

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 30th August – 5th September 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 13th October 2025
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Application No: DC/25/1269 02.09.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Land North of Guildford Road, Bucks Green	
Reason for Application: Outline Planning Application for up to 90 no. residential dwellings (including 40% affordable) all matters to be reserved apart from access.	
Official Response Date: 23.09.2025 / Determination 18.11.2025	
Application No: DC/25/1343 04.09.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Hurlands, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Application to confirm the continuous use of land as incidental residential curtilage with associated outbuildings (Lawful Development Certificate - Existing).	
Official Response Date: 25.09.2025 / Determination 15.10.2025	
Application No: DC/25/1360 03.09.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Land to the west of Little Millfields, Horsham Road, Rowhook	
Reason for Application: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a single storey dwelling.	
Official Response Date: 24.09.2025 / Determination 27.10.2025	
Application No: DC/25/1377 02.09.2025	Response/Comments:

Applicant: Field House, Cox Green	
Reason for Application: Fell 1x Oak Tree	
Official Response Date: 23.09.2025 / Determination 22.10.2025	

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 8 th September 2025	
Application No: DC/25/1047	Response/Comments: Prior Approval Required and Permitted / RPC – No reference is made in the amended plans for this prior approval application to show whether the 45-degree rule has been considered in respect to the neighbouring property. Bearing in mind the neighbour's earlier comments concerning potential loss of light, it would help provide clarity for neighbours if details pertaining to the 45-degree rule could be included in the application
Applicant: 23 Summerfold, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Prior Approval for the erection of a single-storey rear larger home extension, which would project 4.00 mtrs from the rear elevation, comprising a maximum height of 3.60 mtrs and an eaves height of 3.00 mtrs.	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

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

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8th 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 8th 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 05.09.2025 from WSCC

Rogue builder who deceived over six victims sentenced to 30 months in prison



NEWS RELEASE

Rogue builder who deceived over six victims sentenced to 30 months in prison

A rogue builder has been sentenced to 30 months imprisonment at Lewes Crown Court for defrauding a homeowner in Henfield, following an investigation by West Sussex County Council Trading Standards service.

In November 2023, Mr Jessie Hearne, of Brighton & Sussex Roofing at Market Gardens, Henfield, contacted a homeowner who had asked for recommendations for a roofer to undertake emergency repairs on a local Facebook group. Mr Hearne had offered to come out the same morning to review and repair the roof, which the homeowner agreed to.

The initial cost of the work quoted by Mr Hearne was £3,800, but the following day, he claimed it had increased to £8,800.

After the repairs had been completed, the homeowner complained to Mr Hearne about the poor quality of work and reported this to West Sussex Trading Standards.

An independent Chartered Surveyor inspected the works and stated they were not compliant with British Standards and looked "more like an act of vandalism rather than repairs to a roof." Further to this, the extent of the works was not necessary, they had no value and the homeowner would be facing expensive remedial work.

Investigations by West Sussex Trading Standards revealed that there were at least six further victims of Mr Hearne's actions, including an 88-year-old victim who paid £16,000.

On 1 September 2025, Mr Hearne pleaded guilty to fraudulent trading, fraud by misrepresentation and engaging in a commercial practice which contravenes the requirements of professional diligence and money laundering. He was sentenced to 30 months immediate imprisonment and further action is now being taken against Mr Hearne to recover criminal assets through confiscation under the Proceeds of Crime Act.

Councillor Duncan Crow, Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue, said: "Mr Hearne has been misleading homeowners into thinking he could carry out roofing work when in

fact, he does not have the skills, knowledge or workmanship to complete them. Instead, he has routinely overcharged for his work, leaving victims facing more costs and even more needed repairs as they rectified the issues caused by Mr Hearne.

“This case highlights the tremendous work our Trading Standards team does in protecting our communities and holding rogue traders accountable.”

Residents who are concerned about rogue traders or fraudulent practices should contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133.

Trading Standards encourages all residents to visit the [Buy With Confidence](#) website which lists approved businesses.

Email dated 04.09.2025 from WSCC

County council announces changes to on-street parking charges across West Sussex

NEWS RELEASE



County council announces changes to on-street parking charges across West Sussex

West Sussex County Council has confirmed updates to on-street parking charges will come into effect from 1 October 2025, designed to make parking fairer, more consistent and better aligned with local needs.

The changes, which were announced in a key decision last week, follow a comprehensive review and support the council's [Integrated Parking Strategy](#), which aims to improve access, reduce congestion and encourage more sustainable travel.

These updates are aligned with recent changes to off-street parking charges introduced by district and borough councils, helping to prioritise the use of designated car parks and reduce pressure on residential streets.

Key updates include:

- frozen or reduced permit charges for carers, healthcare workers and residents in selected zones.
- more consistent pricing across towns to reflect local parking patterns and controlled hours.
- updated pay and display charges to help manage demand and encourage the use of off-street parking facilities where available.

Cllr Joy Dennis, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: “These changes are about making parking simpler, fairer and more responsive to local needs. We have tried to keep any price increases as minimal as possible, with the updated pricing covering rising service costs while ensuring parking remains accessible and efficient for those who need it most.

“We’re supporting key workers, encouraging short stays and helping town centres stay vibrant, contributing directly to our Council Plan priority of building a strong, sustainable economy for West Sussex.”

Email dated 04.09.2025 from WSALC
WSALC Autumn Newsletter



Newsletter
Autumn 2025

Planning for an Emergency

A local council with a robust, tested Emergency Plan will be in a better position to support its residents and make their lives a little easier at a time of crisis.

At a time of world uncertainty, subversive activities and climate change, this is particularly important. In Sussex there are 60,000 Armed Forces Veterans as well as numerous retired Blue Light workers, some of whom could lend their experience to local councils.

If you have a Plan and would like it independently audited, we can arrange for this to happen. Or if you’ve no Plan and are not sure where to start, we have access to an expert with



the appropriate knowledge and a template designed for local councils.

Please contact Trevor on 07825 506649

trevor.leggo@wsalc.co.uk or trevor.leggo@esalc.co.uk

Safe Spaces in Sussex

The [Safe Spaces Scheme](#) was set up in 2021 by the Police & Crime Commissioner's Office as a network of locations across Sussex which offer a safe space if people feel threatened or at risk of harm.

There are currently 195 Safe Spaces in Sussex; now the PCC's office is looking to increase this number and is asking for support in identifying local businesses/places that would be willing to sign up.

More information about the scheme and how venues can sign up can be found at [Safe:Space Sussex - Become a Safe Space](#)

NALC advice on email addresses

NALC have [published an updated advice note on council email addresses](#) including information on how to move to (or set up) a gov.uk domain, anticipated costs and where to find support.

Training news

To book any of these sessions please contact Emily on admin@esalc.co.uk or admin@wsalc.co.uk

- 9 Sept - **New Clerks training** (£75 + VAT)
- 16 Sept - **Councillor/Chair training** (FREE)
- 25 Sept – **Introduction to Planning** (£40 + VAT)
- 30 Sept – **Effective Planning Representations** (£40 + VAT)
- 28 Oct – **Updates in Planning** (£40 + VAT)
- 11 Nov – **Introduction to Planning** (£40 + VAT)
- 17 Nov – **Effective Planning Representations** (£40 + VAT)
- 18 Nov – **Updates in Planning** (£40 + VAT)

[General information on ESALC training](#)

[General information on WSALC training](#)

Zoom forums

The ESALC clerks and chairs forums will have just taken place as this newsletter is circulated.

Upcoming WSALC dates are as follows:

- WSALC Chairs Forum -
18 September, 7pm
- WSALC Clerks Forum –
22 September, 10am



Advice on Assertion 10

Following new digital and data compliance rules, Breakthrough Communications have [published this guidance on the NALC website](#) (members will need to log on to read).

Timetable for change

Since March, ESALC & WSALC have met with member councils, at DALC level or in local clusters, to share updates on Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation. Meetings will continue as details emerge.

While many elements are still to be clarified, this timetable is broadly agreed:

- **26 Sept 2025** – submission to the Government of Unitary Authority proposals by East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove
- **May 2026** – election for Mayor of Sussex
- **May 2027** – elections to the Shadow Unitary Authorities
- **April 2028** – Vesting Day for new Unitary Authorities (at which point existing County, District and Borough Councils will cease to exist)

If your councillors have any issues they wish to clarify, please contact Trevor.

Going green



Join the [Carbon Literacy Project](#) for the world's largest education & action training day of its kind. Coinciding with the UN COP30 climate change conference, **Carbon Literacy Action Day will be on 13 November**. [Register your interest](#) or sign up for one of the [training sessions](#) aimed at community champions and professionals.

WANTED: DALC Secretary for West Sussex

Arun, Chichester, Horsham and Mid Sussex have District Associations (DALCs) where towns and parishes meet to discuss matters of common interest. Each DALC normally meets 3 times a year, twice by Zoom in the evening and one face to face meeting.

Following a recent resignation we now require a DALC administrator.

- Duties will be liaison with Chairs, inviting all eligible councils, preparation of agendas/ minutes, attendance at meetings and carrying out follow-up actions
- Around 15-20 hours per DALC per year (total 60-80 hours a year). Pay rate £30 p.h.

We hope to fill this vacancy by 1st October. Please contact Trevor for more details.

Reminder – following our successful **conference** last year at the Amex, we're holding another event there on **Tuesday 4 November**. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Email dated 04.09.2025 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Campaigns

- We have published the latest [Civility and Respect Project newsletter](#). It provides an update that 18% of parish and town councils have signed up to the [Civility and Respect Pledge](#). Work has started on how to promote the pledge to small and micro-councils, which make up over 65% of all parish and town councils. Analysis has also shown that there are significant variations between different geographical areas, and work is ongoing to understand why this is the case. We [want to hear your suggestions](#) on how we can increase sign-ups to the pledge. The newsletter also includes an update on the Statement of Assurance for councillors. The statement ensures councillors take personal responsibility for being civil and respectful. The statement was trialled in Cornwall with success, and we will do a full rollout in due course.
- I'm pleased to hear that the Improvement and Development Board's [Civility and Respect Task Force](#) has secured free training from the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. The training brings the expert-approved international Stand Up Against Street Harassment training programme to the UK. The global programme has been rolled

out across 40 countries and has trained over 3.8 million people to date. The 30-minute programme is free of charge. It raises awareness of harassment, as well as upskilling and empowering bystanders across various settings, including public spaces and workplaces, to help defuse situations, discourage harassers, and support victims. For bookings, please [find more information](#) on the Suzy Lamplugh website.

Meetings

- This week's meeting between NALC and county associations included an update on the [sector-wide consultation by the Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel](#) to improve governance in the sector. Parish Online attended to outline their [offer of a free clerk email address](#) to support parish and town councils moving to a gov.uk domain. We discussed the draft event schedule for 2026/27. We also provided an update on our [Parish and Town Elections 2025](#) report and next year's elections.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), Hertford Town Council celebrates achieving the prestigious Gold Award through the [Local Council Award Scheme](#) (LCAS). This success reflects strong governance, community engagement, and a forward-thinking business plan. The council encourages other parish and town councils to pursue accreditation as a valuable and rewarding process.
- This week, we [published our analysis of the parish and town elections](#) held earlier this year in May. It showed that contested parish and town council elections surged by 40% this May. The analysis found 21% of parish and town councils saw competitive ballots, up from 15% last year, signalling renewed interest in grassroots democracy. Challenges remain, with vacancies rising to 74% of parish and town councils holding elections, Wiltshire recording the highest number of unfilled seats, and inquorate parish and town councils increasing sharply. While party politics remained rare, the rise in contested seats marks a welcome boost for community representation and local democracy. You can [read the complete analysis](#) on our website.

Support

- Ahead of this week's Second Reading of the [English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill](#), we [issued a briefing](#) to all English MPs last week, setting out our key messages, views on the contents of the Bill and issues not included. We also held our [Westminster Forum](#) on 1 September 2025. The forum, co-chaired by our president Baroness Scott of Needham Market and Jayne Kirkham MP, discussed key themes such as strengthening the role of parish and town councils, fostering strong relationships and neighbourhood governance. So, it was good to see the role of parish and town councils and the issues highlighted in our briefing raised during the

Second Reading of the Bill in the House of Commons on 2 September 2025. You [watch the session on parliament.tv](#) or read the full transcript on [Hansard](#). The forum meets again next week to discuss amendments for the Committee Stage, where we will also be giving oral evidence later this month, and we will be liaising with individual MPs and other stakeholders.

- Congratulations to the [latest parish and town councils accredited under the LCAS](#). LCAS celebrates the best of parish and town councils, helps them develop their potential, and recognises that they are well run and meet the required standards. Three parish and town councils achieved the Gold Award, six achieved the Silver Award, and five achieved the Bronze Award. You can find out more about [the scheme and how to apply on the NALC website](#). We have also published next year's [national panel dates](#).
- We joined the Local Government Association and other partners in [co-signing an open letter to the government opposing the blanket extension of permitted development rights](#) (PDRs). We've long argued that decisions on PDRs should rest with parish and town councils and neighbourhood planning groups, not imposed nationally. Yet, since 2013, PDRs have enabled thousands of homes to bypass the planning system, stripping away requirements for affordable housing, infrastructure, and quality standards. The impact is stark, with almost 28,000 affordable homes lost. Many PDR conversions have been cramped, poor-quality, and in unsuitable locations. Communities end up paying twice. Once with substandard housing, and again with the loss of schools, green spaces, transport links, and health services that should support new development. We will continue to champion local decision-making and keep the sector updated on next steps.

Email dated 04.09.2025 from WSCC

What can you learn at your local West Sussex library?



news release

What can you learn at your local West Sussex library?

We've got 36 libraries spread right across West Sussex, and you can use them to expand your knowledge in lots of different ways – free of charge.

This year our libraries are celebrating 100 years of being at the heart of the community, and our librarians are keen to welcome even more people through the doors.

Below we highlight just some of the ways our libraries can help you learn something new:

- **Study and research:** If you're conducting research as part of a course, many of our libraries have [dedicated spaces where you can study and focus](#). There's free wi-fi in all libraries as well as computers with internet access which members can access for free.
- **Borrow self-help or hobby books:** We have tens of thousands of non-fiction and hobby titles for you to choose, whether you want support for your mental health, information on a country you plan to visit, cookery inspiration or tips on creating a flower-filled garden – you're sure to find a title to suit.
- **Online resources:** You can access [a range of free, reliable, online resources](#), including the British Newspaper Archive, Oxford Reference and Who's Who.
- **Learn to read:** [Read On is a library-run scheme](#) for adults who want to improve their reading skills but may have limited or no reading ability.
- **Research your family history:** There's lots of free help available if you are [delving into your family tree or want to uncover the history of where you live](#). This includes free access to websites such as Ancestry and Find My Past. There's also [a guide on how to start tracing your family history and what resources are available to use](#), and a [Local History guide](#) for every town or village where our 36 libraries are located.
- **Learn how to use a computer:** Not confident on computers? Our [digital volunteers offer free support](#) on a range of digital enquiries from setting up an email account to help with online shopping or being safe online. You can also access Learn My Way which has free online courses for beginners.

Councillor Duncan Crow, Cabinet Member for community support, fire and rescue, said: "We are keen to let residents know just how many resources there are in libraries to help you learn, for all ages and abilities, most of them completely free of charge to library members. Our libraries provide one of our key council priorities which is to help people and communities fulfil their potential."

From Arundel and Angmering to the Witterings and Worthing, [find your nearest library](#).

Not a library member yet? [It's free and easy to join if you live, work or study in the county](#).

Photo caption: Help with learning to read with volunteer support is available through the library service.



**Email dated 03.09.2025 from Chichester District Council
Adoption of the Chichester Local Plan 2021-2039**

In accordance with the Planning And Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Regulation 17, 26 and 35) and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 Regulation 16, I am writing to inform you that the Chichester Local Plan 2021-39 was adopted on 19 August 2025.

I attach a copy of the [Adoption Statement](#) with more information.

Yours sincerely

Claire Potts

Claire Potts, Planning Policy Team Manager



Gillian Stevens
Planning Officer
Planning Policy
Chichester District
Council

Email dated 02.09.2025 from CCD Local Transport Plan

A24 Horsham to Dorking Corridor Feasibility Study stakeholder Dec 2024 webinar report and next steps

We hosted a webinar in December 2024 for organisations and groups to invite views about the output measures from the study. If you attended or provided feedback through this meeting we would like to thank you for your interest in the study and for your feedback. We have attached a [report on the feedback](#) from this stakeholder group engagement.

We are also getting in touch to notify that we are now planning to commence a wider public engagement exercise to launch in mid-September on A24 corridor improvements between Worthing, Horsham and Dorking. As with other similar strategic SCC and WSCC schemes, the intention is to invite members of the public and other stakeholders to complete an online survey and advertise this through a range of media.

The intention is that this will be a high-level wider public engagement exercise. It will aim to seek views and understand whether there is wider support for the issues, objectives and types of improvements that have been identified through the studies and previous engagement we have undertaken with stakeholder groups, including that related to the attached report when we asked similar previous questions. Subject to the outcomes of the engagement and delivery opportunities, we would expect to undertake consultation on specific design proposals at a later stage.

You are receiving this email as a representative of an organisation or a group we understand may have an interest in this study. Please respond to this email to let us know if you do not wish to receive future updates about this study.

If you have any questions about the study or the previous webinar, please get in touch by email at: ltip@westsussex.gov.uk

Kind regards,

Jamie Dallen, Transport Planning & Policy Senior Planner, West Sussex County Council

Steve Howard, Transport Strategy Manager, Surrey County Council

Email dated 01.09.2025 from HDC

Monthly Planning Compliance Team statistics for August 2025

During August 2025, we received 49 new Planning Compliance investigations.

The closure statistics for August are shown below:

Year	Month	Complaints Closed	No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient	Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	% Closed within 90 days
2025	August	34	12	6	9	7	21	13	61.76

No Enforcement Notices were issued during August.

No appeal decisions were received during this time, however a new appeal has been lodged against the enforcement notice issued in July on land at Prestwood Corner, Prestwood Lane, Ifield, West Sussex RH11 0LA, which is due to be dealt with either by an Informal Hearing or a Public Inquiry. As such, we now have 7 outstanding decisions on appeals relating to other enforcement notices issued., which

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

Kind regards,

Madeleine Hartley

Planning Compliance Team Leader

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Email dated 01.09.2025 from HDC

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

Tackling
Climate Change



Horsham
District
Council



September 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:

- Find out how our grant funding could support sustainable travel in your community
- 22 September is World Car Free Day - we are celebrating train travel!
- 22–28 September is Recycling Week - see the results of the recent recycling survey
- 29 September is International Day of Food Waste - let's take action
- Another cleaner and greener vehicle is added to our waste collection service
- Share your thoughts about local and sustainable food
- More good news for sustainable travel
- Volunteering to support the Wilder Horsham District

Find out how our grant funding could support sustainable travel in your community



To celebrate World Car Free Day (22 September) have you thought of applying for a grant to support sustainable travel in your community? Other communities have taken advantage of this fund. For example;

- Chanctonbury Church was awarded almost £900 towards the installation of their new bike racks.
- Greening Steyning received a grant to support their Active Travel survey, and
- Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council was awarded funds to offer free Dr Bike Maintenance classes.

These actions all contribute towards a reduction in emissions, air pollution and congestion locally, not to mention helping to encourage active lifestyles. Is there a sustainable transport project in your area that you could develop?

Our Community Climate Fund has now reopened for applications. Whilst open to all projects reducing carbon emissions, we really want to encourage applications around sustainable travel in this round. The fund closes again on 30 September.

[Apply for a Community Climate Fund](#)

22 September is World Car Free Day - we are celebrating train travel!



Beyond the Rails

Discover the magic of the Arun Valley Line, where the journey is as beautiful as the destination.

Join Luna and Annalees as they embark on an exciting exploration along this scenic train route. Our series of **FREE** podcasts and a captivating short film showcases the incredible people and stunning places along the way.

Tune in and let the journey inspire you!



It's World Car Free Day and we are celebrating train travel as a sustainable alternative to road travel.

Listen to our FREE Arun Valley Line podcast and be inspired to part the car and take the train to explore the beauty and attractions along the scenic Arun Valley. You'll also be reducing your carbon footprint, supporting the local economy and reducing air pollution! In this latest series there are episodes for each station from Amberley to Gatwick. Visit the [Arun Valley Line website](#) to watch the full film and find links to the podcast.

Be part of the bigger picture and help to reduce global CO2 emissions by choosing to travel sustainably. Check out our **top tips and useful links** at the weblink below.

More Sustainable Travel Tips

22–28 September is Recycling Week - see the results of the recent recycling survey



Recycling Week is a perfect time to thank everyone who took part in the county-wide recycling survey this summer. Of the more than 3,000 respondents, 92% said that recycling in West Sussex is very important to them.

The survey also revealed that there is still some confusion around recycling plastic materials. In West Sussex, you can recycle all colours of plastic bottles, pots, tubs, and trays, as long as they're clean, dry, and loose.

Some recycling reminders:

1. Please use our [free collections service](#) for your vapes, batteries and small electricals as they can cause fires in the general waste vehicles.
2. We cannot recycle polystyrene – please remove this from any boxes you put in your recycling bin.

3. We cannot recycle wet paper/ cardboard. Please tear up or pack your boxes down and place them inside the bin, with the lid closed.

Thank you.

Recycling advice and tips

29 September is International Day of Food Waste - let's take action



This International Day of Food Waste is a good opportunity to remind ourselves how we can **reduce** our food waste, **recycle** food waste and **reuse** food waste to help save the environment and keep money in our pockets. [Visit our website for some handy suggestions.](#)

A phased roll-out of [weekly food waste collections](#) will launch across the District from March 2026, with household refuse and recycling collections continuing as usual every two weeks. Sign up to our mobile app to get the latest updates straight to your phone.

Key food waste facts*

- On average over 40% of waste in our Horsham District bins is food waste!
- Food that could have been eaten but gets thrown away in the UK (4.4 million tonnes) is worth around £17 billion. On average, this is around £1,000 per year for a household of four people.
- Associated emissions from food waste is equivalent to that generated by around one fifth of household cars on UK roads.

Download the Council's free mobile app



Another cleaner and greener vehicle is added to our waste collection service

We have added a new all-electric van to our fleet to collect textiles, electricals, and coffee pods for recycling. It is the latest in our waste collection fleet to switch to fully electric, making life quieter and with less air pollution, whilst also reducing carbon emissions and keeping our running costs down. It's a win-win for everyone!

Photo: Cabinet Member for Environmental Health, Recycling and Waste Cllr Jay Mercer



More good news for sustainable travel

The Government has confirmed that the £3 cap on bus fares will be extended until March 2027. This is good news for the environment as taking a bus instead of driving reduces greenhouse gas emissions compared with individual car usage and leads to improved air quality. Find West Sussex bus timetables, routes and bus pass information at the link below.

Bus travel across W Sussex



Volunteering to support the Wilder Horsham District

Every summer, [Wilder Horsham District](#)'s conservation volunteers work with the Sussex Wildlife Trust (SWT) and local landowners and communities to tackle the invasive plant Himalayan Balsam. We will continue this work, along with many other projects, to deliver a Nature Recovery Network for the Horsham District.

Volunteers are always welcome.

Photo: Emma Chaplin, SWT

[Read more](#)



Share your thoughts about local and sustainable food

As part of a long-term plan to develop the local and sustainable food sector across the Sussex & South Downs region, the [Arun & Chichester Food Partnership](#) are asking people to complete a short survey.

Your feedback will help develop a food strategy plan for Sussex & South Downs region.

[Complete the survey](#)



[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

Stay connected



Albery House, Springfield Road
Horsham, West Sussex
RH12 2GB



**Horsham
District
Council**

Email dated 29.08.2025 from WSCC

Special update: Adults' Services rated 'good' by Care Quality Commission



Staff celebrating the news on the steps of County Hall in Chichester

Adults' Services rated 'good'

We are pleased to share with you that West Sussex County Council's Adults' Services have been rated 'good' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The regulator found strong leadership in our 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.

[Read more](#)



Click to watch a message from Councillor Amanda Jupp

Councillor Amanda Jupp, Cabinet Member for Adults' Services 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... 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 of improvement and ensuring that our services continue to evolve to meet the needs of our communities."

Councillor Paul Marshall, Leader of the Council said: "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.”



Cllr Paul Marshall, Executive Director Alan Sinclair, Cllr Amanda Jupp

[Find out more about social care support in West Sussex.](#)

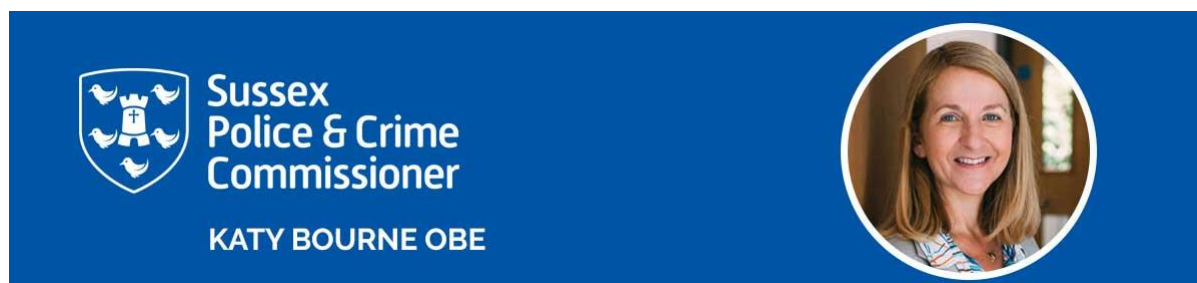
Click 'Read more' for further details on this story, including a summary of the key strengths, and actions we're taking to address the areas for improvement.

You'll also find a link to the CQC's report in full.

[Read more](#)



Email dated 29.08.2025 from Sussex Police
Safety this summer



You may remember in a previous newsletter, I mentioned the national Safer Streets Summer campaign that began in June and ends in September?

The campaign specifically looks at shop theft, street crime and anti-social behaviour and puts a focus on the importance of hotspot policing - something that Sussex Police have incorporated into their operational activity for a while now.

Each month, policing teams and partners across the county produce reports detailing the work and activity of the campaign. Below you can read just some of the highlights from Safer Streets Summer for last month:

In Brighton - Sussex Police Road Policing Teams worked closely with Neighbourhood Policing Teams to address residents concerns regarding off road bikes, anti-social riding, driving and electric scooters. Arrests were made for driving without insurance, drug-driving and residents reported they felt safer knowing police were routinely patrolling the area.

In Hastings - Officers completed plain clothes activity to disrupt a drug line. An offender was found in possession of a large quantity of drugs and subsequently arrested. Recent intelligence suggests the offender was lacing drugs with extremely dangerous substances such as fentanyl.

In Crawley - Officers located an abandoned building housing a known thief. The building was previously unknown to police as a site that could house offenders after committing crimes. As soon as local policing teams became aware, the building was made secure, meaning this is no longer a hiding place for criminals.

This is just a snapshot of all the successful activity happening across Sussex. In September, I am looking forward to welcoming the Home Office to Sussex to see, in person, more of the good work and to report back to you on the latest set of results.

Listening to the victim's voice

Here in Sussex, we have a range of support services for victims and survivors of sexual violence assault. While victims may share common experiences, their identities, circumstances and the abuse they faced will be unique – meaning they will need specialist and tailored support.

It's important that I hear from victims and survivors about their experiences so that, as PCC, I can help to identify any barriers to accessing services as well as spot gaps in provision.

To understand this further and to ensure we have the right support services in Sussex, I have commissioned the Centre for Public Innovation (CPI) to carry out a Sussex-wide 'sexual violence needs assessment.'

If you are a victim and/or a survivor of sexual assault and you feel you can help, please complete the survey using the link below. The survey takes around 20 minutes to complete.

The results of the survey will be used by CPI to produce a report. Only CPI researchers will see individual's data and this will not be shared with any other party – including my office.

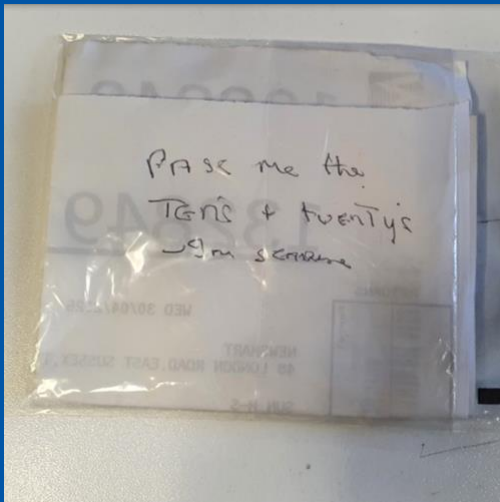
www.surveymonkey.com/r/SexualViolenceandAssaultSurvey



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FRIDAY FORCE FOCUS

Note said "i'm serious". Police said "you're under arrest."



A 71-year-old man who attempted to rob a bank in St Leonards has been jailed again.

The man entered Nationwide, in London Road, on 30 April and approached the front counter.

He did not say anything but passed over a note which read: 'PASS ME THE TEN'S AND TWENTY'S, I'M SERIOUS.' (See picture)

He was immediately recognised by a member of staff from a previous incident. He was remanded in custody and appeared at Lewes Crown Court where he was sentenced to 21 months' imprisonment. He was also given a five-year restraining order which prohibits him from entering the St Leonards branch of Nationwide.