

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 30th May – 4th June 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:

- £2,937.16 VAT reclaim rec'd from HMRC

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: DC/26/0737 01.06.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	

Land East of Woodfalls Manor, Loxwood Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Permission in Principle for the erection of 6-9 dwellings, with access from Loxwood Road.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 06.07.2026	
Application No: DC/26/0802 18.05.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Rowanhurst, Cox Green	
Reason for Application: Erection of a detached 2 bay garage.	
Official Response Date: Not available / 13 th July 2026	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

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

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 th June 2026	
Application No: DC/26/0271	Response/Comments: Non-determination / RPC - objection
Applicant: Sussex Topiary, Naldretts Lane, Rudgwick	

Reason for Application: Permission in principle for the erection of up to 9no. self-build park homes.	
Official Response Date:	
Application No: DC/26/0634	Response/Comments: Permitted / RPC – No objection
Applicant: Rylands, Loxwood Road, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Loft conversion including roof extensions and alterations, with installation of side dormer and roof lights and rear juliette balcony.	
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/24/1875 – Appeal Ref 6006430	Response/Comments: Appeal Dismissed / RPC – Holding objection
Applicant: Southdown House, Church Street, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application:	

Removal of existing stable / outbuilding and erection of 1no detached self-build dwelling.	
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>

Correspondence

Email dated 04.06.2026 from WSCC

Helping to keep West Sussex safe during the World Cup

NEWS RELEASE



Helping to keep West Sussex safe during the World Cup



As West Sussex gets ready to celebrate the men's football World Cup, the county council is taking steps to ensure everyone can enjoy the tournament in a safe and healthy way, both at home and in public venues.

Working with partners including Sussex Police, the county council is providing advice and support to businesses and the public throughout the tournament.

A spokesperson for the county council said: "The World Cup is a fantastic celebration of sport and community and an opportunity for people to come together. We want everyone to enjoy the matches safely and healthily.

"There are of course risks associated with high profile events like this as crowds of people gather and consumption of alcohol increases. If you see or experience something that makes you feel uncomfortable, we encourage you to report your concerns."

The advice being given is to:

NOTICE IT. REPORT IT. GET SUPPORT.

You can report concerns by visiting the county council's [report problems in your area webpage](#). Here you can report concerns about incidents of hate crime or any situation which may cause unrest or raise fear or anxiety in the community.

Crimes can be reported to Sussex Police [online](#) or by calling 101. **Remember if someone is at immediate risk you should always call 999.**

The county council is offering licensed premises training to help them recognise early signs of harassment, sexual violence (including spiking), domestic abuse, and hate-motivated incidents in pubs and bars.

The training is designed to support staff in venues to safely manage escalating or concerning behaviours and show them how to intervene in a safe and proportionate way. Staff will also be given advice on how to support someone experiencing harm and when and how to escalate concerns.

The work aims to help businesses create safer environments during the tournament and reduce the risk of violence, abuse, and anti-social behaviour linked to late-night activity.

Alongside the advice and training being offered, the county council's WORTH Services team is also supporting Sussex Police with visits to people identified as being at the highest risk of domestic abuse.

Operation Hope involves proactive visits to people to make sure they are safe and to offer safeguarding advice or support. The county council helps with signposting people towards support services outside of the police and can help people who may feel less comfortable speaking to police officers.

All of this work is designed to help achieve one of the county council's key priorities in its Council Plan of keeping people safe.

To find out more, and for lots of other advice, including how to make healthy lifestyle choices and stay safe on the roads, please visit: www.westsussex.gov.uk/worldcup

Email dated 04.06.2026 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Meetings

- Our [Management Board](#) met this week to discuss our financial position, noting that our external audit for 2025/26 had identified no significant concerns. The board agreed to support the National Assembly's policy to limit affiliation fee increases in 2027/28 to inflation as measured by the CPI index for June. They also confirmed continued investment in promoting the sector in parliament and to prioritise our call to strengthen the standards regime and introduce sanctions for poor behaviour.
- In this week's meeting with county associations, BT joined us to speak about the [digital switchover](#). We provided [updates on the latest local election results](#) and discussed plans for next year, our publication schedule for 2026/27, as well as a summary of our recent [committee](#) and [network](#) meetings and [events](#).
- We joined the Suffolk Association of Local Councils' (SALC) Super Forum to hear about the progress with local government reorganisation in the area, particularly from the principal authority on developments and how they're engaging with SALC.

- We met with the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) last week to discuss our shared priorities and opportunities to work together. We shared our concerns that rural communities, particularly parish and town councils, are being overlooked in devolution and local government reorganisation plans. You can read more about the meeting and CPRE's new On the Edge mapping campaign on our website.

Parliamentary and political engagement

- We've responded to the government's consultation on Martyn's Law draft Section 12 statutory guidance. We welcomed the guidance's emphasis on a proportionate, risk-based approach but urged the regulator to ensure that compliance requirements remain practical and achievable for parish and town councils, community venues and volunteer-led organisations. You can [read our full response](#) on our website.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), we mark Pride Month as Andover Town Council in Hampshire shares their plans for Pride 2026 and why Pride will always have an important place in the town.

Support

- We delivered a legal update for the Surrey Association of Local Councils this week about upcoming changes to legislation, examples of legal casework and legal guidance we've issued this year.

From across the sector

- The latest national audit report from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments has found England's smaller local authorities are continuing to demonstrate strong overall accountability, with most parish and town councils meeting audit standards. However, [we are urging renewed focus by parish and town councils on good governance](#) and a drive for sector-wide improvement, including stronger support for councils to build capability, improve compliance, and apply guidance more consistently.
- We're pleased to support [Local Council Clerk Week](#) next week (8 to 12 June), which celebrates the vital role clerks play in parish and town councils and the communities they serve. We encourage parish and town councils to take part in the week by recognising and celebrating their clerks, sharing their contributions, and getting involved in the wider programme of activities.
- The Association of Public Service Excellence (ASPE) and the Speak Carbon Collective are delivering carbon literacy training courses. The accredited courses aim to

increase understanding of climate change and equip participants with the knowledge and skills to respond to climate challenges in their communities. Upcoming courses include [APSE's sessions on 14 and 15 July 2025](#) and [Speak Carbon Collective's sessions on 25 June 2026 and 2 July 2026](#).

Email dated 01.06.2026 from Squires Planning
Squires Planning May Newsletter



Squires Planning newsletter | May 2026

Welcome to the May edition of the Squires Planning newsletter where you can find out all about:

- Local Plan Reviews – are you ready to communicate the benefits of your site?
- Appeal decision green-lights improved sports facilities for Southwater
- Meet the newest member of the Squires Planning team – Alexandra Young
- Join us for SET Summer Drinks in July
- Summer sun and solar sites



Local Plan Reviews: Understanding the merits of your site

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, like many others, is reviewing its Local Plan.

Local Plan Reviews mean that Local Planning Authorities are open to suggestions to help them meet their development obligations, including new homes, new jobs and other land uses.

This means inviting landowners to suggest sites for future development. It's an important opportunity and worthy of your attention to get your submission right.

[Find out more](#)



Appeal decision green-lights improved sports facilities for Southwater

We are pleased to have helped obtain planning permission on appeal for the construction of a 3G football pitch at The Ghyll in Southwater, West Sussex.

In May, the Planning Inspectorate overturned Horsham District Council's refusal of Southwater Ghyll CIO's application to create a 3G artificial turf pitch with fencing, floodlighting, associated landscaping works, sustainable drainage systems and supporting infrastructure.

The Inspector concluded that the provision of the 3G pitch would deliver significant community benefits and contribute to meeting the wider demand for sports facilities.

[Full story here](#)



Meet Alexandra Young - the newest member of the Squires Planning team

Alexandra Young has joined Squires Planning as our new Senior Planner.

Alex began her career as a graduate rural surveyor, where hands-on exposure to planning work sparked a growing interest in the discipline. With the benefit of an in-house planning team at the firm, she was able to build on that interest early in

her career and transition into a planning-focused role - a direction she has continued to develop ever since.

[Find out more about Alex and what she brings to the team here](#)



Get SET for Summer Drinks

The Planning & Development community is invited to join us for a well-earned evening of fun and conversation at the SET Summer Drinks, brought to you by **Squires Planning**, **Evoke Transport** and **Thrings Solicitors**.

The event takes place at Zero Degrees in Reading on Thursday 16th July, 4.30pm – 21:00pm.

[Find out more and register here](#)



Summer sun and solar sites

We've certainly had a taste of summer recently, and it may have got you thinking about harnessing the sun's power for your own Solar PV development.

Solar PV technology has seen huge advancements over the past decade. Improvements in manufacturing and efficiency, and a reduction in costs, make solar a serious consideration for businesses and homes across the UK.

Developers are also keen to take advantage of this latest renewables boom, seeking opportunities to profit from clean energy sold into the grid from solar installations, ranging from car park rooftops to dedicated solar farms.

If you would like to dive deeper into this topic, read our blog: [Planning for renewable energy: A guide for landowners and developers](#) or [contact us](#) for a no obligation chat.

Client Review | Trustpilot

"Very professional service. Andrew from Squires Planning came recommended to me. I was most pleased with the successful outcome in good time for the rectification of a CIL demand being overturned. Will certainly be looking to work with Squires Planning again." – **Charlie Pilkington**

[Read this and other reviews for Squires Planning on Trustpilot](#)

Book a call

If you have a planning query, need expert advice or want to discuss anything in this newsletter, contact the friendly team at Squires Planning.

[Contact us today](#)



During May 2026, we received 37 new Planning Compliance investigations.

The closure statistics for May are shown below:

Year	Month	Complaints Closed	Reasons Closed				Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	% Closed within 90 days
			No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient			
2026	May	18	2	6	6	4	9	9	50
Total for 2026		18	2	6	6	4	9	9	50.00%

Two Enforcement Warning Notices were issued during May, as follows.

EN/25/0327	Calcot Farm, Horsham Road, Steyning (EWN) Without planning permission, the change of use of part of the agricultural building and yard area to commercial storage and bagging area for waste.
EN/24/0251	Northover Farm, Horsham Road, Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3AA (EWA) The importation of waste (horse manure) for treatment and processing which requires planning permission, and any activity carried out as part of that activity or associated with it (issued by WSCC)

One Temporary Stop Notice was issued in May, as follows:

EN/26/0177	Land South of Clayes Farm, Broadford Bridge Road, West Chiltington, West Sussex, RH20 2LF (TSN) The importation of waste and other material and the engineering operation in association with the excavation of the Land
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Two appeal decisions have been received relating 1 and 2 Greenacres Farm, West Chiltington Lane, Billingshurst, where two enforcement notices were issued in connection with 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 installation of a water treatment (septic) tank and the construction of an earth bund, used in connection with the unauthorised residential use. Both appeals were allowed, in part, and both notices were partly quashed and planning permission granted for the unauthorised development except for the requirement for areas of hardstanding to be removed.

A site visit has taken place today on an appeal against an enforcement notice in relation to unauthorised decking at a residential property known as Pengarth in West Chiltington, therefore we expect this decision shortly. We still have 8 outstanding decisions on appeals relating to enforcement notices previously 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, Madeleine

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Email dated 29.05.2026 from AirS
Horsham Housing Event June 23rd 2026 Agenda



Sussex Community Housing Hub

Action in rural Sussex

**Don't miss this significant and unique
gathering, introduced by Martin Boffey –
Leader of Horsham District Council.**

Booking Open until 9th June

HORSHAM HOUSING EVENT

23rd June 10am-2pm

Billingshurst Community and Conference Centre

Delivering Community Led and Rural Affordable

Housing in the Horsham District

Agenda

09.45 – Arrive and Coffee

10.00 – Introduction and Welcome: Martin Boffey – Leader of Horsham District Council

10.10 – Action in rural Sussex (AirS)

11.00 – CLT updates and discussion

- Chanctonbury CLT
- North Horsham CLT
- Pulborough CLT

11.30 – Break

11.45 – Arundel CLT – the good, the bad, and the unforeseen

12.30 – Questions and discussion

12.55- Closing remarks

13.00 - Lunch and networking

14.00 - Event closes

Reserve your place here:-

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1988154151587?aff=oddtcreator>

(Parish Councils, please forward to your Councillors)



Sussex Community Housing Hub
Action in rural Sussex

**DELIVERING
RURAL AND
COMMUNITY LED
HOUSING IN THE
HORSHAM
DISTRICT**

Join Our Event

23 June | 10am-2pm

**Book your place via the
Eventbrite link**

Billingshurst Community and Conference Centre

Hear from:

- Arundel Community Land Trust** - how they delivered 27 local needs affordable homes in the town
- Sussex Community Housing Hub** - Expert advisers and enablers to 30+ projects in Sussex
- Horsham DC Housing** – about their commitment to rural and community led housing

A chance to hear about great projects in Sussex and beyond, understand what community led housing is all about and to share best practice and network with others in the district.

Lunch included.

SussexHousingHub@ruralsussex.org.uk

(click flyer image if this does not open in your browser)

Invitees:-

Action in rural Sussex (AirS)

Sussex Community Housing Hub Team

Horsham District Council

- Councillors
- Staff - Housing and Planning

Parish Councils

- Councillors
- Clerks

Community Land Trusts

- North Horsham CLT
- Pulborough CLT
- Chanctonbury CLT

Registered Providers West Sussex Association of Local Councillors

MPs - Horsham Constituency and Arundel and South Downs Constituency

Email dated 29.05.2026 from Sussex Police

What you told me about average speed cameras – and what happens next



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

KATY BOURNE OBE



Earlier this year, I asked for your views on the use of average speed cameras in parts of West Sussex and I'm grateful to the more than 2,000 residents who took the time to respond.

What stood out most clearly is that opinion is finely balanced. Support for average speed cameras sits close to a 50/50 split, which tells me this isn't a simple issue. While many residents see cameras as part of the solution to road safety concerns, others are less convinced and want to see different approaches.

Feedback also highlighted wider concerns about speeding on other key routes, particularly the A281 and A29, beyond the specific locations included in the survey. I will be doing further research on these routes over the coming weeks to better understand the issues.

When we look at the data alongside the views provided, we see a mixed picture. In some places, average speeds are within limits but in others, higher speeds - especially among a proportion of drivers - remain a concern.

Speeding is one of the 'Fatal Five' factors in serious collisions so it's right that we take this seriously. However, introducing measures like average speed cameras must be evidence-led. That's why my next step is to bring together collision data and speed data, working closely with the Force's Roads Policing Team and transport/highway partners, to determine where cameras - or indeed other interventions - would have the greatest impact.

The survey also revealed something else important: many people experience poor driving but don't report it. We need to make it easier for residents to raise their concerns and I'll be looking at how we can better promote platforms like Operation Crackdown so reports help target action.

Finally, while relatively few respondents highlighted issues like seatbelt use, we know from wider data that not wearing a seatbelt significantly increases the risk of serious injury or death. It was also an area picked up by police during their recent trial of AI roadside cameras. It is clear that continued public education and awareness will remain vital.

Thank you again to everyone who shared their views. Your feedback is helping shape a more informed, targeted approach to road safety - and I will keep you updated as this work progresses.

Celebrating volunteering in Sussex

As we look ahead to national Volunteers Week (1-7 June) I want to take this opportunity to shine a light on the extraordinary contribution volunteers make to policing and community safety across Sussex.

Every day, thousands of residents give their time, skills and experience to support local policing and community safety work - whether as Special Constables, police cadets, Independent Custody Visitors, restorative justice practitioners or through volunteer initiatives such as Neighbourhood Watch and Community Speedwatch.

Their efforts strengthen neighbourhood policing, support victims of crime and help build safer, more connected communities.

Volunteers are also crucial in improving transparency and trust in policing. For example, our Independent Custody Visitors (ICVs) play a vital role in safeguarding the rights and welfare of people detained in custody, providing independent oversight and reassurance to the public.

Throughout Volunteers Week, I will be celebrating these inspiring individuals by sharing their stories and highlighting the difference they make every day. Their compassion, commitment and local knowledge is invaluable.

To every volunteer across Sussex - thank you. You play an essential role in helping to keep our communities safe and your contribution is truly appreciated.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FRIDAY FOCUS

Young Voices, Stronger Communities

It is always encouraging to see young people stepping forward to play a positive role in keeping our communities safe and I am delighted to welcome the latest cohort of Sussex Youth Ambassadors.

Coordinated through the Breck Foundation, these inspiring individuals have recently completed their initial training, equipping them with the knowledge and confidence to promote online safety and resilience among their peers. You can find out more about the Breck Foundation on their [website](#).

I am struck by their enthusiasm and sense of purpose. They understand the challenges young people face in an increasingly digital world and are determined to be part of the solution. Through their work, they will help spread vital messages about staying safe online, recognising risks and supporting one another.

The Breck Foundation continues to do outstanding work in this space, turning lived experience into practical education that resonates with young people. By empowering the Youth Ambassadors, they are ensuring that these messages are not only heard but truly understood. Peer-to-peer engagement can be incredibly

powerful and I have no doubt this group will make a meaningful impact in schools and communities across Sussex.

At the same time, it is clear that keeping children safe cannot rest solely on young people's shoulders. Recent reforms under the Crime and Policing Act signal a renewed emphasis on the role of parents and guardians in safeguarding their children, both online and offline. These changes recognise that responsibility must be shared - families, communities and public bodies all have a part to play in preventing harm before it occurs.

As Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, I welcome this balanced approach. Education, enforcement and accountability must go hand in hand. While we rightly empower young people to look out for themselves and each other, we must also ensure that adults are equipped - and expected - to provide the guidance and boundaries that children need.

I am incredibly proud of our new Youth Ambassadors. Together, we are building a culture where safety is everyone's responsibility and where young people are supported not just by their peers, but by the adults around them as well.



SHARE WITH A FRIEND

Email dated 29.05.2026 from WSCC
Highways, Transport and Planning Parish Newsletter

**Highways,
Transport and
Planning**



Share your thoughts

Are you interested in learning more about a specific topic that you would like covered in a briefing or newsletter?

We welcome your feedback and suggestions on our Highways Communications. Let us know via this survey - <https://s.surveyplanet.com/n5hjuog5>

Winter Weather Impacts and Highway Network Update

A Winter of Exceptional Weather

The winter of 2025/26 was one of the wettest on record for West Sussex, continuing a trend of above-average rainfall. Over the past five years, 55% of months have exceeded long-term averages, particularly during the autumn and winters of 2022–24.

Despite the increased rainfall, temperatures were milder this winter. This meant fewer gritting runs were needed, helping to reduce winter service demand overall and allowing us to focus resources on responding to the rise in weather-related emergencies caused by the persistent rain.

Impact on Carriageway Conditions

Between January and March 2026, the number of safety-related jobs raised was the highest on record for that period at nearly 21,000, which is nearly 3,000 more jobs than any previous January to March timeframe on record. In response, additional resources were mobilised, including evening and weekend working. Despite these measures, the sheer volume of defects meant that demand continued to outpace capacity.

A recovery plan was introduced in early April to get back to a manageable level of safety jobs and this was achieved in Mid-May. The current data indicates that volumes of safety jobs being identified has fallen back to typical seasonal levels.

Customer Enquiries and Service Response

The weather conditions and rapid deterioration of the network naturally led to a sharp increase in customer contact. January 2026 saw the second-highest number of customer enquiries on record, followed by the highest ever monthly total in February 2026. February enquiries exceeded the previous record set in February 2020 by nearly 2,500 cases. By March, enquiry levels returned to the higher end of what would be considered normal.

Despite this significant increase in customer demand, highway teams demonstrated strong resilience. A large proportion of enquiries continued to be responded to within

the 10-day Service Level Agreement, reflecting the dedication and flexibility of teams working under sustained pressure.

Looking Ahead: Recovery and Summer Focus

As we move into summer, the focus remains firmly on recovery and resilience. We have substantial programmes of planned works taking place across the county. Further details can be obtained from local Area Teams or via the [HTP Delivery Programme](#).

Engagement with communities will continue, with Parish and Member briefings planned following the local elections. We are also exploring a range of innovations in winter service delivery and carriageway patching techniques, alongside seeking additional funding to help deliver more cost-effective and sustainable repairs.

For further information on potholes, weather impacts and customer reporting trends, please refer to [Highways repair data – West Sussex County Council](#).

Salt Bins

You can now submit your salt bin refill requests. If you need any help setting up or using your single sign-on, please contact your **Parish Council email address** for support.

Salt bins are refilled ahead of the Winter season to support local resilience, and all community requests will be reviewed once the window closes on **15 July 2026**.

***Please note we cannot accept requests after this date ***

When is the best time for roadworks?

Roadworks on the network are essential to ensure that maintenance for things like aging pipework, the installation of faster broadband or highways improvements can be done.

Each set of works is carefully planned, taking the location, length of work and how it will be done into consideration while coordinating the high volume of work requests received each year. In the last financial year we received approximately 66000 requests for works on the highway, and 20% of these are emergency permits (for things like gas leaks or burst water mains) for which we receive no prior notification.

Even with careful planning, some disruption is unavoidable.

“Why aren’t you doing these roadworks during the school holidays?”

School holidays can seem like a good time for roadworks. Traffic is often lighter in the morning, with congestion decreasing by 10%. However, during school holidays more

people are travelling for leisure, usually later in the day, especially on key tourist routes.

School holidays are a good time to carry out works near schools. However, this creates challenges as there are only limited weeks available each year, along with a limited number of teams to deliver the work

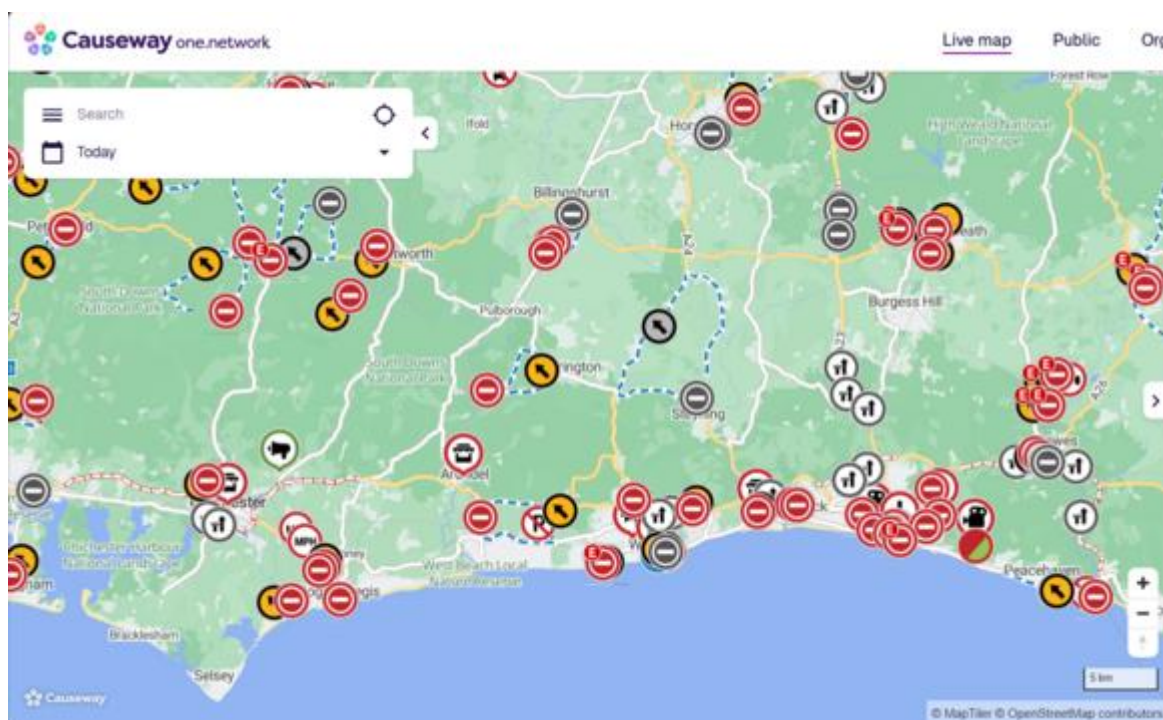
“Why can’t you do these works at night?”

Night work is not always suitable. There are a few reasons for this:

- open excavations that would still be present during the day
- the safety of workers using heavy machinery in low levels of visibility
- environmental health impacts due to noise and light pollution

Our teams work hard to plan roadworks carefully. We aim to reduce disruption as much as possible while keeping everyone safe.

To see current and planned roadworks in your area, visit [One.Network](#).



Climate Action and Adaption Plan

Since 2024, the WSCC [Climate Action and Adaptation Plan](#) (CAAP) has highlighted our priorities to reduce emissions across the county and prepare for the impacts we’re all beginning to experience as a result of climate change.

Highways, Transport and Planning has its own set of actions linked to the WSCC CAAP to:

- Prepare our roads for extreme weather
- Look after biodiversity on our network
- Target our high-emitting areas like streetlighting and construction projects
- Suggest ways local residents can opt for low-carbon alternatives like public transport, active travel and switching to electric vehicles.

You can join us on our journey to decarbonise by:

- Using the public transport network at reduced rates - which will benefit from a further £9.2 million of investment from April 2026
- Making the most of newly improved cycle and pedestrian routes on Lyminster Bypass, Westgate Dutch Roundabout, Chichester or [find active travel routes near you on our website](#)
- Opting for an electric vehicle and making use of West Sussex's 891 on-street electric vehicle charging sockets across the county

Horsham District Council and Mid Sussex District Council re-examine their Local Plan Documents.

Horsham District Council and Mid Sussex District Council have resumed examinations of their Local Plan documents. The Inspector in both examinations has instructed them to increase their planned housing provision, as part of further work required over the coming months.

Planning officers will continue to work with relevant services across the county council to identify infrastructure requirements of any proposed modifications to the Local Plan documents and inform the relevant plan-making authority. There is expected to be public consultation and further hearings later in the year as part of both examinations.

For further information about the examination of the Horsham Local Plan visit: [Latest News from Local Plan Examination | Horsham District Council](#)

For further information about the examination of the Mid Sussex District Plan Review visit: [District Plan Review - Examination - Mid Sussex District Council](#)

Improvements to Buchan Country Park Access

The access road in to Buchan Country Park has recently been resurfaced providing users with a much needed improvement to entering the car park.



Public Rights of Way Improvements

Felpham Public Footpath 3800 – bridge installation

A 6m footbridge was installed as the final part in making this newly claimed footpath fully available between Arun Leisure Centre and Brooks Lane.



Highway Improvement Works

We are currently undertaking surface treatments across the county, with the following projects recently completed and starting in the coming weeks.

What	Where	Location	Est start	Est finish
Footway reconstruction	Pine Close	Langley Green	13 May 2026	12 June 2026
Carriageway patching	Cuckfield Road	Hurstpierpoint	26 May 2026	28 May 2026
Carriageway microasphalt	Dale Avenue and Highlands Close	Hassocks	26 May 2026	30 May 2026
Carriageway pre-surface dressing	Saucelands Lane and Sproutes Lane	Coolham	28 May 2026	28 May 2026
Carriageway microasphalt	Chancellors Park	Hassocks	28 May 2026	30 May 2026
Carriageway pre-surface dressing	Countryman Lane	Shipley	29 May 2026	01 June 2026
Carriageway microasphalt	Glendale Road	Burgess Hill	29 May 2026	02 June 2026
Carriageway microasphalt	Ferndale Road	Burgess Hill	30 May 2026	03 June 2026
Carriageway microasphalt	Marlborough Drive	Burgess Hill	31 May 2026	04 June 2026
Footway reconstruction	High Path	Easebourne	01 June 2026	06 June 2026
Carriageway patching	Mill Lane and High Titten	Amberley	02 June 2026	02 June 2026
Carriageway pre-surface dressing	School Lane and Red Lane	Shipley	03 June 2026	05 June 2026
Carriageway resurfacing	A259 Cathedral Way Eastbound	Chichester	07 June 2026	15 June 2026

You can read more about what happens during each of the road and footway surface treatments here - [Maintaining roads, verges and pavements - West Sussex County Council](#)

Further information on each of the works can also be found via [one.network](#)

Traffic Signals Refurbishment - West Street, East Grinstead

18 May to 5 June 2026

West Sussex County Council is working to improve the crossing point on West Street, East Grinstead, from the 18 May to 5 June 2026. The new and upgraded signals will have the latest technology, providing the following benefits;

- improved pedestrian safety
- improved visibility for motorists
- reduced energy and maintenance costs
- reduced carbon emissions.

Multi way traffic lights are in operation but the road will remain open. Where the footpath is affected, an alternative route has been provided.

You can view further details at <https://one.network/?GB148496647>



Bridge Repairs – New Swan, Pulborough

1 June to 12 July 2026

The council will be doing repair and strengthening works to New Swan Bridge, Pulborough. These works are needed as a result of settlement discovered in recent investigation work. If left unattended these defects could cause more significant damage to the bridge.

To complete the works safely there will be a lane closure, from 1 June to 12 July 2026, under two-way traffic signals. The signals will be under manual control to allow adjustments to the flow of traffic and minimise delays where possible.

Towards the end of the project there will be one week of overnight road closures from 8pm to 6am. A diversion route will be sign posted locally. This will be in place from 7 to 12 July 2026.

Please allow extra time when travelling through the area - we apologise for any delay the work may cause.

You can view further details at <https://one.network/?GB148797897>

Utility Projects Update

This section provides updates on projects being carried out by utility companies across the West Sussex Highways Network.



Gas Works

Selsey Road, Hunston

Gas main repair works to run from 1 June to 3 July 2026 under two-way lights.

Bersted, Bognor Regis

From Monday 1 June to Friday 25 September 2026, SGN contractors, JB Utilities Limited, will commence a programme of work to replace the gas main along Chichester Road, Bersted in Bognor Regis.

Due to the location of the gas pipes in the road, for everyone's safety the replacement works will be done under road closure in three phases as follows:

Phase one: from 01/06/2026 to 22/06/2026

Road closure on Chichester Road from the junction of The Boulevard to the junction of North Bersted Street.

Phase two: from 22/06/2026 to 21/08/2026

Road closure on Chichester Road from the junction of The Boulevard to just south of Loats Lane.

Phase three: from 24/08/2026 to 25/09/2026

Road closure on Chichester Road from the junction of Fairlands to North Bersted Street.

Pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle access to the properties will be maintained.

We understand that ongoing roadworks can be disruptive, and we truly appreciate your patience and understanding. These upgrades are necessary to ensure the long-term safety and reliability of gas supply.

If you need further information about these works, you can contact SGN Customer Service Team by email Customer@sgn.co.uk or alternatively you can call them on 0800 912 1700. For travel and route diversion, please follow [Causeway one.network](#).

Water infrastructure upgrades

Bepton, Midhurst

Road closure - extent from junction of Ingram's Green Lane to A286. Southern Water are carrying out excavation works for upgrades and maintenance to the existing water infrastructure. The works are taking place in phases under a road closure from 2 March to 24 June 2026 between 8am to 8pm on weekdays and 9am to 4pm on weekends.

Brighton Road, Worthing

Planned sewer repair works by Southern Water to protect the quality of our local rivers and seas are taking place on Brighton Road, between Madeira Avenue and Farncombe Road, from Friday 22 May for approximately 8 days between 8pm to 6am.

Road Name	Traffic Management	Duration	Permit no
Brighton Road	4-way traffic lights and then 2-way traffic lights 8pm-6am	22 to 30 May 2026	LQ003SWAT1453 5894
Selden Road	4-way traffic lights 8pm-6am	22 to 25 May 2026	LQ003SWAT1458 5338
Farncombe Road	Road closure with a signposted diversion 8pm-6am	22 to 30 May 2026	LQ003SWAT1453 5904
Maderia Avenue	Road closure with a signposted diversion 8pm-6am	26 to 30 May 2026	LQ003SWAT1453 5898
Merton Road	Road closure with a signposted diversion 8pm-6am	22 to 30 May 2026	LQ003SWAT1453 5907

You can see the 'Works in Your Area' on [Southern Waters website](#). If you have any concern, please contact at customer@cbul.uk or call 0333 240 2072

Electrical Upgrades

Market Place & Mill Green Road, Haywards Heath

Works to install new electricity cables are progressing well. UKPN, together with their contractors, has completed the first two phases ahead of schedule. Work is currently underway on Mill Green Road under a northbound lane closure.

Please see the work programme below:

Dates	Location	Traffic Management
20 April to 29 May 2026	Market Place from west of the Railway Bridge to the Commercial Square Roundabout	Works complete
5 to 13 May 2026	Commercial Square Roundabout outside The Burrell Arms PH	Works complete
5 May to 19 June 2026	Mill Green Road from Commercial Square Roundabout to Royal Mail Delivery Office car park entrance	Northbound closure

Manor Royal, Crawley

UKPN will be installing a new underground cable within the public highway at Manor Royal, Crawley. The work programme is as follows:

- **11 to 22 May, Manor Royal:** Bus Lane closure throughout the works.
- **1 June to 17 June, London Road/Junction of Martyrs Avenue:** Lane closures will be in place on London Road, with a right-turn restriction into Martyrs Avenue and full weekend directional closures on **6–7 June** and **13–14 June**, after which works will continue under lane restrictions.
- **10 August to 3 September, Martyrs Avenue, Junction with Garage Access Road:** A full Road closure on Martyrs Avenue will be required from **10 to 20 August**.

If you have any questions, please contact UKPN's customer care team on **0800 028 4587** (Monday to Friday 8.30am – 5pm) or care@ukpowernetworks.co.uk and reference 260010910.

A280 Long Furlong, Clapham, Worthing

The works were successfully completed a day ahead of schedule. The closure supported CityFibre's work to deliver full fibre broadband to hard-to-reach homes and businesses. The road closure also allowed for an additional collaborative ironworks project, including repairs and the resetting of manhole and gully covers.

At the end of the works, CityFibre undertook a mass litter pick of the area.

Keep up to date

Facebook, X, Bluesky & WhatsApp

Updates on emergency reports are posted every day and project updates are posted frequently on the West Sussex Highways Facebook [@West Sussex Highways](#), X [@WSHighways](#), and Bluesky [@wshighways.bsky.social](#) accounts.

Did you know you can get gritter alerts, grass-cutting updates and up-to-date information on road issues on WhatsApp? You can follow silently or opt for alerts to notify you when we share an update. To find us open WhatsApp and select "Updates" from the bottom menu, then simply search for WSHighways or click the link - [WSHighways](#).

A banner for fostering in West Sussex. On the left is a circular photo of a smiling woman holding two young boys. The background is dark blue. White text reads: "Fostering is creating a family with people you didn't know needed you, or that you needed". Below this is a pink button with white text: "Click to read more". In the bottom right corner are the West Sussex County Council logo and the text "FOSTERING WEST SUSSEX" next to a stylized heart icon.

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