

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 15 - 21 March 2021 (Agenda April 2021)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)

Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
 - APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
 - CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
 - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
 - HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
 - HDC (Horsham District Council)
 - NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
 - SSALC (Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils)
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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 her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

- Successful Annual Parish Meeting held virtually on Monday 15th March with 19 members of the public attending;
- Skatepark to reopen on the 29th March;
- RPC would like to thank the Foxholes Footpath Renovation Group for their hard work and contributions in clearing and laying a new path and to the Rudgwick Preservation Society who helped fund the work;



New Applications (Delegated Decision)

New Planning Applications for consideration by Delegated Decision and noting at the Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.04.2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Response Date
<u>DC/21/0378</u> 15/03/2021	Sweetlands Farm, The Haven, Billingshurst	Retrospective application for the construction of a pole barn for hay and agricultural equipment following approval of prior notification application DC/20/1610.		05.04.2021
<u>DC/21/0214</u> 18.03.2021	6 Bridge Road, Rudgwick	Erection of a part single storey, part two storey side and rear extension, roof alterations and associated works.		08.04.2021
<u>DC/21/0303</u> 12.03.2021	Old House, Tismans Common, Rudgwick	Flood repair and waterproofing works to basement (Listed Building Consent)		02.04.2021
<u>DC/21/0337</u> 18.03.2021	Sweetlands Farm, The Haven	Variation of condition 1 of planning permission DC/20/1669 (Demolition of		08.04.2021

		existing house and erection of a double storey dwelling. Also retrospective change of use of land to the east of dwelling to form garden curtilage) Amendments to remove chimney and revise fenestration.		
DISC/21/0061 11.03.2021	Sweetlands Farm, The Haven	Approval of details reserved by conditions 3 on DC/20/1669		Not available

New Applications

For discussion at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.04.2021				
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Decisions

Decisions - Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.04.2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Response Date
WSCC/050/20	Rudgwick Brick Works, Lynwick Street, Rudgwick	Variation of conditions of planning permission WSCC/040/19 for an extension in the time to complete infill and restoration and alterations to the approved scheme	No objection	WSCC Permitted with conditions

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.04.2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Planning Committee Date

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.04.2021

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

Enforcement Numbers

Enforcement Numbers – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 12.04.2021		
EN/21/0089	Alleged: removal of trees, laying of hardstanding and erection of telephone mast to car park area. The Kings Head, Church Street, Rudgwick	Pending consideration

Correspondence/communications from parishioners / to the Council

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Emails/correspondence from external organisations/people

20.03.2021 Email from HDOPF

HDOPF Rookwood public meetings 25th March & 8th April - places filling up

Concerns were raised at the Horsham District Older Peoples Forum public zoom meeting on the 3rd March about the proposed sale of land at Rookwood, with its public golf course and situated next to Warnham Nature Reserve, for housing development. The public disquiet is illustrated by the number of letters published in the West Sussex County Times over the past weeks. A proposal was made and voted for, that the Forum should hold a public zoom meeting to hear both ‘for and against’ sides as to the publicly owned green space being sold and built on.

Cllr Jonathan Chowen, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Leisure & Culture

(Cowfold, Shermanbury and West Grinstead Parishes) has been active in explaining the HDC proposed development and has agreed to attend to explain the proposed development and answer questions from the public.

Sally Sanderson, Chairman of Friends of Horsham Park, and part of the alliance of Horsham Green Spaces and Keep Rookwood Green, has agreed and will be attending along with other alliance representatives to give a short presentation as to why they are against the development and also answer points and questions.

There will be 2 public zoom meetings, each with up to 100 spaces. **The first, 10am – 12noon on Thursday 25th March** mainly aimed at older people living in the Horsham District and the **second 7pm – 9pm Thursday 8th April** mainly aimed at residents living in the 3 unparished areas of Horsham town represented by Horsham Denne, Horsham Forest and Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Councils.

If you would like to attend, please email hdopforum@gmail.com and if sufficient space, the zoom joining information will be sent. Spaces will be, as far as possible allotted on a 'first come first served' basis. More than one person in a household can attend. It would help if you state which meeting you would like to attend, where in the District you live, if aged 60+ or live in the unparished area. We will of course, be flexible as far as possible. It is hoped that the level of feeling either way, on this proposed development will be shown by the numbers attending.

Questions and / or short points that you wish to put should ideally be sent in with your request to attend, prior to the meeting to ensure the meeting can go ahead smoothly. There will be a Chat room facility, for further questions if time allows and to make comments, during the meeting. All participants other than speakers will be on mute with video switched off except when asking a question. The meeting will be recorded.

"I am pleased that there will be the opportunity for a Cabinet Member from the Council at the meeting to simply explain what is proposed and answer questions from local residents whilst also giving the opportunity to hear those against. The Council proposed development is clearly causing upset to local people including the elderly, who fear the loss of such a large area of publicly owned green space in Horsham. A representative from the Council may help to allay those fears."

Martin Bruton, Chairman

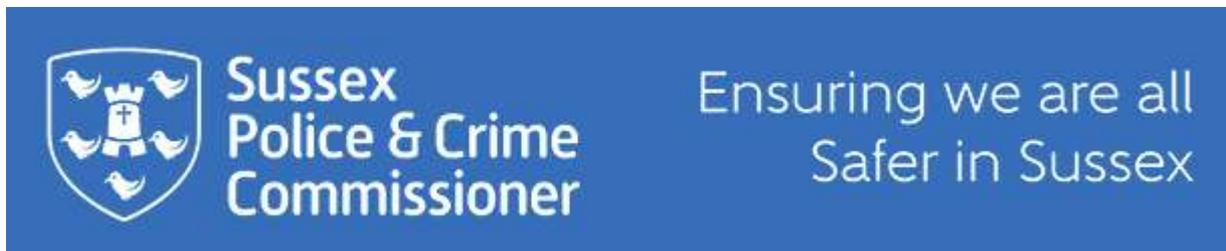
[Horsham District Older Peoples Forum](#)

The Horsham District Older Peoples Forum (HDOPF) is an independent, non-political, voluntary group that is free to attend and take part in. It acts as the 'ears' and gives a 'voice' for people aged 60 and over who reside in the Horsham District Council area or who cares for someone who is. The Forum exists for anyone to raise issues that relate to or affect local older people. The Forum holds quarterly public meetings around the district. We take action where possible on issues that are raised i.e take up with local councils or with a project; we also act as an information hub and consultative group for anyone seeking the views of older people in the district on particular plans, topics or schemes that may affect older people. The Forum is pleased to circulate and publicise information and any events that may be of interest to local older people or carers.

The Forum is actively working towards an 'Age-Friendly' and 'Dementia Friendly' Horsham.



19.03.2021 Email from Sussex Police
Policing of vigils and protests on accountability agenda



Today during my monthly Performance & Accountability Meeting with Chief Constable Jo Shiner we discussed the policing of the vigils/protests which have been held in Sussex over the last week following the harrowing news of Sarah Everard's death.



I posed questions about how complaints from the public are being addressed and she was able to give me, and residents who tuned in to watch the live stream, a detailed explanation of the policing approach taken.

She said: "It is important to remember that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic and the police have a job to do to help reduce the risk of the spread of this virus.

"Officers took no action as people came to peacefully pay their respects, even when they gathered to do so. However, once the two-metre guidance was broken and the crowds began to be offensive towards our officers, enforcement was taken as a last resort where engagement and encouragement did not work.

“I do believe that any action taken was proportionate and fair. Out of the six protests which have occurred in Sussex, we’ve only made two arrests.

“However, public order policing is challenging and getting the right balance is not easy. Our policing approach has been consistent throughout the pandemic but I can completely understand public perception at this time and we will listen and try to better understand any concerns. We continue to learn from everything we do in policing and I have conducted an internal review.”

I was reassured to hear that the majority of people who attended the vigils adhered to the social distancing and gathering rules which have helped drive Covid levels down.

Over the last year my office has funded £3.4million to 42 different organisations across our county to make sure that specialist support is available for women and girls who are the victims of violence or abuse of any kind.

Sussex Police are also committed to ensuring they work with our communities to build the confidence of women or anyone else who feels unsafe to come forward and report. They are already planning for the potential impact of the reopening of the night-time economy.

Nobody should feel unsafe on our streets. Positive action will continue to be taken to prevent violence, safeguard victims and address perpetrators’ behaviours.

You can watch my discussion with the Chief Constable on this topic and others, [here](#).

124,729 people had their say on dog theft

At 5pm Friday 12 March my national dog theft survey closed. Thank you to everyone who shared their views over the last three weeks.

With a final count of 124,729, it makes it the largest survey ever conducted by the Association of Police & Crime Commissioners.

Key findings from the survey were: 97% said that dog theft is a serious problem; 22% have had a dog stolen or knew someone who had over the last year and 83% have grown more fearful of taking their dog for a walk. You can read the full breakdown of results [here](#).

It really showed the strength of feeling people have on this topic and that public perception and fear of this crime has increased, especially since lockdown.

I met with representatives from the Home Office to present all the findings this week and discussed, in general terms, what their plans are to tackle theft of companion pets. I was reassured by their commitment to taking this seriously and I know that our survey will help them to inform next steps.

I am also reassured by the announcements I've seen over the last week from some police forces, including Sussex Police, that these crimes are being addressed. You can read about a recent arrest made by our local officers [here](#).

By sending a strong message that dog theft is being taken seriously, we can hopefully deter criminals and boost public confidence.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



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[HAVE YOUR SAY IN OUR LATEST POLL](#)

19.03.2021 Email from WSCC

Your latest news on COVID-19 - A Day to Reflect and Remember- vaccines update - and more



COVID-19 update



Keep West Sussex Safe Podcast – Lisa Stone

“Be patient, we’re not going to come out of lockdown and be back to normal”

Listen to Lisa Stone, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse at West Sussex County Council, talk about why the hands, face, space guidance is so important and what we can do to keep safe as we move out of lockdown. [Listen to the podcast on Soundcloud.](#)

Infection Rates

In the seven days to Saturday 13 March there were 293 new cases (34 per 100,000 population). This means on average 42 people are testing positive for COVID-19 each day in West Sussex. However, cases are falling compared to the previous week.

You can get information on the infection rates in your area by [visiting the Data Dashboard.](#)

Remember, if you think you may have any coronavirus symptoms, isolate immediately and book a test by [visiting the 'test, trace, and isolate' section of our website](#) or by calling 119 to get an appointment to visit a test site.

Could you help us spread the message? We have shared the images we use for the Keep West Sussex Safe campaign [on our website](#). Please feel free to download and share them with your friends, family and people in your community who might not otherwise see these important messages.

Thank you for your support and let's continue to do all we can to stop the spread of coronavirus. Act like you have it. #KeepWestSussexSafe

Find your test

COVID-19 tests for people without symptoms are becoming more available.

1 in 3 people with the virus don't have any symptoms, so regular testing and self-isolation if you test positive are key things we can all do in the fight against the pandemic and protecting friends, families, colleagues and our communities.

The following helps explain some of the symptom-free testing currently available:

- [Adults who need to leave home for work, caring or volunteering and who can't access testing via other means](#)
- [Adults living or bubbling with school-age children](#)
- [Teachers, school staff, pupils and students](#)
- [Care home workers](#)
- [Personal assistants in adult social care](#)
- Businesses looking for symptom-free testing for their workforce can apply directly to the government scheme. The scheme is open to all businesses registered in England whose employees cannot work from home. Businesses must register for the scheme before 31 March. [Full details are available on the government website.](#)

Remember: If you have any of the symptoms of COVID-19, you must self-isolate immediately and book a test via the [NHS website](#). It is everyone's responsibility to stick to the hands, face, space guidance to stay safe and protect ourselves, each other and the NHS.

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COVID-19 vaccinations



NHS teams and volunteers in Sussex reached a major milestone this week when they gave their 750,000th COVID-19 vaccination.

You are now able to book a vaccine appointment if you are aged 50 or over, if you are at high risk (clinically extremely vulnerable) or moderate risk (clinically vulnerable) from

coronavirus, if you have a learning disability, live or work in a care home or are an unpaid carer.

You can book your vaccination appointment at one of the NHS centres by going [online](#) or by calling 119. You may also be contacted by your GP practice or GP led vaccination service (supported by your GP practice) if you are eligible.

Local vaccination services are also starting to contact people who are due for their second dose. This is to make sure that all those who have had one jab receive their follow up appointment.

If you are worried that you might not be able to get to your COVID-19 vaccination appointment, you can now book a free return journey through Sussex NHS Commissioners. This new service aims to help those who don't have access to transport or have a family member, friend or carer who can help.

If you would benefit from this service, once you have booked your vaccination appointment, you can call 01444 275 008 to speak to a travel coordinator who will be able to help arrange free travel for you. The booking service is available between 10am and 1pm, and 2pm and 5pm, from Monday to Friday.

All transport providers have signed up to a COVID-19 safety policy to ensure that all precautions are in place for a safe journey.

You can find out more information about the local vaccination programme by visiting the [Sussex Health & Care Partnership website](#).

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A Day to Reflect and Remember

The nation is due to fall silent next Tuesday as we remember friends and relatives who have died during the pandemic.



The National Day of Reflection on 23 March is organised by the charity Marie Curie to mark a year since the first lockdown, and is backed by government.

Everyone is invited to pause to reflect during a minute's silence at 12 midday and to come together later that evening outside our homes with a light and show support to people grieving the death of a loved one.

For more information, including details of how you can get involved and join the online event, go to the [Marie Curie website](#).

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Easter meal vouchers



The 16,000 West Sussex children who receive free school meals will again be given supermarket food vouchers for the Easter holiday.

The County Council is providing a £30 voucher for each eligible child for the two-week break. It follows the County Council scheme which ran over the Christmas and February school holidays, taking the total value of supermarket vouchers distributed to free school meal-eligible families by the Council to £1.2m.

The vouchers are again being funded by the government's Winter Support Grant Scheme, which has been extended to cover Easter, and enables local authorities to give further financial support to those in need during the pandemic.

The West Sussex Community Hub remains open to support families and individuals who are experiencing financial hardship or are in need of supplies, including those not eligible for free school meals.

The hub is open from 8am-8pm, seven days a week and people can [contact the Hub online](#) or by calling 033 022 27980.

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Need help with the Census?

The 2021 Census is 'digital first' which means people are being asked to complete the form online.

Anyone without internet access or digital skills can get support from library staff who can help them complete their Census forms.

As our libraries are currently not open for browsing or computer use, staff will complete the form online for residents over the phone. To book an appointment, phone 0330 222 3455, Monday to Friday between 10.00am – 4.00pm.



[FIND OUT MORE](#)

'Book to Recycle' trial gets underway



Residents wishing to visit certain Household Waste Recycling Sites (HWRSs) can avoid queues and long waiting times by booking a slot online as part of the 'Book To Recycle' trial scheme.

From Monday 29 March anyone visiting Bognor Regis, Crawley, Horsham, Littlehampton, Shoreham-By-Sea or Worthing HWRSs will need to pre-book their slot in advance, either online or by telephone.

The trial scheme has been introduced due to an increased demand in recent weeks, which has led to Sussex Police closing sites temporarily and is similar to schemes successfully running in neighbouring counties.

Slots can be booked up to 14 days in advance but must be booked by the day before you plan to visit.

You will be able to make one trip in a week (Monday-Sunday) per household and are asked to continue using a site local to you rather than traveling further afield.

You can book your slot now or find out more information about the 'Book to Recycle' trial [here](#) or by calling 01243 642106.

You will need to provide your vehicle registration number and postcode.

Please note you will still need to be prepared to show ID, to prove you live in West Sussex, and a permit if you have a trailer or commercial style vehicle.

All HWRSs are now operating their summer opening hours. Find out when your local site is open [here](#).

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Update on birth registrations

The Registration Service has commenced a phased return for birth appointments. You can now book an appointment to register a birth for babies born anytime in 2020 up until 31 December 2020. Please book your appointment online via the [website](#) or telephone 01243 642122. The team appreciates your patience and asks for your support in adhering to the phased return to enable the 2020 babies to be registered first.



Before registering the birth, new parents can make a claim for [Child Benefit](#) or [Universal Credit](#).

For emergency birth registrations only, please contact us on [01243 642122](#) and ask for Technical Enquiries.

Birth registrations and travelling

Before booking any travel arrangements abroad, please allow time for the birth to be registered and a passport application processed. Both services will be under extreme pressure at this time, so it could take longer than usual.

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Know someone who would like to receive this eNewsletter?

If anyone you know who would like to sign up for this bulletin, please forward this eNewsletter to them and they can [sign up here](#). Thank you for your support.



18.03.2021 Email from WSCC

£3 million boost for council tax reduction schemes



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Funding of £3 million has been allocated by West Sussex County Council to extend support for residents struggling to pay council tax.

The funds are for additional discretionary relief, administered by district and borough councils, for residents who are claiming Council Tax reduction.

The Council Tax support grant was introduced by the government last year in response to the pandemic. Working age residents claiming council tax reduction relief benefit from having their Council Tax bill reduced by up to £150.

This latest announcement means districts and boroughs can consider continuing the additional discretionary relief for a further year.

West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Finance, Jeremy Hunt, said: "I'm pleased that we are able to allocate funds to help council taxpayers in the greatest financial need.

"This year has been a challenging time for everyone, and many people have struggled financially.

"This news means we can work with our district and borough councils across West Sussex to reach residents who need support."

18.03.2021 Email from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin

NALC in parliament

Members of the House of Lords have raised several of NALC's key issues over the last week:

- In a debate on the Budget, Baroness Scott of Needham Market raised the financial challenges facing local (parish and town) councils, funding not being passed on by principal councils backed our call for financial support and echoed our disappointment

that local councils are not able to apply to the Community Ownership Fund. You can read the full debate on [Hansard](#) or watch it on [Parliamentlive.tv](#).

- The Toilets Bill has passed Report Stage and now awaits Third Reading prior to receiving Royal Assent, in the debate Lord Greaves also spoke about financial issues including the government not having the power to fund local councils and them not being able to apply directly for Changing Places funding. Again, you can read the full debate on [Hansard](#) or watch it on [Parliamentlive.tv](#).

Media coverage

Our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, was on [BBC Politics South](#) on Sunday (18.00 – 25.05), along with Neil Wedge from the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils, on a story about local councils. Sue spoke about taking on new responsibilities, neighbourhood planning and remote meetings, with Neil commenting on behaviour and also calling for remote meetings to continue. It was great to see the BBC's coverage [online](#) and [Radio 4](#) (37.00 – 41.01) of a new [report on devolution](#), lead with how a parish council supported its community during the pandemic.

In and about

It's been a busy week for our in and about and colleagues attending various meetings and events:

- Our [#MakeAChange](#) campaign has continued to be a focus and our project officer, Claire Goldfinch, spoke at an event on 12 March for young people hosted by Our Bright Futures (a partnership led by The Wildlife Trust which brings together the youth and environmental sectors) about the campaign, why age isn't a barrier and how local councils are tackling the climate emergency.
- Justin Griggs, head of policy and communications, was at the Shropshire Association of Local Councils own Make A Change event on 12 March to encourage people to stand in May's local elections.
- Sue and Justin took part in a webinar hosted by Cratus Communications on 15 March on The Life of a Councillor, which you can watch [here](#).
- Sue attended the latest meeting of county associations in the West Midlands, while our legal services manager, Jane Moore, joined a similar remote gathering of colleagues in the East Midlands.
- I was able to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Northumberland Association of Local Councils (from the comfort of my front room!), and also a really good seminar on neighbourhood planning organised by Andy Yuille of Lancaster University who previously worked closely with Cllr Lillian Burns from the Cheshire Association of Local Councils on an important [analysis of the state of neighbourhood planning](#).

National bus strategy published

This week the government published its national bus strategy [Bus Back Better](#), which sets out the vision and opportunity to deliver better bus services for passengers across England through reform of how services are planned and delivered.

Management Board

NALC and county associations continue to make good use of remote meetings which is increasing engagement and making it easier for us all to keep in touch. Our own Management Board held the latest in its series of informal meetings on 16 March and gave us useful steers on lobbying the banking industry to better understand the needs of local councils, appointing Sue and Cllr Mike Drew to a working group with the Society of Local Council Clerks on the civility project, and agreed to special meetings of the Policy Committee and National Assembly to consider the current consultations on the creation of unitary councils in Cumbria, Somerset and North Yorkshire.

Improvement and Development Board

The Improvement and Development Board met remotely via Zoom on 18 March, here's a summary:

- Discussions focused on e-learning (learning conducted via electronic means, typically over the internet), platforms used, and current provision including the Society of Local Council Clerks' Introduction to Local Council Administration, NALC's e-learning pilot and by county associations.
- A key observation was that e-learning can be used to complement other forms of training including face to face delivery.
- The board also considered some of the challenges involved and how the sector can work together on solutions including how to develop and share new content.
- Popular courses mentioned from NALC's e-learning pilot were freedom of information, health and safety and equality and diversity, and suggestions for future topics included a number of core skills as well as niche areas specific to local councils.

CloudyIT meeting and document management summit

With local elections looming and the prospect of lockdown easing, I'm sure many councils are continuing to consider how to run hybrid online and offline meetings and looking to digitise operations more effectively. Our dedicated Coronavirus webpage already includes guidance for local councils on remote meetings and approaching hybrid meetings. In addition, we are supporting CloudyIT's online Meeting and Document Management event on 30 March to help councils get the most out of the Microsoft 365 suite. Industry experts will show you critical tools for accessibility, document management, and how to simplify agenda pack creation and meeting management. Book [here](#) to reserve a place and receive exclusive event offers, including free Microsoft Office 365 training for new councillors and 15% off licensing for new CloudyIT customers.

And finally...

Songs encouraging people to stand for election on 6 May and in support of our #MakeAChange campaign are becoming popular, with Councillor Matthew Churchley from Daventry Town Council penning this great [local council elections jingle](#). If you know of any other songs or inventive ways being used to raise awareness of local councils, May's elections and encouraging people to stand, do let us know policycomms@nalc.gov.uk.

18.03.2021 Email from HDC

Household Waste Recycling Sites move to summer hours, ways to mark Global Recycling Day, and what to do if you're spring cleaning this Easter



Recycling and waste

for the Horsham District

Household Waste Recycling Sites move to summer opening hours



The Household Waste Recycling Sites in West Sussex are run by West Sussex County Council. All sites are now open to their summer opening hours.

[Visit the West Sussex County Council website for opening hours information](#)

There is also a booking system trial coming for some sites, including Horsham. [Find out more about the trial on the West Sussex County Council website.](#)

What will you do for Global Recycling Day?

Global Recycling Day was created in 2018 by the Global Recycling Foundation to help recognise, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet. It is a day for the world to come together and put the planet first.

Below are seven simple ways to be a better Global Recycling Citizen. There are lots of great resources on the Global Recycling Day website, and you can join in the conversation using the hashtag #GlobalRecyclingDay

[More recycling ideas](#)

HOW CAN I BE A Global Recycling Citizen?
Celebrate Global Recycling Day on 18 March 2020 by making one (or more) of our seven recycling promises to help the world be a better place to live in.

- 1 USE LESS THINGS MADE OF PLASTIC**
Am I making sure me and my family, my friends and my school, follow our local recycling instructions?
How can I use less things made of plastic and recycle those that cannot be reused? Things like drinking bottles, straws and plastic bags.
- 2 HELP FRIENDS FOLLOW THE RECYCLING RULES**
Do I really need everything to be new - am I mending, repairing and reusing the things I own (e.g. clothes, toys, games)?
- 3 REPAIR AND REUSE OLD THINGS**
Am I doing all I can to make sure the stuff we recycle is dry, clean and in the right collection bins each week?
- 4 ONLY PUT CLEAN, DRY ITEMS IN MY RECYCLING BOX**
- 5 LOOK ONLINE AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS**
How can I learn more about recycling and how can I help my family and friends also be more aware?
- 6 DON'T FORGET OTHER MATERIALS**
Do I know how to recycle things like electronics when I no longer want them?
- 7 REMEMBER TO RECYCLE PACKAGING**
Do I recycle packaging when I open and use new things?

JOIN IN THE WORLDWIDE GLOBAL RECYCLING DAY CELEBRATIONS ON 18 MARCH 2020.
Share your activities for Global Recycling Day, whether you simply promise to make some changes or you get your whole family, school or friends involved, on social media by tagging your posts and pictures with #GlobalRecyclingDay
Find out more at www.globalrecyclingday.com



Spring cleaning this Easter weekend?

With the four-day weekend approaching, many of us are looking to spring clean before summer. Here are some top tips from our team to help you clear your stuff responsibly.

- **Think before you throw.** Could anyone else make use of the item you don't have room for any more? Could you give it away to a friend, donate to a charity, or sell it online?

- **Always use a licensed waste carrier.** It is your responsibility to make sure your waste is disposed of responsibly. You can do this by [checking that a carrier has a licence](#) before you use them, or by using our [Bulky Bag](#) service
- **Check hazardous waste, like paint cans and flammable items, carefully.** Make sure you know how it should be disposed of. The [West Sussex County Council Recycling A-Z can help](#).

Sign up or renew your garden waste collection service



Get your garden waste collected for just £42 per year with our simple service.

The 2020/2021 year's service ends on March 31, so make sure you have renewed before then so that your collections continue.

[Sign up or renew](#)

Stay connected



Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham,
West Sussex,
RH12 1RL



18.03.2021 Email from WSCC

Spring into action with exciting activities for kids at West Sussex Libraries this Easter



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With the children spending a lot more time at home over the past year, parents may have exhausted all possible forms of entertainment and be struggling for ideas to keep them amused over the Easter holidays.

But fear not, as West Sussex Libraries has a wealth of activities planned to help children have fun (and learn) at the same time.

Over the holiday, the library service will be providing kids (and their families) with a new and exciting blend of virtual and face-to-face activities which will be available online each

Tuesday and Thursday covering the following themes:

- Growing - Tuesday 6 April
- Fun with food - Thursday 8 April
- Fit & Strong - Tuesday 13 April
- Cooking and ingredients - Thursday 15 April

There are competitions and challenges based on some favourite stories about food and growing, as well as 'science in your kitchen' experiments to try at home.

For anyone not online, local libraries will have all the activities available bagged up and ready to collect from the door.

Duncan Crow, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Fire and Rescue and Communities, said: "West Sussex Libraries are always at the heart of the community,

supporting residents in a number of ways. This Easter, they are supporting our Education and Skills team by providing fun food-related activities to help keep children entertained over the break.

"The mixture of online, digital and physical activities have been created to complement the work being done by Education and Skills, who are supporting the Government's Holiday Activity and Food Programme.

"Primarily, these are fun activities for all the family to enjoy – the key aim of our Library Service. But they will also help children learn more about the importance of food for their growing minds and bodies."

UK Harvest, the Chichester based food rescue charity, will also be supporting the holiday programme.

Liz Woodsell, Chief Operating Officer at UK Harvest said: “We are thrilled to be working with the team at West Sussex Libraries in helping to deliver the Government’s Holiday Activity and Food Programme. We will be promoting the issues of healthy eating, avoiding food waste and growing your own vegetables to support the library activities. Our team of volunteers will also have a pop-up presence outside a number of the county’s libraries during the Easter holidays with activity sheets, recipes, ideas and giveaways.”

More information on locations will be posted on the UK Harvest website www.ukharvest.org.uk or on the library social media accounts closer to the time via

Facebook: www.facebook.com/WestSussexLibraries and Twitter: @WSCCLibraries.

The holiday activities are open to all whether or not you are a member, but joining the library is free for everyone.

For more information on the Easter holidays programme at West Sussex Libraries, visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/holidayactivity for more details.

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15.03.2021 Email from HDC

Snack Wagon gets a lockdown makeover, and more news from Horsham District Council



Latest news and information

**Snack Wagon gets a lockdown makeover
thanks to local art students**

The Council has teamed up with art students from the College of Richard Collyer and local business **PVL** to give the iconic Snack Wagon a lockdown makeover.

The vehicle, which is being refreshed as the Mobile Community Hub, has provided a safe environment for young people for nearly a decade.

Congratulations go to Fuzzylynn Isaacs (pictured) who has been announced as the winning designer from over 20 fantastic designs.



Fuzzylynn said: "I am just so happy! To think that my design might play some small part in helping support our community is just wonderful."

With the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the newly revamped vehicle along with youth workers from **4TheYouth**, will begin travelling around Horsham Town from early April to engage with younger people in their communities.

Your Council Tax 2021/22

Council Tax letters will be landing on your doorsteps over the next few days. We understand that Council Tax is a large portion of your monthly outgoings, so we want to share openly how we are spending your contributions.

Residents of Horsham District benefit from a wide range of services for as little as £3.03 a week per Band D household.

Although Horsham District Council collects all your Council Tax it only retains 8%. The remainder is split over the following authorities:

- West Sussex County Council (77%)
- Sussex Police (11%)
- Parishes (4%)

Your Council Tax makes up 27% of Horsham District Council's overall income, and contributes to our budget for 2021/22.

Council Tax is spent to deliver a wide range of services that benefit everyone in our communities. [Visit our website to find out how your contributions are spent.](#)



Help us by completing the Census 2021

Census Day is this Sunday 21 March. Every household in Horsham District will receive a letter letting you know how you can take part in the census.

This is a once-a-decade survey of England and Wales which helps to support policy making, plan public services and inform where public money should be spent, for example, on roads, schools and hospitals.

[Visit the census.gov.uk website](https://www.census.gov.uk) to find out more about the census, why it is important and where you can go to complete it online.

For any questions you have about the census please call 0800 141 2021. You can also call to complete the census over the telephone, request an individual form or a paper form.



[Visit census.gov.uk](https://www.census.gov.uk)

Working with the Health and Safety Executive to make sure businesses are COVID-secure

The Council is working with the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) to contact businesses in the Horsham District to check they have COVID-secure measures in place and to help tackle coronavirus (COVID-19) in the local area.

[Read more](#)



Council advises landlords to make new safety checks

The Council advises that from 1 April 2021, all private rented property landlords will need to have an [Electrical Installation Condition Report \(EICR\)](#) performed on all properties, including those with existing tenancies. The certificate must be completed by a qualified and competent inspector.



[Read more](#)

Christ's Hospital School planning appeal update

The Planning Inspectorate are currently considering an appeal against the refusal by Horsham District Council of a new all-weather running track, sports centre extension, car park and floodlit 3G sports pitch at Christ's Hospital School (DC/19/1149).

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15.03.2021 Email from WSCC Newly published decisions



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You are subscribed to receive **decision** email alerts on the **West Sussex County Council** website. The following decisions have been published.

Decision-Maker(s)	Decision Title	View decision details via website
Cabinet Member for Finance	Property Review: Disposal of Wrenford Centre, Terminus Road, Chichester FIN13 20/21	Link
Cabinet Member for Finance	Emergency Government Funding: Support for Council Tax Hardship Schemes FIN12 20-21	Link
Cabinet Member for Finance	Review of Property Holdings Disposal of Albion Street Lorry Park, Southwick FIN11 20/21	Link
Director of Law and Assurance	North Horsham Community Initiative Funding (NH11(20/21))	Link
Director of Law and Assurance	Proposed Traffic Regulation Order - Erica Way, Horsham (NH12(20/21))	Link



18.03.2021 Email from WSCC

Work starts soon on major Horsham highway improvement project



news release

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As part of West Sussex County Council's ongoing commitment to improving traffic capacity on the highway, major improvement work starts soon at the A24 Robin Hood roundabout junction in Horsham.

The project will start on 6 April, subject to factors such as severe weather. In the first stage there will be lane closures on the A24 so that street lighting and traffic signal ducts can be installed, followed by night-time closures between the Great Daux and Farthings Hill roundabouts: this is so temporary traffic management measures can be introduced.

Details on this and future stages will be available on the project page at www.westsussex.gov.uk/a24-robin-hood-junction . Residents and other road users can also subscribe to regular email updates by emailing robinhoodroundabout@landbuild.co.uk

A West Sussex County Council spokesperson said: "We apologise for any inconvenience caused during the works but please bear in mind this project will lead to long-term improvements.

"We are liaising with the project team working on Legal and General's nearby [Land North of Horsham](#) project to try to minimise the impact on traffic in the area as much as possible."

The Robin Hood junction improvements include:

- widening the A24 northbound, from two lanes to three
- widening the A24 southbound, from two lanes to four
- widening the exit from Warnham Road on to the roundabout
- traffic signal control on the A24 approaches and on the Warnham Road, with traffic signal control on the roundabout
- provision of a signalised 'Toucan' crossing across the Northbound exit of the A24 (towards A24 Great Daux)
- improved footway and cycleway connection, Warnham Road to Robin Hood Lane and the Public Right of Way.

Benefits of the scheme include:

- providing increased road capacity at the junction to allow for increased traffic due to local developments and through traffic;

- the provision of traffic lights with sensors, which adjust signal timings according to queuing levels to help ease congestion – these will be on signalled approaches (not Robin Hood Lane) and will help manage flows in the peak and off-peak periods;
- new crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists linking Warnham Park and the Public Right of Way with Warnham Road via new Toucan crossings.

The project is scheduled to be completed in mid-Autumn 2021.
