

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 1st – 7th November 2025 (Agenda November 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 December 2025	
Application No: DC/25/1541 17.10.2025 (on planning list from HDC 05.11.2025)	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Ivy Cottage, The Haven, Billingshurst	

Reason for Application: Removal of existing sand school and construction of a new horse sand school.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 12.12.2025	
Application No: CA/25/0131 04.11.2025	
Applicant: Holy Trinity Church, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Fell 1 x Elm, 1 x Ash, 1 x Yew, 2 x Cypress, 1 x Spruce and 1 x Unidentifiable dead tree. Surgery to 1 x Oak, 1 x Cherry, 1 x Holly and 1 x Hazel. (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area).	
Official Response Date: 25/11/2025 / Determination 15.12.2025	Response/Comments:

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10 th November 2025	
Application No: DC/25/1706 22.10.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Hyeswood, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Change of use of existing pod for agricultural use.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 17.12.2025	
Application No: DISC/25/0334 28.10.2025	Response/Comments:
Applicant: 9 Cape Copse, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by	

Condition 3 to approved application DC/23/0574.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 23.12.2025	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10 th November 2025	
Application No: DC/25/1283	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – No objection.
Applicant: 40 Pondfield Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Surgery 3x Oak Tree	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/25/1513	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC - no objection to the application being treated as a Non Material Amendment, or to the details of the proposal.
Applicant: 9 Woodfield Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/25/1107 (Erection of a single storey rear extension and raised patio to replace existing) for the removal of roof lantern and division of picture window to create 3no. window panes.	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10 th November 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	

Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10 th November 2025	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10 th November 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 06.11.2025 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), our Star Council Awards 2024 Clerk of the Year from Penzance Town Council reflects on the rewarding and varied role of a clerk, from managing infrastructure projects and budget planning to community events and committee meetings. The blog highlights the breadth of responsibilities clerks take on daily and celebrates the value of learning from fellow clerks.
- On Monday, we circulated the latest legal bulletin to county associations. The bulletin included information on the ability of a parish or town council to lend money to individuals or unincorporated bodies, whether a parish or town council could purchase gifts to recognise the achievements of local individuals, [highlighted our letter](#) to the government expressing concern that the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill makes no provision for parish and town councils to hold remote or hybrid meetings, and the recent activity of the legal team.

Support

- In our response to the government's consultation on reforming the licensing system, [we welcomed efforts to modernise and simplify the licensing process](#). We are urging the government to add a new health and wellbeing licensing objective to Section 4 of the Licensing Act 2003, giving local authorities greater scope to consider the broader impacts of alcohol consumption when making licensing decisions. You can [read the complete response](#) on our website.
- We are inviting [parish and town councils to share their experiences of devolution and local government reorganisation](#) for a forthcoming case study publication. Parish and town councils with relevant experience are encouraged to get involved and highlight how devolution has shaped their communities. Submitting a case study is straightforward, parish and town councils just need to [complete a simple form](#) by 12 November 2025.
- In early December, the [Improvement and Development Board](#) will launch a short survey for parish and town councils. The survey aims to improve understanding of the services councils provide, support better decision-making, encourage innovation, and provide evidence-based insights to benefit everyone. The results will help shape future support and development for parish and town councils, so please look out for the survey in early December and take a few minutes to complete it. Your input will make a real difference.
- We continue to engage closely with parliamentarians as the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill progresses, particularly through our [Westminster Forum](#). Although the government did not adopt tabled amendments at Committee Stage, the minister for devolution, faith and communities, Miatta Fahnbulleh MP, has committed to setting out in writing measures to support parish and town councils within neighbourhood governance proposals, and to giving further consideration to powers to pay grants to parish and town councils. The minister also

confirmed that parish and town councils were important local partners and expected local and strategic authorities to work with them. Key amendments covered the engagement with principal authorities and strategic authorities, support for neighbourhood planning, and protecting existing councils under new local authority-led governance structures. Further work continues ahead of the Report Stage this month, including promoting funding for community ownership of assets, standards, remote meetings, support for councillors and ensuring involvement in local growth and devolution arrangements.

- In a significant step for the sector, the Smaller Authorities Proper Practices Panel (SAPPP), supported by the [Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments](#) (SAAA) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, have commissioned a review of proper practices for smaller authorities. Contained in the [Practitioners' Guide](#), these are the standards of governance and accounting that smaller authorities must meet if their income or expenditure does not exceed £15 million. But what gives SAPPP its authority to set these standards? A [new expert briefing](#), commissioned by SAAA and authored by legal specialists, provides clear answers, tracing the legal foundations of SAPPP's authority and explaining why its work remains vital to the strength and credibility of local democracy. Keeping with SAPPP, this week, they appointed the Society of Local Council Clerks' finance and VAT advisor as the new panel chair. I want to thank Derek Kemp, who served as chair for the past six years with great dedication and leadership. Derek will continue to support the panel in his new role as vice-chair.

Committee and events

- Last Wednesday, we hosted our event on planning for the future and what the new planning framework really means for parish and town councils. The event tackled the \$64,000 question: can governments achieve their housing targets while integrating community feedback through a democratic planning process? Our expert panel explored the new planning landscape, giving insights into how the updated framework directly affects parish and town councils and the future of housing developments. The overarching message from the event was clear that parish and town councils should keep fighting for their community's needs, develop a shared local vision, and stay engaged. You can [read more about the event](#) and find out about [our upcoming events](#) on our website.
- Last Friday saw the end of the nomination period for our [governance elections](#). I'm pleased to report we've had around 70 nominations from 24 counties for 48 vacancies. All available seats have had nominations submitted, meaning there will be several elections to decide the leadership roles and committee members. We now enter the eligibility check period for the nominations, and thereafter, the voting will begin.
- Our [Smaller Councils Committee](#) met on Tuesday to discuss several key updates and priorities. The committee asked us to provide clear guidance for smaller parish and

town councils on Assertion 10 compliance and agreed to include completion of the parish liaison team census exercise of county associations in next year's work plan as a priority. The committee also heard from Dr Amy Burnett and Dr Dan Ozarow from Middlesex University and Dr Jason Leman of the Citizen Network on their report on devolution and the need to empower parish and town councils. We summarised the findings of the recent Community Transport Association survey on Section 22 permits, and will share with the committee the results of the recent neighbourhood area committee and allowances surveys. The committee also endorsed the continued work of our national network for micro councils and heard updates on the Martyn's Law Steering Group.

- Last Thursday, our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, attended the Dorset Association of Local Councils' (DALC) [Devolving Dorset](#) event. More than 150 attendees came together to discuss the opportunities and challenges of devolving services and assets to parish and town councils, including the creation of community governance forums. Justin's presentation covered the devolution white paper and bill, our engagement with government and parliament, the opportunities of devolution and encouragement for Dorset Council to work more closely with parish and town councils and DALC. The event also featured contributions from the leader and chief executive of Dorset Council, organisational change expert David Smith, a question time panel, and breakout sessions for both larger and smaller councils.
- On Tuesday, our communications manager, Rajiv Dudakia, and I attended the East and West Sussex Association of Local Councils' Conference at the AMEX Stadium (home of Brighton & Hove Albion Football Club) with over 180 attendees present. I spoke on the opportunities devolution and local government reorganisation will bring to the sector, the work we've been doing to support that and how we need to work closely with county associations. It was great to hear from the police and crime commissioner for Sussex, Katy Bourne OBE, on several policing matters and the chief executive of West Sussex County Council, Leigh Whitehouse, on devolution and local government reorganisation. Katy emphasised the role our sector can play in community safety and briefed the meeting on her innovative scheme to address shop theft using tagging of prolific offenders.

Email dated 05.11.2025 from HDC

Latest News: Friday Lates Halloween special round up | Remembrance Sunday Information | Accolades for Horsham Park





Horsham's Poppy Shop is declared open

Horsham District Council's Chairman Cllr Tony Bevis went along to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Shop on Saturday 25 October to lend a hand.

The Poppy Shop this year is in Swan Walk Shopping Centre in the town centre opposite Hobbs and is open from 10am to 4pm until 11 November.



Free Winter Warm Up events a great success

Aimed primarily at the over 50s, but open to anyone wanting to be more active and winter ready, the two-day events were a great success with some 300 local people attracted by the numerous taster activity sessions, health checks and healthcare advice on offer for free, as well as a delicious free hot lunch.

Packed with many taster sessions, from archery and aerobics to singing, dancing, short mat bowls, ballet and craft workshops, these fun-filled events were designed to appeal to people who wanted to try out something new, get involved in community activities, meet others and boost their health and wellbeing ahead of the winter months.

[Find out more](#)

Council lodges formal complaint to Planning Inspectorate

Horsham District Council has formally submitted a complaint to the Planning Inspectorate identifying a number of failings in the Inspector's decision letter which approved outline planning permission for 800 homes and sports and leisure facilities at the Horsham Golf and Fitness Club near Southwater, West Sussex.

It was due to these failings that the Council felt it necessary to initiate a judicial review challenging the Inspectorate's July 2025 ruling. Whilst the Court agreed with the Council that the Planning Inspector had 'erred in law' by failing to properly consider the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan, it

concluded that these errors would not have altered the Inspector's ultimate decision, given his assessment of the planning balance in favour of the development.

[Read More Online](#)

Horsham Town Council consultation - the results are in



Horsham District Council recently invited local residents, businesses and community groups to share their views in a two-part consultation on whether Horsham Town Centre should have a Town Council in the future.

The development of a town council would significantly affect how Horsham's Town Centre would be managed in the future.

[Find out more](#)

Top accolades for Horsham's iconic park



Horsham Park has secured three top accolades in the Royal Horticultural Society South and South-East In Bloom Awards for 2025.

Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture Cllr David Skipp commented: "We must give huge thanks to all our Parks and Countryside officers, the Friends volunteers and other volunteering groups for their continued enthusiasm and dedication to the development and maintenance of the park to make it better and better every year.

"Our parks and open spaces are so key to help residents and visitors to maintain a healthy lifestyle and our park really is a jewel in the crown and a star attraction so near the town centre in the heart of our community."

[Read more](#)

Thanks for coming to our Halloween Friday Late!



A huge thank you to everyone that braved the October weather and came out to see the fabulous Hocus Pocus Live Experience at our Friday Lates Halloween special. The energy, the music, the fantastic costumes...you brought the magic Horsham!

Special mention to all of you who were so creative with your outfits, you turned the town centre into a runway of spooky brilliance 🧛

We loved celebrating with you. Check out our website for details of the next Friday Lates special later this year.

Friday Lates

Horsham Remembers



A respectful act of remembrance will be marked this year at the War Memorial in Horsham's Carfax on Remembrance Sunday 9 November.

These events are organised in partnership with the Royal British Legion and are an opportunity to remember, commemorate and recognise the sacrifice of serving and civilian individuals who have ensured that the freedoms and way of life we treasure has been preserved.

[Read the event schedule](#)

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I [attach](#) the latest newsletter which I hope you find of interest.

Mixed messages East-West Rail-wise and Northampton rail radial corridors also under pressure.

Development pushes abound, but a lack of coordinated demands for rail corridors to be protected, means even so-called 'best laid plans' can become scuppered.

BRTA continues to voice up for these kinds of conflict of interest matters, but in Bedford at least we face a media and council blocking, so our voice is stifled beyond email. Democracy is not working and some are seemingly playing fast and loose with our local rail reopenings agendas.

Despite this Stratford upon Avon to Long Marston seems to be supported to reopen as a rail link (Oxford-Stratford upon Avon direct via the Cotswold Line for example) and Cowley in South East Oxford.

But in the North, the long standing Burscough Curves and Colne - Skipton remain to be acknowledged by the government and should be the top rail investment priority, alas, we're seeing Trans-Pennine and roads getting media coverage and a possible underground HS Rail Link for Leeds via Manchester. In this game, the first shall be last and the last first is sometimes the case as well. 2026 looms, with hope, faith and some intrepidation. It can go either way positive and not-so-much in many cases.

Our stance is to be vigilant, interject where we can and get what reopenings as we may.

Our basic stance is growing towns should be re-railed, like Cirencester and Witney, Hawes and missing links, upgrades and capacity enhancements.

Yeovil curves also need to be studied for direct Weymouth to Exeter and the benefits that could bring.

So we're nationwide in aspiration, more members and more income is the way to go for more.

Scotland, we have seen a new member and report for reopening a rail alternative to A75 upgrades between Dumfries-Stranraer and in Wales, we have added our voice to a West Wales Main Line revival (Carmarthen-Bangor direct and vice versa, strengthening existing remnant links, which are under-par due to rationalisation inhibiting capacity operations).

Please peruse our website and join, donate and gem up on our campaign calls.

Only together with your interest and support can we see progress towards modal shift on the back of re-railing. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Pill

BRTA CEO

<https://brtarail.com/our-campaigns/> and <https://brtarailvolunteer.blogspot.com/>

Email dated 03.11.2025 from CAGNE
Legal Challenge Filed Against Gatwick Airport



Legal Challenge Filled Against Gatwick Airport New Runway – read more [here](#)

You can donate to the legal team here crowdjustice page that pays direct into the account of Leigh Day Solicitors <https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/oppose-a-new-runway-at-gatwick/> Or at www.cagne.org

If you missed 'Gatwick Airport is not a done deal' with some of the legal and expert team – catch-up here <https://youtu.be/yKwHuA24gQ4?si=SFdcR2iMJD1ZGpZi>

CAGNE [writes](#) to Gatwick Airport management about their letter of compulsory purchase of homes and land here, and give residents advise [here](#)

CAA consultation to weaken the airspace consultation process deadline looms – The consultation will close on 18 December 2025. Stakeholders can review the proposals and submit their responses online: Consultation on the airspace change process - Civil Aviation Authority - Citizen Space <https://consultations.caa.co.uk/safety-and-airspace-regulation-group/airspace-change-process-2025/>



Time is Ticking 2025 - A series of online talks discussing various issues of global warming in relation to aviation.

Keynote speaker - Ruth Cadbury MP speaking on 19th November 7pm – [book here](#)

Ruth will discuss airport expansion - 'better, not bigger'. Touching on her role as chair of the Transport Select Committee on airport expansion (at Gatwick and beyond).

Complaints about noise - Gatwick Airport change noise complaint phone number to 07700 144 827

If you missed - Airspace above your home – west (north and south) of Gatwick Airport recording and power point here - <https://youtu.be/BnGULbXVmps>

Airspace above you home – east (north and south) of Gatwick Airport Recording and power point here – <https://youtu.be/7XztE7a0ddM>

Gatwick Noise Action Plan update - The daytime noise contour data for Summer 2024. The average number of aircraft movements during the 16-hour day period was 730.8, representing a 2% increase compared to 2023's figure. The area of the 51 dB contour expanded to 114.2 km², a 1% increase from the previous year's 112.8 km². Additionally, the population within the contour also rose to 17,500, **marking a 7% increase relative to 2023 (increase exposure of people to Gatwick's noise).**

The night time noise contour data for London Gatwick in Summer 2024 showed a reduction in overall noise exposure alongside a slight decrease in aircraft movements. The average number of movements during the 8-hour night period was 121.3, which is a 3% decrease compared to 2023. The area of the 45 dB LAeq, 8-hour night contour also decreased by 3%, from 128.1 km² in 2023 to 124.6 km² in 2024. **However, the population within this contour increased slightly to 17,500, up 1% from the previous year.**

Department for Transport new research project investigates the benefits of night flights at the UK's three designated airports (Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted). The DfT commissioned York Aviation (YA) to conduct this work with a scope to estimate the economic and operational benefits of night flights and to look at how those might change under possible future alterations to the night flight regime.

The YA study is intended to feed into that process and will complement existing projects such as the Aviation Night Noise Effects (ANNE) Study which examines the costs of night flights and the Aviation Noise Attitude Survey (ANAS) which focuses on public perception and tolerance of aircraft noise. All these strands of research are expected to conclude next year, at which point they will provide a substantial new evidence base to inform both noise policy and decisions about the next night flight regime. The DfT stated that a consultation on the night flight regime is set to take place in 2027 to allow a new regime to be in place by 2028.

Email dated 03.11.2025 from HDC

Your Climate and Environment newsletter from Horsham District Council - November 2025

Climate Action News



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October 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 communications@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:email_communications@horsham.gov.uk)

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Help shape a new Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Sussex



Have your say on
how to help nature
in West Sussex

Public consultation and webinar

Following two years in the making and developed with input from over 1,000 local people and organisations, the very first Local Nature Recovery Strategy for West Sussex has now been drafted. Together with associated strategies for East Sussex and Brighton and Hove, they provide a new tool which helps us understand how nature recovery might be most effectively and efficiently delivered.

A six week consultation has now been launched to give those living and working locally the chance to share their views on the plans.

Monday 3 November 6-7pm webinar

[Register to hear more about the consultation](#) in a webinar hosted by West Sussex and East Sussex County Councils and the Sussex Nature Partnership.

The consultation closes on 26 November

Share your views on the Strategy for West Sussex

New 'Sussex Six' leaflet showcases sustainable food and drink businesses



A colourful new 'Sussex Six' leaflet showcasing the District's sustainable local food and drink trade has been produced by Horsham District Council in collaboration with local businesses.

The leaflet includes a map featuring hospitality and retail businesses who have pledged to stock at least six locally sourced food and drink products as part of our Sussex Six campaign.

Eating more locally produced seasonal food means less imported food and less air miles. It might also mean you can try some new and interesting food AND you will be supporting local businesses.

The Sussex Six leaflet forms part of a range of projects that the Council is working on to promote local producers, reduce food miles, and support the Horsham District visitor economy. Download the leaflet at the link below.

[Download the Sussex Six leaflet](#)

TWO free webinars on 4 November supporting community climate action



1. Delivering Energy Advice in the community Tuesday 4 November 10.30am-12noon

This FREE webinar is one of a series from the **Energy Learning Network**. The webinar will offer advice on community-led energy initiatives and how to support communities to help tackle barriers to public engagement.

The session will cover:

- examples of energy advice activities
- considerations and challenges
- options for funding and support.
- We will also hear from two guest speakers about their experiences of providing energy advice in their communities.

Community organisations are well placed to provide trusted information and advice on energy in the community. The Energy Learning Network works to help groups launch or grow schemes that decarbonise the grid, create resilience, reduce energy bills, and create meaningful benefits for local people.

[Find out more and sign up](#)

2. Launching a NEW Sussex Climate and Nature Network

Tuesday 4 November 6.30pm

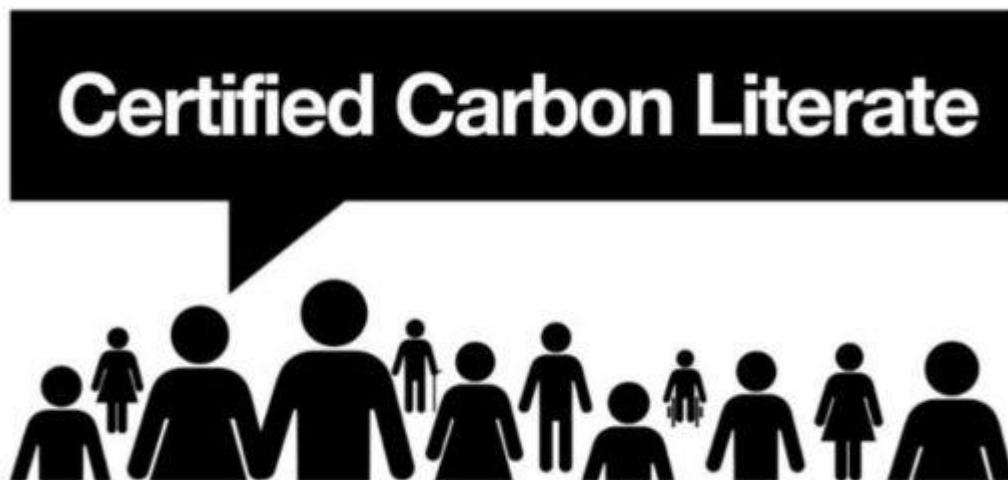
The South East Climate Alliance (SECA) and Friends of the Earth are hosting a free online session to launch a Sussex-wide Mayoral Climate and Nature Network.

With elections for our new regional mayor taking place next year, this webinar will be discussing how to guide the new Mayoral Authority so that they are informed and keep climate and environment issues in their sights.

Join this online event to hear campaign insights, connect with groups across the county, and help shape this new coalition.

[Sign up here](#)

Reminder: FREE Carbon Literacy training for community leaders - 10 November



Monday 10 November, 9am-5pm - FREE

Horsham District Council, Albery House Springfield Road, Horsham, RH12 2GB

Community leaders in Horsham District are invited to participate in a new Carbon Literacy training course being delivered by Horsham District Council.

This one-day course will help you understand why climate change is occurring, provide you with the knowledge and skills to take action against climate change, and give you the opportunity to be certified as Carbon Literate. Come along, wherever you are on your

sustainability journey, to learn and connect with other community leaders on this important topic.

A light lunch is provided to all attendees during the day.

If you are not able to make that date but are interested in learning more, please do get in touch at climatechangeaction@horsham.gov.uk

Book your place on this course

Nuthurst Parish volunteers support over 15 acres of ancient woodland



As part of the Nuthurst Parish Biodiversity Project, Nuthurst's Carbon Busters team and local volunteers have been working with the Wilder Horsham District conservation team from the Sussex Wildlife Trust to produce a long term plan to preserve, protect and enhance over 15 acres of untouched ancient woodland in the parish.

The wider aim is to improve the biodiversity corridor through the parish by connecting the forests in the North of Horsham with those down to Knepp Castle on their SW boundary. Read the full article about this in Nuthurst's [LINK magazine](#) p.12-13.

Nuthurst Volunteer Day - 24 November

The Carbon Busters are seeking volunteers to join their woodland volunteer programme. Volunteer days are 10am-3pm and their next day is on **Monday 24 November**. If you would like to help please contact Fiona Williams at carbonbusters@nplink.org.

Other volunteering opportunities across the District

The Council's Wilder Horsham District is a unique partnership with the Sussex Wildlife Trust and its team relies on work party volunteers to help improve land for wildlife to help nature's recovery. Find out how to volunteer with the Sussex Wildlife Trust.

Image: Ponticum removal near Horsham. Copyright: Steve Tillman

Volunteering opportunities

Grant funding marks the start of National Tree Week, 22-30 November



National Tree Week, organized by The Tree Council, marks the start of the tree planting season and encourages the public to get involved in planting trees and appreciating their importance.

The Tree Council actively supports community tree, hedgerow, and orchard projects that boost agricultural productivity and create publicly accessible green spaces that promote physical and mental well-being.

There are a range of grants available, from £250 for community groups, schools and small charities, up to £40,000 for registered charities with incomes over £100k.

The Tree Council grant funding

Useful Links

[Read how we are tackling climate change](#)

[Get involved in climate action](#)

Find out about our [Community Climate Fund](#)

[Explore our Wilder Horsham District programme](#)

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

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

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Email dated 03.11.2025 from HDC Planning Enforcement
Monthly Planning Compliance Team statistics for October 2025

During October 2025, we received 31 new Planning Compliance investigations.

The closure statistics for October 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	October	50	15	13	11	10	28	22	56

Three Enforcement Notices were issued during October, as follows:

EN/24/0407	1 Greenacres Farm, West Chiltington Lane, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DR (EN) Without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from agriculture to the use of the Land for the stationing of caravans for the purposes of human habitation together, with the associated creation of a new access, operational development comprising the importation of waste material to create a access track and hard surface, the installation of a water treatment (septic) tank and the construction of a building/wooden structure(the Building) and earth bund, used in connection with the unauthorised residential use
EN/24/0409	2 Greenacres Farm, West Chiltington Lane, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 9DR (EN) Without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from agriculture to the use of the Land for the stationing of caravans for the purposes of human habitation together with the associated creation of a new access, operational development comprising the importation of waste material to create an access track and hard surface, the construction of a building/stable structure (the Building), the installation of a water treatment (septic) tank and the construction of an earth bund, used in connection with the unauthorised residential use.
EN/25/0354	Woodside Equestrian Centre, Forest Road, Colgate, West Sussex RH12 4TF (EN) Without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from an agricultural and equestrian use to a mixed use comprising agriculture, equestrian and the storage of metal shipping containers and caravans falling within Use Class B8 together with the associated operational development comprising the laying of a hardstanding

One appeal decision was received following an Informal Hearing held on Tuesday 7th October 2025 in connection with the enforcement notice issued on Land west of Parsons Field Stables, Pickhurst Lane, Pulborough (file reference EN/25/0071). The appeal was dismissed, and the enforcement notice was upheld.

We therefore now have 7 outstanding decisions on appeals relating to enforcement notices issued.

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

Kind regards, Jennifer

Jennifer Baxter

Senior Planning Compliance Officer

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**Email dated 31.10.2025 from Sussex Police
Staying Safe Across Autumn**



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

KATY BOURNE OBE



Over the weekend we saw the clocks go back, which means darker evenings now winter is on the horizon.

Sadly, at this time of year, we also see an increase in burglaries in residential areas. At my last [Performance and Accountability Meeting](#) I spoke in-depth with Deputy Chief Constable McLaren about what Sussex Police are doing to tackle this and how residents can better protect their homes.

DCC McLaren informed me that Operation Secure is taking place now that our evenings are darker (previously known as Operation Magpie). This includes visible patrols in residential areas and offering advice to residents on how to protect their homes. Sussex Police has created useful guidance with simple steps to protect your home which [you can find on the Sussex Police website](#).

DCC McLaren reassured me that Sussex Police has a robust response to residential burglary and, within the past year, there has been a 30% increase in successful outcomes for reported crimes - this means that offenders have been caught and sanctioned appropriately. You may recall that there is now a national requirement for police to attend all residential burglary reports and I'm pleased to say Sussex Police are succeeding in this area. 98% of reports are attended and the 2% only occurs through people reporting historical crime long after they happened.

Today also marks Halloween, a time for trick or treating, pumpkin lanterns and scary costumes. Some people, however, are understandably not as enthusiastic about their doors being knocked on by strangers in make-up and costumes and, like Sussex Police, I hope this year's Halloween celebrations do not result in any anti-social behaviour.

We are already into the start of bonfire season with more than 50 events held across the county and Sussex Police are supporting bonfire societies to ensure public safety. They all culminate in the biggest bonfire night on 5 November which is held in Lewes. Last year, despite the large numbers of revellers descending upon Lewes, there were only four arrests. Sussex Police and partners work very hard to keep Bonfire as safe as possible for participants and residents alike. You can [read more about this on my website](#).

Preparing for winter

My office works closely with the Sussex Resilience Forum (SRF) a dedicated team chaired by Sussex Police which brings together emergency services, councils, utilities and other essential public and voluntary services to work in partnership to support the local community during incidents and emergencies.

Over the past few years, we've seen adverse weather in Sussex causing disruption to homes and water supply. With the wetter, darker months settling in, the SRF are releasing guidance to Sussex residents to prepare for and cope with a range of possible scenarios from extreme weather events, flooding and power outages.

This also covers awareness of available help, including the Priority Services Register (PSR) which is free to join. Being on the PSR means utility companies know someone may need extra help during an outage, such as priority updates, doorstep checks and bottled water delivery. A wide range of people are eligible, including people over the age of 60 and people who have health or care needs, young children or those who rely on medical equipment.

Other guidance includes having a 'just in case' bag containing essentials, medicine, contact details of your local GP and other means should your living situation be temporarily disrupted.

All [information can be found on the Sussex Police website](#). It is reassuring to see all the planning, preparation and rehearsals SRF undertake all year (often unseen) to support Sussex residents in the event of any emergency.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FRIDAY FORCE FOCUS

Prolific shop thief jailed after latest Crawley offences

A man entered stores across Crawley and Horsham between August and October.

He stole electrical items such as speakers and a turntable from HMV in Crawley, chocolate and meat from Tesco Express in Horsham, and multiple cans of Red Bull drinks from the Co-op in Langley Green.

The offences were committed after he was issued with a community order by the courts in August after he admitted 38 offences across West Sussex.

At Crawley Magistrates' Court on 23 October, Wolf-England, 31, of no fixed address, admitted a further 11 shop theft offences.

He was jailed for nine months.

The court was told how he entered stores and stole items, dating from 24 August, just nine days after being sentenced to complete drug rehabilitation treatment in court.

His thefts continued in September and into October, where he was identified on CCTV across multiple retailers, and he was arrested as a priority to tackle business crime.



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Email dated 31.10.2025 from WSCC

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news release

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West Sussex County Council has launched a new initiative to deliver earlier, more effective psychological support for children, young people, and families.

The county council's new Psychological Hub aims to help families stay together, support children through complex emotional and mental health challenges. It will bring together expert services under one umbrella and create safe, nurturing environments where every child can thrive.

The Psychological Hub unites a range of previously independent specialist services under one psychology-led leadership team and is accessed via healthcare referrals. This integrated model ensures that support is timely, coordinated, and tailored to individual needs. The hub will also feature therapy pods based at County Hall North in Horsham, providing dedicated spaces for therapeutic work in a calm and welcoming setting.

At its heart, the hub brings together two key support areas:

Restore, offering psychologically informed support and interventions for children and families, helping:

- Families stay together or reunite when safe to do so.
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities who are at risk of school placement breakdown or hospitalisation due to mental health needs.

- Children experiencing, self-harm, or mental health conditions that may lead to hospitalisation.
- Children displaying harmful behaviours.

Attach, providing specialist psychological support for:

- Children in care and care leavers.
- Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.
- Families in kinship arrangements, where children are cared for by someone they know and trust.

Councillor Jackie Russell, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: “This new hub is about hope, healing, and helping children thrive. By bringing together expert services, we’re creating a more joined-up, responsive system that puts the emotional wellbeing of children and families front and centre. It’s an example of our ongoing efforts to improve outcomes for vulnerable children and young people, ensuring that psychological support is accessible, coordinated, and impactful so that every child can reach their full potential.

“Working collaboratively with social workers, schools, and other professionals, the Psychological Hub reflects our commitment to putting children first and at the heart of everything we do.”

For more information, visit the [Psychological Hub’s dedicated webpage](#).