

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 24 - 30 August 2020 (Agenda September 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:

GENERAL REMINDER: Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Parish Office staff are working their regular hours but not always in the office. If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during working hours (Monday – Wednesday 8.30 – 16.00).

- HDC has confirmed S106 request for release of funding for refurbishment of RH boiler and associated works – the work (and water compliance work) will be undertaken in the week commencing 14th September.
- Facilities Officer has reported that further hire of Rudgwick Hall is commencing, al be it very slowly – contract cleaner likely to return once a week very soon.
- KGV/RPC Trust agreement document has been received and signed – KGV Trust accounts will now be incorporated into RPC accounts, as recommended by both internal auditor as well as solicitor.
- Little Street has confirmed that it will open again on 1st September with reduced hours, café will open at a later stage.
- Facilities Office will be on annual leave until 15th September.

- National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) announced that an agreement was reached between the National Employers and the NJC Trade Union Side on the new pay scales for 2020-21 to be implemented from 1 April 2020. (Salary increase of 2.75%);
- Email regarding Loxwood Clay pits webinar received from parishioner – [link](#) provided;
- Email from HDC regarding Arriva 63 bus lanes (change to two way at BBH) Draft letter request to WSCC received and, with additional suggestions, returned to HDC.

New Applications (Delegated Decision)

New Planning Applications for consideration by Delegated Decision and noting at the Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.09.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Official Response Date

New Applications

For discussion at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.09.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Official Response Date
DC/20/1572 25.08.2020	Heathers Farm, The Haven, Billingshurst	Change of use of existing stables and land to commercial livery (Class D2). Erection of a horse walker.		15.09.2020

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.09.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	HDC Decision

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.09.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Planning Committee Date
		none		

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.09.2020				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Public Inquiry/Written Representation
APP/Z3825/W/19/3241462 (DC/19/0411)	Windacres Farm Development	Replacement extension to retain existing B2 Use Class Industrial Unit and provide 3 x		Planning Inspectorate - allowed

	Site, Church Road, Rudgwick	new self-contained B1 Use Class office units (Revision of LPA reference DC/16/2917)		
APP/Z3825/W/19/3241470 (DC/19/0374)	Windacres Farm Development Site, Church Road, Rudgwick	Extension to existing B2 Use Class industrial unit to provide new B1/B8 Use Class commercial unit		Planning Inspectorate - allowed

Enforcement Numbers

Enforcement Numbers – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 14.09.2020	

Correspondence/communications from parishioners / to the Council

- Email received from parishioner regarding Loxwood Clay Pits webinar 25th august 2020 (see Clerk's decisions/ announcements)

Emails/correspondence from external organisations/people

24.08.2020 Email from WSCC

News from West Sussex County Council (COVID 19 Update) - 21 August 2020

Latest news below – Key Points

- **Back To School** - Transport pages with important information including videos and information on things like the use of face coverings, and all the measures being undertaken to keep West Sussex schools safe. [transport section of our Back to School webpages](#)
- **Keep West Sussex Safe Campaign** - continues to run and we encourage residents to keep [visiting our webpages](#) for the very latest information on how to reduce the spread of the coronavirus.
- **Special Recognition Volunteer Award: nominations now open** - The High Sheriff of West Sussex has launched a unique award to celebrate residents who have shown exceptional acts of kindness during the coronavirus pandemic. Further details below including how to request a nomination form.
- **West Sussex Libraries are now open for browsing**
- **Give your bike a check-up before taking a ride on our first temporary cycleway**
- **West Sussex Record Office has re-opened to the public**
- **Cabinet Minister visits tourism venues to hear of COVID-19 challenges**
- **Fire Service holds first Virtual Open Day** - Highlights from the Virtual Open Day can be found on [Facebook](#), and [YouTube](#)



[Remind yourself of the best way to wash your hands.](#)



[Check that you know when you should be social distancing.](#)



[Read the latest guidance on face coverings, including how to make your own.](#)

Many thanks, Sue

[Sue Furlong](#)

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24.08.2020 Email from CPRE CPRE Summer Newsletter

Dear Supporters

Attached is a copy of our [summer newsletter](#). We hope you will enjoy reading it.

If you'd like to play your part in protecting our wonderful Sussex countryside, then please join CPRE Sussex today and make our voice stronger: <https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-member/>

There are three articles in the newsletter which we invite you to take action on as soon as possible, so we've also included them below.

New planning rules – abandoning local input

We urge our members and supporters to review the Government's proposals to scrap the planning system to accelerate the building of new homes. We are currently looking at two consultations – the [Planning for the Future White Paper](#) and a consultation on [changes to the current planning system](#), including changes to the 'Standard Method' for assessing housing numbers in strategic plans.

Research by Lichfields shows large increases for some districts already struggling to meet housing targets <https://lichfields.uk/grow-renew-protect-planning-for-the-future/how-many-homes-the-new-standard-method/#section16>. Our initial concerns <https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/news/help-cpre-sussex-to-protect-your-countryside-from-concrete/> were picked up by papers across Sussex including the Littlehampton Gazette <https://www.littlehamptongazette.co.uk/news/politics/more-2000-homes-could-be-built-arun-district-every-year-2942241>. We are developing our response to these consultations over the next few weeks.

Countryside Awards 2020 – vote for your Countryside Hero

The CPRE Sussex countryside awards celebrate the fantastic people and organisations that make Sussex a great place to live. This year we have a **new online public vote** for our 'Countryside Hero' in the Empowering Communities category. The winner will be presented with the Peter Brandon Award for outstanding contribution to the Sussex countryside.

We have three well deserving nominations this year and this is your chance to vote for your winner by going to our website via this link, where you can find more information about the three 'heroes' and to find out how to place your vote:

<https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/news/empowering-communities-award/>

The three nominations are Phil Belden, Ben Cross and Isabella Tree, and the deadline for voting is **31st August 2020**. The winner will be presented with their award in October and will be announced on our website and through social media.

Yeo Valley – Yeokens – CPRE Sussex on track to receive a donation

For those of you who drink Yeo Valley milk or eat Yeo Valley yoghurt, cream or cheese, you may have seen that each pack has a tear-off slip with Yeo tokens (Yeokens). You can go online and decide how to 'spend' these tokens, by donating them to one of three organisations, including this quarter, CPRE Sussex!

Follow this link:

<https://www.yeovalley.co.uk/yeokens/donate/>

If you don't already have an account, you will be asked to set up an account first (this is very straightforward and quick to do), to enable you to submit your Yeokens, and you will then be able to donate them to your chosen charity (hopefully us!).

<https://www.yeovalley.co.uk/yeokens/>

The winner of the three charities will receive £1,500 and those coming second and third (out of a total of three) will receive £1,000 per charity. We hope you will be able to help us raise some funds in this way. Thank you for your support!

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Lesley Wilson

Branch Administrator for all at CPRE Sussex

25.08.2020 Email from GACC - membership

Dear Clerk to the Council,

Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign (GACC) membership

Your council is a past member of GACC and we've been very grateful for your support. I'm writing to ask you to consider rejoining us, at what is likely to be a critical period for Gatwick and those its operations impact.

From March to July the airport had only a fraction of its normal traffic. However, flight numbers are now increasing, night flights are back and Gatwick is attracting new airlines. We expect noise, congestion and pollution from all these sources to continue to grow as quarantine restrictions are lifted.

GACC believes there are opportunities for the airport to “build back better”, in a way that reduces its noise and pollution impacts. We’ve proposed specific short-term actions and are following those up with the airport’s management and through its statutory Consultative Committee, GATCOM, on which we sit.

Disappointingly, once more normal operations resume, Gatwick has been clear that it intends to proceed with its plans to grow by over 50%, creating an airport with nearly the capacity of Heathrow today. If approved, that would have a devastating impact on communities near the airport and those under flight paths, on local road and rail infrastructure and on the environment.

Our “Gatwick’s Big Enough” campaign is monitoring the situation closely, liaising with all the key stakeholders and with our advisers.

GACC was formed in 1968 to ensure the airport is held to account for its impacts on communities and the environment, and to challenge growth that isn’t sustainable. We’ve earned the respect of the Department for Transport, MPs, County, District and Parish Councils and residents for our well reasoned and fact-based arguments and for our long track record of running campaigns, such as our successful 1996, 2003 and 2015 campaigns against a full second runway.

We represent community, environmental and amenity groups on the airport’s consultative committee, GATCOM, and have a seat on its Noise Management Executive Board. We are privileged to have the support of some 50 local noise and community groups and 30 councils, as well as hundreds of individuals. But we’re keen to grow our membership base further, particularly amongst local councils who support our aims, so we can better represent community and environmental views.

We therefore hope you’ll renew your membership and so help us continue to keep the airport’s noise and environmental impacts at the forefront of the debate.

To do so, please transfer a £10 subscription to GACC’s account (Nat West Bank, sort code 60 11 41, account number 52474119), or complete a standing order form which you can find here [GACC Membership Form May 2020.pdf](#) or send a cheque payable to Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign to Maggie Atkins, GACC Membership Secretary, Steamhammer Lodge, Penshurst Road, Penshurst, Tonbridge, Kent TN11 8HZ. In either case, please let us know that you’ve renewed by responding to this email.

25.08.2020 Gov UK daily COVID19 update

Local government income compensation scheme for lost sales, fees and charges

Guidance for local authorities on how to access the local government income compensation scheme for lost sales, fees and charges as a result of COVID-19.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-government-income-compensation-scheme-for-lost-sales-fees-and-charges?utm_source=f9b4dafb-4df0-4ef7-a1ed-c274387b23d0&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=daily

NB – Just to confirm -not applicable to parish councils (in case someone hears about the scheme and wonders if RPC should apply).

Having trouble viewing this email? [View it as a Web page.](#)

What's on in Horsham District



The Virtual Big Nibble food festival

The Big Nibble is our month-long food festival, held every September. This year, we're going virtual and celebrating all that Horsham District's food and drink scene has to offer online with the [Virtual Big Nibble](#).



What's in store?

We'll be sharing recipes from top local chefs, online trails, business videos and recipes, a unique competition and more.

Each week has a different foodie theme, and we can't wait to get started.

- **Week 1 (September 4-10)** is all about [Horsham Markets and their producers](#). Cook with Matt Gillan, meet Hilary Knight, go behind the scenes at the markets and much more.
- **Week 2 (September 11-17)** focuses on [Future Food and Sustainability](#). Cook vegan recipes, meet Vegan Fest Horsham and Julie Stewart Nutrition, find out how to manage gluts of fruit and veg in the allotment from Kinder Living Horsham and find out how you can do your bit to help the planet with Sussex Green Living.
- **Week 3 (September 18-24)** shines a light on our District's fantastic local produce and the people who make it.
- **Week 4 (September 25-30)** is our International Food Festival week, celebrating what a diverse range of

Steyning Food and Drink Festival

September 5 - October 3

Celebrate Steyning's food scene with a jam-packed four week programme of events, offers and competitions.

[Read the programme online](#)

High Weald Self Guided Walking Festival

September 2020

For September only, a series of 50 self-guided walks will be added to the High Weald Walking Festival website. Download and enjoy!

[Find out more about High Weald Walking Festival](#)

Watch Alan Woolven's VJ Day performance online Available now

Alan is a local Horsham musician who took part in a performance in the town as a teenager on VE Day in 1945, and again on the 50th anniversary in 1995. He performed in the run-up to VE Day, and the performance

dishes and ingredients we have right here in Horsham District.

To stay up to date, [follow Horsham Time Well Spent on Facebook](#) or check out the [Food and drink section of Discover Horsham District](#) for the latest news.

was shared online to mark VJ Day.

[Watch on Facebook](#)

[Join in with the Virtual Big Nibble](#)

Book a Capitol Christmas show

The Capitol Horsham is delighted to announce an excellent programme of Christmas entertainment for 2020. There will be two theatre shows and a number of Christmas films in the cinema.

- [A Christmas Carol](#)
- [Santa's New Sleigh](#)



These shows provide an exciting alternative to the traditional pantomime, which has unfortunately had to be cancelled as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Any customers with 2020 pantomime tickets will be contacted by the Box Office.

[Visit The Capitol](#)



Tea AT 2

Prefer to go out when it's quiet?

Visit local shops and eateries after 2pm to enjoy a calm cuppa and promotions

HORSHAM DISTRICT

Horsham District Council shares information about free events across the District on behalf of the community. The Council does not accept responsibility for events organised and managed by external organisations.

If you would like the chance for your event to be featured in future editions please email details to communications@horsham.gov.uk

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27.08.2020 Email from Age UK Thank you for Grant



Horsham District

Jonna Foote
Parish Clerk, Rudgwick Parish Council

24th August 2020

Dear Jonna,

On behalf of Age UK Horsham District, I would like to say a sincere thank you to **Rudgwick Parish Council** for the wonderful donation of £350 that was recently made towards funding for our Information and Advice Service. **This money is vital in helping us to continue supporting vulnerable older people, now more than ever.**

As you already know, due to the Covid-19 pandemic we have had to temporarily shut down some of the services we usually offer, such as our day clubs and clubs for people with dementia, and adapt what we are offering to ensure we can still help those who may be struggling and need us at this critical time. We have continued to offer information and advice over the telephone and we have also been offering telephone support to those facing isolation and loneliness, doorstep deliveries of essentials such as food and medication and help in the home to those most vulnerable. For more information on the services we are offering, please call us on 01403 260560 or visit www.ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk.

As you may already be aware, on the 1st of July 2020 Age UK Horsham District merged with Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove, charity number 1086323. By bringing our organisations together, we will be able to share expertise, resources and local knowledge, to ensure all our services are sustainable and able to support the increased demand generated by Corona\irus.

The impact of Coronavirus on income across the charity sector has emphasised how important it is for charities to work together to reduce overheads and by merging, we will be able to work more efficiently as one larger organisation. The Horsham District name will remain locally, although the charity as a whole will now be formally known as Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove. We will continue to offer our services across Horsham District and the money you have donated will still be allocated to the project for which we applied.

Thank you once **again for your ongoing and very valued support** - with your help we will **continue to change the lives of vulnerable older people in the Horsham District, and across West Sussex, for the better.**

Yours sincerely

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27.08.2020 Email from HDC

Get involved in this year's Great British September Clean 2020

Dear District, Parish and Neighbourhood Councillors,



Get involved in the Great British September Clean

11 – 27 September 2020

Once again Horsham District Council will be backing the annual, **Keep Britain Tidy** litter campaign **calling on #LitterHeroes across the country to help improve the environment on their doorstep.**

We will be providing support to residents through our **Adopt a Street** initiative now celebrating its fifth anniversary and enjoying the support of more than 4,500 local volunteers. You may like to help to spread the word and encourage residents and businesses to back this campaign.

About the Great British September Clean

Originally named the 'Great British Spring Clean' the campaign was moved from the original date in March due to the start of Coronavirus pandemic and is now the **Great British September Clean.**

Keep Britain Tidy is hoping that the more than 680,000 volunteers who promised to give their time, enthusiasm and excitement to this campaign in the Spring will return to join forces to collect and safely dispose of single-use plastic from our streets, parks and beaches, recycling as much as possible.

How you can support this campaign

We are calling on parishes, communities and individuals to get involved, helping to keep their local communities litter free and joining the thousands of #LitterHeroes across the country who will be joining the Great British September Clean, helping to improve the environment on their doorstep.

Here's how you and your constituents can get involved and show support for the Great British September Clean:

1. **Organise a private clean-up** with up to five other family members and friends.

2. [Pledge to do your own individual clean-up](#) - you can give as little as 15 minutes to the campaign such as picking up litter while walking the dog or on the walk to school. By making this pledge online Keep Britain Tidy can see just how many people are passionate about protecting and preserving their environment.
3. You can also [download and distribute posters and other resources](#) from the Keep Britain Tidy website to help to promote the campaign in your local area.

How we can help – contact Adopt a Street

If you would like to do something special in the Horsham District this year and take part in the Great British September Clean please do contact the Waste Services team here at the Council via our [Adopt a Street](#) initiative. Adopt a Street is now supported by **over 4,500 volunteers** who have signed up to support their local community through litter picking initiatives.

We will help litter picking volunteers through the loan of equipment to help you in your work - whether it is bin bags or pick up sticks. But hurry – our equipment supply is limited and they are only available on a first come, first served basis. We will also collect any litter that you have picked up during the campaign. Please contain the litter within sacks, bring it back to your address and let us know the location by calling **01403 733144** at Adopt a Street and we will collect it from you.

And finally...

If you or someone you know decides to get involved please take before and after pictures and share on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter so that you can publicise your success [#GBSpringClean](#) [#AdoptAStreet](#). By sharing what you are up to you may help encourage others to get involved with [Adopt A Street](#) year-round and change their mind-set about litter in their community. Please tag [@HorshamDC](#) in your posts and we will also share them with other communities across the District.

Litter facts

- Every year Horsham District Council's Waste and Recycling team sweep litter up from over 1,600 miles of streets
- The Horsham District now has over 4,500 Adopt a Street volunteers helping to keep their local communities clean and tidy.
- Councils in England are having to spend over £700 million on street cleaning services every year.

Thank you. Kind regards Sarah.

Sarah Hogben

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27.08.2020 Email from HDC

Thursday, 27th August, 2020, 1.23 pm - Publication of plan: September 2020, Cabinet.



Council and cabinet meetings

Agendas, minutes and publications

You are subscribed to receive Council meeting agendas, minutes and publications email updates from Horsham District Council. To view the updated page click on the link below.

[Thursday, 27th August, 2020, 1.23 pm - Publication of plan: September 2020, Cabinet.](#)

This item matches your subscribed publisher "Cabinet"

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 **Horsham
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29.08.2020 Email from West Sussex 4 Community Funding Alerts & 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.

26/08/2020: [Funding to Support LGBT+ Communities During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

24/08/2020: [Government Funding Support for COVID Early Language Skills Gap](#)

21/08/2020: [Funding for VCSE Organisations in England to Improve Health Outcomes for Mothers and Babies in Deprived Areas or from BAME Backgrounds](#)

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.

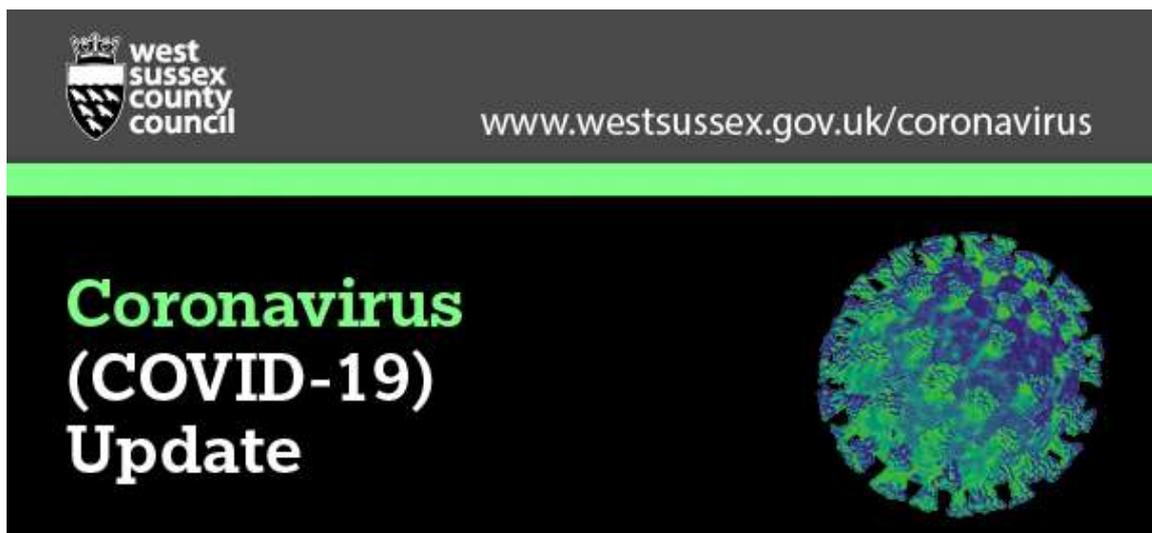
Regards,
The West Sussex 4 Community team

Update email preferences

If you do not wish to receive these emails any longer, please log in with your existing account to change your email preferences or to unsubscribe. [You can log in to your account here.](#)

28.08.2020 Email from WSCC

News from West Sussex County Council - 28 August 2020



Dear residents and partners,

The number of cases across the county has been increasing over the past few weeks. In the 14 day period of 10 to 23 August 88 people across the county tested positive, compared to 51 people in the period 4 to 17 August.

	4th August to 17th August	5th August to 18th August	6th August to 19th August	7th August to 20th August	8th August to 21st August	9th August to 22nd August	10th August to 23rd August
West Sussex	51	51	55	66	75	78	88

The overall **rate per 100,000 population** across the county remains below the England rate.

- Over a 7-day period (to 23 August) the West Sussex rate was 6.4 cases per 100,000 compared with a rate of 10.5 per 100,000 across England overall.
- Over a 14-day period (to August 23) the West Sussex rate was 10.2 cases per 100,000 compared with 22.5 per 100,000 across England overall.

A [weekly update report](#) with local data is available on our website.

As schools are set to welcome students we have put together useful resources on our website to help parents and pupils feel more confident at the start of the new school year. More information is available below.

Our cycleway scheme is now underway with Chichester's being the first to open with more to come. We want your views on the scheme and there is a survey to take part in which is below.

Looking after your mental health while we remain in lockdown is still very important and if you, or someone you know is struggling they can find information and resources on the [NHS Every Mind Matters website](#).

We hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday Weekend and thank you for your continued support.



Back to school – we are ready!

Schools are ready to welcome pupils back when they reopen from next week – are you ready too?



Share your views on Chichester's cycleway

Chichester's pop-up cycleway is now open. Cyclists are being encouraged to try the cycleway for



Have you chosen to 'Go Gigabit'?

Residents, and small and medium sized businesses in rural West Sussex areas can benefit from the fastest and most reliable

Don't worry, there is lots of useful information for families and students on our [Back to School webpages](#).

However you travel to school, there's guidance – such as the need for children aged 11 and over to wear face coverings on public buses and videos to support younger children.

West Sussex students and teachers have also made a special video for those feeling a bit nervous - and your school will be able to reassure you about the measures they have in place to keep everyone safe.

[Visit our Back to School pages.](#)



Family and friend carers - we want your views

Do you look after a family member, partner or friend in need of support or services because of their age, physical or learning disability or illness?

You could help shape the future of unpaid care in West Sussex for the

themselves. Tell us what you think in our [survey](#).

There are seven government-funded [temporary cycleways](#) planned for West Sussex. They are an emergency response to increase travel options as part of the Government-led recovery plan from COVID-19 and will create safe space for active travel and encourage people to cycle rather than use the car.

[Take our survey.](#)



Annual electric blanket testing events

Due to the coronavirus, West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is unable to hold their annual electric blanket testing events for 2020.

Last year, over 20% of the blankets that were tested were deemed unsafe – so it is vital that you still ensure your

broadband connectivity if they choose to 'go gigabit'.

Thanks to collaboration between the West Sussex councils, more money is now available to pay for gigabit-capable broadband connectivity through the Government's Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme.

We've seen high interest and vouchers are moving fast.

[Check your eligibility now.](#)



Help is still available

Our COVID-19 community hub team remains available every day to help our vulnerable residents.

[Find out more.](#)

next five years by taking part in this [Carers Support West Sussex online survey](#) and sharing your views.

The survey takes approximately 10-minutes to complete and the closing date is 9am, Monday 7 September.

[Take the survey.](#)

electric blanket is safe to use, especially as the colder months approach.

[Read our top tips for looking after your electric blanket.](#)



[Remind yourself of the best way to wash your hands.](#)



[Check that you know when you should be social distancing.](#)



[Read the latest guidance on face coverings, including how to make your own.](#)

A large blue banner with a yellow box at the top left containing the word 'CORONAVIRUS'. Below it, the text 'KEEP WEST SUSSEX SAFE' is written in large white letters. On the right side, there is a photograph of a woman wearing a light blue surgical face mask. Below the photo, the text 'Visit our website for the latest advice and updates »' is written in white. At the bottom right, there is a yellow box containing the text 'SPREAD THE MESSAGE NOT THE VIRUS #KEEPWESTSUSSEXSAFE' in black and white.

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28.08.2020 Email from WSCC

WSCC news release - Plea to Blue Badge holders: renew your parking permits as soon as possible



Plea to Blue Badge holders: renew your parking permits as soon as possible

Attachments

- Blue Badge scheme.jpg [Blue Badge scheme.jpg](#)

Blue Badge parking permit holders are being urged to check their badges' expiry dates and, if these are approaching or already expired, apply for a renewal as soon as possible.

Blue Badges enable disabled people with visible and non-visible ('hidden') disabilities to access goods and services, by allowing them to park close to their destination.

Following the start of the COVID-19 crisis and Government advice, the county council advised permit holders of a relaxation to the rules: that district and borough councils in West Sussex should not issue penalty charges for using badges with an expiry date from 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020.

This relaxation will end on 30 September 2020 and anyone using an out-of-date badge after this date may receive a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) or other enforcement action.

A spokesperson for the Blue Badge scheme said: "Anyone who has not already renewed their badge is urged to do so as soon as possible to allow time to process the application.

"Please go to www.westsussex.gov.uk/bluebadge for information on how to apply. As we have limited capacity for dealing with post, we would be grateful if applicants apply online, if they can. However, if this is not an option, those renewing are advised to get in touch by calling 01243 777653."

Ends

Notes to editors:

- West Sussex County Council takes the misuse of Blue Badges seriously because it is not only fraud, but it can mean that genuine, vulnerable users are deprived of accessing vital services because parking spaces are taken by fraudsters. This could include spaces near doctors' surgeries, chemists or other community facilities. Trying to deceive others that you are entitled to the benefits afforded to Blue Badge holders also costs the public purse.

- There are currently 38,000 Blue Badges on issue in West Sussex. We find that most of the time Blue Badges are being used correctly, but the National Audit Office estimates misuse is as high as 20%. It is very important that we check for misuse so that both genuine users are not disadvantaged and tax payers do not lose out to fraudsters.
- Since August 2017, county council officers have been working in partnership with Brighton and Hove City Council and colleagues at all seven local district and borough councils to clampdown on Blue Badge misuse. Officers, working with Sussex Police, have also issued a number of official warnings, called Community Resolutions.

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Chief Executives Bulletin

National salary pay scales

We've published a new employment briefing on the national salary pay scales for clerks and other employees employed under the terms of the model contract. The briefing includes updated pay scales in line with the 2004 national agreement for the sector. Read more in our news story [here](#).

NALC Leaders talk online event

At our *Leaders talk: Building back stronger communities online* event on 25 August, it was good to hear the chairman of the Local Government Association (LGA), Cllr James Jamieson, thank local (parish and town) councils for their work over the last few months, and hear his commitment to pushing for less centralisation and more devolution to all levels. It was also striking he stressed the importance of not going back to where we were before the pandemic, but to build back something better with the community at its heart. This was a message echoed by high street guru Bill Grimsey who also issued the challenges: "Are we ready for localism on steroids? Are we building the local leadership to act as catalysts engaging with communities to reinvent our places for the better?". You can contribute to these discussions at our [future events](#) – but do book soon as they are proving to be popular and our next event in partnership with the Woodland Trust is sold out!

Meeting with Local Government Association chairman

Our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, had one of her regular catch-up sessions with Cllr James Jamieson on 26 August. Funding was top of the agenda and Sue provided an update on the latest position and the recent example by Cornwall Council which she hoped the LGA

would promote; in response, James confirmed the LGA's role was to represent its members and not tell them what to do but agreed to work together and support a case for the government's income compensation scheme to be expanded to include local councils. Other topics discussed included the code of conduct, sector-led improvement and the forthcoming devolution white paper and Comprehensive Spending Review.

Public Sector Executive podcast

Sue and I were pleased to be interviewed for the latest Public Sector Voices podcast by the Public Sector Executive. In the half hour episode we reflect on the last few months and talk about how the pandemic has accelerated what was already happening in the sector – councils doing much more, raising more funds to support their local communities, getting involved in things they might not have in the past – and that local councillors should be at the centre of building back stronger and more resilient local communities. You can listen to the podcast [here](#).

County officer weekly meeting

Our regular Zoom meeting with county officers this week focused on how local councils can be helped to comply with the new website accessibility regulations which will come into effect shortly. As a reminder, we have a useful introduction which is in the members' area of the [NALC website](#) (login required).

Your LCR subscription (plus win £50 in our reader surveys)

As the next edition of *LCR* is being published next month, I want to make sure that you have extended your annual subscription. Please email lcrsub@nalc.gov.uk to ensure we have your details so you will receive this issue. Along with our usual good practice examples and advice and guidance articles, this edition will include MPs' views on the vital work you are doing, financial articles from Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments and Joint Panel on Accountability and Guidance, and how the pandemic has demonstrated the power of community collaboration, plus so much more.

Additionally, we are running two *LCR* reader surveys: one for [current subscribers](#) and one for [ex subscribers](#) to find out your thoughts on the magazine. Everyone who answers their respective surveys will be entered into the prize draw to win £50. We have also extended the deadline to October 31, so get your responses in now!

New report on local government reorganisation

A new report, [Evaluating the importance of scale in proposals for local government reorganisation](#) by Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) for the County Councils Network (CCN), makes the case for the creation of single county unitary authorities. The report also

says: “Structural changes in a system can offer opportunities for different approaches to local governance and renewed roles for local councils. The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government has expressed that town and parish councils should be empowered through the reorganisation process.” LGC also has a story on the report which you can read [here](#). Plenty of food for thought for our National Assembly members who will be discussing devolution and reorganisation at their next meeting in a few weeks!

Direct Information Service

Direct Information Service (DIS) 970 is now out. This is our fortnightly update on the latest news including a round-up of government statements and consultations, planning, rural affairs, funding opportunities, events and a recap of NALC stories. Find out more and get the latest news directly to your inbox [here](#).

Tree charter

The theme of [August’s Tree Charter Newsletter](#) published this week is sustainability, with our stories showing how Mossley Town Council, Prescot Town Council and Wimborne Minster Parish Council have been planning ahead to protect their communities from climate change and safeguard their green spaces. If you have any stories about how your local council is playing its part to protect trees and woodland, please email policycomms@nalc.gov.uk.

And finally...

A reminder you can sign up to the Local Government Bulletin by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Bulletin which includes latest government guidance, advice, communications products and other useful information about coronavirus, EU transition and other topics of interest for local government. Subscribe [here](#) or alternatively email LGengagement@communities.gov.uk.

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Free afternoon car parking for August Bank Holiday weekend

Now that more people are starting to get out and about in our historic towns and villages, the Council is offering free parking in all our town and village car parks from 2pm each day across the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Parking will be completely free from 2pm on Saturday 29, Sunday 30 and Monday 31 August in all Horsham District car parks, excluding BT Exchange in Horsham.



[Find out more](#)

Great line up of live shows to put the sparkle into Christmas 2020



It's never too early to think about Christmas! The Capitol Horsham has organised an excellent programme of live Christmas entertainment for 2020.

The programme includes the popular [A Christmas Carol](#) starring acclaimed Actor [Jack Lane](#) (Wisdom of a Fool and Dad's Army Radio Show), a fantastic festive show for a younger audience, [Santa's New Sleigh](#) and a wonderful selection of Christmas films in the run up to the Christmas festivities.

These shows provide an exciting alternative to our traditional pantomime for 2020 which has unfortunately had to be cancelled as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Any customers with 2020 pantomime tickets will be contacted by their Box Office team in the next few days.



[Book your tickets](#)

COVID-19 Appeal raises over £20,000 for the local community

[The Horsham District COVID-19 Appeal](#) which was launched to help with funding for the Horsham District Community Volunteer Hubs and community group Horsham Matters during the coronavirus crisis, has successfully raised over £20,000.



[Read more](#)

[Watch our video to hear from volunteers themselves about what it's been like to volunteer for a Community Hub during the pandemic.](#)

Good causes reap the benefits from our lottery

Our community lottery has proved really popular with over 900 players and 77 community groups signed up, and over 1,800 tickets sold since it launched last year.

Creating a greener District

In June 2019 the Council committed to reducing its carbon footprint and started to work towards the national target of becoming carbon neutral as an organisation.

The good news is that we are making great progress to achieving these goals

Thanks to this level of interest the lottery is on target to raise £56,000 for local good causes.

[Find out what two local organisations have to say about the funds they have received on page 7 of the summer edition of Our District magazine.](#)

and taking better care of our environment, whilst reducing costs.

[Find out what the Council has done so far and what we plan to do next on page 13 of the summer edition of Our District magazine.](#)



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