

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 23rd – 29th May 2026 (Agenda June 2026)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Colin Minto (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 June 2026	
Application No: WA/2026/00836	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Land coordinates 509298 135023 Baynards Lane, Rudgwick	

Reason for Application: Erection of 7 dwellings with associated Amenity Space Landscaping And Parking Using Existing Access.	
Official Response Date: 11.06.2026 / Determine 10.07.2026	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8th June 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8th June 2026	
Application No: DC/24/1875 Appeal – Waiting Determination	Response/Comments: Non-determination
Applicant: Southdown House, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Removal of existing stable / outbuilding and erection of 1 no detached self-build dwelling.	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/26/0122	Response/Comments: Refused / RPC - RPC objects to the removal of the condition. If the condition is not retained it could lead to a change of use via permitted development. In the event or desire to change the usage, RPC would wish to see a full planning
Applicant: Windacres, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application:	

Removal of Condition 2 of previously approved application DC/20/0549 (Retrospective application for the retention of a lean-to agricultural storage building) which restricts use of building to agricultural purposes only.	application coming forward which would then be able to receive proper scrutiny by both RPC and HDC.
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/26/0397	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC - No Objection provided replacement trees will be conditioned as per RNP17.2 for replacement on or off site (if necessary by S106 if off-site), otherwise the Parish Council maintains an objection.
Applicant: 12 Cape Copse, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Fell 1x Oak	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/26/0399	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC - No Objection provided replacement trees will be conditioned as per RNP17.2 for replacement on or off site (if necessary by S106 if off-site), otherwise the Parish Council maintains an objection.
Applicant: 13 Cape Copse, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Fell 1x Oak	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/26/0510	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC - No objection subject to the suggestion for the roof lights glazing (applicants should consider using obscure glazing in order to prevent overlooking of neighbouring buildings, depending upon their height above the floor) being taken into consideration and the HDC Conservation Officer confirming satisfaction with all the details of the proposal.
Applicant: The Cottage, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of a two storey rear extension, with new catslide roof. Renovation works to house to include alterations to internal layout and internal walls. External hard landscaping to include a widened front driveway, new parking space and proposed rear patio. (Householder Application).	
Official Response Date:	
Application No:	Response/Comments:

<u>DC/26/0511</u>	No objection subject to the suggestion for the roof lights glazing (applicants should consider using obscure glazing in order to prevent overlooking of neighbouring buildings, depending upon their height above the floor) being taken into consideration and the HDC Conservation Officer confirming satisfaction with all the details of the proposal.
Applicant: Ivy Cottage, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Erection of a two storey rear extension, with new catslide roof. Renovation works to house to include alterations to internal layout and internal walls. External hard landscaping to include a widened front driveway, new parking space and proposed rear patio. (Listed Building Consent).	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: <u>DC/26/0643</u>	Response/Comments: No objection to notification / RPC - No objection as per RNP Policy 11 'Development proposals for the provision of telecommunication infrastructure (including fibre broadband and the mobile phone network) will be supported where they do not have an unacceptable impact on residential amenity, biodiversity or heritage assets and where they would not result in the loss of trees and hedgerows'.
Applicant: Aerial Mast, Riverside Farm, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Installation of 1 x new dish and ancillary equipment.	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No: DC/25/1803 28.05.2026	Response/Comments: The appeal will be determined by way of a hearing.
Applicant: Wagtails Farm, Okehurst Road, The Haven	
Reason for Application: Siting of rural workers dwelling and associated works (Retrospective).	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
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>

Damaged dog bin in Curchmans Meadow replaced by HDC.



Correspondence

Email dated 28.05.2026 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Events

- [The two-day NALC study tour](#) at Taunton Town Council showcased how the newly formed authority has built capacity, delivered services, and supported its community in its first 1,000 days. Participants explored how the council identifies community needs and learned about key initiatives, including the Arts and Culture Strategy, the Climate and Ecological Emergency Plan, and measures to tackle anti-social behaviour. Participants also toured the town centre, including the Brewhouse Theatre, the Museum of Somerset, the transport hub, public toilets, French Weir Park, and the refurbished depot. The programme also showcased the Taunton Together Festival and the council's work to build a skilled workforce, leaving participants with valuable ideas to take back to their own councils.

Meetings

- Over the last week, we have met with officials from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the Ministry of Housing,

Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to discuss key issues affecting the sector. At DEFRA's Rural Affairs Forum, alongside other rural stakeholders, we were [briefed on the English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill](#). In meetings with MHCLG's Local Government Reorganisation and Communities teams, we highlighted the sector's experience of reorganisation and the need for stronger engagement, clearer guidance, and greater support for parish and town councils. Discussions also covered wider White Paper reforms, neighbourhood governance, and funding for sector support. At all three meetings, we reiterated our strong disappointment that remote meetings and standards reform were not included in the King's Speech.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), as part of the Royal Town Planning Institute, Planning Aid England explains how it has spent more than 50 years helping communities understand and engage with the planning system.
- We have circulated our latest legal bulletin to county associations, which includes updates on upcoming legislative changes to publishing councillor addresses on the register of interests, guidance on the application of the Subsidy Control Act 2022, advice on whether parish and town councils can hold two annual meetings, and whether a parish council can have standing orders that only permit certain candidates to become chair of the council.

Parliamentary and political engagement

- We have called on the government to use the democratic planning system, rather than permitted development rights, to deliver more onshore wind turbines, in our response to the government's consultation on onshore wind development. You can [read the full response](#) on our website.
- We met with Andrew Potter, senior engagement lead for Electricity Networks at the National Energy System Operator, to discuss the need for much earlier engagement between energy companies, developers, and parish and town councils at the start of large energy Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs). We are continuing to engage with government departments and other stakeholders, including the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), regarding its emerging guidance.



To mark International Nurses Day on the 12th of May, the CSWS Hospital Team placed chocolates, biscuits and thank you cards in staff lounges and around the wards as a small gesture of our gratitude — and a very well deserved one.

The Carers Support West Sussex Hospital Team regularly hears kind and appreciative comments from carers about the care, compassion and support nurses provide every day, and we would like to thank all nursing staff across our Acute and Community hospitals for everything they do.

The image above shows a team of nurses who received a thank you card and chocolates.

May Newsletter

Hello and welcome to the May edition of our carer newsletter.

Carers Week is Almost Here | 8th - 14th June 2026

Carers Week is a really important time for us and carers. It is a national campaign dedicated to raising awareness of caring, recognising the invaluable contribution unpaid carers make to families and communities, and highlighting the challenges they often face. This year's theme

focuses on building carer-friendly communities and calls for greater recognition and support for unpaid carers across all areas of society.

Did you know it takes, on average, two years for someone to recognise they are an unpaid carer? Many people see supporting a family member or friend as simply being a good partner, child, relative or friend. As a result, they may not identify themselves as carers until they reach a point of exhaustion or burnout. This is where we all play a vital role. As professionals, we are often in a unique position to recognise the signs of caring responsibilities early. By asking the right questions, listening carefully, and raising awareness, we can help individuals see their role and, importantly, connect them with the support they are entitled to.

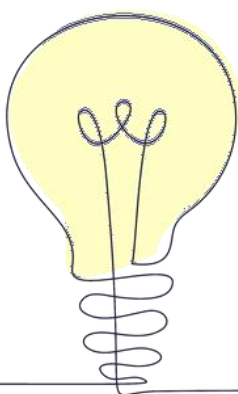
Early identification can make a significant difference—preventing crisis, reducing burnout, and improving outcomes for both carers and those they support.

To celebrate and recognise everything carers do in West Sussex, we will be hosting a range of additional activities alongside our regular carers' groups, throughout the week.

With more than 24 events taking place across the programme, there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. To explore everything happening during the week, please visit our Carers Week landing page. Be sure to click "Load More" on the events page to view the full programme.

[Find events here](#)

Getting Ready for Winter- Starting in Summer



Getting Ready for Winter in Summer is a free event designed to help carers prepare for the colder months by connecting them with local organisations offering practical advice, guidance, and support.

Attendees will have the opportunity to speak with a wide range of local partners covering topics including energy costs, financial support, keeping homes warm, wellbeing, dementia, mental health, hospital services, and more.

The event will feature a vibrant marketplace of drop-in information stands, interactive activities, including seated football, and a programme of short informative talks taking place throughout the day. Sessions can be booked online in advance or joined on the day, subject to availability.

The event is free to attend, with complimentary refreshments provided. Please feel free to share this information with any carers who may benefit from attending.

[Find out more information here](#)

Help Us Help You Stay Protected This Spring

COVID-19 vaccines help protect the wider community, especially those most at risk. It's a simple step that can prevent serious illness and keep everyone healthy and active.

Vaccination eligibility:

- A resident in a care home for older adults
- Aged 75 or over
- Aged 6 months or older and immunosuppressed (meaning you have a weakened immune system due to a health condition or treatment)

For more information, talk to your GP, pharmacist, or call 119. Please do circulate this information with carers you come into contact with.

Visit nhs.uk/vaccinations for more information or to book an appointment.

May Measure Month

May is [May Measure Month](#), a global campaign run by the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) to raise awareness of the importance of having your blood pressure checked.

To find out where and how you can get your blood pressure checked in West Sussex, visit the [West Sussex Wellbeing website](#).



Thank you in advance for your time and support.
Kind regards, Caroline Pope, CEO

Email dated 27.05.2025 from Sussex Police
Horsham Police Inspector's Briefing

Please advise the office if you would like to attend and we'll forward the link to the meeting.

 22 July 2026 17:00-18:00 	
22:00	
23:00	

Meeting invite for police briefing and Q&A

Kind Regards

Neil

Email dated 27.05.2026 from HDC

New Horsham District Council consultation: Residents asked to have their say to help improve air quality

Please find details below of the new consultation on how the council can work to improve air quality across the Horsham District:

Residents asked to have their say to help improve air quality

Horsham District Council wants to know residents' views on how it can work to improve air quality across the Horsham District.

The Council is keen to know about your experience of air pollution.

This consultation provides an opportunity for residents and community stakeholders to share their views on the air quality in Horsham District and the measures proposed to improve it. We want to know what issues matter most to you, where the Council should focus its efforts, and how we can continue improving air quality. Your feedback will directly help shape our actions.

Please share your views in our consultation [survey on the Council website](#).

The survey will run from Tuesday 26 May until Tuesday 23 June.

Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for Environment, Recycling and Waste Cllr David Skipp said: "Whilst air quality across our District is generally good, we know that there are always improvements to be considered.

Creating a clean and healthy district for everyone who lives, works and visits our area is a key commitment for us as a council.

"Our forthcoming Air Quality Action Plan will set out how we will do this. We want to develop any future plans in partnership with our communities, so do please take the time to complete our survey."

Under the Government's Local Air Quality Management regime, all district and borough councils have to review and assess air quality in their areas. If monitoring shows air quality is above the air quality objectives, then the Council must declare an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). Following this consultation, the Council will review all feedback and produce a revised Air Quality Action Plan, which will be valid for up to 5 years.

Telephone:

Email: communications@horsham.gov.uk



**Horsham
District
Council**



Email dated 25.05.2026 from WSCC

Public Notice Road Closure - DRUNGEWICK LANE, LOXWOOD, 15.06.26 - 19.06.26



PUBLIC NOTICE

Temporary closure of Drungewick Lane, Loxwood CP, 15th June 2026.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that from the date specified below, West Sussex County Council has temporarily closed to all traffic, Drungewick Lane, Loxwood CP, in the Chichester District under Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, on Drungewick Lane for a distance approx 94 metres.

The temporary closure is scheduled to commence on 15th June 2026 for up to 5 days (it is estimated to be completed on 19th June 2026) and is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Southern Water undertake 24hr/day road closures for new water connection works.

Works o/s Trenchmore Farm with road closed between the junctions with Loxwood Road and Roundstreet Common B2133.

The restriction will be in place **24hrs/day**

An alternative route will be signed on site but please visit <https://one.network/?tm=GB149122950> for more details.

Access maintained for emergency services, residents and pedestrians.

For information regarding this closure please contact Southern Water on 01403282844 who will be able to assist with scope of these works.

Dated: 18th March 2026

Matt Davey

Assistant Director of Highways, Transport and Planning

West Sussex County Council

[Report a problem with a road or pavement](#) or raise a [highways related enquiry](#)

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Email: ttrp@westsussex.gov.uk

Email dated 22.05.2026 from WSCC

New 'cross-party alliance' for West Sussex, have your say on local government reorganisation, help for carers, and more!

Residents' eNewsletter



Left to right: Cllr Martin McCabe (Labour Group Leader), Cllr Ian Davey (Green Party Leader), Cllr Donna Johnson (Local Alliance, Selsey and Chairman), Cllr Jay Mercer (Leader of West Sussex County Council and the Liberal Democrat Group).

New 'cross-party alliance' for West Sussex

A new Liberal Democrat-led cross-party alliance has been formed to run the county council following this month's local elections.

The leaders of the Liberal Democrats, Green Party, and Labour Group, alongside the newly appointed Chair Cllr Donna Johnson of the Local Alliance, Selsey, have agreed to work together.

The alliance will now work collectively to set council priorities, agree the budget, and oversee the delivery of essential services.

All members (picture below) attended a [meeting of Full Council at County Hall, Chichester](#), where Councillor Jay Mercer, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, was appointed Leader of the Council, and Councillor Sam Raby as Deputy Leader.

A series of appointments were also made to the new Cabinet.



[Read more about the appointments made](#)



Have your say on local government reorganisation

The government wants to hear your views on its proposal for reorganising councils in West Sussex.

Rather than choose to implement one of the two locally developed and financially sustainable options we put forward, ministers have instead decided to consult on a modified version of the two unitary option.

You can read the [county council's full statement in response here](#).

The consultation runs until 15 June, and your responses will inform the government on which proposal, if any, it takes forward for West Sussex.

[Take part in the consultation](#)



Do you look after a friend or family member?

Caring for others can be challenging, but you don't have to do it alone.

Carers Support West Sussex can provide guidance, practical help, and emotional support for unpaid carers.

They have a range of services, from benefit advice to accessing carer funds, support groups, carer hubs, events and a carer helpline.

Support for adult carers is also available from the [Carers Health Team](#) and for young carers under 18 from the [Young Carers Family Service](#).

[More information about Carers Support](#)



Growing demand for foster carers

We are urging local residents to consider fostering, particularly for sibling groups, to help keep brothers and sisters together during times of upheaval.

With a growing demand for foster carers, we're highlighting how staying with siblings can provide vital comfort, stability and a sense of belonging for children entering care.

The appeal coincides with Foster Care Fortnight (11 to 24 May), celebrating the everyday moments that help children rebuild trust and feel safe.

Anyone able to offer a loving home, especially for siblings, could make a lasting difference to a local child's life.

Could you provide a loving home?



Preparing for retirement

Retirement is a major life transition and while for many it can reduce stress and improve health, for others the loss of daily structure and workplace relationships can affect overall wellbeing.

Research shows that people who retire without a plan often experience a dip in their mental health, so it's important to think ahead and prepare for this next stage of life.

You can find mental health support on the '[How are you really feeling?](#)' website, or visit the link below where you can read Jay's story about how she prepared for retirement with a simple 3-point plan.

Photo from the Centre for Ageing Better

[Read Jay's story](#)



It's Magical May in our libraries!

Hear spellbinding stories of magical creatures and fantastical folklore, with charming crafts too this half-term in our West Sussex libraries.

Once Upon a Storytime events are perfect for young princes and princesses alike, while for teens and young people, we have the return of Crafternoon at Bognor Regis and Burgess Hill libraries.

These activities are free, but spaces are limited, so please book to avoid disappointment.

And as May is national Share a Story Month, library staff will be sharing some of their favourites at the [regular Storytime sessions](#) and will have special visitors at some of them.

[Book half term activities](#)

More news



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

- We do hope you have an enjoyable bank holiday this weekend. Please be aware an amber heat-health alert has been issued for the South East from 2pm today (Friday 22 May) until 5pm Wednesday 27 May. Ensure you [stay healthy, cool and prepared during the hot weather with advice and support](#).
- [Firefighters are urging residents to take extra care](#) after crews attended six garden fires across West Sussex in less than a fortnight.
- Enjoy the outdoors this summer but be 'Tick Aware'. [Here are some simple steps](#) you can take to stay 'tick aware' and protect yourself from tick-borne infections like Lyme disease and tick-borne encephalitis.
- West Sussex residents are being [encouraged to repair, reuse and reduce waste](#) through the Big Fix this May.
- Twelve young people have [successfully graduated from the latest GRIT course](#) run by our West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service.

Did you know?



This bank holiday weekend and half term is a great time to discover Sussex in bloom, from colourful gardens to peaceful green spaces.

Explore ideas for days out at [Experience Sussex](#) and discover beautiful [gardens to visit](#).

Did you know Sussex Day is celebrated on 16 June? The perfect excuse to get out and make the most of the county's landscapes and local traditions.

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Email dated 22.05.2026 from Sussex Police
Standing Up for Rural Sussex



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

KATY BOURNE OBE



This week, I brought together farmers, landowners and key partners for a Mid Sussex Rural Crime Roundtable - an important opportunity to listen directly to those living and working in our rural communities. We were kindly hosted at the beautiful Balcombe Estate.

These conversations really matter to me. They ensure that the concerns of rural people are heard clearly and reflected in how Sussex Police responds to crime in the countryside.

We focused on several key issues causing real concern locally. Livestock worrying continues to have a devastating emotional and financial impact on farmers but I'm encouraged that stronger legislation and new tools, such as DNA kits, are helping police build better prosecution cases against offenders.

The theft of farm machinery - particularly quad bikes - remains a serious problem, often linked to organised crime. I heard firsthand how disruptive this can be for farmers and it's clear we need continued collaboration, better prevention measures and stronger intelligence-sharing to tackle it.

Fly-tipping is another persistent issue, with rural communities too often left to deal with the consequences. I've committed to exploring what more can be done with

partners to strengthen enforcement and ensure communities aren't bearing the cost of illegal dumping.

We also discussed concerns around firearms licensing delays which I will be following up in detail at next month's Performance and Accountability Meeting with the Chief Constable. Other emerging issues were covered like the misuse of catapults and slingshots and the links between rural crime and wider organised criminal activity, including hare coursing.

What came through loud and clear is the importance of strong partnerships. By bringing together policing, rural organisations and local residents, we can target the issues that matter most and deliver better outcomes for victims.

I remain committed to making sure rural crime remains a priority - with the focus, resources and collaboration needed to protect our countryside and those whose livelihoods depend on it.

Taking down criminal gangs behind retail crime

I've always been clear that retail crime and shop theft is not low-level offending - it is often driven by highly organised gangs who target businesses across multiple areas, causing real harm to livelihoods and communities.

That's why I spearheaded the Pegasus Partnership in 2023 - bringing together major retailers, policing and Government to create, for the first time ever, a national intelligence capability dedicated to tackling these gangs. That vision is now being delivered through policing's specialist Opal unit and the results are incredibly encouraging.

In just two years, this national team has supported more than 200 investigations into organised retail crime, helping disrupt dozens of criminal gangs operating across the country, resulting in: over 600 offenders being identified (many previously unknown to police); more than 250 arrests being made; and over a century's worth of prison sentences secured.

Even more importantly, we are seeing a real impact on offending - with a staggering 73% reduction among the organised crime gangs targeted through this work.

This success is built on something I have consistently championed - better intelligence-sharing. Through the work begun under our Pegasus Partnership, retailers now have a single route into policing to share vital information, allowing Opal to build a national picture of criminal activity and ensure there is nowhere for these offenders to hide.

What this shows is that when we work together - nationally and locally - we can take the fight directly to the organised gangs behind retail crime, not just deal with the symptoms on the shop floor.

I will continue to push for stronger partnerships, better data-sharing and the resources policing needs to stay one step ahead of these criminals so that businesses, staff and shoppers can feel safe and supported.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FRIDAY FOCUS

Lose the knife, not a life.

I'm clear on this: every weapon carried has the potential to devastate lives - not just for victims but for families, friends and entire communities. One knife on our streets is one too many.

During the current Op Sceptre week of action, Sussex Police has highlighted the year-round work taking place to tackle knife crime and serious violence across our county. As a result of this robust work, knife crime in Sussex has reduced by 24% compared to last year...but we cannot be complacent.

Sussex Police's approach is built on both prevention and enforcement. Education is at the heart of this. Officers are spending time in schools and out in our communities, challenging common myths - particularly the dangerous belief that carrying a knife makes you safer. The reality is stark: carrying a knife significantly increases the risk of harm to yourself and others.

Alongside this, robust policing activity continues across Sussex. From targeted patrols and weapon sweeps to test purchasing and the use of knife surrender bins, officers are working tirelessly to remove weapons from our streets and bring offenders to justice.

Working with partners and alongside national campaigns, including the Ben Kinsella Trust pledge, reinforces the shared commitment to protecting young people and preventing knife crime before it starts.

Importantly, we have secured nearly £600,000 in Home Office funding to target knife crime in key hotspot areas across Sussex. This will support tailored local interventions - from increased patrols to preventative initiatives - addressing the root causes of violence and keeping everyone safe.

The message to young people is simple: you don't need to carry a knife to stay safe. One choice can change everything - so think about your future. Lose the knife, not a life!



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Email dated 28.05.2026 from Rural Services Network
Rural Services Bulletin

28/05/2026



RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

The National Champion for Rural Services

FREE WEEKLY RURAL NEWS SUMMARY



Dear Subscriber,

You are receiving this abridged version of the Rural Services Network newsletter because you subscribed on our website, click [here](#) to unsubscribe.

As the national champion for rural services, the Rural Services Network brings you the latest stories shaping life in rural communities.

Here's a snapshot of what we're covering in this week's rural news:

- [Call For Evidence: Rural Resilience and Off Gas Grid Heating](#): The APPG for Rural Services has launched a new inquiry examining the resilience of rural communities,

with a particular focus on energy costs, off-gas grid homes and the transition to net zero.

- [MPs Raise Concerns Over Rural Access To Banking Services](#): MPs have warned rural communities risk being left behind as bank branch closures continue, prompting calls to rethink banking hubs.
- [New Neighbourhood Guarantee Aims To Improve Local Services](#): Cleaner streets, repaired potholes, stronger local powers and new community-led pilots are all part of the “Neighbourhood Guarantee”, but what could it mean for rural communities?

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Find out more about becoming a member [here](#).

The Rural Services Network encompasses a wide range of partners and organisations who all work together to help provide a voice for rural communities. We represent over 500 organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors including leading national bodies, local authorities, utility companies, health trusts, housing associations, grass root community organisations and more.

The Rural Services Network is a membership organisation and includes different types of membership depending on the kind of organisation you belong to.

[For further details click here](#)

