

# Rudgwick Parish Council

## Weekly Clerk's Update: 21 - 27 September 2020 (Agenda October 2020)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Jonna Foote

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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).

- Rudgwick Litter Busters Team (volunteer group that regularly is out on "litter patrol" are reporting the following:  
*Just to keep you informed that I have signed up Litter Busters to two dates on The Great British September Clean: 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> September*  
*The 17<sup>th</sup> produced 7 bags of rubbish and we shall see what the 24<sup>th</sup> provides!*  
*In total now, we have collected +100 bags of rubbish within Rudgwick Parish over 16 outings. So there is most definitely a need for this service.*

It is a reminder to everyone to ensure that they do not leave litter, as the chairman mentioned in his article in the September issue of the Rudgwick Parish Magazine, keep Rudgwick litter free;

- Moore (external auditors) have been contacted as the Clerk has not received the required documentation finalising the annual audit. Although paperwork was submitted by the original (pre COVID-19 restrictions) deadline; the auditor has taken the COVID-19 date (30 November) as their deadline (rather than 1<sup>st</sup> September). Clerk would like to finalise process as soon as

possible so that mid-year internal audit can be arranged for October. Boiler replacement has been completed; operating instructions to be disseminated asap;

- HDC second instalment of precept £50,165 has been received (24.9.2020);
- The Groundwork grant paperwork (Neighbourhood Plan) documents have been completed and submitted, effectively closing the grant process, enabling another application to be made;
- COVID 19 QR codes displayed at Rudgwick Hall, King George V changing room and Jubilee Hall;
- Comments on the Government 'Changes to the Planning System' consultation have been submitted.
- Rudgwick Hall boiler replacement nearly finished;
- Parking sign placement at KGV car parks started and to be completed next week;
- It has been reported that Jubilee Hall fence has fallen down, repair to be arranged.

#### **New Applications (Delegated Decision)**

<b>New Planning Applications for consideration by Delegated Decision and noting at the Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.10.2020</b>				
<b>Application No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Reason for Application</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Official Response Date</b>

#### **New Applications**

<b>For discussion at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.10.2020</b>				
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#### **Decisions**

<b>HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.10.2020</b>				
<b>Application No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Reason for Application</b>	<b>RPC Recommendation</b>	<b>HDC Decision</b>

#### **Applications going to Committee**

<b>Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.10.2020</b>				
<b>Application No</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Reason for Application</b>	<b>RPC Recommendation</b>	<b>Planning Committee Date</b>
		none		

#### **Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided**

<b>Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.10.2020</b>				

Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Public Inquiry/Written Representation

### Enforcement Numbers

Enforcement Numbers – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.10.2020	

Correspondence/communications from parishioners / to the Council

Emails/correspondence from external organisations/people

Letter dated 28.09.2020 to WSCC from Next Phase

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**REFERENCE NUMBER: 0822/01**

**DATE: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

County Planning  
West Sussex County Council  
County Hall  
Chichester  
West Sussex  
PO19 1RH

Submitted via Planning Portal

Dear Sirs

**Re: Planning application to vary conditions of planning permission under section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

**Variation of Condition 1 associated with planning applications WSCC/040/19 and WSCC/004/19/RW for works associated with the extension to and restoration of the former clay pit at Rudgwick Brickworks, Lynwick Street, Rudgwick, Horsham, RH12 3DH**

With reference to the above, I write on behalf of my clients Restoration to Agriculture Limited to submit a section 73 application to vary Condition 1 associated with both relevant planning permissions relating to the

extension and restoration of the former clay pit at Rudgwick Brickworks. The section 73 application seeks to vary the condition associated with both permissions in relation to the date upon which the land should be restored in full, whereupon in both permissions the existing deadline is no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

This submission seeks to extend the date associated with both permissions to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in order to provide a reasonable and realistic timeframe to complete the associated infill works and to provide sufficient time for the completion of restoration outside of winter months, and providing a precautionary provision for any latent impacts as yet unseen in the economy from the Covid 19 pandemic.

Restoration to Agriculture Limited have been significantly impacted by Covid-19 restrictions, with the most recent minutes of the Local Liaison Report (found within Appendix I of this submission) dated 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 identifying that receipt of spoil has sat at between 25% and 35% of normal capacity across the period since March 2020. Despite Restoration to Agriculture going to all

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reasonable lengths to support the supply chain, including the offering of discounts and incentives for hauliers to make use of the Rudgwick Brickworks site, the ability to increase receipt of spoil above that range has been difficult. This is due to restoration materials required being closely associated with the significant number of strategic projects that have been paused, together with a large number of staff that have been placed upon furlough within the construction industry; meaning that the haulage trade has found it very difficult to maintain operations at the levels experienced in the locale prior to March 2020.

The applicants are committed to delivering the high quality restoration scheme detailed within the previous permissions and secured most recently by way of the discharge planning conditions associated with the permissions with regard landscaping, restoration and aftercare. However in order to achieve this level of restoration, the socioeconomic circumstances of the previous six months have to be taken into consideration and a realistic and appropriate extension secured so as to provide sufficient time to complete the remaining site capacity of infill (which was estimated at the end of July to be 58,900cu. m.) within a time period that allows for the worst case scenario (the market place remaining as stagnant as it has been over the previous two quarters) further to a reasonable scope of time to allow restoration to take place outside of winter conditions; so as not to require a further extension of time following this submission.

In this regard whilst the remaining infill site capacity would at normal trading levels identify a target completion within 6 - 9 months, it is considered very reasonable to require a longer period to secure the remaining capacity and to provide sufficient time for the restoration processes to take place in the correct seasonal (dry) conditions.

In this regard the proposed extended deadline to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, allows for the worst case scenario approach in relation to receipt of spoil to be accounted for whilst providing for an allowance for restoration

works to be completed across summer 2021.

No other variations associated with the permissions are sought; and as such the existing conditions and details associated with vehicle movements and overall management operations are not sought to be varied and there is to be no change to daily or total quantities of materials required to complete the scheme. To date, feedback from the Local Liaison Group remains positive with regard to the management operations of Rudgwick Brickworks and there have been no incidents, accidents or infringements or any complaints of non-conformities to the Management Plan associated with the site.

The Local Liaison Group's feedback in the previous report identifies an understanding of the change

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of circumstances brought upon Restoration to Agriculture by the Covid-19 pandemic and they are receptive to the proposal of an extension of time due to the collective view that the completion of the restoration project is paramount.

It is in planning terms considered reasonable in the context of the Development Plan and the material consideration of the Covid-19 effect to justify the basis of the extension of time in this regard. As such it is respectively requested that the application is supported and the extension of time to permissions WSCC/040/19 and WSCC/004/19 are approved by the County Planning Authority.

Kind Regards,



**Christopher Whitehouse MRICS BSc (Hons) RICS Accredited Expert Witness  
Managing Director / Chartered Planning & Development Surveyor**

For and on behalf of NextPhase Development Limited

Appendix 1. Local Liaison Group Minutes July 2020

**21.09.2020 Email from WSCC**

**A24 Horsham By-Pass Temporary 50mph speed limit**

**(WARNHAM, HORSHAM & BROADBRIDGE HEATH : A24 HORSHAM BY-PASS)**  
**(TEMPORARY 50MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2020**

**NOTICE** is hereby given that not less than seven days from the date of this notice West Sussex County Council intend to make an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to prohibit vehicles from driving at a speed of more than 50mph on a section of the A24 Horsham By-pass from the Farthings Hill roundabout junction to the Great Daux roundabout junction.

The Order is necessary to allow road widening and junction signalisation works to be undertaken

The Order will come into effect on 1 October 2020 and will last for 18 months or until the proposed works are completed, whichever is earlier.

Any queries about the works to take place or the effect of the Order on vehicles using the highway should be directed to WSCC, telephone number (01243) 642105.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020  
Director of Law & Assurance  
County Hall, Chichester.

**21.09.2020 Email from ERTA**

Dear Elected Representatives, Colleagues and Friends,

Re: [https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/gatwick-rail-service-could-link-18954332?fbclid=IwAR2CknrzE9B\\_XiLORuUI1FYABk1kfcHqHL5Hsd-iaTb5EE64DTShdjTJd3E](https://www.getsurrey.co.uk/news/surrey-news/gatwick-rail-service-could-link-18954332?fbclid=IwAR2CknrzE9B_XiLORuUI1FYABk1kfcHqHL5Hsd-iaTb5EE64DTShdjTJd3E)

The idea of upgrading and making more use of the Redhill-Tonbridge rail link makes a lot of sense as does a study to look at how and if a direct curve towards Gatwick could be provided?

However, more trains terminating on through platforms gives rise to capacity/pathing issues and far better for trains to run onwards to elsewhere and the Brighton arm is at capacity.

This is partly why ERTA is proposing rebuilding of the Guildford-Cranleigh-Horsham rail link which could inform a loop between Reading-Guildford-Horsham-Crawley-Three Bridges-Gatwick-Tonbridge and/or back via Redhill and the North Downs rail link which needs inclusive electrification to enable more and boost efficiency as well as giving rise for Thameslink reaches to link with Guildford and possibly Reading out of Croydon for example.

Our other proposals are:

a. support for the Arundel Curve, to enable Crawley/Horsham trains to serve Worthing, Shoreham dn terminate at Brighton.

b. A new realigned Polegate-Stone Cross avoiding line enabling semi fast direct services between Brighton-Hastings and Ashford, whilst at the same time freeing up capacity/paths for more trains to inform a London-Gatwick-Eastbourne focused service, which with marketing would make more of the resort as an international destination and portal stay-cation for wider exploration of the South East with the London amenity built in. Eastbourne seems be-shadowed by Brighton magnetic appeal, whereas these better line configurations would enable both to benefit respectively. Eastbourne tracks need investment and an air of new dynamism.

c. The London - Brighton Mark 2 Project via Uckfield-South Coast Rails incorporating a re-railing of Tunbridge Wells - Eridge and maybe a relocation of the preservation operation elsewhere, like also the Lavender Line? This project would enable better links between Tonbridge and the South Coast and vice versa, with modal shift gains, cleaner air, land use savings for other purposes than endless car parking as well as footfall and spend both ways sustaining small to medium businesses and service opportunities.

d. A study looking at links with the Tonbridge-Redhill Line with a view to whether a curve connection could be provided for either/or the Uckfield Line to link directly onto the Tonbridge Line informing East Croydon-Tonbridge links?

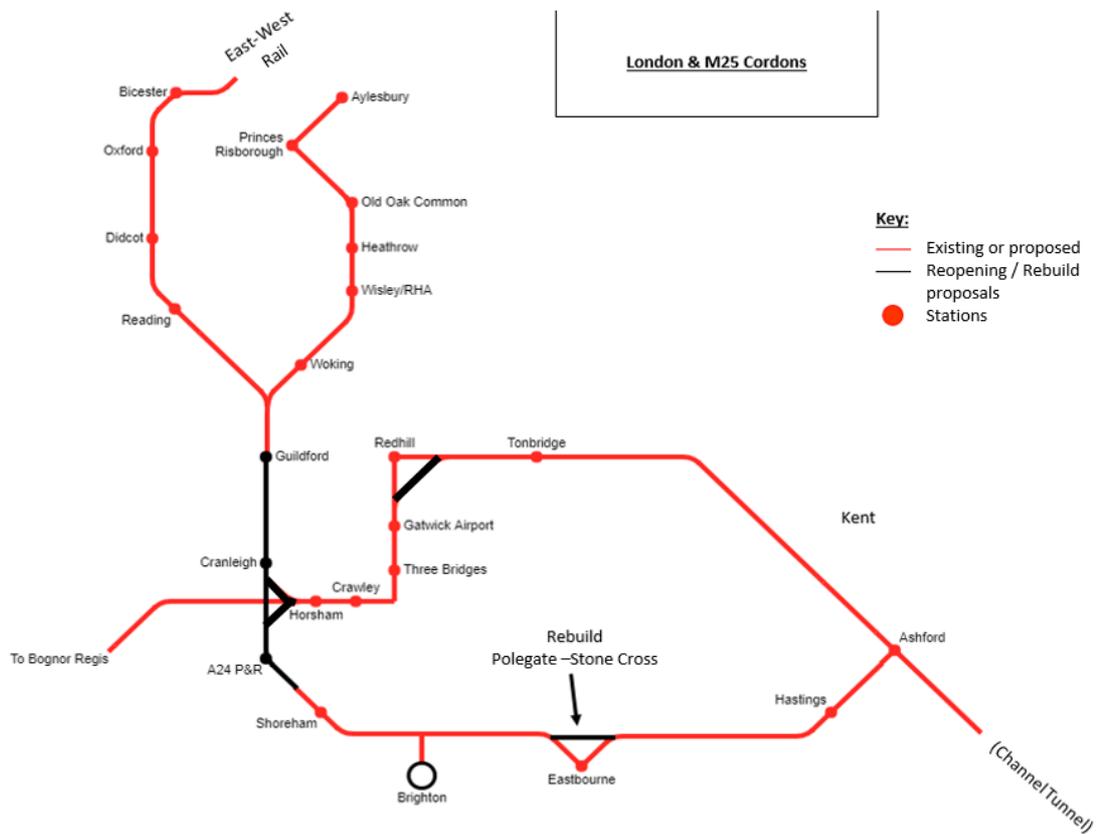
The point is that better east-west links and common standard rail infrastructure needs to be seen as expedient. The landscape is mixed. Surrey County Council needs bringing on board for these projects, as per East and West Sussex, the latter seem content with a cycleway between Shoreham and edge of Guildford, but the compatibility seems undermined if councils fail to turn down a canal application utilising the old trackbed formation, if planners fail to relocate leisure centres and make space for a railway to get through with a station at Cranleigh and for an attitude commensurate for a cycle way and railway to coexist with a broader definition of the corridor to accommodate both respectively, bearing in mind the engineering requirements of a railway, contrast the more flexible design of a cycle way. What is clear is a cycleway and a canal will be very hard to accommodate each other. So wider councils need to get onto these others and bring them to be willing to consult with neighbouring councils and work together to get bulk environmental transport shifted by rail choices and joined up networks of rails. The long ago idea of a flyover like at Bletchley linking the Tonbridge-Redhill with Guildford-Redhill Lines would require some demolition and be a major engineering challenge, but again, the benefits of a seamless Reading-Ashford synergy for passenger and freight with the revitalisation such could make to these part-time track uses, should be aspirational food for thought surely?

ERTA is supportive of better rail links and synergies and wants to see modal shift, traffic reduction, pollution reduction and a better balance and approach to transport generally. I remind you of the Government's Rail Reopenings Fund and you should be lobbying Rt. Hon. Grant Shapps MP, Secretary of State for Transport and others like the Chancellor of the Exchequer to extend it as a rolling programme and again balance the £27 billion new roads budget with the mere £500 million Rail Reopenings Budget - we need a level playing field and more powers and incentives/sanctions to keep option open, not scupper them rail-wise.

You may wish to attest if the Transport for the South East are aware of/pursuing these smaller, incremental pieces of rail infrastructure which combined would make a huge difference?

<https://transportforthesoutheast.org.uk/> Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Richard Pill  
ERTA Chairman



21.09.2020 Email from HDC

Business: Venues required to enforce rule of 6, NHS QR code posters and contact logs



# Business support and information

From Horsham District Council

**Timestamp: 21 September 2020**

## Fortnightly monitoring survey

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

[Answer survey](#)

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## Venues required to enforce rule of 6, NHS QR code posters and contact logs

Regulations have come into force that mean it is now the legal responsibility of pubs, bars, cafes and restaurants and all other tourism and hospitality venues in England to:

- take bookings of no more than 6 people
- ensure that people are not meeting in groups of more than 6 people on their premises
- and make sure there is sufficient space between tables

Businesses failing to comply could be issued with fines of up to £4,000.

Designated venues will also now have a legal requirement to maintain records of customer contact details and display an official NHS QR code poster ahead of the rollout of the [NHS COVID-19 app](#) on the 24 September.

[Find out more about the announcement here.](#)

## Who does this affect?

This includes all venues from the following sectors:

- hospitality, including pubs, bars, restaurants and cafés
- tourism and leisure, including gyms, swimming pools, hotels, museums, cinemas, zoos and theme parks
- close contact services, including hairdressers
- facilities provided by local authorities, including town halls and civic centres (for events), libraries and children's centres.

## How to prepare

If you run a business or venue on the list above, you will need to create a [personalised QR code poster through the Government's website](#).

[View and download the Government's bank of resources to help you prepare](#), where you can access an explainer pack, posters and tips.

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#### 21.09.2020 Email from NALC – corona virus update

## Coronavirus — information for parish & town councils

NALC has updated its coronavirus information. This includes an update on the NHS Test and Trace. See the update below:

On 18 September 2020, new regulations came into force making it a legal requirement for venues to log details of visitors, customers, and staff. Local council venues and buildings that allow public access or bookings must:

- [Have a system in place to request and record contact details of their customers, visitors and staff](#)
- Register for an [official NHS QR code](#) and display the official NHS QR poster from 24 September 2020

The NHS has provided more [information on the QR code and posters](#) for organisations, as well as [further information on the NHS COVID-19 app](#).

Collecting contact details and maintaining records for NHS Test and Trace is a legal requirement and failure to comply is punishable by a fine.

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](#)

### 23.9.2020 Government Daily update

Coronavirus (COVID-19): Meeting with others safely - social distancing

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing/coronavirus-covid-19-meeting-with-others-safely-social-distancing>

### 24.09.2020 Email from HDC

Coronavirus (COVID-19) 24 September: Download the NHS COVID-19 App



# Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information and advice for Horsham District residents

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*Timestamp: 24 September 2020*

## Download the NHS COVID-19 App

The new NHS COVID-19 app, now available to download for free, is the fastest way to see if you're at risk from coronavirus. The faster you know, the quicker you can alert and protect your loved ones and community.

The app has a number of tools to protect you, including contact tracing, local area alerts and venue check-in. It uses proven technology from Apple and Google, designed to protect every user's privacy.



[Find out more about the NHS COVID-19 app](#)

[Download the app](#)

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## COVID-19 restrictions: what's changed?

The Prime Minister addressed the nation on Tuesday 22 September to announce new coronavirus restrictions for England.

[Visit the Government's website to view a summary of the announcement and the measures put in place](#)

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## Hands Face Space

The above measures will only work if we all follow them. There are three simple actions we must all do to keep on protecting each other

- **Wash hands** Keep washing your hands regularly
- **Cover face** Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces
- **Make space** Stay at least 2 metres apart - or 1 metre with a face covering or other precautions

[Find out what you need to do](#)

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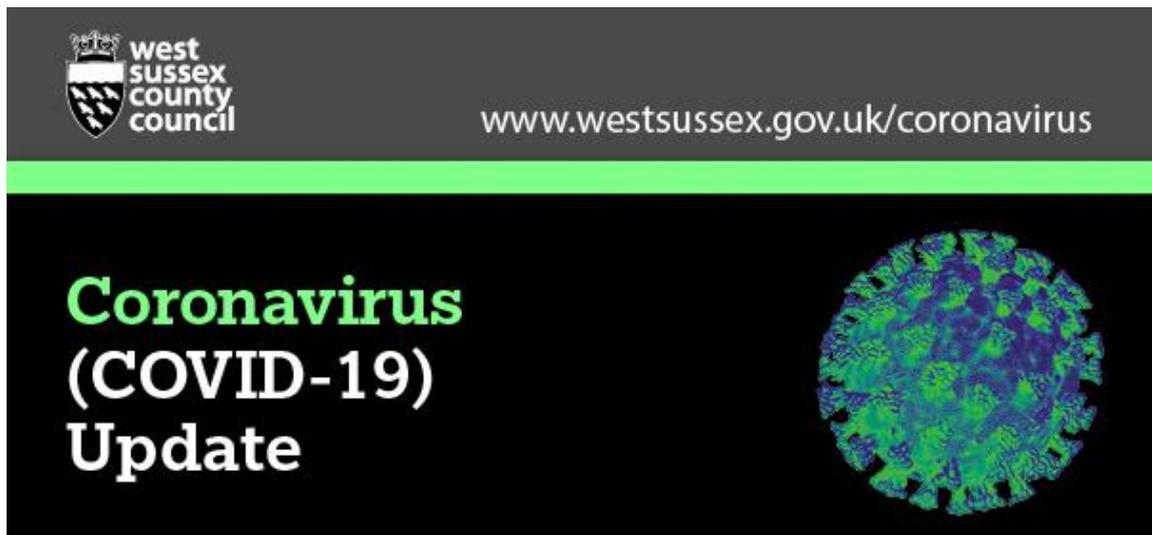
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25.09.2020 Email from WSCC

News from West Sussex County Council - 24 September 2020



Dear residents and partners,

The new NHS COVID-19 app launches today. It allows you to report symptoms, order a coronavirus test, and check into venues by simply scanning a QR code.

We're encouraging all residents to download the new app to help prevent the spread of coronavirus in West Sussex.



Some of our businesses, such as restaurants and pubs, will be legally required to display a QR code poster for you to scan. This means that if you visit the venue and later test positive for coronavirus, other app users who were there at the same time may be sent an alert, if necessary.

The app does this while protecting your anonymity. Nobody, including the government, will know who or where a particular user is. Instead, your postcode district (the first part of your postcode) helps the app work out where the virus is spreading.

Without a vaccine or treatment, we all need to do everything we can to help stop the spread of coronavirus in our county. The new app is an important part of the

government's programme. By downloading and using the app, you'll be helping to protect those around you – friends, family, colleagues and local communities.

**[More information about the app is available on the GOV.UK website.](#)**

Earlier this week, the Prime Minister announced new guidelines to help reduce the spread of coronavirus. Please ensure you are following the rules – you can remind yourself of the **[very latest guidance online.](#)**

Finally, a reminder that our community hub service is still running for elderly and vulnerable residents who may need extra support during this difficult time. If you, or someone you know needs extra help please visit our **[community hub page.](#)**

Thank you for your continued support.



**Thank you for recycling – keep it going!**

New figures released to mark national Recycle Week (21-27 September) show that 53% of items you throw away are now recycled – a new record.

To help boost recycling rates further please remember that your recycling should be:

- **CLEAN** – free from food and drink leftovers.
- **DRY** – keep your recycling bin lid shut – soggy paper and cardboard can't be recycled and



### **Update on Wedding Ceremonies in West Sussex**

Based on tighter lockdown regulations, from Monday 28 September, only 15 people will be allowed to attend wedding ceremonies, to include the couple, witnesses and guests. We have been informed that this number does not include the registrars, venue staff and photographer (correct at time of writing).

All **[county council ceremony rooms](#)** hold less than 15 people to account for social distancing, so the latest government restrictions do not affect this.



### **Over 400 babies born during pandemic still to be registered**

Parents are being reminded to register the births of their babies, after registrations were put on hold during lockdown.

Currently, there are over 400 babies who have still not been registered, alongside more than 500 babies who have been born in the last six weeks.

The appointments system is currently very busy, so parents are encouraged to book their baby's birth registration as soon as possible.

**[Book an appointment.](#)**

can clog up our sorting machines.

- **LOOSE** – not tied up in plastic bags.

[Find out more.](#)



### **Support bubbles**

A household with only one adult in the home can form a 'support bubble' with one other household of any size.

They can think of themselves as one household and have close contact as if they lived together. Once you have formed a 'bubble' you shouldn't change it.

Continue to follow [social distancing guidance](#) with people outside of your household or support bubble. This is critical to keeping you, your family and friends as safe as possible.

We suggest checking regularly for updates.

[Further guidance is available online.](#)

The number of people at small wedding receptions will also reduce from 30 to 15 people.

[Find out more.](#)



### **Flu fightback**

This year it's vitally important to get a flu jab to protect the most vulnerable and reduce the number of people needing flu treatment.

Contact your GP or pharmacy.

[Find out more online.](#)



### **Nine out of ten children back in school**

Schools began to reopen nationally from 4 September and attendance across the county has been encouraging.

Figures from schools showed that attendance from 14 to 23 September was at an average of 89.1% - above the national average.

For those children who aren't able to be in school, teachers are working hard to ensure their access to learning continues.

[Find support for young people struggling with the return to school.](#)

**CORONAVIRUS**

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WEST  
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SAFE**



Visit our website for the latest advice and updates »

**SPREAD THE MESSAGE NOT THE VIRUS  
#KEEPWESTSUSSEXSAFE**



25.09.2020 Email from HDC



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[Friday, 25th September, 2020, 10.33 am - Decision published: Carbon Reduction Target and Action Plan, Cabinet.](#)



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[Thursday, 24th September, 2020, 5.30 pm - Decision published: Conservation Area Appraisal - Warnham and Slinfold, Cabinet.](#)



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[Friday, 25th September, 2020, 10.33 am - Decision published: Community Lottery, Cabinet.](#)

### **25.09.2020 Email from HDC Bonfire Advice**

It has always been the advice of Horsham District Council that uncontrolled (open) burning should not take place. This predates the current situation, and will continue to be so.

Having a bonfire is not prohibited, but it is controlled. There are good health based reasons why any materials, whether garden waste or not, should not be burnt even in largely rural areas, because of its contribution to diffuse air pollution. However, having a bonfire is not a statutory nuisance in itself; the nuisance is the emission (or likely emission) of smoke from a fire and how this affects another person's enjoyment of their property.

Neither the number of nor absence of complaints, nor the distance from neighbours is relevant to the judgement of nuisance but may become relevant if proceedings were to follow. For cases where the fire has not yet been lit, there will be no complaints of smoke. However officers can still act if they are satisfied the scale and/or nature of materials to be burnt are likely to cause nuisance.

Garden waste, paper, or any other waste should not be burned, under any circumstances. Everyone should be mindful of their neighbours and fellow community members. The smoke and smells from bonfires can aggravate respiratory problems such as asthma and bronchitis and affect those with heart complaints and this is particularly an issue given that Coronavirus attacks the respiratory system.

The disposal of waste or other materials by burning is not the only way in which such items can be disposed of and these options should be exhausted before burning is considered. Garden waste can be composted or put into a garden waste bin for collection, alternatively keep it in a safe place until it can be taken to the tip or have it collected by a collection service. The Horsham District Council website and social media are updated regularly with kerbside collection information and general waste can continue to be put into the refuse bin.

## **25.09.2020 Email from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin**

### **Chairman meets new minister for regional growth and local government**

Our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, managed to secure an early meeting with Luke Hall MP following his very recent promotion to minister for regional growth and local government at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, here are a few key points:

- Sue took the opportunity to restate the important role our sector can play in rebuilding communities, and if we are empowered and supported we can do more! This is the thrust of [our submission to the Comprehensive Spending Review](#) which Sue also highlighted, seeking his support to work together on measures to develop the role of the sector and champion us across government
- While reports suggest otherwise, he confirmed it was still the government's intention to publish a white paper on devolution this Autumn
- Sue reiterated our call for financial support for those councils most impacted by the pandemic

- The minister welcomed Sue's invitation to speak at our Annual General Meeting on 27 October, and subject to parliamentary business is looking forward to it!

### **New review of public standards**

The independent Committee on Standards in Public Life this week announced it will be carrying out a review of the institutions, processes and structures in place to support high standards of conduct. The review will look at best practice and identify any themes and gaps in the way the [Seven Principles of Public Life](#) are promoted and maintained. As you would expect given our interest in promoting and supporting high ethical standards in our sector, we will be engaging with this inquiry and will be seeking your input very shortly!

### **County and district councils interest groups**

Over the last week, we have taken the opportunity to catch up with senior colleagues at the County Councils Network and District Councils Network. Both published reports over the Summer setting out their stalls on local government reorganisation and devolution, and I think it's really important we maintain good links and relations with all local government representative bodies. In addition to sharing updates on our work including during the pandemic, we discussed several ways to work together with such as on improving relationships, developing capacity, sharing good practice, government policy and attending respective events. We're also hoping to meet shortly with the Special Interest Group of Metropolitan Authorities.

### **Local Council Award Scheme update**

In light of the impact of the pandemic, and feedback received, we have provided some amendments to the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) criteria to help local councils to achieve their award. These updates are effective until the updated criteria are launched in January 2021 and can be found [here](#). For further guidance with your application, please contact your county association.

### **NALC Larger Councils Committee**

NALC's Larger Councils Committee met remotely on 22 September 2020, here are a few highlights:

- The Committee shared updates on ways they are continuing to support their community during the pandemic
- The review of the LCAS was welcomed including good levels of responses from councils, and the Committee looked forward to the outcome of the e-learning pilots
- Cllrs Richard Parry and Sandie Webb reported on their engagement with the Super Councils Network, with current hot topics including remote and hybrid meetings,

homeworking, financial impact of the pandemic, neighbourhood planning and devolution and COVID 19 funding.

- The Committee also noted good progress with NALC's online events series with many events selling out, and the Management Board decisions to extend the terms of office of some Committee to bring them in line with all other NALC elections.

### **Tree Charter Board**

The Tree Charter Board, of which NALC is a member, met on 22 September to take stock of what it has achieved and how its future might develop. To date, 150,000 people have signed up, 45000 trees have been planted and 640 Charter branches established – I'm really pleased to say our local councils have been leading the way with 270 branches set up by them, 250 by community groups and 120 by schools and universities! You can read more about our work on the Tree Charter, which is now very much part of our wider initiatives on the climate emergency response, on the [dedicated webpage](#). This also includes our September newsletter showcasing the biodiversity work of Camborne Town Council, Whitton and Tosson Parish Council and Woolsington Parish Council - great examples of councils of all sizes getting involved! And if you want to get involved and become a charter champion or register a charter branch, here's the [registration form](#).

### **Climate change task and finish group**

Our climate change task and finish group, set up by the Policy Committee, met for the third time this week. Issues covered included the need for a green thread in all work that local councils undertake, the use of the [NALC climate change webpage](#) as a hub of useful information and our forthcoming survey on the ways councils are tackling climate change and any barriers they are facing.

### **Website accessibility regulation**

This week was the deadline for public bodies, including local councils, to comply with the website accessibility regulations. These are perhaps more timely than ever as people rely increasingly on online communication during the pandemic. It's an opportunity to assess how accessible your website is to people with a range of disabilities and impairments, where often a few small, simple changes can make a big difference. NALC too has audited our website and introduced an accessibility statement. If you haven't already done this work then don't worry – our guidance on the website accessibility regulations is available in the [member's area of our website](#) and provides practical guidance and advice to help your council achieve compliance.

### **In and about**

I had the pleasure of speaking at a really well organised online event by the Warwickshire

and West Midlands Association of Local Councils on 24 September. This was the latest in their three-tier events bringing together Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council and local councils. It focussed on action to tackle the climate emergency and was a good example of how the tiers can work together effectively. There were inspirational examples of bottom-up and community-driven initiatives, from bee stops to repair cafes, illustrating how small changes can make big things happen! I really do believe local councils can be at the centre of this movement hence I was delighted to speak about about the work NALC has been doing through our Task and Finish Group on climate change its collection of case studies out shortly.

Over in the other side of the Midlands, this week was Charlotte Eisenhart, head of member services, who joined the Federation of East Midlands Associations of Local Councils to discuss legal services, e-learning and hear more about how colleagues are working together during the pandemic.

#### **And finally...**

I was interested to see the creation of Community Improvement Districts or 'pop-up parishes' to deliver community-led change among the recommendations in the [report for government by Danny Kruger MP](#) on proposals to maximise the role of civil society. Given the numerous challenges of setting up local councils in urban areas and cities, this approach could provide a helpful pathway and is an idea we are already working on through a project with Centre for London. The report also calls for a new social covenant and makes twenty recommendations across three themes of power, people and places.

**26.09.2020 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.

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23/09/2020: [Leaders with Lived Experiences Funding Programme Accepting Applications](#)

23/09/2020: [Nesta's New Prize Supports the Vulnerable to Access Post-COVID Jobs and Finance](#)

22/09/2020: [Funding for Youth Volunteering Projects Related to COVID-19 Crisis](#)

22/09/2020: [Garfield Weston Foundation's New £25m Culture Fund to Open on 5 October](#)

22/09/2020: [UK Hospices Can Apply for Core Costs from 28 September 2020](#)

21/09/2020: [Funding for Science Events that Engage Under-Represented Audiences](#)

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Regards,  
The West Sussex 4 Community team

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