025)
- (2) Extending Your House: Design Guidance for House Extensions and Outbuildings SPD (2025)
- (3) Planning Obligations SPD (2025)

Simultaneously, it cancelled the:

- (1) Affordable Housing SPD (2010, updated 2014 and 2018)
- (2) Affordable Housing SPD Addendum (2019)
- (3) Design Guidance for House Extensions (2000)

The new documents and the Statement of Consultation can be viewed at [Supplementary Planning Documents and Guidance - Mole Valley District Council](#) or at the venues set out in the attached Adoption Statement.

The Adoption Statement also contains the grounds and time limit for launching a judicial review against the adoption of any or all of the documents.

If you no longer wish to receive emails regarding Mole Valley planning policy, please reply with "UNSUBSCRIBE" in the title bar of the email.

Yours sincerely, Planning Policy Team

Mole Valley District Council

Planning.Policy@molevalley.gov.uk

Email dated 29.07.2025 from Carers Support West Sussex
Latest news from Carers Support West Sussex

Making caring visible, valued and supported



Earlier this month, we were proud to launch our latest Impact Report, highlighting the progress we've made in supporting carers across West Sussex. The outcomes are encouraging and reflect the positive difference we're making together. This impact would not be possible without your continued collaboration, whether through raising awareness of carers or referring individuals to our services. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to working in partnership with us.

Here are just a few highlights from 2024–25:

- 4,066 new carers registered with our service
- 76,089 individual contacts made with carers
- 64,017 visits to our website
- 497 carer groups, events, and workshops held.

Most importantly, 96% of carers who responded to our survey told us they feel heard and supported, which means the world to us.

Read on to find out more.

[Click here to see available services](#)

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

Supporting Carers: Explainer animations

At Carers Support, we provide a range of services designed to support unpaid carers in their vital roles. We understand that it can be difficult to keep track of all the services available and how they can help.

To make things easier for both carers and professionals, we've created a series of short explainer animations that clearly outline our core services. These are ideal for refreshing your knowledge or for sharing directly with carers during referrals and conversations.

We hope these resources will support your work and make it even easier to connect carers with the help they need.

The services include:

- Carer journey
- Carer Assessments
- Carer hubs
- Carer benefits advice service
- Groups and events
- Hospital service

[You can watch the animations here](#)

State of Caring Survey

Carers UK are inviting carers to take part in or to share news of their annual State of Caring survey, the UK's most comprehensive insight into what life is really like for unpaid carers. If you are currently, or have ever been, an unpaid carer, your voice matters more than ever.

[Click here to read about reasons to participate in this survey.](#)

Please find the survey here [State of Caring Survey 2025](#)

Closing Date: 10th of August

Safer in Sussex

Have your say in Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne's annual Safer in Sussex Survey to help her understand feelings of safety across the county. You can also sign up to be contacted for future focus groups.

[Access the survey here](#)

Planning with ReSPECT

Have you heard of a ReSPECT plan? This process is widely used across England and creates a personalised emergency care plan through conversations between individuals and healthcare professionals.

It records what matters most to the person, outlines clinical recommendations, and supports decision-making in emergencies when the person cannot express their wishes.

It is particularly relevant for those with complex health needs, nearing end-of-life, or at risk of sudden deterioration.

Find out more [ReSPECT for patients and carers | Resuscitation Council UK](#)

Thinking about stopping smoking?

Take the first step now.

Quitting smoking is one of the best things you will ever do for your health. It's never too late to quit and it's easier to stop smoking with the right support. In fact with professional help you're 3 times more likely to quit for good. In West Sussex there are a range of free services ready to support you to quit.

To find out more, visit: [West Sussex Wellbeing](#) or call 0330 222 7980.

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](#)

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

Email dated 29.07.2025 from HDC

Parish & Neighbourhood Council Bulletin July 2025

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Horsham
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Local Government Reorganisation Stakeholder engagement

An online TEAMS briefing will take place on **Wednesday 30 July at 5.30pm** with Parish and Neighbourhood Councils which is designed to inform, consult and collaborate with key stakeholders such as yourselves on Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). **Clerks will have received an email and calendar invitation for this briefing.**

Through this engagement, we aim to:

- Ensure stakeholders are fully briefed on the proposed LGR changes, including key timelines and decision-making processes
- Begin an ongoing process of engagement, allowing opportunities for future input as plans evolve
- Provide space for discussion around service considerations associated with the various reorganisation options
- Encourage organisations that advocate for specific communities or environments to share their perspectives and promote participation in the LGR survey, especially on behalf of those they represent.

It is important to note that these sessions are not intended to promote any specific reorganisation model. All options remain under review, and stakeholder input will help support a balanced and informed assessment. The panel attending will represent West Sussex Councils collectively, and we look forward to your valuable contributions to this process so that we may understand how each of the options might impact the communities you serve.

The public survey on the future of our councils in West Sussex is now live and can be accessed here:

[Click here to take part in the survey](#)

The role of Ward councillors in the planning process



Below is some helpful advice on how Ward councillors who do not sit on the Planning Committee can represent you and your residents.

Representing Local Residents

- Ward councillors can act as a community advocate, ensuring that residents' views, both for and against planning applications, are heard.
- They can help residents understand how to engage with the planning process and make effective representations.

Commenting on Planning Applications

- Ward councillors can submit written comments on any planning application, just like a member of the public.
- They may also speak at Planning Committee meetings on applications affecting your ward, even if they are not a committee member or a councillor in your ward.

Requesting a “Call-In”

If a Ward councillor believes an application should be considered by the Planning Committee, rather than decided by officers under delegated powers, they can request a call-in (subject to the Council's Constitution and procedures).

- This is a key tool for ensuring transparency and public scrutiny.

Liaising with Officers and Developers

- Ward councillors can engage with planning officers to raise local concerns or seek clarification on applications.
- They may also facilitate dialogue between developers and the community to help resolve issues early.

Campaigning and Advocacy

- Unlike Planning Committee members, Ward councillors are free to take a public position on planning applications.
- They can campaign for or against proposals, provided they do not misrepresent the process or outcomes.

Influencing Planning Policy

- They can participate in the development of the Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plans, and Supplementary Planning Documents.
- They can advocate for policies that reflect the needs and character of your ward.

Important Considerations

- If Ward councillors later join the Planning Committee, they must avoid predetermination – ie. forming a fixed view before hearing all the evidence.

- They should always be mindful of the Code of Conduct, especially around lobbying, conflicts of interest and transparency.

In the news



Drill Hall's future secured through successful sale to Lifespring Church

Horsham's Drill Hall has been sold by Horsham District Council to Lifespring Church. Over the past year the Council and Lifespring Church have been working closely together on the sale, which will see Lifespring Church make a significant investment into the Hall that will safeguard it as a high-quality facility accessible to the whole community.

[Read more](#)



Results are in for teenage girls' leisure provision in Horsham District

Horsham District Council recently invited local young people and specifically teenage girls to share their thoughts about outdoor space and leisure provision for teenagers in a district-wide survey.

[Find out more](#)

Other stories

- [Have your say on the future of local government in West Sussex: councils launch public survey](#)
- [Sussex Six Market set to feature local Super Chefs](#)
- [Council listens: public feedback drives Horsham town centre plans](#)
- [Access new funding to boost sustainability for your business](#)

Share your feedback

Any suggestions for the bulletin? Please email sarah.attfield@horsham.gov.uk with your thoughts and ideas on how we may improve this bulletin and make it more useful for you. Thank you.

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Email dated 28.07.2025 from CAGNE
New Runway



Statement

Council taxpayers money, residents and environmental donors have invested in the CAGNE award-winning legal team and a team of qualified experts to oppose a new runway at Gatwick Airport, the planning process of a development consent order (DCO). Initiating this robust action from the outset has put Gatwick's team under pressure like never before thanks to your funding.

The Secretary of State for Transport (SoS) has now been notified twice by the legal team that if approved, we have strong grounds to serve legal action through a JR so establishing intent.

At the outset CAGNE invited all noise and environmental groups to work together under one banner. CPRE Sussex and Kent joined (with Surrey supporting) but the noise group GACC removed CAGNE from its own initiative and is now seeking to launch a last-minute legal case in October with no expertise. This divisive action, if you are persuaded to help fund them instead of your established award-winning legal team, can only lead to Gatwick Airport securing a new runway.

(Your CAGNE legal team is responsible for the landmark Finch ruling concerning the on-going use of fossil fuel and subsequent accountability of emissions)

CAGNE has endeavoured to meet with this noise group seeking a joint way forward, and we continue to seek a joint way forward to prevent this action to allow Gatwick a new runway.

We ask you to hold fire, continue to support your (the CAGNE) award-winning legal team that you have funded to date, that already knows the flaws in the Gatwick case.

We assure you CAGNE is Independent, conforms to its constitution, not linked to any political party as such works for all, on behalf of all, the planet and won't do deals or move noise from one area over another.

Email dated 25.07.2025 from HDC
CIL Funding Submission Update

Thank you for submitting a completed pro forma and supporting documentation as part of your organisation's bid for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding.

We appreciate the time and effort that has gone into preparing your submissions. Please be advised that we are currently in the process of reviewing all submissions. Should we require any clarification or have any additional questions regarding your project, we will be in touch.

We intend to contact organisations whose proposals were not considered eligible to progress to the prioritisation phase, providing an explanation for our decision and guidance on how future submissions might be adjusted. These communications will be sent by mid-August.

We aim to contact all remaining organisations in the Autumn to inform them whether their proposal will be taken forward for inclusion in the CIL Spending Plan, or to provide an update on when such confirmation can be expected.

Thank you again for your submission to request CIL funding, and your commitment to supporting the community through your proposed project.

Kind regards,

Julia Hayes

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Email dated 25.07.2025 from Sussex Police
Safe Space in Sussex



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

KATY BOURNE OBE



Did you know that, in Sussex, we have nearly 200 designated businesses and organisations that are part of my [Safe Space Scheme](#)? The scheme consists of a network of locations across the county offering a Safe Space for people to go to if they feel threatened or at risk of harm whilst out and about in Sussex.

The spaces include shops, libraries, leisure centres, hotels as well as council buildings and various other eligible establishments. They provide the facilities for someone to take a moment in a quiet, safe space and make a 'phone call to a loved one or call the police if needed.

My office approves each Safe Space based on a variety of criteria including its accessibility and whether its well-staffed etc.

To find a Safe Space, users can visit our SafeSpaceSussex website and use the map function, which pinpoints all the spaces across our county. You can also bookmark the site on your mobile device so it's easy to find when you're out and about.

We are fortunate to live in one of the safest counties but there may be times when everyone could benefit from a secure and supportive space - which is exactly why this initiative is so important.

I'm delighted to be inviting more businesses to join the scheme so we can cover an even larger area of Sussex. If you or someone you know owns or works in a business or a community space which you think would make an ideal Safe Space, please visit [my website](#) for more information. We'd love to hear from you.

Becoming a Safe Space is completely free of charge and can help businesses to create connections with their local communities and be a leader in contributing to a safer Sussex.

Have you had your say in my survey?

It's great to see that many residents have already completed my annual Safer in Sussex survey but I'm always looking for more local people to participate.

The survey seeks to understand if Sussex residents have experienced crime and looks at what measures would make them feel safer.

Your responses help me to understand: where resources within the police may be better placed; where improvements need to be made in our work with partners; which local issues are of most concern; and they enable me to identify specific areas of scrutiny required for Sussex Police.

There's still time for you to have your say. The questionnaire is easy to use and doesn't take long. You can complete it [via this link](#).

Thank you for helping to make Sussex even safer.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FORCE FOCUS FRIDAY

K9 sniffs out suspect



A determined police dog tracked down a drugs and knife suspect in the darkness.

PD Billy was out on patrol with his handler in Bognor when a suspect was seen running away from the officer in a residential area.

But thanks to the expert skills of Billy, the man was quickly located hiding between two properties.

Not only did Billy ensure the suspect was found and safely arrested, but he also helped the officer to locate a bag containing drugs, scales, and deal bags, and a knife.

As a result, the suspect was arrested and charged. Read more on the [Sussex Police website](#).



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