

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 22nd – 28th August 2026 (Agenda September 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 14 th September 2026	
Application No: DC/26/1327 06.08.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Hurlands, The Haven	

Reason for Application: Prior notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determination 02.09.2026	
Application No: DC/26/1337 26.08.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: 5 Gaskyns Close, Rudgwick	
Reason for Application: Surgery to 1 x Ash tree and Small Hazel Trees.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 14.10.2026	
Application No: DISC/26/0276 17.08.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Oakfield, Cox Green	
Reason for Application: Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 5 and 8 to approved application DC/23/0235.	
Official Response Date: Not available / Determine 12.10.2026	
Application No: DC/26/1222 27.08.2026	Response/Comments:
Applicant: Yew Tree Cottage, Tismans Common	
Reason for Application: Erection of detached rear annexe.	
Official Response Date: 10.09.2026 / Determination 14.09.2026	

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting

Applications for consideration at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th September 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th September 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th September 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments
Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Determined

New Appeals Lodged / Determined – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th September 2026	
Application No:	Response/Comments:

Applicant:	
Reason for Application:	
Official Response Date:	

New Planning Compliance Issues

New Planning Compliance Issues – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14 th September 2026	
Application No: EN/26/0287 25.08.2026	Response/Comments:
Address: Tismans Alternative Provision, Tismans Farm, Tismans Common	
Nature of Complaint Alleged: Stationing of 2 x portacabins within existing barn for use as an educational facility for up to 12 pupils each day.	
Official Response Date:	

Parish Councils Website

Rudgwick Parish Council's New Website is now live!

<https://rudgwick-pc.gov.uk>

Correspondence

Email dated 28.08.2026 from HDC

Recycling and waste news: Bin Collection Information across the Easter Bank Holiday

Recycling and Waste News



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Bin Collections in Horsham District across the August Bank Holiday



Bin collections across the August bank holiday weekend will not change. Our crews will continue to work on Monday, August 31.

Please find below a reminder of items that can and cannot be placed in bins across the District:

Food Waste

☒ CAN

Meat, fish and shellfish, dairy products such as cheese and yoghurt, cooked and uncooked vegetables and fruit including peelings, bread, cakes and pastries, rice, pasta and beans, late scrapings, tea bags and coffee grounds, eggshells, solid fats, pet food and mouldy and out-of-date food

☒ CANNOT

Please do not put non-food products, packaging, oils and liquids, animal waste and bedding or flowers in your caddy. If you put these in, your bin won't be emptied. There is lots of information on our website about the new collection.

Recycling Bin

☒ CAN

Paper and card, metal cans, plastic bottles, glass bottles, cartons, aluminium foil

✗ CANNOT

Batteries, vapes, plastic bags, soft plastics, food pouches, crisp packets, large items

General Waste Bin

☑ CAN

Nappies, dog waste, non-recyclable packaging

✗ CANNOT

Hazardous waste, commercial waste, garden waste, large items, including appliances and food waste.

✗ Batteries and Vapes

Items such as household batteries, vapes, string lights and laptop batteries cannot be collected alongside household waste.

Simply place your batteries in a small, clear plastic bag (such as a sandwich bag) and place the bag on top of your green-top refuse bin or your blue-top recycling bin on collection day.

Recycle your vapes from home by booking a broken electricals collection

[Horsham District Council website](#)

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**Email dated 27.08.2026 from WSCC PROW
change to Public Rights of Way reporting**

We would like to inform you of an upcoming change to the way reports and enquiries relating to Public Rights of Way are submitted.

From **2 October 2026**, our team email inbox, prow@westsussex.gov.uk, will no longer accept incoming reports or enquiries. Instead, all reports should be submitted using our online reporting form available on the **Report a Problem** webpage:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-with-a-right-of-way/#report-a-problem>

The online form provides a more effective way of reporting issues, enabling users to:

- Pinpoint the exact location of a problem on an interactive map.
- Provide detailed information about the issue.
- Upload photographs to support their report.

The webpage also explains how reports are prioritised and the timescales we work to when investigating different types of issues. All reports submitted through the form are logged and managed according to their priority.

For further information about how Public Rights of Way are inspected and maintained across West Sussex, please visit:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/public-paths-and-the-countryside/public-rights-of-way/inspection-and-maintenance-schedules/>

To help prepare for this transition, an automated email response will be introduced ahead of the closure date to direct users to the online reporting service.

We would be grateful if you could share this information with relevant colleagues, partner organisations, local groups, and members of your community as appropriate.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

The Public Rights of Way Team
West Sussex County Council

**Email dated 27.08.2026 from WSCC
Go All In at West Sussex libraries this autumn**

news release

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Go All In
at West Sussex Libraries
this autumn.

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upcoming
events at your
local library.

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EVENTS

DUNGEONS
& DRAGONS

CREATIVE
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Dungeons and dragons, manga workshops and live-streamed author events are just some of the free activities for young people at West Sussex libraries this autumn.

It is part of the Go All In festival to celebrate the National Year of Reading, which is designed to inspire more people to make books a regular part of their lives by reading about the things they enjoy, like sport or films.

Starting in September, the free festival is aimed at young people aged 13 and over.

In-person and live-streamed author events include hit historian, broadcaster and author Greg Jenner on Tuesday 22 September at 6.30pm at Crawley Library and award-winning and

best-selling Irish author and poet Sarah Crossan on Wednesday 7 October at 6.30pm at Worthing Library.

Other activities to look out for include creative writing workshops and crafternoons.

Free tickets for all activities events go live online on Tuesday 1 September.

West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for community support, fire and rescue, Councillor Tracie Bangert, said: "This festival is going to be so exciting. All the events and activities are aimed specifically at young people.

"The message we want to get across is 'Get more out of what you're into!' Whatever you're into, make reading a part of it. Love sport? Read about your favourite teams and sports stars. A film buff? Discover the true stories that inspired the films.

"There's something for everyone and our libraries are here to prove it. Libraries are the perfect place to explore new titles, with jam-packed shelves to suit every interest."

The Go All In festival has been made possible thanks to National Lottery money from Arts Council England.

For more information about what's on visit see:

<https://libraries.westsussex.gov.uk/go-all-in-festival>

Email dated 27.08.2026 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin

Announcements

- The National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Government Services has agreed a 3.3% increase in pay rates and allowances applicable from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027. We have [published an updated advice note](#) that sets out the revised annual salaries and hourly rates, and we encourage parish and town councils to implement the pay award as soon as possible.

Campaigns

- Communities across England are gaining a stronger local voice as more parish and town councils are created or move closer to being established. Four new councils

were created in April 2026, with a further 20 approved for April 2027 and proposals progressing in several other areas. The growth marks significant progress for [one of our key campaigns](#), helping extend the benefits of parish and town councils to more communities and giving local people greater influence over the places where they live. You can [read more about the progress](#) on our website.

Resources

- [In this week's blog](#), our Star Council Awards 2026/27 Clerk of the Year category sponsor, CloudyIT, shares why they are sponsoring the awards and highlights the incredible support clerks give to parish and town councils.

Meetings

- In this week's meeting with county associations, we provided updates on our AI-powered assistant, NORA. We also provided updates from our latest [committee](#) and [national networks](#) meetings, and our council tax analysis report, which we'll publish next week.

Support

- We have welcomed the direction of the government's new National Planning Policy Framework while stressing that communities must have a meaningful voice in shaping development and that new homes must be supported by proper infrastructure. You can [read our full response](#) on our website.
- Our HR partners, WorkNest, are holding a series of [free events in London and Manchester to help parish and town councils navigate key employment law and HR challenges](#). The events will provide practical guidance on topics including recruitment, performance management, organisational change, compliance, and upcoming employment law reforms, helping councillors and clerks manage workplace issues with confidence.

Email daed 27.08.2028 from HDC

Latest News: Horsham Museum to close temporarily | Capitol refurbishment delivers lasting benefits for local community | Council congratulates young Horsham entrepreneurs

Latest News



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Horsham Museum to close temporarily



Horsham Museum & Art Gallery will be closed from Monday 7 September 2026 until Tuesday 5 January 2027 to allow essential repairs to its historic roof.

The work follows the appointment of specialist contractors in August 2026 to assess and repair areas of the roof where sections of the stonework have deteriorated.

As a Grade II* listed building, with parts dating back to the 15th century, the Museum requires specialist conservation work to protect its historic fabric. The project will involve repairs across a significant section of the roof, making the galleries beneath inaccessible during the works.

[Read more online](#)

Council Chairman leads VJ Day commemoration at Horsham's War Memorial



To mark the anniversary of Victory over Japan (VJ) Day, Horsham District Council hosted a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial in Horsham on the morning of 15 August. The event was led by Council Chairman Cllr Joanne Knowles who was joined by members of the Horsham branch of the Royal British Legion.

The ceremony honoured the sacrifices made by British, Commonwealth, and Allied Armed Forces personnel who served in the Far East during the Second World War. VJ Day commemorates the surrender of Japanese forces in 1945, which brought the global World War Two conflict to an end.

Capitol refurbishment delivers lasting benefits for local community



Alongside transforming the popular theatre and cinema venue, a key element of The Capitol project was to deliver significant social value benefits for local people, businesses and community organisations beyond the venue itself.

When Horsham District Council appointed award-winning contractor Willmott Dixon Interiors to undertake the refurbishment, a key objective was to ensure the project created a positive legacy through local employment, skills development, community engagement and sustainable supply chain practices.

With the project now nearing completion, it has generated an estimated £270,000 in Social Return on Investment.

[Read more online](#)

Wheels for ALL helps people living with Parkinson's and stroke survivors get back in the saddle



People living with Parkinson's and stroke survivors have been rediscovering the health benefits of cycling thanks to a series of specialist sessions run by Horsham District Council's Sports Development team and the Horsham Wheels for ALL inclusive cycling programme.

This summer, the popular programme expanded to offer adapted cycling sessions specifically designed for people affected by Parkinson's and stroke, creating new opportunities for participants to enjoy cycling in a safe, supportive environment.

[Read more online](#)

Council congratulates young Horsham entrepreneurs



Horsham District Council is sending congratulations to three young Horsham District market traders who have earned places in the National Market Traders Federation (NMTF) Young Traders Competition after achieving outstanding results at this year's regional finals.

Competing against talented entrepreneurs aged 16 to 30 from across the region, the traders received category awards and commendations for their businesses.

[Read more online](#)

Council promotes safe egg handling practices

Acting on information from their Food Standards Agency and UK Health Security Agency partners regarding an increase in Salmonella cases nationally, Horsham District Council is taking action to remind food businesses of the bacterial risks associated with fresh shell eggs and the steps they should be following to avoid infection.

Salmonella contamination is historically a known hazard associated with eggs and the UK has worked intensively to reduce the risk associated with those laid from British flocks. However, contamination is still widespread in eggs imported from other countries, with numerous outbreaks of the disease linked to eggs laid in Spain, Poland and the Netherlands in particular.

[Read more online](#)

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Email dated 24.08.2026 from WSCC

Thriving town centres, greener spaces and better transport links at heart of refreshed Growth Deals



NEWS RELEASE

Thriving town centres, greener spaces and better transport links at heart of refreshed Growth Deals

West Sussex County Council has endorsed a refreshed programme of Growth Deals that will invest in the county's high streets, green spaces, transport links and community facilities, helping communities across West Sussex thrive through to 2030.

Cllr Yvonne Gravely, Cabinet Member for Economy and Skills, has formally signed the refreshed Growth Deals on behalf of West Sussex County Council, reaffirming the council's commitment to working closely with partners to deliver sustainable economic growth and investment across the county.

The seven refreshed agreements covering Adur, Arun, Chichester, Crawley, Horsham, Mid Sussex and Worthing, have been updated to reflect current local plans, economic priorities and development opportunities, with a stronger emphasis on the quality of the places people live, work and visit.

Cllr Gravely said: "The refreshed Growth Deals reaffirm our commitment to sustainable growth across West Sussex through to 2030.

"Growth is about more than numbers on a page. It is about creating attractive town centres, greener public spaces, better transport links and the facilities that help communities thrive.

"By working together, we can continue creating opportunities for residents, supporting businesses and strengthening communities across the county."

Schemes include:

- improvements to Chichester's North and East Street
- the Worthing Public Realm Improvements programme
- the redevelopment of the Martlets shopping centre in Burgess Hill

- improvements at the Bishopric in Horsham
- Supporting the best use of public assets through the [One Public Estate programme](#).

The Deals also place greater emphasis on enhancing biodiversity, creating greener public spaces and supporting net zero ambitions. Examples include the £3.1 million Montague Gardens scheme in Worthing, which will deliver new green space, a play area and an event stage, helping to better connect the seafront with the town centre. Additional initiatives include proposals for new pocket parks in Lancing and further investment in the Manor Royal Park Links project.

Alongside this, the Deals provide upgraded flood defences protecting homes, businesses and transport routes in Shoreham town centre and support the council's ambition to transition to net zero through heat networks in Crawley and Worthing, rooftop solar across Manor Royal.

Sustainable transport is a priority across all seven Deals, with investment in walking, cycling, bus and rail improvements. Examples include the Place and Connectivity Programme in Burgess Hill and new bus lanes in Crawley. The Deals also support facilities that help communities thrive, including new sports facilities in Adur, the regeneration of the Alexandra Theatre in Bognor Regis and investment in the long-term future of Worthing Pier and the Lido.

Since their introduction, Growth Deals have helped attract significant external investment and are supporting the delivery of new homes, jobs, business space, public realm improvements and sustainable transport infrastructure across West Sussex. To find out more about the Growth programme and stay up to date with the latest projects and developments, visit: [Growth Deals - West Sussex County Council](#).

Email dated 24.08.2026 from WSCC
Highways, Transport and Planning Parish Newsletter



In this newsletter, you'll find:

- [Reporting highway issues: a guide for parishes](#)
 - [Parish briefing sessions](#)
 - [Highway Rangers](#)
 - [Grass cutting suspended](#)
 - [Highway improvement works](#)
 - [Utility projects update](#)
 - [Keep up to date](#)  
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[Reporting highway issues: a guide for parishes](#)

To help us respond to highway issues as quickly and effectively as possible, we ask that all defects are reported through the appropriate channel.

Defects such as:

- Potholes
- Damaged pavements
- Drainage and flooding issues
- Fallen trees
- Road condition concerns
- Signs, markings and other highway-related faults

should be reported using the relevant online form available on our website.

[Report a problem with a road or pavement](#)

The forms contain helpful guidance and including photographs wherever possible helps us investigate more efficiently.

We encourage use of the online reporting system, as reports are automatically routed, triaged and prioritised according to risk, helping to ensure safety-critical issues are identified and managed appropriately.

If internet access is unavailable, reports can be made by calling our Highways Customer Service Team on **01243 642105**.

Emergency issues

If an issue presents an immediate risk to public safety, please call **01243 642105**.

Emergency reports can be made 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, with out-of-hours calls transferred to our contractor's emergency service. We aim to respond to emergency issues within 2 hours.

What happens after a report is submitted?

All reported defects are triaged by the Highway Hub before being allocated to the appropriate Area Team for inspection. Defects are normally inspected by a Highways Officer within 10 working days, although issues identified as presenting a more immediate safety risk may be prioritised and escalated sooner.

Defects are assessed using the [Highway Inspection Manual \(HIM\)](#), which applies a risk-based approach considering factors such as severity, location and network usage. This ensures the highest-risk issues are prioritised first.

Parish enquiries

To escalate complex issues within your area please contact: parish-town.enquiries@westsussex.gov.uk. As a reminder, this inbox is not to be shared with residents.

For community projects, the installation of wildflower verges and so on please use: active.communities@westsussex.gov.uk.

The Parish-Town Inbox is not intended for reporting new defects, as these should be submitted through the online reporting system to ensure they are triaged and managed correctly.

Parish briefing sessions

Virtual parish briefing sessions will recommence in October, beginning with a Winter Readiness on the Highway briefing.

These sessions are designed to:

- provide parish and town councils with the latest highways service updates,
- offer insights to seasonal priorities and preparations
- give updates on key activities for local communities.

A full programme of sessions will be shared in due course.

Highway Rangers



Following the launch of our Highway Rangers programme on 3 August, the team has been making a great start in Worthing and the surrounding area.

Since the launch, the Rangers have completed 30 jobs, including:

- weeding
- cutting back overgrown vegetation
- clearing leaf litter
- clearing debris from road edge
- litter picking

To raise an issue to be considered by the team, email parish-town.enquiries@westsussex.gov.uk with the location, description of the issue and any photos.

This email address is not to be given to the public and is not to be used for general reporting of issues with the highway, such as potholes and flooding. In these circumstances, we would direct you to report via the main mechanisms, detailed above.



Grass cutting suspended

With the prolonged hot and dry weather, we have taken the decision to suspend the fourth urban grass cut. The third cut is currently being completed as planned and due to finish soon.

The grass cutting teams will instead focus on tree watering and other essential vegetation maintenance activities until conditions improve and grass cutting can resume.

Thank you for your understanding as we prioritise resources during these challenging weather conditions.

Highway improvement works

Keeping West Sussex moving requires regular maintenance of our roads and pavements. To extend the life of road surfaces, minimise waste and reduce the need for more extensive repairs, West Sussex County Council uses a range of preventative maintenance treatments. Below is a brief overview of some of the most common techniques we use.

Micro-asphalt resurfacing



Micro-asphalt is a material used to provide a new surface layer to an existing road. It contains bitumen emulsion, fine aggregate, cement and water. It is a surface treatment applied over an existing road surface. This is carried out to both roads and pavements and is a great way to extend the life of the existing surface.

[Read more about road micro-asphalt resurfacing](#)

[Read more about footway micro-asphalt resurfacing](#)

Road surface retexturing

Retexturing reverses the wear and tear of a road and restores the surface to a condition similar to when it was originally laid. It is used when a road's surface layer is aging, but the structure is in otherwise good condition.

[Read more about road surface retexturing](#)

Road surface dressing

Road Surface Dressing



Before



After

This is the process of road surface dressing treatment. Surface dressing is a treatment used to provide a new surface layer to an existing road. It involves spraying a coating of bitumen onto a road followed by one or more layers of hard stone chippings. This seals the surface against damage and improves the levels of grip available to traffic.

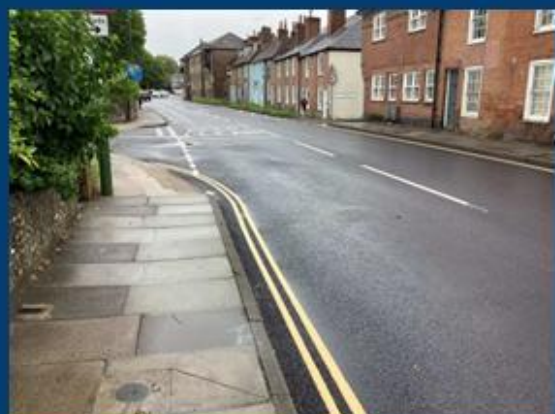
[Read more about road surface dressing](#)

Road resurfacing

Road Resurfacing



Before

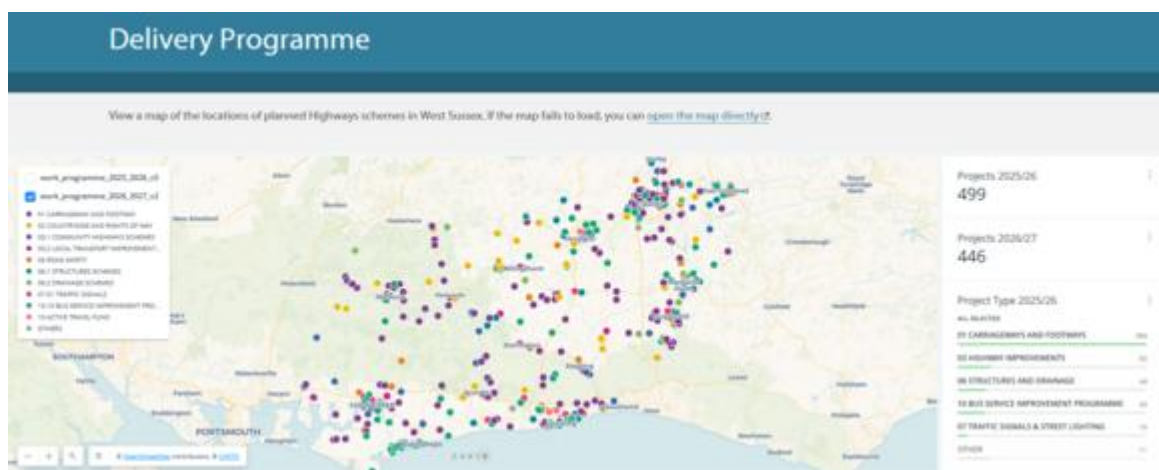


After

Carriageway resurfacing involves the replacement of the existing road surface with new asphalt or macadam (tarmac). Where possible, we will overlay the existing road construction with new material to increase the overall strength of the road construction. Overlaying the existing surface is also better for the environment because the old surface does not have to be transported elsewhere and it is therefore more cost effective.

[Read more about road resurfacing](#)

You can find out where capital-funded road maintenance and improvement schemes are planned, from [our website](#). A list of all the projects are published each year so you can see what is due to be happening in your area.



Road safety improvements - Hanlye Lane, Cuckfield

Work has now been completed on Hanlye Lane, Cuckfield. The project, which was undertaken earlier this year, followed ongoing concerns about the number of collisions along this route, particularly for young drivers.

As part of the scheme, the 30mph speed limit was extended to align with the Cuckfield Parish boundary, and a new 40mph limit was introduced along the remainder of the lane. Road users will also notice upgraded signage, including clearer warning signs, new chevrons and additional verge marker posts on the four bends.

While on site we took the opportunity to cut back vegetation to enhance visibility as well as carry out drainage improvements to keep the road safe throughout the year.



Utility projects update

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



Gas works

Chichester Road, Bersted, Bognor Regis

The existing gas pipes in this area were originally installed in the 1940s and are now deteriorating rapidly. These essential upgrades are being carried out to ensure long-term safety, maintain a reliable gas supply to the community, and prevent further leaks.

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 1 to 22 June 2026 (completed)

Phase two: from 22 June to 21 August 2026

To help ensure access arrangements are clear during phase two, we have broken this phase into four sections as follows:

Phase 2	Dates & Duration	Work Location	Access Arrangements
Phase 2a	From 22 June 2026 for approximately 2 weeks	Chichester Road: The Boulevard to Newbarn Lane	Complete
Phase 2b	From 6 July 2026 for approximately 2 weeks	Chichester Road: Newbarn Lane to Bucksham Avenue	Complete
Phase 2c	From 20 July 2026 for approximately 2 weeks	Chichester Road: Bucksham Avenue to Brazswick Avenue	Complete
Phase 2d	From 3 August 2026 for approximately 2 weeks	Chichester Road: Brazswick Avenue to Loats Lane	Access to Brazswick Avenue, petrol station, and ASDA still being planned; updates to follow; Lethaby Road closed



Phase three: from 24 August to 25 September 2026

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

Businesses will open as usual and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times.

Market Avenue and Basin Road, Chichester

Following several gas leaks linked to the condition of the ageing gas main on Market Avenue and Basin Road, SGN undertook trial holes in late April to assess the requirements for a full mains replacement. This work is urgently necessary to ensure a safe and reliable gas supply to the community and to prevent further leaks.

WS Highways arranged for SGN works to be done early to avoid delaying road resurfacing and to prevent the new road from being dug up again. At the same time, Southern Water will carry out sewer lining works on Canal Wharf during the road closure. Please see the work programme below:

Location	Phase	Dates & Duration	Works	Access Arrangements
Market Avenue, Chichester	Phase 1	From 15 June 2026 for approximately 10 days	24 hr Lane closure on Market Avenue	Complete
	Phase 2	From 29 June 2026 for approximately 3 weeks	Eastbound closure on Market Avenue	Completed 1 week ahead
Basin Road, Chichester	Phase 3	From 13 July 2026 for approximately 8 weeks total	Road closure from Canal Wharf to Railway Crossing	Full closure of this section
	Phase 4	After Phase 3 completion	Lane closures on Basin Road (Railway Crossing to Market Avenue)	Road reopened with lane closure on the one-way section of Basin Road between Market Avenue and the railway crossing. Pedestrian access maintained at all times



A259 Brighton Road, Park Road, Worthing

Works are progressing well for gas main replacement on Park Road, alongside connection works to the existing gas main on Brighton Road.

Park Road (between the junctions of Lyndhurst Road and Brighton Road/A259) Due to the location of the gas pipes and the width of the road, a road closure will be required from 27 July to 16 October 2026 to ensure the safety of the workforce and the public. On-street parking will be suspended for the duration of the works; however, vehicle access to off-road parking for the flats will be maintained.

A259 Brighton Road at the junction with Park Road Temporary two-way traffic signals will be in operation from 16 September to 2 October 2026 to facilitate connection works to the gas main.

Stockbridge Road, Chichester

From Saturday 10 October, SGN engineers will be carrying out gas main replacement works on Stockbridge Road for approximately seven weeks.

The works will be undertaken under a road closure on Stockbridge Road between the Chichester Bypass junction and Grosvenor Road. Earlier this year, gas main replacement works were completed on the side roads off Stockbridge Road, which has significantly reduced the overall duration of the planned road closure.

Apologies for any inconvenience these essential works may cause. The section of gas main being replaced is an ageing metal pipe that has experienced a number of emergency gas leaks.

In addition, works will be carried out on the A286 Birdham Road, between Nos. 26 and 35, under multi-way temporary traffic lights.

Please note that the Grosvenor Road bus stop will be suspended for the duration of the works. A temporary bus stop will be provided nearby to minimise disruption to passengers.

We will continue to keep you updated with further information as it becomes available.

These works may have impact on bus timetables. Please check your local bus service provider for routes and timetable.

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](https://www.causewayone.network).

Electrical upgrades

Manor Royal, Crawley

UKPN has now moved into the third and final phase of works to install a new underground cable within the public highway at Manor Royal, Crawley. Please see the work programme:

- 11 to 22 May, Manor Royal (completed)
- 1 June to 17 June, London Road/Junction of Martyrs Avenue (completed)
- 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 customer care team on 0800 028 4587 Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5pm, care@ukpowernetworks.co.uk and reference 260010910.

Water infrastructure upgrades

Bull Hill, Rake

South East Water and its contractor, Clancy, continues to carry out the replacement of approximately 1.15 kilometres of water main pipework. The works commenced on 27 July 2026 and is expected to take around 6 months to complete. These works are essential due to a number of leaks and burst water mains in and around the Rake area.

The project will take place along London Road, Bull Hill and Canhouse Lane. To facilitate the works, a phased road closure will be introduced, starting at the Bull Hill junction with London Road and progressing towards Canhouse Lane as the works advance.

Find out more and sign up at [Priority Services | South East Water](#) . If you have any questions or concerns before the work starts, please call our advisors on 0333 000 0018 (Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:30pm) or via email @ [Wholesale Contact Us | South East Water](#).

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

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Young people leaving care were recognised for their resilience, achievements and personal growth at the [West Sussex House Project](#) summer celebration held in Crawley last week.

The event brought together young people, staff, supporters and partner organisations to celebrate the progress made by participants as they navigate the journey from care to independent living.

Councillor Sam Raby, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Learning, said: "This was a wonderful opportunity to recognise the achievements of our young people and celebrate the progress they have made over the last year. We are incredibly proud of everything they have accomplished."

Now supporting its seventh cohort since launching in 2023, the [West Sussex House Project](#) helps care-experienced young people aged 16 to 25 develop the skills, confidence and support networks needed to live independently. The initiative, funded by West Sussex County Council, is one of 20 local projects across the country that form part of the [National House Project](#) programme.

Held at Langley Green Youth Centre, the celebration welcomed young people from across several cohorts, providing an opportunity to reconnect, share experiences and celebrate successes. Attendees enjoyed games, refreshments and freshly made crepes from a local vendor, creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

One of the highlights of the day was the presentation of awards and certificates recognising the hard work and achievements of participants. Several young people graduated from the programme and received Graduation Certificates, marking a significant milestone in their journey towards independence. Others were presented with [AQA Awards](#) and Individual Achievement Certificates in recognition of personal development, learning and other accomplishments achieved throughout the year.

Kate, who was a member of the West Sussex House Project's first cohort, said: "The House Project gave me hope. I've now been in my flat for almost three years, and I love it because it's my own home. I have a full-time job and work to help children in foster care."

Councillor Raby added: "I would like to thank the team at the West Sussex House Project for their ongoing hard work and dedication to supporting these young people, many of whom have faced significant challenges throughout their lives, as they move towards independent living."

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A service helping thousands of people recover following illness, injury or surgery is proving central to West Sussex County Council's work to develop sustainable adult social care services.

Over the past year, the service, which is commissioned by the council and managed by Essex Cares Limited (ECL), has provided more than 2,600 people with short-term support to rebuild their confidence and manage everyday life safely at home. Of those completing the programme, 76% required no further ongoing care needs, while 97% reported a positive experience.

Councillor Richard Bates, the council's Cabinet Member for Adults' Services, said:

"Helping people remain independent in their own homes is an essential part of supporting healthier, more fulfilling lives. It's encouraging to see so many of our residents benefiting from personalised support following illness, injury or surgery."

Referrals increased by 17% compared with the previous year, with those from community pathways almost trebling. Around 126,000 hours of support were delivered during the year.

By helping people do more for themselves and reducing the need for longer-term care, reablement improves individual outcomes while helping the council manage growing demand.

ECL's reablement specialists deliver reablement activity to people using the service, working alongside West Sussex County Council's Occupational Therapy Team, which provides occupational therapy support where needed.

Real examples of reablement support

Kathy was referred following a hospital admission after several falls. Within a week, she was safely using the stairs, showering and dressing independently, and completed the programme without needing ongoing care.

Sarah received support to manage the impact of bipolar disorder and obsessive-compulsive disorder on her daily routines. The programme helped her rebuild her confidence and establish routines for medication, meals and personal care, helping her feel more independent and in control.

Cllr Bates added:

"The fantastic work of our reablement service reflects our commitment to putting people at the heart of social care. By focusing on confidence, practical skills and long-term independence, reablement improves outcomes for people and their families while helping us build sustainable adult social care services across the county."

Peter Fairley, ECL Managing Director, said:

"Kathy and Sarah's stories demonstrate how the right support, at the right time, can make a lasting difference. Whether helping someone recover physically after a hospital stay or supporting a person to rebuild confidence and routine following mental health challenges, reablement empowers people to regain their independence in their own homes.

"Over the past year, we have supported more than 2,600 people through the service, with 76% completing reablement with no ongoing care needs and have ambitions to support considerably more people in year two. We share the council's vision to provide access to therapy-led community reablement to local people and look forward to what the next five years of the contract bring."

If you could benefit from adult social care support, or know someone who could, contact Adults' CarePoint on 01243 642121 or visit [West Sussex Connect to Support](#).



**Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner**

KATY BOURNE OBE



I am deeply saddened by the news that three people from the same family have tragically lost their lives in the sea off Shoreham this week.

My heartfelt condolences go to their friends and loved ones at this unimaginably difficult time and my thoughts remain with the young girl who remains in hospital.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all those involved in the emergency response including HM Coastguard, the RNLI, South East Coast Ambulance Service and Sussex Police. Their professionalism and compassion demonstrated the very best in our emergency services.

This heart-breaking tragedy has touched many people and I know our communities will join me in extending their sympathies and support to all those affected.

Supporting Those Who Serve

I was delighted to attend the Veterans & Blue Light Conference this week, held at Blackland Farm Outdoor Centre in West Sussex. It brought together military personnel, the emergency services, charities, local organisations and businesses committed to supporting those who serve and have served our country.

A key theme of the conference was the importance of working in partnership. No single organisation can meet every need but, by working together, we can identify vulnerability earlier, provide practical support and help prevent people from reaching crisis point.

I was particularly pleased to highlight the work of [Squaddie Box](#), which provides veterans and others experiencing housing instability with a secure postal address, helping them stay connected to vital services and support networks.

The conference also showcased the Veterans Identification and Support Programme (VISP) which I am delighted to support through my Safer in Sussex Community Fund. The training helps frontline professionals recognise when someone has served in the Armed Forces and connect them with specialist support that could make a real difference to their lives.

I also welcomed Sussex Police's adoption of the [Forcer Protocol](#), an initiative designed to improve safeguarding for vulnerable veterans and service personnel who may be reported missing. Developed following one family's tragic loss, it demonstrates how lived experience can drive positive change and help save lives.

Events like this remind me that Sussex is fortunate to have so many dedicated people and organisations working tirelessly to support our Armed Forces community and blue light services. Together, we can ensure those who have served are not only remembered but receive the practical help and support they deserve.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

FRIDAY FOCUS

Public Investment Equals Proven Results

Sussex Police has been ranked as the top performing force for answering 999 calls for 12 consecutive months.

National figures show the force answered over 98% of 999 calls within 10 seconds, outperforming every other force in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland between August 2025 and July 2026.

This is the first time any police force has topped the table for a whole year - and it has not happened by chance.

This outstanding achievement reflects the dedication and professionalism of officers, staff and contact handlers across Sussex Police, supported by sustained

investment in technology, systems and resources, as well as robust scrutiny from my office.

I am particularly grateful to residents who agreed to pay more in their local council tax policing precept because this extra funding has helped make improvements like these possible.

Members of the public have consistently told me they want a police service that is accessible, responsive and there when they need it most. This fantastic achievement should reassure local people that, when they need help in an emergency, the police are there for them.



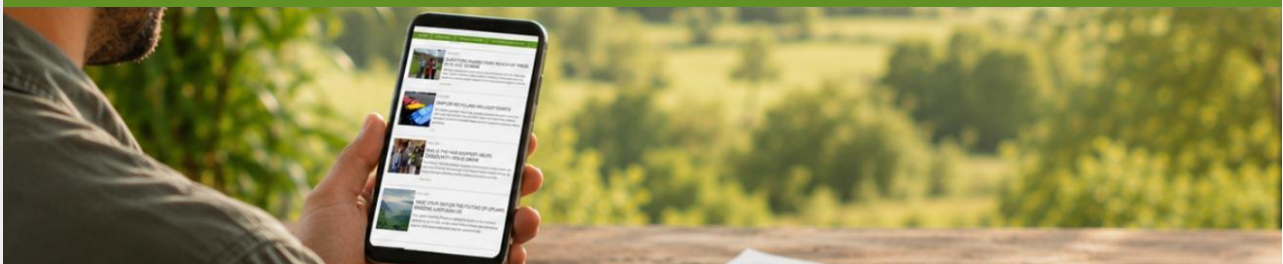
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