

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 13 - 19 September 2025 (Agenda October 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:

- The football club have re clad the dugouts. Excess timber still to be removed.

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 13 th October 2025	
Application No: CA/25/0107 19.09.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Weavers, Church Street, Rudgwick	

Reason for Application: Surgery to 1x Conifer, 1x Laurel Hedge, 1x Portuguese Laurel, and 1x Mixed Shrubs / Conifers (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area)	
Official Response Date: 10.10.2025 / Determination 30.10.2025	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th October 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th October 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th October 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	

Official Response Date:	
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Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13 th October 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 13th October 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 19.09.2025 from Sussex Police

Horsham District Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner town and parish feedback sessions Autumn 2025.

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner town and parish feedback sessions Autumn 2025.
Horsham District online meeting 8 October 10.00 -12.30

The Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner would like to invite you to talk to us about crime, policing and community safety issues in your area.

We know from recent Sussex Police crime reports that anti-social behaviour, violent and sexual offences, criminal damage and shoplifting are the most frequently reported issues across the Horsham district.

We'd like to hear from you about any local issues that may be going unreported or overlooked by the police or other agencies.

Join us online, along with an officer from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, to help shape the policing response your residents would like to see.

Please let us know if you can participate in this online feedback session, taking place on 8 October 10.00-12.30 over MS Teams.

Please also complete this short form ahead of the session: <https://forms.office.com/e/FUXA50S2Qe> to indicate the most pressing issue for local communities that you would like to discuss.

We would be grateful if you could also share this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/iXZt8BCssv> to our annual Safer in Sussex survey with your local residents, so they can have their say.

We look forward to meeting you online on 8th October. A MS Teams link will be circulated **once RSVPs** to this email have been received.

Kind regards, Mervin

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Chief Communications & Insight Officer

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Police & Crime
Commissioner

www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk



An online directory for local victim and
witness specialist support services



Email dated 18.09.2025 from BRTA
British Regional Transport Association - Horsham Forum

As you may or not know, I am a member of the British Regional Transport Association(BRTA), which is a small unincorporated voluntary association which subject to resources, seeks to advance towards better public transport across the United Kingdom. Indeed, we are very keen to see a rolling programme of local line reopenings, rebuilds and select new builds of conventional railways for passenger and freight. We also campaign for an environmentally friendly, integrated, comprehensive, inclusive and affordable transport system including buses, cycling and pedestrian facilities.

Website: <https://brtarail.com/>

I am now writing to say that the BRTA will be holding a Horsham Forum on **Saturday, 25 October at the Lynd Cross, 1 Springfield Road, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 2PG for 2pm lunch and 3-5pm business.**

Yours faithfully,
Simon Barber - Administrator
British Regional Transport Association

Email dated 18.09.2025 from WSCC
Residents' eNewsletter: Recycle Week

Recycling
special edition



Recycle Week is coming!



Recycle Week runs from 22 to 28 September. This year we're highlighting the importance of keeping recyclable materials out of the general waste bin.

In West Sussex, we're proud to be supporting the Waste and Resources Action Programme's (WRAP's) mission to make sure valuable recyclables are put in the right bin.

You can recycle a core set of materials right from your home:

- Cartons
- Foil (scrunched into a ball larger than a jam jar lid)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles, pots, tubs, and trays (all colours!)
- Paper and card
- Metal cans and aerosols

Just remember, items must be clean, dry and loose before going into your recycling bin.

Are you missing out on recycling everyday items?



According to our recent recycling survey, many residents are missing out on recycling some everyday items including:

- Trigger sprays – just squash the bottle and pop the spray back on.
- Flexible toothpaste tubes – squeeze them empty and replace the lid.
- Empty aerosol cans – yes, they're safe to recycle!
- Aluminium foil – often forgotten, but it's endlessly recyclable. Scrunch it into a ball larger than a jam jar lid to make sure it's picked up at the recycling facility.
- Coloured plastics – all colours of household bottle, pots, tubs and trays can be recycled at home in West Sussex, including black plastics like microwave meal trays.

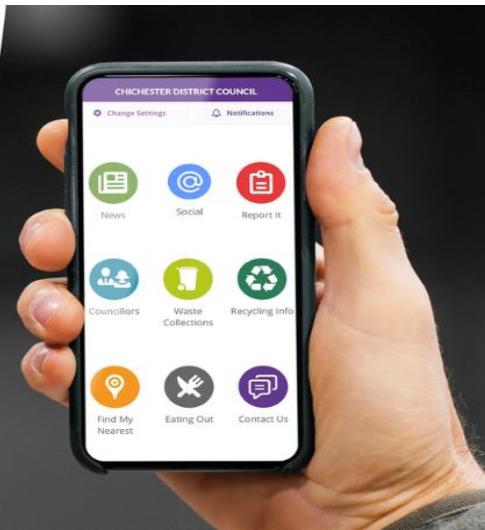
44% of West Sussex residents said they sometimes put recyclable items in the general waste bin because they weren't sure if they could be recycled.

If you are ever in doubt, the West Sussex Recycles A-Z of recycling and waste has information on specific materials all in one place.

[Explore A to Z of recycling](#)

Get bin reminders straight to your phone

Access council services on the go!



Did you know some of the local district and borough councils in West Sussex have a free app that provides access to council services from your phone?

This includes recycling information, latest council news and it can even send you notifications to remind you to put your bin out!

The app is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play Store for free. Downloading the app can also allow you to be the first to hear about service changes or disruptions to your bin collections.

Download the app for your local council below:

- [Adur & Worthing Councils](#)
- [Arun District Council](#)
- [Chichester District Council](#)
- [Horsham District Council](#)

Please note, the app is not available for Crawley Borough Council or Mid Sussex District Council.

Food waste collections coming soon!

COMING SOON!

YOUR FOOD WASTE CAN SOON BE RECYCLED AT HOME

Let's recycle our food waste better, together.

 West Sussex recycles



Over the next 12 months, food waste collections will begin in West Sussex following a change in legislation from the [Government](#).

Don't worry, you'll be able to recycle all the same items as before in your current recycling bin. Food waste collections are an extra service with different bins.

Your local district or borough council will collect your food waste each week.

The food waste that's collected will go to an anaerobic digestion plant in Horsham. The plant recycles the waste into:

- fertiliser to help farmers grow crops
- energy to power the plant

The start date for your collections will depend on where you live. For more information on food waste collections in West Sussex, click on the button below.

[Learn more about food waste](#)

Autumn/winter opening hours return to Recycling Centres from October



From 1 October 2025, Recycling Centres will switch to their autumn/winter opening hours. All 11 centres will be open from 9am to 4pm on selected days until 31 March 2026.

Remember to book your slot online before heading to the centre. Appointments can be booked up to 14 days in advance or even on the same day there's availability. If you no longer need your slot, don't forget to cancel it so someone else can use it.

[Check opening hours](#)

UKHarvest Community Food Hubs



The UKHarvest Community Food Hub project has been extended to continue until April 2027, thanks to additional funding from the county council. This means the programme will continue to redistribute surplus food from suppliers and provide food waste prevention advice for a further year.

Launched in partnership with Sussex-based charity UKHarvest, the Community Food Hubs offer residents access to surplus food for a small voluntary donation of £5, no referrals needed. These child-friendly hubs run monthly in each district and borough across West Sussex, helping communities reduce food waste and save money.

Since its launch in April 2023, the scheme has so far saved over 106 tonnes of food from going to waste.

Alongside food redistribution, the hubs provide food waste prevention advice, recipe ideas, and information on wellbeing, recycling, fire safety and Citizens Advice services.

Find a UKHarvest hub near you



Follow WSRecycles

If you enjoyed this special edition resident's newsletter, why not check out our other West Sussex Recycles channels. We run social media accounts, a YouTube channel and monthly newsletter for all things waste prevention and recycling!

Follow us here:

- [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [X\(Twitter\)](#) [YouTube](#)

Subscribe to our newsletter



Email dated 18.09.2025 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Governance

- Nominations are now open for our [2025 governance elections](#). The National Assembly held a special meeting on 15 September 2025 on the elections. They were encouraged to put themselves forward for various leadership roles, including NALC chair, vice-chairs and places on our committees. There are also opportunities for councillors and clerks not on the National Assembly to join our Larger Councils Committee and Smaller Councils Committee, where you'll represent your parish or town council nationally, shape our work, and strengthen local democracy. Details of how to nominate, eligibility criteria and the deadline are [available on our website](#).
- Our [Scrutiny Committee](#), which will also have elections, met on 11 September 2025. They focused on looking at our [HR handbook](#) for internal staff, including our hybrid and time-off in lieu policies, data retention and exit process. There were also updates on plans to add new sections on artificial intelligence and preventing sexual harassment in the workplace.

Events and meetings

- In this week's fortnightly meeting between NALC and county associations, we gave an update on the Make A Difference Working Group, a joint project with the Local Government Association, which aims to encourage more people to work in the sector. There was also an update on neighbourhood area committees, where our

policy manager, Chris Borg, shared findings from our recent survey, and the Surrey Association of Local Councils spoke about the pilots underway and their response to the government consultation on local government reorganisation in Surrey. Other updates included recent meetings of our [national network](#) for women councillors and super councils, the National Assembly on our [governance elections](#) and the [Scrutiny Committee](#).

- Our [national network](#) for super councils met on 12 September 2025 and was joined by England director and head of membership services at the Community Transport Association (CTA), Caroline Whitney. Caroline provided an update on the CTA's research into community bus services and Section 22 permits following a survey they had issued earlier this year. She also outlined their next steps, which include conducting interviews, with a full report published next year. Last year's [Star Council Awards](#) Council of the Year finalist, Houghton Regis Town Council's clerk, Clare Evans, spoke on how the council developed a strong working relationship with several partners. Clare highlighted the importance of going beyond email communication, building personal relationships, and ensuring that all partnership offers mutual benefits for everyone involved. There was an update on the [Corporate Peer Challenge](#), highlighting that a session for prospective peers (experienced councillors and clerks from super councils) would take place on 21 October 2025. We are encouraging parish and town councils in the East and West Midlands, East of England, North East, and Yorkshire and the Humber to express an interest in hosting a challenge. Finally, the network was encouraged to consider standing for [direct election](#) to the Larger Councils Committee.
- The Wiltshire Association of Local Councils held its [County Conference](#) on 10 September 2025, which featured sessions on guidance from The Charity Commission for parish and town councils managing charities, how they can become environmentally friendly, and how they can become more accessible. I spoke on our lobbying on behalf of the sector, informed by motions from county associations. They identified many important matters, including funding for flooding, support for neighbourhood planning and building control enforcement. It was good to hear from them about their positive experience of area boards convened by their unitary council, which generally engaged well with parish and town councils.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), our partner, Blachere Illumination, shares why they're proud to sponsor the [Star Council Awards](#). For over 20 years, Blachere Illumination has partnered with parish and town councils to bring high streets and town centres to life with eco-responsible lighting that fosters pride, connection and joy. Sponsoring the awards is their way of celebrating the dedication of parish and town councils, councillors and clerks who go above and beyond for their communities, and inspiring the next generation of local leaders.
- The [Improvement and Development Board](#) have launched a new initiative designed to strengthen positive culture in parish and town councils. The [Councillor's](#)

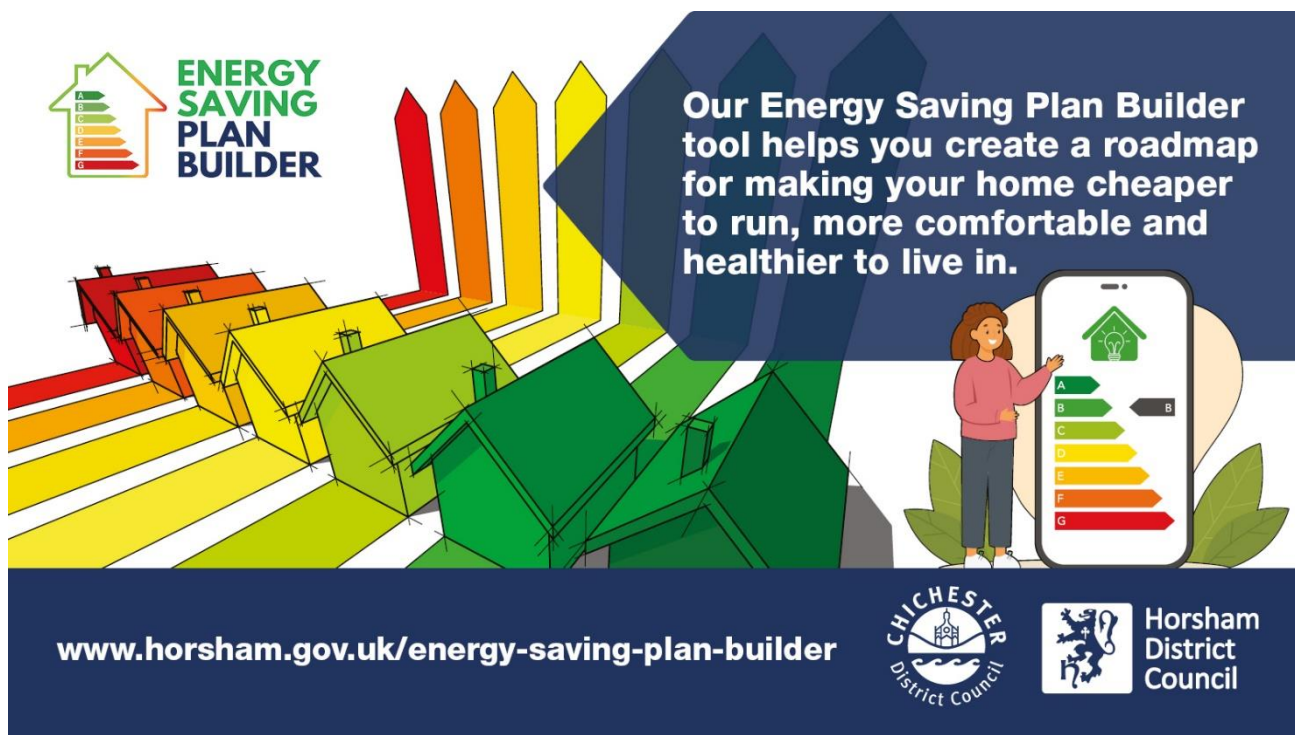
[Statement of Assurance](#) invites councillors across the country to personally commit to upholding the highest standards of civility, respect and professionalism in their daily work and interactions. I urge every councillor to read this statement, reflect on its principles, and embrace them in your daily work. Together, let's champion a culture of civility, respect and professionalism that strengthens parish and town councils and serves our communities well.

Support

- Our [Westminster Forum](#) met again on 15 September 2025 to discuss the Committee Stage of the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill. Co-chaired by our president Baroness Scott of Needham Market and John Milne MP, the forum considered potential amendments covering the themes of effective engagement with principal authorities, funding for parish and town councils, governance and powers. Among the amendments we are seeking to table several of our policy objectives, such as remote meetings, standards, councillor allowances and the general power of competence.
- Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, gave oral evidence to the Public Bill Committee. During the [session](#), Justin answered questions from MPs covering various issues set out in our [parliamentary briefing](#) on the Bill. Other witnesses included the County Councils Network, the District Councils Network, the Local Government Association, two metro mayors and the new minister for local government. He also spoke to MPs at the start of the Committee Stage of the bill to call for the bill to go further to empower parish and town councils and extend their coverage in unparished areas.
- We've added another free event to our schedule on the [Local Council Award Scheme](#), taking place on 9 October 2025. This event will give an introduction to the scheme and its benefits, including tips on how to prepare an award-winning application. It is open to all councillors, clerks and council staff who may be interested. You can [find out more information and how to book on](#) our website.

Email dated 17.09.2025 from HDC

A new online tool from Horsham District Council for householders



Horsham District Council has been working with Chichester DC and Parity Projects to develop a free online tool to help householders get advice on energy saving measures they could take that will help to reduce the amount of home energy they use, make their home more comfortable to live in, reduce their carbon emissions and potentially increase the value of their home too. The tool is a great way for residents to understand retrofit options available and likely costs.

Both district councils have declared a Climate Emergency and this online tool is a way that we can support homeowners to understand the benefits of changes that can be made to homes and the costs of making these changes. In the Horsham district over half of carbon emissions are associated with energy used in buildings, and over 80% of the buildings in the district are homes.

I have attached here a poster and some sample social media graphics in the hope that you will share this information on your community notice boards and online channels.

You can read more about our new online tool here: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/energy-saving-plan-builder>

Thank you very much for your help.

Best regards, Sarah

Sarah Hogben
Communications Officer

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Email: Sarah.Hogben@horsham.gov.uk





**Email dated 16.09.2025 from CCD Local Transport Plan
A24 Worthing to Horsham and Dorking Transport Improvements - public engagement**

We are writing to let you know that we are seeking views on potential transport improvements along the A24 corridor between Worthing, Horsham and Dorking. This is part of a joint public engagement exercise being undertaken by West Sussex County Council and Surrey County Council. The comments we receive will help identify key constraints, issues, and opportunities that will be used to shape our plans for the corridor and enable us to seek future funding opportunities.

The area covered by the engagement exercise includes the A24 from the A25 Dorking Deepdene roundabout and nearby railway stations in Dorking, to Horsham, and to the A27 Offington Roundabout in Worthing. The area also includes the A280 Long Furlong between the A27 at Clapham and A24 at Findon because of the importance of this link in connecting the A27 with the A24.

Improvements

The types of improvements that we are considering along the A24 corridor include:

- junction capacity improvements
- bus priority and bus stop improvements
- walking and cycling path improvements
- crossing facilities for people walking, cycling and horse-riding
- road safety improvements including junction modifications, safety barriers and speed limit changes

Have your say

You can find out more about these suggested improvements by visiting <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/A24-worthing-horsham-dorking> where you can also have your say by completing our questionnaire and commenting on an interactive map. This initial engagement period will close at 11:55pm on **27 October 2025**.

Proposals for the corridor are at an early stage of development, so we would like to hear from people and organisations who may be affected by the improvements we are considering to help us to develop the designs. If we decide to progress the improvements, these designs would then be presented as part of future consultations.

We want to gain as many responses as possible, so please share details of these improvements with your networks.

If you would like any of the materials in alternative formats, or have any questions, please email us at LTP@westsussex.gov.uk or contact us by telephone on 01243 642105 and we will do our best to

assist you. If you are deaf or hard of hearing and have a BT Relay UK app installed on your PC, laptop or smartphone, you can contact us on 18001 01243 642105.

You are receiving this email as a representative of a group or organisation we understand to have an interest in transport in the local area. Please email LTP@westsussex.gov.uk if you know longer wish to receive updates about the proposals.

Kind regards

Jamie Dallen

Transport Planning & Policy Senior Planner
West Sussex County Council

Steve Howard

Transport Strategy Manager
Surrey County Council

Email dated 16.09.2025 from West Sussex Fire & Rescue
Last chance to take part in fire service consultation

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

There is now less than a week remaining for you to have your say as part of [our public consultation on the proposals for our next Community Risk Management Plan](#).

Over the past 11 weeks we have been encouraging everyone who lives or works in West Sussex to take a couple of minutes to read through our draft proposals and share their views.

Our Community Risk Management Plan is the fire service's business plan that will set the direction of the service for the next four years, and so we are really keen to hear from as many people as possible as part of this public consultation to ensure we are supporting the needs of all residents living and working in our communities.

If haven't yet completed the short online survey I would really encourage you to do so before it closes on Monday September 22 to ensure that we have the widest range of views from our communities as possible.

If you are able to raise awareness of this public consultation with your councillors by sharing this email with them to encourage them to have their say too I really would appreciate any support you are able to provide in helping us spread the message far and wide.

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

Thank you, Gary



Email dated 12.09.2025 from Sussex Police
Rural Crime Matters



This week marks Rural Crime Action Week. It gives focus to a variety of police, partner and business campaigns and events that shine a light on the types of crimes experienced by people in rural areas.

Victims of rural crime may be more isolated, due to the geography of our county so we must ensure their voices are not ignored - out of sight must not mean out of mind when it comes to policing. We know that the crimes they face can be devastating to their livelihoods. We also must not forget that rural crime also impacts those who live in towns and cities.

Whether it is livestock or equipment theft, illegal hunting, arson, criminal damage or fly-tipping - these offences not only impact farmers and landowners directly but have negative ripple effects into our economy, supply chains and environment.

In 2020, our dedicated Sussex Police Rural Crime Team (RCT) was established through funding from the local policing precept - the amount you pay in your council tax for policing. The RCT work throughout the year, proactively investigating and tackling crime as well as working closely with rural partners to encourage reporting.

A national survey conducted earlier this year revealed that 35% of landowners are affected by waste crime but not all of them report to the police. In response to this, the Sussex Rural Crime Team conducted Operation Barley this week and the team were joined by the Environmental Agency, Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and the Local Authority.

The purpose of Op Barley was to check vehicles, specifically vans and small lorries, that could be carrying waste illegally or have illegal agendas for disposing of waste.

During the morning, numerous vehicles were stopped and checked ensuring: their weight was correct for their vehicle size; that they had the correct paperwork; had the right license to carry waste; and were safe to be on the roads.

The Sussex Rural Crime Team also introduced Operation Galileo, a dedicated effort to tackle hare coursing, which is now a national operation across all police force areas.

Last month alone, the Sussex RCT conducted nearly 26 hours of Op Galileo patrols after receiving reports or intelligence relating to hare coursing. These patrols span the county but specifically in the Adur, Mid Sussex, Wealden, Lewes and Rother Districts.

It's great to see the RCT out this week visiting key hotspot areas and I look forward to hearing more and updating you further about the results from our dedicated week.

999 DAY

September 9 marked 999 day, a chance to celebrate all our emergency services staff and volunteers. Every day, thanks to our resilient emergency service workers, people's lives are saved, public safety is maintained, vulnerable people are supported and harmful criminals are taken off the streets.

In an average day, Sussex Police receives over 750 emergency calls and spends nearly 3,000 hours responding to incidents. You will have read in last week's newsletter that Sussex Police tops the nation for responding to 999 calls - proving their dedication to ensuring that Sussex is safe.

Thank you to all our emergency heroes, whose tireless work, selflessness and dedication is appreciated every day.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FRIDAY FORCE FOCUS

Police in partnership

Two men have been charged with multiple offences, following excellent partnership work between Sussex Police and Kent Police.

Police were alerted to a report of a Toyota Hilux, on cloned plates, being driven through Horam, East Sussex.

The vehicle – confirmed stolen from Westham two days previously – was spotted a short time later and a pursuit ensued into Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Command was led by the Kent Police Force Incident Manager, and officers from the Sussex Police Roads Policing Unit and Specialist Enforcement Unit used tactics to attempt to stop the Toyota.

The vehicle was abandoned in Tunbridge Wells and the driver decamped, but was tracked by a Sussex Police Dog Unit and found hiding in a toilet cubicle of the nearby Sainsbury's store.

One man was arrested and charged with aggravated vehicle taking, failing to stop when required by police, driving without valid insurance and driving without a valid licence.

The other man also arrested and charged with possession of cannabis, two counts of driving while disqualified, failing to provide a specimen for analysis, two counts of theft of a motor vehicle, two counts of burglary and two counts of driving without valid insurance.

Results from court are due in October.



[SHARE WITH A FRIEND](#)

Email dated 12.09.2025 from WSCC

Reshaping local government, free electric blanket testing, find local jobs, help for kinship carers and more!



Reshaping local government in West Sussex – next steps

West Sussex councils have reached a significant milestone in the journey towards reshaping local government.

A [business case for local government reorganisation](#) has now been completed and will be presented at council meetings across the county, districts, and boroughs towards the end of September.

This marks a key step in the collaborative effort of all councils to respond to the government's requirement to re-structure local government and create a simpler structure for local government.

The business case demonstrates that both single and two unitary models are viable options for the future of local government in West Sussex.

[Find out more about the future of local government in Sussex](#)



New season - new job opportunities!

Looking to find a new job, make a career change, or enhance your workplace skills?

We've got some ways to help you:

New jobs eNewsletter: We've launched a new monthly Jobs and Opportunities eNewsletter. It provides information and guidance on applying for jobs within the

county council, offers career advice and tips, shares experiences from our staff and details of upcoming recruitment events. [Sign up here.](#)

Recruitment event: If you're looking to take your first step towards a career in Children's Services come along to the Children, Young People and Learning Recruitment event at Cuckfield on **Thursday 2 October from 2pm to 5pm**. The event will include a presentation from our Children's Residential team and a CV and Application workshop from our Recruitment Specialists. [Find out more or sign up here.](#)

Free electric blanket testing



**Book an appointment
on 0345 872 9719**

Free electric blanket testing

Our West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is offering free electric blanket testing sessions.

Last year 37% of the blankets tested were found to be defective. Faulty electric blankets are a common cause of fire in the home.

Testing is recommended for blankets more than two years old. Blankets over 10 years old should be replaced.

The sessions will take place by appointment only. For venues with events running over two days, appointments will only become available on the second day after the first day has been full booked.

Book by calling 0345 872 9719.

- 30 September and 1 October (9.30am to 4.30pm) Bognor Fire Station, West Meads Drive, Bognor Regis PO21 5TB.
- 2 October (10am to 4pm) Horsham Library, Lower Tanbridge Way, Horsham RH12 1PJ.
- 7 and 8 October (9.30am to 4.30pm) Durrington Community Centre, 2 Romany Road, Worthing BN13 3FJ.
- 9 October (10am to 4pm) Shoreham Library, St Mary's Road, Shoreham-by-Sea BN43 5ZA
- 14 and 15 October (9.30am to 4.30pm) Haywards Heath Fire Station, Mill Green Road, Haywards Heath RH16 1XQ.
- 16 October (10am to 4pm) Crawley Library, Southgate Avenue, Crawley RH10 6HG.

If your blanket is found to be faulty, a limited number of replacement blankets will be available thanks to our partnership with SGN. These will be given free of charge to vulnerable residents who receive certain benefits, while stocks last.

The sessions will also be attended by the Sussex Fraud Team and nurses from the Prevention Assessment Team who will be on hand to offer advice and support.

Keep safe and warm at home



Flu and Covid-19 seasonal vaccinations

We are urging eligible residents to take up the offer of vaccinations as soon as they're able to ensure protection ahead of the peak winter virus season.

The **flu vaccine** is now being offered to children aged 2 to 3 years, all school-aged children from Reception to Year 11, and children with certain long-term health conditions.

Vaccinations for children will take place at their GP practice, in school, or at a local community clinic.

Pregnant women will be offered the flu vaccine at maternity appointments but can also choose to book at their GP practice or local pharmacy.

The [NHS National Booking System](#) is now open for all other eligible individuals to book their **winter flu and Covid-19** vaccinations, with appointments starting from Wednesday 1 October.

This year, Covid-19 vaccinations are available to adults aged 75 and over, older adult care home residents, and people who are immunosuppressed.

Find out more about vaccinations for babies, children and adults, including why they're important and how to get them on the link below.

[Find out more](#)



Are you caring for a family member or friend's child?

Many incredible people like Zelly step in, often unexpectedly, to care for the child of a relative or friend and are known as kinship carers.

This usually happens because a child's parents are unable to look after them.

It can be an emotional and anxious time for both carers and children, which is why our Kinship Care Support team provides a range of support, including advice regarding family contact time, guidance around education and health, training and specialist workshops, peer mentoring, and more.

A Kinship Conference will be held on **Wednesday 8 October**, with speakers, access to partner organisations, and the opportunity to meet other kinship carers.

If you, or someone you know would like to attend, or to speak to the team, click the button below or call 01403 229900.

[More about kinship care](#)



Suicide - help to save a life

It was World Suicide Prevention Day on 10 September, and we're promoting access to support.

If you think someone you know might be at risk of suicide, take action and start a conversation, show them you care.

When life is difficult, Samaritans are there – day or night, 365 days a year.

Call them for free on 116 123, email jo@samaritans.org or download the Stay Alive app: stayalive.prevent-suicide.org.uk

More news



Head to our [Newsroom](#) to find all the latest news.

- We are celebrating the news that our [Adults Services have been rated 'good'](#) by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

- Make the bus part of your everyday journeys. It's a simple, affordable way to stay connected and get where you need to go. Whether you're heading to an appointment, school or the high street – [there's a bus journey for you.](#)
- A Crawley business has been [prosecuted and fined for selling vapes to children and stocking illegal naphthalene mothballs.](#) An employee has also faced prosecution for personally selling a vape to a minor.
- The next [Worthing Community Food Hub will be a multi-agency support hub,](#) bringing a wide range of supporting services together under one roof, including West Sussex Waste Prevention Team, Citizens Advice and community healthcare workers, among others. Come along on **Thursday 18 September from 10am to 11am** at The Charmandean Centre, Forest Road, Worthing, to fill a bag with rescued food and have chat with all of the services.
- Find out the ways our 36 [libraries and e-library can help you learn.](#)
- Applications for secondary school places in West Sussex for September 2026 are now open and [parents are being urged to get their applications in before the deadline of Friday 31 October 2025.](#)
- A [rogue builder has been sentenced to 30 months imprisonment](#) for defrauding a homeowner in Henfield, following an investigation by our Trading Standards service.

Did you know?



It's Know Your Numbers Week, a national campaign led by Blood Pressure UK to raise awareness of the risks of high blood pressure, or hypertension.

We're joining with NHS Sussex to urge all adults aged 40 and above to take advantage of the free blood pressure checks available in community pharmacies.

Anyone aged 40 or over who does not already have a diagnosis of high blood pressure (or has not had their blood pressure checked by a healthcare professional in the past six months), can use the service – no GP appointment is needed.

You can also borrow a blood pressure monitor to use at home from Crawley, Bognor Regis, and Goring-by-Sea libraries.

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