

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 27 July – 2 August 2020 (Agenda August 2020)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)
Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

From: Jonna Foote

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)
 - SSALC (Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils)
 - WSCC (West Sussex District Council)
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Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

- Water meter cavity flooded again; contacted Business Stream (again)
- Total number of applications for Clerk/RFO vacancy at 28.7.2020: 26 (although some of these fall outside the basic requirements, i.e. have no relevant experience at all – have come via job centre)
- Clerk responded to parishioner (see emails from parishioners) regarding car park refurbishment. Clerk explained that Lynwick Street is part of West Sussex County Council's statutory duties. Rudgwick Car Park/ part of the access road were suffering from continuous potholes and the Council had to undertake regular repairs for the last two years as the planned 2018 refurbishment could not proceed due to the costs involved with the then RSCC/now KGV building. However, Litter Warden continually reports potholes on LoveWest Sussex (website) and WSCC has been to inspect Lynwick Street
- Meeting/site visit has taken place with parishioner, County Councillor Mitchell and Council Chairman Buckley regarding fatal accident on the Downs Link/A281 crossing. The item is on the August annual council meeting Agenda.

- Letter regarding Arriva Bus 63 and Broadbridge Heath bus lanes has been sent to HDC (to reconsider the decision of operating with one bus lane only). Arriva has confirmed their support. A meeting (HDC) is to be held and District Councillor Richard Landeryou is involved.
- Rudgwick Hall will be open from 3rd August for a very limited number of hirers – these have been contacted by RPC.
- Letter regarding fatal accident on the A281 has been sent to WSCC (requesting permanent improvement in signage on both Downs Link/ A281 resulting in a safer environment for all users. This has resulted in that on Friday the Countryside Services Manager arranged for temporary signage to be placed on the Downs Link. Further actions cannot be undertaken until a full enquiry has taken place. The placing of any signs on a road (may it be speed/ information) has to follow guidelines/ legislation closely so this may take some time and is the responsibility of West Sussex County Council Highways. Update 31.7.2020 temporary signage has now been placed in response to the Council’s letter
- Requested further information about cycle event 4.10.2020 from organisers (see email received from external organisations 29.07.2020 (from Abinger PC Clerk)
- IT issues with increased number of staff, this has been resolved by transferring from One Drive to SharePoint, also laptop screen had to be replaced.
- Football Academy is using part of the KGV field for a holiday/ sport activity for the first four weeks of August, from 9.00 – 15.30 (Mo-Fr) and 15.30-19.30 (Mo) with possible use of KGV toilets.
- Letter was sent to HDC regarding Riverside Farm as per July 13th meeting.

New Applications (Delegated Decision)

New Planning Applications for consideration by Delegated Decision and noting at the Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10.08.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Official Response Date

New Applications

For discussion at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10.08.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Official Response Date
DC/20/1354 30.07.2020	Heathers Farm, The Haven, Billingshurst	Installation of a horse walker		20.08.2020
DC/20/1314 28.07.2020	Penthorpe School, Church Street, Rudgwick	Surgery to 2 x trees		18.08.2020

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10.08.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	HDC Decision

DC/20/0257	Smithers Farm Guildford Road Rudgwick	Erection of a two storey dwelling and change of use of existing dwelling to estate office.	Objection	Refused
DC/20/0825	Field Cottage, Lynwick Street, Rudgwick	Demolition of existing studio, garage and workshop and erection of a two storey oak framed structure and a double garage	No objection (with comments)	Refused
DC/20/0962	Woodsomes Farm, Lynwick Street, Rudgwick	Prior notification for the replacement of a dairy parlour, associated milk tank room and associated plant and machinery.	No objection	Prior approval required and permitted
DC/20/0969	The Plough Cottage, Church Road, Rudgwick	Fell 1 x Ash (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area)	No objection	Permitted
DC/20/1004	Bottle Cottage, 4 Firsfield, Rudgwick	Conversion of garage into habitable living space and erection of a single storey rear extension	Objection	Permitted

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10/08.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Planning Committee Date
		none		

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10.08.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Public Inquiry/Written Representation
		none		

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Enforcement Numbers

Enforcement Numbers – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 10.08.2020

EN/20/0301	Dale Cottage, Church Street, Rudgwick Alleged: Construction of summerhouse without planning permission No breach – Case closed
EN/20/0326	12 Cape Copse, Rudgwick Alleged: surgery works to TPO tree in excess of that permitted under DC/20/0065
EN/20/0349	Land at Grid Reference 511251 133700 Guildford Road Slinfold Alleged: Erection of unauthorised barns and storage of motor vehicles
EN/20/0353	Rudgwick Metals Ltd, Church Street, Rudgwick Alleged: flooding problems caused to adjoining residential properties associated with Berkeley's development

Correspondence/communications from parishioners / to the Council

- Email received regarding the garden waste that is being disposed off on Council land, Chairman will mention this in his Rudgwick Parish Magazine article (September issue).
- Email from parishioner voicing frustration with the Rudgwick Hall car park refurbishment when Lynwick Street has so many potholes.

Emails/correspondence from external organisations/people

27.07.2020 email from WSCC

West Sussex County Council news release: Successful start to new highway maintenance contracts



news release

PR 14971

For Immediate Release

27 July 2020

Successful start to new highway maintenance contracts

Attachments

- Successful start to new highway maintenance contracts.jpg [Successful start to new highway maintenance contracts.jpg](#)

New, multi-million-pound highway maintenance contracts started in West Sussex just nine days after lockdown began.

Since April 1, and despite the extra challenges COVID-19 presents, Balfour Beatty Living Places has been providing core maintenance services, such as carriageway repairs and emergency works, with Drainline Southern providing drainage cleansing and Grasstex grass cutting and hedge maintenance.

In fact, in the first three months of the new contracts:

- Balfour Beatty Living Places has carried out more than 9,100 pothole/defect repairs and emergency jobs on the highway
- Drainline Southern is in the process of emptying thousands of gullies and soakaways across the county as part of the first-year programme of works. It is also working closely with officers to react to drainage issues that may arise
- Grasstex has completed three urban grass cutting rounds, plus the first rural grass cut and first twitten cut across the county. It is also supporting with Covid-related works to ensure the public can socially distance when using footways and cyclepaths.

The five-year contracts have options to extend to a maximum of 10 years. If they are all extended to the maximum, they could be worth in excess of £200million, dependent upon funding from central Government over that time.

Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: “We know how important the highway network is to both West Sussex residents and visitors to the county. We’re looking forward to developing our partnerships to deliver the best-possible highway maintenance service.”

Balfour Beatty Living Places Contract Manager Lloyd Allen said: “We are delighted to be supporting our partner, West Sussex County Council, with maintenance works throughout the county. Our delivery of more than 9,100 pothole/defect repairs and emergency jobs during lockdown, whilst strictly adhering to our COVID-19 Site Operating Procedures, is testament to the team’s efficiency and expertise in maintaining highways across West Sussex.”

Tristan Miles, managing director of Drainline Southern, said: “We are delighted to be working with West Sussex County Council.

“It is very encouraging to see Small and Medium-sized Enterprises, such as ours, being engaged directly. We are looking forward to bringing some new, innovative and cost-saving ideas to the council for many years to come and working collaboratively with the local authorities and residents.”

Grasstex Director Richard Conway said: “We are very pleased to be working in partnership with West Sussex County Council, helping them deliver a cost-effective service in the coming years.”

Picture caption: West Sussex Highways and company representatives gathered to mark the successful start of the new contracts. They include Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, Matt Davey, Director of Highways, Transport and Planning Services, Michele Hulme, Head of Local Highway Operations, Lloyd Allen, Balfour Beatty Living Places Contracts Manager, Tristan Miles, Managing Director of Drainline Southern, and Richard Conway, Grasstex Director.

27.04.2020 Email from WSCC

Together we can 'Keep West Sussex Safe' - Summer Campaign News Letter

Hello All

Many of you have already signed up and receive the residents newsletter as well as disseminate through the Parish & Town networks and repost the information onto your websites.

This weeks highlights the new summer campaign launched last week to 'Keep West Sussex Safe'. These messages have already been utilised with a local outbreak in Crawley earlier last week <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/information-for-residents-in-crawley/> and shows the local Track & Trace and the West Sussex COVID19 Local Outbreak Control Plan in operation.

COVID 19 Links:

- Keep West Sussex Safe Summer Campaign (Press Release) <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/residents-urged-to-keep-west-sussex-safe/>
- Dedicated Coronavirus Webpages www.westsussex.gov.uk/coronavirus **You are still able to access support through the Community Hub contact details.**
- Dedicated Keep West Sussex Safe Summer Campaign page including a video from Anna Raleigh Director of Public Health <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/coronavirus-keep-west-sussex-safe/>

Other Press Releases:

- Table & Chairs licensing transfer to District & Boroughs - <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/changes-to-licensing-of-tables-and-chairs-outside-cafes-and-restaurants/>
- County Council's draft economy reset plan in response to the economic impact of COVID-19: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/getting-the-west-sussex-economy-moving/>
- Construction work starts soon on the first temporary cycleway in West Sussex: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/construction-work-starts-soon-on-first-temporary-cycleway-for-west-sussex/>

29.07.2020 Email from Abinger Parish Council Clerk – mentioning a cycle event on October 4th 2020 – route does go through Hornhill Road/Cooks Hill/ Cox Green



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EVENT PLAN - BOX
HILL ORIGINAL 2020.

29.07.2020 Email from WSCC

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - New 'Love Parks' litter campaign
Launched Dear All

We are all using outdoor spaces more at this time and in this good weather. Keep Britain Tidy have launched on Friday 24th July and below are links to the communication material. This will be accompanied by additional campaign activity by Defra over the summer months.

Many thanks
Sue

New litter campaign launched

Keep Britain Tidy and its Centre for Social Innovation has developed a new 'Love Parks' campaign to address the issue of litter being left behind in parks across the country. The campaign launched on Friday (24 July) and is taking place in eight parks across the country as an in-situ intervention, which will be measured over the summer. Materials are available to order alongside a free digital toolkit and downloadable resources.

The campaign has been funded as part of the Government's Coronavirus response and will be bolstered with additional campaign activity led by Defra over the summer both online and in locations near to beaches and national parks. This activity will further highlight the impacts of littering, including non-medical PPE litter, as well as unauthorised barbeques and campfires, and breaches of the countryside code. Communication materials are available online through the Dropbox showcase link below; these will be added to over the coming weeks.

Overview of campaign: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/news/new-campaign-launched-face-littering-epidemic-parks>

Communication materials and details on how to purchase printed materials: <https://keep-britain-tidy.myshopify.com/>

Dropbox showcase: <https://bit.ly/2DhCbAU>

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29.07.2020 Email from WSCC

Dear All

Recent post from Action Fraud on the latest scam this one is around fake PayPal emails. As we are all doing more online this is an important share this.

the link to the Action Fraud webpages is <https://www.facebook.com/actionfraud/>

New link to this particular message

<https://www.facebook.com/143794692304919/posts/4346424028708610/?sfnsn=scwspmo&extid=BjbUhLNxmKJJO2am>

The emails lead to genuine-looking sites that steal your personal information. If people receive one, report it by emailing to Report@phishing.gov.uk

Many thanks

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30.07.2020 Email from HDC

Business Coronavirus (COVID-19) 30 July: Free pavement café licences | New grants for small businesses | Be kind to our parks | Join the Tea at 2 campaign

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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information for businesses from Horsham District Council

Timestamp: 30 July 2020

Fortnightly monitoring survey

Answer our fortnightly monitoring survey by telling us about your current situation and what support your business requires.

[Answer survey](#)

Free pavement café licences now available

Horsham District food and drink businesses can now apply for a free temporary tables and chairs licence online to allow them to provide outdoor seating for customers.



The change in legislation went through Parliament on 20 July, and aims to give a boost to business recovery plans.

Apply for your free licence online below. You will need to attach a site plan, a photo or product shot of the furniture you plan to use, and evidence of your public liability insurance.

[Find out more and how to apply for the licence](#)

Join the Tea at 2 campaign

There's still time to join the new **Tea at 2 campaign** to encourage visitors into towns and villages in the afternoons when it is generally quieter. The campaign launches today Wednesday 29 July.

We are hoping that cafes and restaurants will be willing to offer a range of attractive tea time promotions from two o'clock each day, starting from 1 August through to 31 August.

Please email business.development@horsham.gov.uk with details of your promotion ideas and your contact details.



[Find out more](#)

Grants and funding

New grants to boost recovery of small businesses

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government has announced a new grants scheme to boost the recovery of small businesses. [Find out more about the new grants scheme.](#)

Small and medium sized businesses will have access to grants of between £1,000 - £5,000 to help them access new technology and other equipment as well as professional, legal, financial or other advice to help them get back on track.

The money is being allocated to Local Enterprise Partnerships. [Coast2Capital](#) has been allocated £250,000. Follow their social media channels, subscribe to their email newsletters and continue to [check the Coast2Capital website](#) to find out when you can apply.

Apply for apprenticeship funding

Employers in West Sussex can now apply for funding from a pot of over £460,000 for apprenticeship training from West Sussex County Council.

[Find out more and apply for apprenticeship funding.](#)

Help customers be kind to our parks and open spaces

Parks and green spaces have been utilised and valued by a huge number of people since the country locked down at the end of March. Sadly, we have seen a substantial increase in the volumes of litter and waste being left behind, including packaging from businesses across the District.



This issue is expected to get worse over the summer holidays, and our parks are in urgent need of support.

In place of the usual Love Parks Week campaign, [Keep Britain have launched a new campaign](#) to address this urgent issue and reduce anti-social behaviour in parks.

What you can do to help

Please continue to encourage all your customers to dispose or recycle any packaging from your business responsibly. This could include asking your staff to verbally ask at the point of sale or putting up a notice in your shop or venue.

Share the campaign

Want to help further? You can support the campaign further by sharing a message or two on your social media and email channels to encourage as many customers as possible to think twice before littering.

Can you help Experience West Sussex?



Experience West Sussex Partnership and Tourism South East are working to understand the full impact that COVID-19 has had on the regional visitor economy. You can help them by completing their short survey to qualify the impact and aid planning as the region looks to rebuild its visitor economy.

[Complete the short survey](#)

Quick links

[Coronavirus: Resources for businesses to operate safely](#)

[Coronavirus: Workplace health and safety](#)

[HM Government: Coronavirus Business Support](#)

[Coronavirus: Information for businesses](#)

[Coronavirus guidance for taxi and private hire drivers](#)

[West Sussex County Council information and advice](#)

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NALC has updated its coronavirus information. This includes an update on community facilities. See the update below:

Community facilities

The government guidance for the [safe use of multi-purpose community facilities](#) has been updated. These updates reflect changes made to recent the easing of the lockdown restrictions and to provide clarity to advice around social distancing and gathering.

This information forms part of a NALC's dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. It should not be used as a substitute for government advice, however, there are some practicalities specific to local (parish and town) councils where we hope this information will help you plan ahead and manage your risks. If you would like further advice and support on any of these topics for your local council then please [contact your local county association](#). This is a fast-moving situation and we will be updating the webpage regularly.

[Find out more](#)

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information and advice for Horsham District residents

Leisure centres to reopen from Monday 17 August

We are pleased that the Council and Places Leisure, which operates the Council's gyms and swimming pools, have agreed that leisure centres in Horsham District will reopen from Monday 17 August.

The announcement to reopen The Bridge Leisure Centre, Billingshurst Leisure Centre, The Pavilions in the Park and Steyning Leisure Centre follows weeks of detailed negotiations.

[Read more about the reopening of the leisure centres](#)

Customer information

Places Leisure are implementing new measures to keep colleagues and customers safe. Changes will include signage to ensure social distancing is respected, reduced activity capacities, enhanced cleaning regimes, and hand sanitizing and cleaning stations.

Customers will be asked to pre-book sessions up to 14 days in advance on the Places Locker app or via the [Places Leisure website](#).

- [Visit the Places Leisure website for customer FAQs](#)
- [View a list of opening times and available activities](#)
- [Watch their new film to help you prepare ahead of the reopening](#)



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31.07.2020 Email from NALC Chief Executives Weekly Bulletin

Remote meetings

Updated regulations regarding remote meetings were published on 30 July and come into force on 1 August. We are updating our legal briefing and will be reissuing this on Monday to take account of the snappily titled *Amendment Regulations to the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 (the 2020 Regulations)*.

Key points to note are that parish meetings will be included within the definition of 'local authority' so they can meet remotely, the requirement for an annual parish meeting is disapplied and there are amendments to meeting notice provisions, including a requirement for parish councils and parish meetings to send out details of the remote meeting (eg the Zoom, Microsoft Teams link and log in details) when public notice is given. Do look out for the legal briefing on Monday.

MHCLG ministerial webinar

Staying on the subject of remote meetings, at the latest ministerial webinar for council leaders and chief executive this week, our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, took the opportunity to thank ministers for listening to our representations on extending remote meeting regulations to parish meetings, going on to ask if they plan to explore the continuation of remote meetings beyond May next year. We're following this up with ministers and officials, as well as other bodies including the Local Government Association (LGA).

LGA code of conduct and making democracy digital events

The LGA has been running a series of events as part of their [consultation](#) on a draft of a new national code of conduct. Our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, is facilitating [the final event in this series](#) on 5 August – local council officers or councillors can join for free using code MMCC0508 when booking.

Our head of member services, Charlotte Eisenhart, will be joining an [LGA event](#) on 7 August which explores the impact the pandemic has had on local democracy in relation to how councils work and engage with residents online. Anyone from a local council can join the event for free, either

registering with a [gov.uk](mailto:events@local.gov.uk) email address or contacting events@local.gov.uk to get details of how to book.

In and abouts

I was pleased to attend my first remote county association annual general meeting in Suffolk on 30 July, where I talked about the potential role of our sector in building back stronger communities. It was a very professionally run event with around 50 attendees, and a number of votes taking place including on the appointment of an impressive suite of vice-presidents such local Members of Parliament, the Lord Lieutenant, and Terry Waite CBE.

Communities Prepared held the last in their series of webinars on crisis recovery this week, co-hosted with Charlotte. The event heard how local councils can have a significant impact on their communities during and after crises, with this being true not only regarding the current pandemic but also for floods or other natural emergencies. Do check out their [website](#) for more information including their offer of free training and advice.

Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, joined the executive committee of the Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils on 30 July for a discussion on local government reorganisation.

Tree charter

Be sure to check out [July's newsletter](#) which outlines the work of [Bridgewater Town Council, Somerset](#), [Kendal Town Council, Cumbria](#) and [Woodley Town Council, Berkshire](#), who are doing great work around pollinator projects, promoting cycling and introducing climate change strategies within their council.

Tree Charter Day is on 28 November and it would be great to see the nation out planting trees to help combat climate change. We are offering up to 420 free trees for you to plant in your local community that day and small grants are also available to Charter Branches. Deadline for applications is 14 August, please email Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk to find out more.

DIS 968 is out

This week we published Direct Information Service 968 (DIS), our fortnightly round-up of news covering government statements and consultations, planning, rural affairs, funding opportunities, events and a recap of NALC's biggest stories. You can find out more and get the latest news directly to your inbox [here](#).

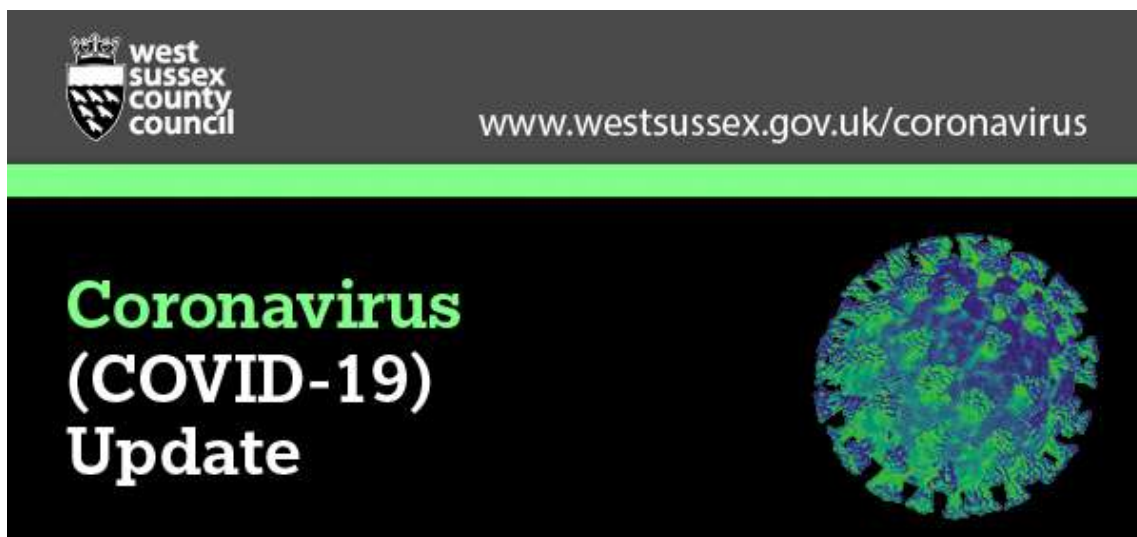
And finally...

Last and by no means least, we held the first of our [Rebuilding Communities](#) series of online events

this week, supported by BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere and CCLA. The *In conversation* format saw local councils from across the country discuss and share with others how they have been supporting their community through the pandemic and what the opportunities are to build back stronger. With spaces limited at [future events](#) can I urge you to book early to avoid missing out!

31.07.2020 Email from WSCC

News from West Sussex County Council: Coronavirus Survey Results



Coronavirus Survey Results

Dear residents and partners,

Thank you to the 17,455 residents who took part in our coronavirus survey back in May. We asked you to provide feedback on how the coronavirus was affecting you so we could better understand the situation in West Sussex. Below is a snapshot from the results:

Community connection: 48% of our survey respondents said the coronavirus pandemic had a positive impact on how connected they felt to their local community. A further 28% of respondents reported no impact, whilst around 23% reported a negative impact.

Your financial situation: 33% (around a third of all those participating in our survey) said their financial situation had been negatively impacted by the pandemic. Just over a third (36%) of our respondents reported a negative impact on their job.

Mental health: Almost half the people in our survey (49%) said they experienced a negative impact on their mental health, and 30% said they were concerned about the impact of coronavirus on their mental health in the future, and 6% said they needed help or support with their mental health but were not getting it. However, 15% were not at all concerned about their mental health and 12% of respondents reported that the pandemic had resulted in a positive impact.

Access to healthcare/medicine/dental care: More than half of respondents (57%) reported a negative impact on access to healthcare, medicine or dental care and 53% reported being concerned about the impact of the pandemic on their access to these services in the future. However, 31% said they experienced no impact, and 5% of respondents reported on a positive impact on their access to healthcare, medicine or dental care.

Education: Just under a third of our respondents (31%) reported a negative impact on their child's/children's education or schooling and 32% reported being concerned about the impact of coronavirus on education in the future. 21% reported no impact on their child's education/schooling, but around 4% reported a positive impact. 34% commented they did not know or said this question did not apply to them.

Lockdown activities: Overall, gardening was the most often reported 'lockdown activity' reported by our respondents (65%), followed by spending time on social media and reading books (both 52%), although there were variations by age. For example, whilst all groups reported spending time on social media within their top three activities, gardening was the top activity for those aged 45 and over (64-73% across those age groups), helping their children to learn at home was the most often reported activity for 35-44 year olds (69%), baking/cooking tops for 25-34 year olds (69%) and watching tv/streaming and time on social media came a close second (70% and 68% respectively) for those aged 16-24.

More of our residents are using online video meeting software: 72% of you told us you had started using online video meeting software, or had increased your use of it since the pandemic began.

Please visit our [survey results page](#) to see the full results and the actions we are taking.

Finally, a reminder that last week we launched our [new campaign to Keep West Sussex Safe](#) which has information online about what we can all do to reduce the spread of the virus. Our pages are being updated frequently so please take a look.

Thank you for your continued support.

Some of the most common words and phrases to come out of the survey results...

**NHS family togetherness gardening
home schooling social media
community bonding TV briefings
cooking and baking eNewsletters lifestyle
catching the virus mental health
environmental impact financial situation
community information access to health care**



Face coverings

If you can, wear a face covering in enclosed public spaces where social distancing isn't possible and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.

You must wear a face covering at all times on public transport, when attending a hospital as a visitor or outpatient, and when in shops and supermarkets.

Face coverings do not replace social distancing.

[Find out more about face coverings, including how to make your own.](#)



Getting tested

If you have any symptoms of COVID-19, you should get tested. Visit [nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) or call 119. Tests are free of charge.

Symptoms include a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss of, or change in your sense of taste or smell.

If you develop these symptoms, however mild, or you have received a positive COVID-19 test result, then you should immediately self-isolate by staying at home for at least ten days from when your symptoms started.

All other household members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days.

[If you have symptoms, get tested.](#)



Keep hands clean

Wash your hands with soap and water more often than usual, for at least 20 seconds, using hand sanitiser if soap and water are not available.

You should always wash your hands or use hand sanitiser after coughing, sneezing and blowing your nose, before you eat or handle food, and when you get to work or arrive home.

[Find out the best way to wash your hands.](#)



Practise social distancing

Keep two metres away from people or at least one metre when you can take other precautions, such as wearing a face covering or not sitting face-to-face with someone.

If you go out to enjoy the West Sussex countryside, open spaces or parks, observe good social distancing and please remember to take your litter home.

[Get more information on when you should be social distancing.](#)



31.07.2020 Email from WSCC

Your Town and Parish Council News - August 2020

TOWN AND PARISH NEWS

Working together on behalf
of our communities



New! Launch of our 'Keep West Sussex Safe' communications toolkit

We have launched a COVID-19 community communications toolkit for you to use to help us spread the word about our recently launched 'Keep West Sussex Safe' campaign. The campaign aims to encourage residents, businesses and communities to stay alert and follow the latest government guidelines to help prevent the spread of coronavirus in West Sussex and therefore reduce the need for local lockdown restrictions.

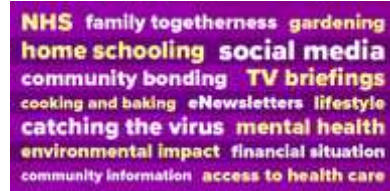
The toolkit contains advice, key messages, social media posts, a digital poster and information about materials available. You can access the toolkit on our [dedicated COVID-19 website section](#).

Please use the toolkit and share it with fellow councillors, local community groups and organisations. If you need any further information about the toolkit or the campaign materials please email communications@westsussex.gov.uk. Thank you for your support as we try to do all we can to prevent the spread of the virus in West Sussex.

[Visit the community communications toolkit online.](#)

Residents have their say on Covid-19

We had a **record breaking 17,455 responses** from West Sussex residents to our coronavirus pandemic survey. All the responses have now been collated and analysed and the details [can be found here](#). Discover residents views on how they coped and what they did during lockdown, their health, education, connection to the community, and much more. Please get in touch if you would like any insights specific to your location: haveyoursay@westsussex.gov.uk



Work restarts on A259 scheme

Essential preparation work will restart on 10 August ahead of a **major improvement scheme** to widen single-lane stretches of the A259 into dual carriageway in Angmering and Littlehampton. Preparation work was paused while a public inquiry into a Compulsory Purchase Order was held and a decision published. The Secretary of State confirmed the council had satisfactorily responded to objections raised, so the scheme can now progress. [More details here](#).

Photo shows Top: The current single carriageway in Worthing Road, Littlehampton, west of Olliver Acre. Bottom: An illustration/visualisation of Worthing Road, Littlehampton, west of Olliver Acre, widened to dual carriageway, with shared footway/cycle path and a new crossing.

Save the date! Fire Service Virtual Open Day

Every year, fire stations across the county hold **Open Days for the local community to attend**. However, due to the pandemic we can't hold fire station open days in the way we normally would, so West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is holding a Virtual Open Day on Facebook on 15 August.

The online event will give members of the public home fire safety advice, behind-the-scenes tours of the service and will provide a great day of entertainment during the summer holidays.

Keep an eye on the [West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service Facebook page](#) for more updates and please share the message far and wide with your communities.





Work starts on cycleways

Construction started this week on the first of **seven temporary cycleway schemes in West Sussex**. The Chichester scheme will connect the Spitalfield Lane hospital area with the city's railway station, creating a 2km-long 'keyworker corridor' for safe cycling. The route

will also link to the central retail area and other major employment sites, such as the University of Chichester. The work is likely to take about a fortnight to complete.

[More information here](#) Image: An illustrative example of the style of improvement which will be used in West Sussex (Old Shoreham Road, Hove). *Photo credit: Darren Cool Images.*

Rising to the challenge of climate change

A strategy which seizes a '**once in a lifetime opportunity**' to **adapt to the challenges of climate change** has been agreed by the County Council's Cabinet. The ten-year Climate Change Strategy sets out five commitments: reducing carbon emissions; increasing resilience to a changing climate; sourcing and using resources responsibly; supporting and growing the green economy and embedding these commitments into decision making. We also want to work with others and help inspire them to make changes where we can. You can read the strategy [here](#). Further information on our delivery plan and how you can get involved will be available shortly.



Our latest communication campaigns

Take a look at three of our latest communication campaigns:



- [Keep West Sussex Safe](#)
- [Change a life with foster care](#)
- [Jobs in care](#)
- [Shut fires out](#)

Feel free to share these links, and the information contained within, to help keep your residents updated and informed.





Have your say on local issues that affect you

Have your say on matters that affect you and your local communities - and get your residents to do the same - by visiting our **Have Your Say Consultation Hub**. From major road schemes and Joint Area Action Plans, to premises licence applications and safeguarding in our schools; we want to hear your residents' views to help shape future policy and decisions.

[Go to the Have Your Say Consultation Hub](#) for details of all of our current consultations.

Your Voice: The People's Panel

Alternatively, encourage your residents to join **Your Voice: The People's Panel** where they'll be regularly consulted about a number of important local issues. Once registered they'll receive links to surveys, reports and outcomes and occasionally links to other public surveys.



[Find out more information and subscribe here.](#)



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31.07.2020 Email from WSCC

West Sussex County Council news release: Is your BBQ out-out?



news release

PR 14974

For Immediate Release

31 July 2020

Is your BBQ out-out?

Video and images of the bin on fire can be found [here](#).

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is issuing an urgent warning to residents this summer after attending a string of fires caused by disposable BBQs.

Firefighters from across the county have been called out over the past couple of weeks to attend a number of fires that have begun after a hot BBQ was put in a bin before it had cooled down.

In many of the incidents, the fire has taken hold and destroyed the bin and the

surrounding vegetation.

With another warm weekend forecast, and high temperatures expected into next week and the following weekend, the fire service is urging all residents to take extra care when using disposable BBQs.

Marvin Smith, Station Manager for Arundel, East Preston and Littlehampton, said: "When we have lovely weather like we have over the past few days, there is nothing better than enjoying a BBQ in the sunshine.

"But unfortunately, disposable BBQs are not without their risks, as we have seen already this summer.

"One of our crews was called out to deal with a fire in a wheelie bin in the early hours of the morning, only to find that a disposable BBQ had been put into the bin before it had fully cooled down. It had been smouldering for a couple of hours, before the whole thing went up."

To demonstrate just how quickly a disposable BBQ can cause a fire to take hold, WSFRS carried out a controlled burn, placing a disposable BBQ that seemed cool to the touch into an old domestic bin provided by Chichester District Council that had reached the end of its life.

After smouldering away for around half an hour, flames melted their way through the back of the heavy duty plastic wheelie bin.

Marvin added: "Had this actually been someone's rubbish bin, chances are they would have put their BBQ in the bin at the end of the night and gone to bed and thought nothing more about it, until it was too late."

WSFRS is urging residents to follow the steps below to ensure they and their families don't fall victim to fire:

- Make sure that your BBQ is placed on clear level ground where it will not tip over.
- Use approved BBQ fuel or firelighters to light it, never petrol or paraffin.
- Keep BBQs away from the house, shed, fences, garden furniture or overhanging trees and shrubs.
- Keep children and pets well away from the cooking area.
- Don't leave your BBQ unattended at any time.
- If you are lighting a barbeque in the countryside or on the beach - check beforehand that it is an authorised area.
- When you have finished cooking, pour copious amounts of water over the BBQ and leave for several hours before disposing in a bin.

Marvin added: "The Met Office is forecasting that the Fire Severity Index is going to be very high this weekend – this means there is an added risk of wild fires. All it takes is for one spark and with the ground as dry as it is, we could have a large fire on our hands.

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For more information visit: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/home-fire-safety/seasonal-safety-advice/>

**01.08.2020 Email from West Sussex 4 Community
Funding alerts and news for the VCSE Sector**



West Sussex 4 Community

Funding Alerts and News for the VCSE Sector

Dear Jonna Foote,

Funding News

Registering for the funding news service ensures you are kept up to date with the latest funding news. The following news articles have been published in the last week. To view the full details of any news article, simply click on its title.

30/07/2020: [Culture Recovery Fund for Heritage Opens for Applications in England](#)

29/07/2020: [£30m to Reignite England's Independent Cinemas After COVID-19 Shutdown](#)

29/07/2020: [Fund for Cultural Organisations in England Affected by COVID-19 to Open Soon](#)

28/07/2020: [European Commission Pilot Project Call to Develop Artificial Intelligence for Diagnosis and Treatment of Paediatric Cancer](#)

27/07/2020: [Arts Council England Launches £2.25m Emergency Grassroots Music Venues Fund](#)

27/07/2020: [Launch of 2020 European Drug Prevention Prize](#)

Your Funding Alerts

Funding alerts allow you to receive email notifications if new funding opportunities arise which match your search requirements. To setup a funding alert, simply run a search for funding on the site. When you are viewing search results press "Save Search". There is an option to receive funding alerts at this stage so make sure this option is ticked.

You can also set up funding alerts for a search you have already saved by enabling email alerts in the "Saved searches" area on the site.

There have been no funding changes that match your profile.

Regards,
The West Sussex 4 Community team

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