

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 23rd – 29th 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)
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Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

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GENERAL REMINDER: If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for noting at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:

Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No: DISC/25/0258 15.08.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Little Millfields, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Approval of details reserved by condition 1 to approved application DC/25/0124	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 10.10.2025	
Application No: DISC/25/0259 15.08.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Gravetts Farm, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Approval of details reserved by condition(s) 3 and 4 to approved application DC/24/1793	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 10.10.2025	
Application No: DISC/25/0262 26.08.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Okewood House, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Approval of details reserved by condition 3 to approved application DC/22/0871	

Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 21.10.2025	
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Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th September 2025	
Application No: DC/25/0425	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – No comment
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:	

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:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	

Reason for Application:	
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 29.08.2025 from WSCC

West Sussex County Council's Adults' Services rated 'good' by national regulator



news release

West Sussex County Council's Adults' Services rated 'good' by national regulator



West Sussex County Council is celebrating news that our Adults Services have been rated 'good' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

Following its assessment of the council earlier this year, the regulator found strong leadership within adult social care teams and effective support that enables people to live healthier lives.

While further improvements to address gaps in service are needed, the findings evidence the progress made and the council's effectiveness at making a real difference to people's lives.



Councillor Amanda Jupp, Cabinet Member for Adults Social Care, said:

“A ‘good’ rating from the CQC is recognition of the journey we’ve been on to improve our adult social care services. It’s a success for our teams, who oversee and deliver care to thousands of people in West Sussex, and a great achievement given the ongoing pressures the social care sector faces locally and nationally. Thank you to everyone involved for their commitment and hard work - our staff, partners, residents, carers, and voluntary organisations.

“The findings reflect the progress we have made through our two-year improvement programme and confirm that our Adult Social Care Strategy is working. However, our work and ambitions do not stop here. We remain committed to prioritising the safety and wellbeing of our residents, addressing the areas for improvement and ensuring that our services continue to evolve to meet the needs of our communities.”

Councillor Paul Marshall, Leader of West Sussex County Council, added:

“Thank you to everyone who contributed to this result. Challenges remain across the sector, and we are investing significantly in our adult services in line with the priorities in Our Council Plan to keep people safe from vulnerable situations and help them fulfil their potential. It’s great to see our approach and the work of our teams having a positive impact on people’s lives. We are not complacent, and there is much more we want and need to do to improve, especially in the areas highlighted in the report.”



The CQC is the independent regulator of health and social care in England. During their visit in February 2025, assessors met more than 200 people including staff, elected members, partners, and individuals receiving care, and looked at how effectively the council meets its responsibilities under the Care Act. A copy of the full report is published on the [CQC's website](#).

Key strengths include:

- Leadership, improvement, and innovation
- Preventative services having a real impact on people's wellbeing, helping them to remain independent for longer
- A culture of learning, providing positive feedback and career development for staff
- Clear governance and risk management
- Relationships with stakeholders and partners
- A well-established multi-agency Safeguarding Adults Board with clearly defined roles and responsibilities
- Proactive engagement with minority groups and a good understanding of culture, diversity and advocacy
- Strong focus on population and health and preventative care

Areas for improvement include:

- Faster completion of Care Act reviews
- Simplification and consistency in the direct payments process
- Addressing gaps in provision for people with complex and multiple needs, younger people living with dementia, emergency respite care, and people with progressive conditions
- Some unpaid carers wished for more respite and involvement in decision making

Actions taken to address these areas:

- Introducing a dedicated review team, which has improved waiting times from the previous year.
- The report recognised strong awareness and collaboration with partners to identify needs and actions to address gaps in provision.
- A Direct Payment Programme, including updated policy, that is improving consistency and the numbers of people in receipt of direct payments.
- Planned engagement with unpaid carers as part of refreshing our Carers Strategy over the coming months.

Notes to Editor

- The full CQC report is available on the [CQC website](#).
- [Find out more](#) about social care support available for adults in West Sussex.

- Audio clips of Cllr Amanda Jupp are available on request.
 - Interviews with Cllr Amanda Jupp on request.
 - Pictured top left to right: Cllr Paul Marshall, Executive Director of Adults' Services & Health Alan Sinclair, Cllr Amanda Jupp
 - Pictured below: Adults' Services staff celebrate the news at County Hall in Chichester
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Email dated 28.08.2025 from WSCC
Highways, Transport and Planning - News and Updates



New flood risk management strategy for West Sussex



The County Council has published its updated Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) for 2025-2030. It sets out our approach to managing and reducing the risk of flooding across West Sussex.

Because floods can have a devastating impact on people's lives, we worked with residents to understand the causes and impact of flooding. Using extensive data collection, stakeholder engagement and a public consultation our new strategy is designed to have a positive impact on the whole county's environment, economy, and communities.

To learn more about how we will work with district and borough councils, the Environment Agency, water companies and communities to build local resilience to flooding visit [Local Flood Risk Management Strategy - West Sussex County Council](#)

Highways, Transport and Planning achieves accreditation

West Sussex County Council's Highways, Transport and Planning directorate has been accredited as a Silver Carbon Literate Organisation!



This accreditation, awarded by The Carbon Literacy Project, recognises our commitment to upskilling our people to play a proactive role in reducing our organisational carbon emissions, and work towards a zero-carbon future.

Although this is a great achievement, our aspiration doesn't stop here. Carbon Literacy training will continue to be one of many vital tools we'll continue to use in reducing emissions in the sector.

Answering frequently asked questions

How often does the grass get cut?

Cut times vary each year to suit growing conditions. It takes about 4-7 weeks to cut all grass across the county.

Urban cuts

In towns and other built-up areas, we cut and maintain grass verges during the growing season, which is typically between March and November.

Rural cuts

In the countryside, or where there are no pavements, we only maintain the verges from a highway safety perspective.

Verges in rural areas receive cuts in the following order:

- one visibility splay cut for safety - five weeks during April and May
- one, one-meter-wide cut to stop grass and vegetation overhanging the road - from July to September
- one overall cut a year - from end September to beginning of December.

Keep up to date with the [grass cutting schedule](#) or follow our social media pages which we update daily.

[Read more about Grass Cutting](#)

Scheme Updates

New bus lane extension in Manor Royal, Crawley



The bus lane extension in Manor Royal, Crawley is now fully operational. New bus lanes, bus stops and upgraded pedestrian crossings are now benefitting local residents and businesses earlier than originally anticipated. This now provides a dedicated bus route that connects the A23 London Road with Gatwick Road.

The scheme is part of the County Council's [Bus Service Improvement Plan](#), which is funded by a grant from the Department for Transport. It is designed to enhance the reliability of local bus services and reduce passengers' journey times.

Traffic signals refurbishment on Southgate Road, Chichester

From Monday 22 September 2025, West Sussex County Council's Traffic signal team will be refurbishing the existing traffic signals junction of Stockbridge Road, Southgate & Basin Road, Chichester, as part of the ongoing [Halogen Bulb Replacement Programme](#).

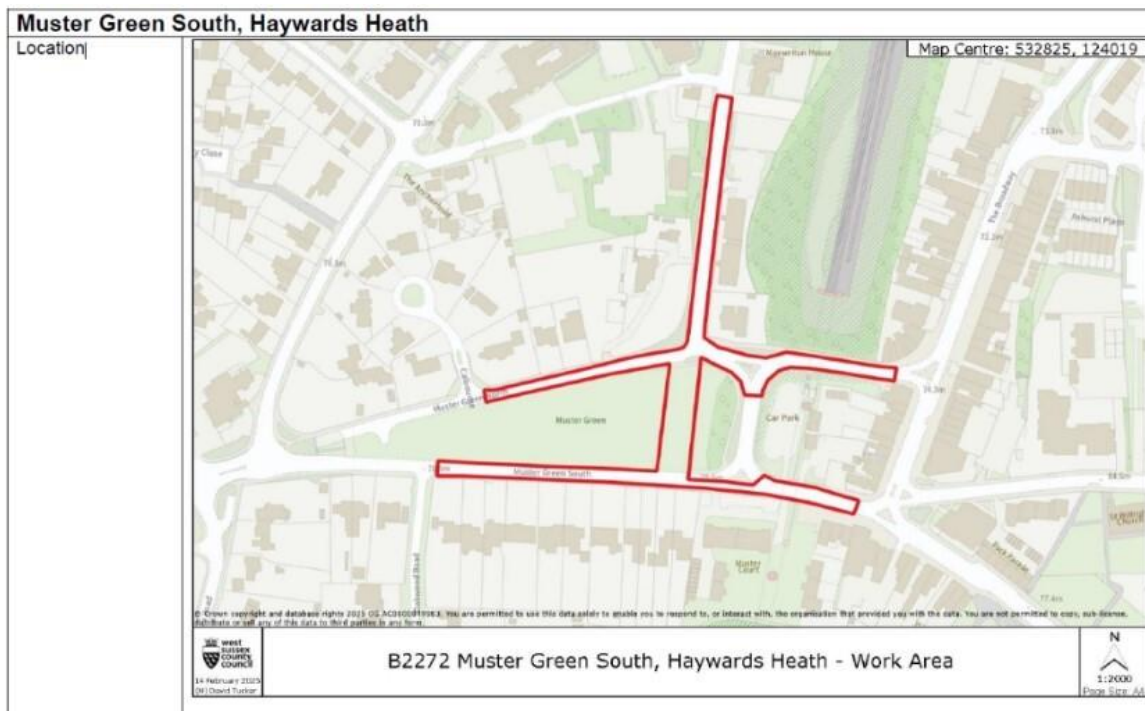
The A286 Stockbridge Road will be fully closed in both directions at the level crossing for about 8 weeks. A vehicle diversion route will be clearly signposted throughout this period. Access to local businesses and train station carpark will be maintained at all times.

These works are essential to keep all traffic signals operating safely and efficiently by refurbishing all obsolete equipments with the latest technology including low energy LED signal heads. Apologies for any inconvenience. For weekly updates, please click [here](#).

Drainage improvement works in Haywards Heath

On Monday 1 September 2025 West Sussex County Council will start work to improve the road drainage network at the Muster Green gyratory system in Haywards Heath. The work is expected to last for eight weeks until the end of October.

The work to install a completely new drainage network, is necessary to reduce the risk of flooding after heavy rain. These works will affect roads and traffic islands joining the gyratory system. It will be necessary to temporarily close Boltro Road and Muster Green South (Westbound) for some of the time with diversions in place. Please see the works programme at <https://one.network/?GB143174687>



Bridge repair and resurfacing works in Hawth Avenue, Crawley

Essential bridge waterproofing and joint repairs will begin on 3 September 2025 with lane closures for 3 weeks under traffic management. Once the bridge repairs are complete, resurfacing works will take place from 22 September to 10 October 2025, requiring a full road closure from 6 am to 6 pm. The works will take place between Hawth Avenue roundabout and Haslett Avenue East junction in Crawley. Apologies for any inconvenience. Further details at <https://one.network/?GB142855647>

Signalised junction refurbishment on the A259 with Rustington Retail Park in Littlehampton

From Monday 8 September 2025, West Sussex County Council's Traffic Signals team will begin the refurbishment of traffic signals at the junction on the A259 with the Rustington Retail Park. The works will last about 7 weeks and will be managed using temporary traffic signals.

The works will involve replacing all signal equipment, updating the control system to the latest technology, installing low-energy LED lights, replacing tactile paving, and improving visibility by clearing overgrown vegetation. Apologies for any inconvenience. Further details at <https://one.network/?GB142626653>

Speed reduction for road safety on Bury Hill

A Community Highway Scheme on the A29 Bury Road and Bury Hill, Bury has been successfully completed. The project introduced a reduced speed limit from 50mph to 40mph, enhancing road safety for the local community. New electronic vehicle-activated signs have been installed to inform drivers of the new speed limit. The

project also included carriageway resurfacing and the addition of new speed limit roundels on the road surface. This aims to reduce collisions and improve road safety.



Community Highway Scheme to improve pedestrian facilities in Hassocks

Following a Community Highway Scheme application to enhance pedestrian facilities and connectivity, three new dropped crossing points and a new footway will be installed at the junction of Beaconsfield on B2116 Keymer Road, Hassocks from 16 September to 10 October 2025 between 7 am to 5 pm under multi-way traffic lights. Further details at <https://one.network/?GB143222638>

Keep up to date

Facebook

We're now on Facebook! Follow us at [West Sussex Highways](#)

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 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.



Email dated 28.08.2025 from WSCC
Residents' eNewsletter: Greenprint



Welcome to the Greenprint special edition of our Residents' Newsletter!

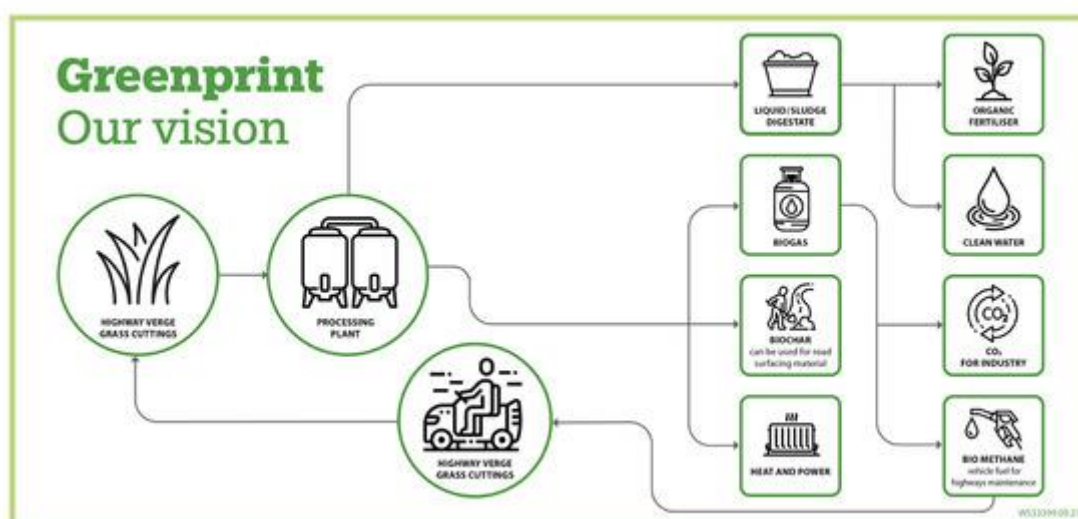
What is Greenprint?



Greenprint is an exciting 3-year project to test if grass cuttings collected from mowed verges can be converted into biofuels and a material called biochar, a carbon-rich substance that's like charcoal.

We're also measuring how changes to the way we cut the grass can give nature a boost, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and capture carbon in the ground.

Read on to discover how we're trialling a new way of managing grass verges to reduce the carbon footprint associated with highways maintenance.



Rethinking verge maintenance

We've partnered with [South Gloucestershire Council](#) to explore new ways to maintain roadside verges and open spaces. In West Sussex we're using special mowers to 'cut and collect' grass on urban verges in Horsham and rural verges in Aldwick, Bersted and Pagham. We're trialling different cutting schedules and taking the cut grass away.

Cuttings are usually left to compost on the ground but that creates carbon dioxide (CO₂) and nitrous oxide (N₂O), the gasses that contribute to climate change.

Collecting the cuttings reduces these greenhouse gas emissions and the grass regrows more slowly so more wildflowers that attract pollinating insects have a chance to grow.

This captures more carbon in the soil and the collected cuttings can be processed to create useful products like biofuel and biochar.

Slower grass regrowth also reduces the number of times we need to cut the grass each year. Which means the mowing machines need less maintenance and we use less fuel to power them.

Last year we cut and collected over 909 hectares of grass, equivalent to 1,400 football pitches. The project is now in its third year and we're proud of the progress we're making.

[Read the latest Greenprint progress report](#)

Transforming cuttings into Biochar



Biochar is a very stable carbon-rich material made from plants. It can be incorporated into construction materials like concrete and asphalt.

Because it is very slow to decompose it can safely store carbon for centuries, which can help reduce carbon dioxide in the atmosphere.

Greenprint is evaluating different ways of converting the cut grass we collect from roadside verges into biochar. Our trials and

lab tests looked at two methods.

- Hydrothermal carbonisation (HTC) that processes organic material using heat and water.
- Pyrolysis that breaks down the cuttings using dry heat in the absence of oxygen.

Pyrolysis proved to be the most viable option because HTC had problems processing litter in the grass, which resulted in poorer quality biochar.



Can we use biochar to fix potholes?

We're planning road trials to investigate the use of biochar in road maintenance. Yes, that's right, we're seeing if biochar made from grass cuttings collected from roadside verges could be used in our road repairs.

Adding biochar to road surfaces or using it to build the road substructure helps trap carbon dioxide in a stable form within the ground. We will study how these eco-friendly road construction methods can be used to store carbon and lower emissions.

This could close the loop and play a big role in creating a road infrastructure that helps fight climate change.

Blooming roadside verges



Our project partner, Plantlife, is studying verges where the cuttings are removed and the grass is cut less frequently. They take soil samples and count the varieties of plants to see how changes to mowing affects the biodiversity.

Last year they recorded 149 different plant species growing on the Greenprint verges in West Sussex and South Gloucestershire.

Overall, they found that rural verges had more plant species compared to urban verges. But sections of the Greenprint urban verges were richer in plant species.

Different mowing practices play a crucial role in promoting the widest range of biodiversity.

[Discover more about Plantlife](#)

Nationwide network



Department
for Transport



Greenprint is part of ADEPT Live Labs 2: Decarbonising Local Roads in the UK, a three-year, UK-wide £30 million programme funded by the Department for Transport (DfT) that aims to decarbonise the local highway network.

Greenprint is one of 7 Live Labs 2 projects that get a share of the funding, being run by local authorities around the UK from Lanarkshire to Devon.

[Find out more about LiveLabs 2](#)



Keep up to date with Greenprint

Interested in hearing more about Greenprint? To get regular updates on the project [subscribe](#) to the quarterly newsletter and bookmark the [Greenprint page on the West Sussex County Council website](#).

[Subscribe to the Greenprint newsletter](#)



Email dated 26.08.2025 from HDC

Latest news: Council launches judicial review against planning decision | Have you attended Friday Lates this year? Take our feedback survey!





Council launches judicial review against Secretary of State's planning decision

Horsham District Council has formally initiated a judicial review challenge against the Secretary of State's recent decision to grant outline planning permission for 800 homes at the Horsham Golf and Fitness site, Worthing Road, Horsham.

The Council originally refused the planning application on multiple grounds, including concerns over its unsustainable location and active travel options. Following a detailed legal review, and working in collaboration with Active Travel England, the Council is now contesting the decision on the basis that the government-appointed Planning Inspector made significant legal errors.

[Read more](#)



Council visit to Schroders Campus in Horsham

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 Schroders and Benchmark Capital at the Schroders Campus in Horsham.

[Read more](#)



Horsham District Council calls for renewed scrutiny of Local Plan rejection

Horsham District Council has written a letter to Mr Luke Fleming, the Local Plan Inspector examining the Horsham District Local Plan, in response to his initial findings letter. The letter requests that the examiner convene a further hearing session to examine compliance with the Duty to Co-operate.

[Read more](#)



Save the Date: Sussex Sounds Festival, 31 August

The Sussex Sounds Festival celebrates our fantastic local music talent. On Sunday 31 August four stages will be set up across Horsham town centre for this brilliant free event showcasing local soloists, bands, duos and DJs.

[View the line-up](#)



Stroke group enjoys our Wheels for ALL inclusive cycling session

Our Sports Development Officer, Paul runs Wheels for ALL inclusive cycling sessions at The Bridge Leisure Centre and last week he organised an event for a local Stroke Group. All 10 attendees were able to find and ride one of our specially adapted bikes and trikes.

[Find out more](#)

Have you enjoyed Friday Lates this year? Complete our feedback survey and tell us more!

We can't quite believe it but our Friday Lates summer season is wrapping up for another year - join us and Dhol Collective this Friday for the final Friday Late event, 6-8pm in the Carfax!

IF you've come to an event this year, please take the time to complete our feedback form and tell us your thoughts. We are always looking at ways we can improve the events we organise across Horsham District and would love to hear from you.



[Complete the survey](#)

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**Horsham
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Email dated 28.08.2025 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Open letter

- In his final open letter as our chair, Cllr Keith Stevens thanked parish and town councils and partners nationwide for their tireless service, reflected on key achievements over his four-year tenure, which include securing freedoms from council tax referendums, influencing policy on remote meetings and standards, and unlocking millions in government funding, and issued a call to action on devolution. He urged parish and town councils to engage proactively in shaping new governance arrangements, demonstrate leadership, collaborate regionally, and invest in capacity, stressing that this is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to put local decision-making closer to communities and ensure councils are central to England's devolved future. You can [read the full letter](#) on our website.

Resources

- We have [published our annual analysis of parish and town council tax levels for 2025/26](#), showing that precepts continue to grow in scale and importance. The total raised is now £856 million, up £75 million (9.68%) from last year, with the average Band D precept rising 7.4% to £91.22. There are now 150 parish and town councils raising over £1 million, six new councils introducing a precept, and Wiltshire topping the county list with £48 million raised. The figures highlight both the increasing reliance on parish and town councils to fund local priorities and the wide variation in financial capacity across areas, underlining their growing role in local government finance. The [report is available](#) on our website.
- [In this week's blog](#), Unity Trust Bank highlights its continued support for our [Star Council Awards](#) (the nomination deadline is fast approaching, so I'd urge everyone to consider submitting at least one nomination before it closes), celebrating the vital work of parish and town councils. Now in its 41st year, Unity Trust Bank remains committed to community-focused banking, offering tailored services through its dedicated public and third sectors team. Proud to support over 3,000 councils across the UK, Unity values personal service, sector expertise, and ongoing improvement driven by customer feedback.

Support

- Last week, we circulated the latest legal bulletin to county associations. The bulletin covered topics such as whether attendance at a parish meeting counts as attendance, whether an allotment tenancy clause can ban tenants from future tenancies, what happens upon the death of an allotment tenant during their

tenancy, the application of the Data (Use and Access) Act 2025 to the sector, and the recent activity of the legal team.

- Join the [Carbon Literacy Project](#) for the world's largest education and action training day of its kind, Carbon Literacy Action Day 2025, between 10 and 13 November 2025. This year's action day will coincide with COP30. So, while world leaders discuss climate policy, the Carbon Literacy Project will empower local leaders to take meaningful climate action. [Register your interest](#) by completing the form or signing up for one of the [training sessions](#) aimed at community champions and professionals.
- [Rural England CIC](#) has published its latest [State of Rural Services 2025](#) report, providing an updated and detailed picture of how people living in rural areas across England access and experience essential local services. The report shows persistent and wide-ranging disparities between rural and urban communities. It examines services including health and social care, transport, digital connectivity, education, employment support, local infrastructure and community facilities. The report concludes that while rural communities remain resilient and resourceful, gaps in infrastructure, funding and access continue to create real disadvantages and need to be considered in future service and policy planning if equal opportunity for rural residents is to be achieved.

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August / September Newsletter



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Members are asked to support and donate to the new crowdjustice page that pays direct into the account of Leigh Day

Solicitors <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/oppose-a-new-runway-at-gatwick/>

CAGNE's legal team prepares to serve a Judicial Review (JR) if the SoS says yes by 27th October. Please remember **you're funding and support of the CAGNE award winning legal, and qualified team of experts, made the planning inspectorates turn**

down the application for a new runway. It is only the SoS that said she was 'minded to approve'. Gatwick can't meet the noise or surface transport criteria that is required without costing the taxpayer dearly!

The CAGNE committee having endeavoured to meet the noise group mounting new legal action to discuss the lack of funding to secure two full JR actions, which CAGNE believe will result in giving Gatwick a new runway. We continue to propose one joint effort covering the areas that the CAGNE legal and expert team have **already** mounted on noise, lack of surface transport, wastewater as well as, most importantly, climate change would be far more effective when we are up against an airport's bottomless pockets and a government that seemingly lacks environmental credentials.

Gatwick night noise is an issue for residents as such we share the 13th September is International Ban Night Flights Day – [sign the declaration](#) calling for an end to night flights

You may wish to attend and share with residents - Understanding the airspace above your home

CAGNE are hosting the first airspace events enabling you to ask questions about the airspace above your home, and what airspace change could mean for you.

Wednesday 24th September at 7.30pm for airspace to the west of Gatwick Airport (including south and north) – arrivals and departures.

[Book Here](#)

Wednesday 1st October at 7.30pm for airspace to the east of Gatwick Airport (including south and north) – arrivals and departures.

[Book Here](#)

CAGNE are also offering to attend parish council meetings to provide councillors with a briefing on airspace change and the new runway prospects - email cagnegatwick@gmail.com for more details.

Noise Enquiries – link - <https://www.gatwickairport.com/company/noise-airspace/noise-enquiries.html> and phone number is changing

Gatwick Movements and Night Flights [Report here](#).

The new CEO arrives at Gatwick from Paris – Pierre-Hugues Schmit from Vinci Airports, the majority owners of Gatwick.

Route 4 – westerly departure that turns north – this continues to progress through the airspace change consultation process, but with some delay (due to additional configuration of the route), deferred until October due to capacity at the Civil Aviation Authority. This route will potentially be changed again as it will be part of the modernisation of airspace second part (first part is to the south of Gatwick), as it

conflicts with Heathrow traffic and will be considered with the northern section of FASIS consultation process of CAP1616.

Legal action over modernisation of airspace – homeowners are recommended to get their house valued **now**; to help with joint legal action should their home be impacted by airspace change.

Gatwick state that they are in stage 3 of the consultation process (CAA CAP1616). They continue to progress the selected airspace change with their consultees. Fair and Equitable Distribution (a noise group initiative) was funded by the CAA to progress and take into account the airspace change. This FED seems to assist with growth of aircraft movements and will inevitably mean aviation impacting new areas and communities (because it is not specific to arrival or departure routings).

Gatwick are to submit their stage 3 work to the CAA by 31st October, and await a decision (scheduled 30th January). **The public consultation will probably not take place until Q2 2026.**

UKADS – CAGNE attended a staged meeting by the Civil Aviation Authority to discuss this new tier of bureaucracy (designed to ensure airspace change is pushed through). We continue to await the slides to share with you, but UKADS has said it will consult in September.

Environment Update:

Government gives an additional £63m of taxpayers' funds to aviation – 17 companies – to make so-called sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) “capable of reducing emissions by more than 65% on a **lifecycle** basis when used in place of conventional fossil jet fuel”. See here <https://share.google/Go4wOCWYx1QxXo6js>. **That totals £115m of taxpayers money toward SAF to date!**

.... **While the Committee on Climate Change update** (June) is clear:

- Aviation needs to take responsibility for its own emissions and the skills needed to transition
- Aviation is not helping the climate crisis, with increasing emissions compared to other sectors – growth needs to reduce
- Aviation continues to grow, which could put the UK future targets at risk
- Emissions are also coming from aviation-related surface transport

The international aviation body ICAO warns that the airline industry is potentially facing a carbon credit supply crunch, in respect of obligations under the First Phase of ICAO's Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), that could derail the sector's flagship carbon programme, finds a report by Sylvera. With airlines required to purchase up to 144 million CORSIA-eligible emissions units (EEUs) by January 2028, only one host country (Guyana) has so far issued any credits needed to meet this demand. <https://www.greenairnews.com/?p=7648>

Boeing and AirBus have shelved new fleet of hydrogen (and other more-efficient) planes, as of this August

Email dated 26.08.2025 from Chichester District Council
Local Plan newsletter - August 2025 update



Your Local Plan update

August 2025

Council adopts new Chichester Local Plan

Chichester District Council has officially adopted the Chichester Local Plan 2021–2039, following approval at a Full Council meeting on Tuesday 19 August.

This marks a significant milestone in shaping the future of the area, setting out a

comprehensive vision for the area's economy; transport and housing needs; environmental and historic protection; community health and wellbeing; and cultural development.

The adopted plan, which covers the area of the Chichester District outside the South Downs National Park, identifies housing requirements and development areas to support economic growth and deliver new homes over the next 14 years. It also includes a wide range of policies addressing areas such as design standards, climate change, and the natural environment.

"This is a major achievement and great news for our area and communities," says Cllr Bill Brisbane, Cabinet Member for Planning at Chichester District Council. "The Chichester Local Plan has been one of the most complex pieces of work we have ever undertaken. The council has worked incredibly hard to prepare and now adopt the new Local Plan, having faced a number of significant challenges, particularly around roads, wastewater, and water neutrality.

"Planning affects where we live, work and relax; where new shops and community facilities are built; and it protects our historic buildings and the natural environment. The Local Plan addresses all of these issues and more, helping to make Chichester a vibrant and greener area. This gives us the opportunity to create a better future for our residents and businesses.

"Preparing a Local Plan is a difficult and lengthy process, and I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in completing this important piece of work. This includes everyone who has shared their views in the public consultations that we carried out in the lead up to, and throughout, the examination process — your input has played an important role in shaping the plan."

Adoption of the plan follows completion of an independent examination process,

which began in May last year when the council submitted the plan to the Government's Planning Inspectorate. The Inspectors assessed the plan, supporting evidence, and public feedback, and held a series of public hearings before identifying a number of 'main modifications' needed to make the plan 'sound'. In April and May, the council consulted on these modifications and after reviewing the responses, the Inspectors issued a final report confirming that the plan, with the recommended modifications, is sound, legally compliant, and ready for adoption.

The Local Plan will guide future development and provide the policies against which planning applications will be assessed. It also supports parish councils in preparing neighbourhood plans.

Bill adds: "All Planning Authorities are expected to meet the housing needs figure that is set by central Government for their Local Plan area. This drives the current level of housing supply and the housing requirement, which forms the basis for the Local Plan.

"Given the local challenges we face — particularly around transport infrastructure and environmental constraints — the plan we submitted for examination proposed a housing requirement of around 90% of the government's housing needs figure for this area. However, based on the evidence, which included representations from National Highways in relation to the A27, the Inspectors concluded that there wasn't sufficient justification to set a housing requirement lower than the full identified housing need. However, they permitted a stepped requirement, beginning with 575 homes per year as originally proposed by the council, but only for the years up to 2029/30, increasing to 701 per year following this, to enable an average of 638 homes per year over the plan period.

"The Inspectors agreed that the most suitable location for housing growth is Chichester and the east/west corridor, which is where the majority of the proposed new housing and strategic sites are located within the Local Plan.

“The adopted plan also includes a wide range of robust policies aimed at protecting and conserving our area’s environment and historic character. It places greater emphasis on design standards and includes more policies relating to the natural environment.

“While the plan seeks to use as many brownfield sites as possible for development, our area lacks a legacy of large industrial sites that are suitable for significant levels of brownfield redevelopment. However, where opportunities do exist, for example in the Southern Gateway area, the plan sets out how the council will actively work to utilise these and unlock potential.”

People can find more information about the Chichester Local Plan, at:

www.chichester.gov.uk/localplan. Information relating to the examination process, can be found at: www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanexamination and the Planning Inspectors full report and the Full Council report are both available at: www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanexaminationnews

Keep in touch

By visiting our webpages: www.chichester.gov.uk/localplanreview

You can also sign up to our monthly email newsletter – initiatives + - which covers local news and events: www.chichester.gov.uk/newsalerts

Email dated 26.08.2025 from Carers Support west Sussex
Latest news from Carers Support West Sussex

Making caring visible, valued and supported



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to the August edition of our professional newsletter.

I wanted to begin with a quote I recently came across from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, Adam Grant:

“In hard times, people don’t want to be told to look on the bright side. They want to know you’re on their side. Even if you can’t help them feel better, you can always help them feel seen. The best way to support others is not to cheer them up. It’s to show up.”

This quote really resonated with me, it captures so well what we strive to do every day for carers. No matter what their caring situation, we are here to show up for them. We’re on their side, offering practical support, real help, and above all, recognition. We make sure carers are seen, heard and supported.

[Click here to see available services](#)

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

Support for Autism Carers – Practical Help and Advice

Carers Support West Sussex has partnered with NeuroProsperity to develop the Positive Approaches Partnering Autism (PAPA) workshops. Designed for parents and partners caring for autistic individuals aged 16 and over, these sessions, starting on the 27th of September, offer a valuable opportunity to learn about autism and engage in meaningful discussions with others who share similar experiences.

As one carer who attended a previous course put it:

"This course is one of the best I have ever attended. The sessions were split into subject areas and the facilitators were extremely knowledgeable and engaging, clearly having vast experience of the subject matter. I learned so much more about autism from each session, and particularly liked hearing about theories and the most recent thoughts and approaches"

[Find out more here](#)

New blog: How Carer Groups Can Make All the Difference

For some carers, the idea of joining a carer group might feel a little daunting at first, which is completely understandable. They might wonder if a group setting is really for them, worry about sharing personal experiences, or feel unsure about taking time for themselves by attending the group. There could be concerns the group won't feel welcoming or relevant to their situation, or that others in the group won't understand their situation.

At CSWS, we hear these feelings, and more, all the time, and they're all completely valid. But we also know how much carers can gain from connecting with others who truly understand what they're going through.

[Read our blog post to learn why carers who participate in support groups find them so valuable.](#)



Volunteering Opportunities with Carers Support

We couldn't do what we do without our amazing volunteers! Volunteering isn't for everyone, but if you—or someone you know—is thinking about it, check out our current roles. Our friendly Volunteer Team is happy to chat and help you find the right fit.

[Volunteer With Us - Carers Support](#)

Are you running a survey relevant to carers?

We've launched a new webpage which allows us to share partner surveys exploring issues affecting carers' lives in any way. If you're running a survey that aligns, we'd love to hear from you.

Please send the details to hello@carerssupport.org.uk, and our team will review it for inclusion on the page.

[Take a look at the new webpage here](#)

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](#)

Support carers with a garden visit

If you're looking for a peaceful day out with a purpose, the National Garden Scheme's Open Gardens offer the perfect escape, and every visit helps support carers across the UK.

With gardens open across the country throughout August and beyond, it's a chance to explore stunning spaces, enjoy a slice of cake, and know your visit is helping someone in a caring role. All for a small entry fee, typically around £5-£10.

It's a simple yet powerful way to show your support while enjoying something special for yourself.

[Find a garden near you that's open this summer](#)

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

Find out more in our specialist service newsletters

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Find out more on our website

[Carer Assessment](#) [Carer Voice Network](#) [Vacancies](#) [Volunteer](#)

Email dated 22.08.2025 from Sussex Police
Shop theft: we won't look the other way in Sussex



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

KATY BOURNE OBE



You may have seen this week that I have spoken to various media outlets about the impacts of shoplifting. As national PCC lead for business and retail crime, tackling shop theft is a top priority and I have long called for robust police intervention followed swiftly by meaningful criminal justice measures that deter and prevent criminals from re-offending.

In my previous newsletter, I spoke about our upcoming Sussex tagging pilot which I am hoping will act as a deterrent to prolific shoplifters. Meaningful schemes like this are desperately needed, especially as courts are currently releasing shoplifters in order to free up spaces.

Expectations that the police alone can address the rise in retail crime are idealistic at best. With resourcing as tight as it is, we cannot put an officer on every high street, never mind in every store so it is vital that our neighbourhood police teams work closely with partners like our Business Improvement Districts and Business Crime Reduction Partnerships who provide Safety Marshals.

I have also been asked for my views on whether individuals should get involved if they see shoplifting taking place? In most instances, I would not advocate or advise that the public try to apprehend shoplifters - apart from the personal risk to yourself that they may have a weapon such as a knife, you also run the risk of committing an assault, unlawful restraint or wrongful arrest.

Of course, there will be occasions when it is feasible, safe and perfectly legal to effect a citizen's arrest but it must be for an indictable offence that is in the process of being, or has been, committed.

Earlier this week, I was interviewed on Good Morning Britain alongside reformed prolific shoplifter, Cullan Mais. Cullan spoke candidly about how, at the height of his offending, he was stealing over £2,000 worth of items on a daily basis and how he has been sentenced to prison 10 times.

Having now turned his life around, he agrees that sentences need to be harsher and he stressed the need for better rehabilitation for drug users who shoplift to feed their addictions.

You can watch our interview by going to the link below (ITVX) and forwarding to the time stamp 1:55. Please note the link will expire in the next couple of days.

[Watch the interview here.](#)

How police are tackling FGM

Female genital mutilation/cutting (FGM/C) is a global issue and is carried out for various cultural, religious and social reasons within families and communities.

In this country, FGM/C is rightly a criminal offence. It is understood that, in this country, 170,000 women and girls have undergone a form of female genital mutilation.

To tackle these shocking and violent crimes, Sussex Police and partners run the most successful and largest operation nationally at London Gatwick Airport – leading the way for other force areas wanting to improve their service. This ongoing work is known as Operation Limelight.

The team (made up of Sussex Police, Border Force, Social Services, experts and specialist support organisations) work to identify flights travelling to countries where harmful practices are prevalent.

The team meet with passengers in the relevant boarding lounges and speak with all groups to ask, inform and safeguard anyone who may be at risk of FGM/C or other harmful practices.

If someone is identified 'at risk' or discloses that they are travelling for that purpose, the police will safeguard and signpost them to support services.

Keep your eye on my website in the coming week, where I'll be posting a longer article about the importance of Operation Limelight and further details on the work of the team.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

A decade on:

Remembering the Shoreham Airshow disaster

Today marks a decade since the Shoreham Airshow disaster and we take time to remember the 11 people who tragically lost their lives.

We also cannot forget the emergency service workers who showed such courage and professionalism in the face of shocking circumstances.



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Email dated 22.08.2025 from HDC
Sussex Police - Security Briefings

Please see below the email I have sent to Councillors at HDC. I have checked and these briefings are also available for parish councillors. Please could you share with your councillors?

Kind regards, Aisha Nottage

From: Aisha.Nottage <Aisha.Nottage@horsham.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 15:53

To: 2 All Committee Services <CommitteeServices@horsham.gov.uk>

Subject: Sussex Police - Security Briefings

To all Councillors

Dear all,

The Force Elected Official Advisor (FEOA) has been in touch with dates for security briefings for all elected officials. Please see the table below for dates. This is in relation to Operation Ford. Operation Ford is described as *"Any act committed against a serving elected official including Police & Crime Commissioners, elected Mayors and local Councillors or a Candidate for any of those roles in an election, where it is reasonable to believe that the act has been committed with the intention of intimidating or harassing the elected official or candidate **in connection with his or her official position** or potential future position."*

They also provided the below information:

Therefore, it is important for you to highlight any incident you report to Police involving an act, which you feel is due to your role as an Elected Official. Please quote Operation Ford, and ask for all the details of the incident to be sent to the following email address Operation.Ford@surrey.police.uk. (This email address is for BOTH Surrey and Sussex) . When an Operation Ford incident is reported, the Police offer an enhanced service, in support with the defending democracy, as described within the Defending Democracy Policing Protocol. [Defending democracy policing protocol - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defending-democracy-policing-protocol)

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September	22nd	Monday	1100	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 374 432 903 177 3 Passcode: Y2UD3yD9
October	6th	Monday	1300	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 329 652 967 284 7 Passcode: mN7mg76j
October	23rd	Thursday	1300	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 332 479 404 232 6 Passcode: u87oK2vR
November	7th	Friday	1000	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 337 426 416 721 7 Passcode: qz2mT3H4
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December	15th	Monday	1800	Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 318 641 091 578 0 Passcode: Ac6wh7zZ

Kind regards, **Aisha Nottage**

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