

# Memo (Agenda December 2019)

**To: Parish Councillors**

c.c: Nigel Jupp (County Councillor) & Toni Bradnum (District Councillor)

**From:** Sarah Hall

**Date:** 10th November 2019 (week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019)

**Re:** COUNCILLORS' BRIEFING NOTE

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I have outlined below a number of recent developments for your information.

(1) **Planning Applications Issued**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	NPC Meeting

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PC Observation	HDC Decision

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Decision
<a href="#">DC/18/2007</a>	Prior Approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to 2no. dwelling houses (Class C3) Waves Farm, Kerves Lane, Horsham	Appeal Dismissed
<a href="#">DC/19/0455</a>	Conversion of existing residential outbuildings into a single dwelling and the creation of a new access onto Birchenbridge House Birchenbridge House, Brighton Road, Mannings Heath	Notification of Appeal

(4) **Enforcement Numbers**

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action

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Clerks Update

Community Speed Watch Data 09.11.2019



### Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group.

Reporting between 09-10-2019 and 09-11-2019

Current Volunteers = 22

#### Summary for this Period

Number of Sessions this period = 6  
 Total Vehicles exceeding limit = 41  
 DVLA Valid vehicles = 39  
 Accuracy = 95%  
 Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit = 45 mph(+50%)  
 Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit = 48 mph(+20%)

#### Police Actions this Period

Case Closed = 1  
 Case filed = 1  
 Letter Sent = 37

#### Overall

My group started Recording\* on = 30-05-2019  
 Number of Sessions since start date = 30  
 Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date = 208  
 Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit = 49 mph(+63%)  
 Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit = 60 mph(+50%)

Date	Time	Type Traffic Heading	Location	Recorded	Letters	Vehicles	Percent
10-10-2019	16:30 -> 17:30	BOOKED traffic heading East	Pound Lane-50 yards from the bottom of Pound Lane				n/a%
16-10-2019	07:30 -> 08:30	BOOKED traffic heading North	A281 Brighton Road Monks Gate-Monks Gate	2	1	0	n/a%
17-10-2019	07:30 -> 08:30	BOOKED traffic heading North East	Nuthurst Street-Jctn of Harriot Close near bus stop next to School	16	16	50	32%
22-10-2019	07:30 -> 08:30	BOOKED traffic heading North East	Golding Lane-Mannings Heath outside Parish Hall				n/a%
23-10-2019	16:30 -> 17:30	BOOKED traffic heading West	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just Wear of Rycroft Meadow				n/a%
28-10-2019	07:30 -> 08:30	BOOKED traffic heading North East	Nuthurst Street-Jctn of Harriot Close near bus stop next to School	6	6	60	10%
01-11-2019	07:30 -> 08:30	BOOKED traffic heading North East	Nuthurst Street-Jctn of Harriot Close near bus stop next to School	7	7	0	n/a%
07-11-2019	07:30 -> 08:30	BOOKED traffic heading North East	Nuthurst Street-Jctn of Harriot Close near bus stop next to School	5	4	60	8%
08-11-2019	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading North	A281 Brighton Road Monks Gate-Monks Gate	5	5	706	0%
<b>Totals</b>				<b>41</b>	<b>39</b>		

The **type** field shows if the Session was

**Ad-Hoc** - one not booked using the Campaign Calendar.

**Booked** - one in the Campaign Calendar awaiting results or with zero offenders (shown in yellow).

**Scheduled** - one in the Campaign Calendar with records booked to this session.

NOTE:- **Recorded** column is the total number of vehicles recorded during this session.

**Letters** column is the total number of Offence letters sent for this session.

\* **Start Date** is date of first recorded internal batch id not necessarily your groups original start date.

## Correspondence

### Email dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, from HDC Anti-Social Behaviour Conference

On behalf of Horsham District Council's Community Safety team I am pleased to invite you to the 2019 Anti-Social Behaviour Conference. This year's focus will be knife crime but will also look back at progress since last year's event.

The Conference will be held on **Tuesday 3 December** at the Parkside Council Offices in Horsham from 9:30am for networking and light refreshments (for a 10am meeting start) – 12:30pm.

The full agenda will follow. However, see below for some of the matters that will be included:

- What have we done since the last conference?
- Looking at case studies and best practice
- Key speaker - Tony Saggars, Director of StraTac Logical Ltd and former head of drugs at the National Crime Agency (NCA)

Please advise of your attendance for catering purposes.

If there is anyone who you feel we may have missed, please feel free to extend the invite.

With kind regards,  
Debra and the Community Safety Team

**Please advise the Clerk if you would like to attend.**

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### Email dated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019, from HALC Annual Meeting of Horsham District Council & HALC

#### AGENDA FOR

## THURSDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2019

**VENUE: County Hall North, Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham RH12 1RL**

**6.30pm Arrival – Tea, coffee and biscuits**

**7.00pm Chairman of HALC Opens the Meeting**

Chairman provides opportunity for the Leader of HDC Cllr Ray Dawe to make a short address.

**7.15pm HDC Planning Enforcement Information Session**

Mrs Barbara Childs, Director of Place to explain how the planning enforcement system operates

**7.30pm HDC Corporate Plan**

Mr Glen Chipp, Chief Executive to lead discussion on HDC's Draft Corporate Plan 2019 - 2023

<https://beta.horsham.gov.uk/finance-and-council-performance/corporate-plan>

**8.15pm Environment and Green Issues**

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

**8.30pm Close of Annual Meeting of HDC and HALC**

**All members of the Parish Council are welcome to attend.**

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Email dated 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019, from NALC  
NALC Newsletter



The Princess Royal celebrates local councils

The Princess Royal, visited the NALC Annual Conference to celebrate 125 years of local (parish and town) councils.

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NALC crowns this year's  
Star Council Awards winners

NALC Star Council Awards winners were announced at a celebratory ceremony on day one of NALC's Annual Conference.

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NALC declares a climate emergency

NALC declared a climate emergency following overwhelming support at a panel session this year's Annual Conference.

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NALC publishes a new guide on transport planning

NALC has published a new guide for local councillors on transport planning. This handy easy-to-read guide was developed in partnership with the [Transport Planning Society](#).

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### Member updates

[Chief executive's blog](#)

[A new blog post on the financial risks of climate change by CCLA](#)

[Launch of a new joint guide with the LGA to tackle loneliness](#)

[New consultation response on \*5G Mobile Coverage in rural areas\*](#)

[New consultation response on the \*Local Government Finance Settlement 2020\*](#)

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## Email dated 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from NALC

### Chief Executives Bulletin

#### Updated NALC guidance on pre-election publicity

We are already receiving a number of queries related to the pre-election period (purdah) prior to the General Election, which started when Parliament was dissolved on 6 November. Although local (parish and town) councils will not be holding elections on 12 December, we have reissued our Legal Briefing L01-19 on the code of recommended practice on local authority publicity (this is available in the member's area of the website) and we recommend everyone reacquainting themselves with the requirements. While NALC feels that the legal risks to councils around this time are low, there could still be risks related to public perception and local media coverage. So we would recommend a degree of caution around any activity or communications relating to the General Election that could be perceived to be political or controversial.

#### LGA guidance on councillor intimidation

In light of what is likely to be highly charged times in the run-up to the General Election, I thought it worth reminding everyone of the [Local Government Association \(LGA\) guidance on councillor intimidation](#). This

includes advice and guidance around general safety as well as how to deal with intimidating behaviour towards councillors. While this was written for principal authorities, I do feel the majority of this is very relevant for local councils as well.

### **Code of conduct for councillors**

I'm pleased to report that the LGA is to develop a new Model Code of Conduct for Councillors. This is in response to the recommendations made in the Committee on Standards in Public Life's report earlier this year, and in response to rising local government concern about the increasing incidence of public, member-to-member and officer/member intimidation and abuse, and overall behavioural standards and expectations in public debate, decision making and engagement. This is part of their programme on civility in public life and they aim to launch a revised code at their annual conference at the end of June. NALC will be contributing to this work to make sure the local council dimension and voice isn't lost, as inevitably the LGA is focussed on principal authorities.

### **Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance**

The Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance met at NALC'S offices on 4 November to consider possible changes to the Practitioners Guide and financial issues raised by local councils and others. The Panel was joined by a representative of the Internal Auditors Forum and agreed to seek to do a major review of the section in the guide covering internal audit next year – I'm sure this will be welcomed by the Smaller Councils Committee and county officers forum who also raised this issue with us!

### **Improvement and Development Board**

The Improvement and Development Board met on 6 November for its last meeting of the year, including an interactive session to identify emerging themes and challenges for local councils, and how the Board could integrate these themes in its agenda in the near future. Suggestions included continuing to share best practice including on health and wellbeing, seek training opportunities and implementing environmental issues within the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) criteria. The Board also received updates on improvement and development initiatives including LCAS, with nearly 400 councils accredited and over 300 working towards accreditation, and the Certificate in Local Council Administration, noting 752 certificates have been awarded since the 2015 review.

### **Towns Fund**

Last week the Government published the [prospectus](#) for the Towns Fund which provides an investment of up to £25 million for 100 places to increase economic growth with a focus on regeneration, improved transport, better broadband connectivity, skills and culture. I'm disappointed the government has not decided to allow our councils to be the lead body for applications and the Town Deal Board as the most local tier of government in around a third of the 100 selected areas. However, I do welcome the clear expectation that all tiers of local government will be part of the Town Deal Board, and the statement that local councils have an important role to play.

### **Direct Information Service (DIS)**

This week we published DIS 950 which includes the latest news from our sector delivered directly to your inbox. DIS is a fortnightly publication that will keep you up-to-date with the latest news from the sector, round-up of government statements and consultations, planning, rural affairs, funding opportunities, events, job vacancies and a recap of NALC's biggest stories. To find out more about DIS and to subscribe please visit: [www.nalc.gov.uk/dis](http://www.nalc.gov.uk/dis)

### **Street Design Awards**

I wanted to let you know about The Street Design Awards 2020, organised by Local Government News magazine, which all tiers of local government are eligible to enter. This year there are 5 categories to the competition: Urban Green Space; Children's Play; Public Lighting; Active; and Active Travel (a new category this year). Deadline for entries is 28 February 2020, and all schemes must have been completed within two years of entering the awards. More information and including how to submit your entry is [here](#).

**And finally...**The full text of the speech by the chairman of the Local Government Association, Cllr James Jamieson, is now on the [Annual Conference webpage](#) in the presentations tab where you can also find other speaker presentations slides. And a number of photographs of the visit to the conference by The Princess Royal are [Instagram](#).

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**Email dated 8th November 2019, from AGE UK**

### **Consultation on proposed changes to concessionary rail travel for older people**

A consultation has been launched on a proposed change to the concessionary travel support provided by West Sussex County Council.

There will be no changes to the national 'free bus passes' provided to older and disabled people.

However, council funding is currently provided for certain additions to the national 'free bus pass' scheme. The proposal being consulted on is to no longer offer a free Senior Railcard as an alternative to the bus pass. If the proposal goes ahead, eligible older people will be able to receive their free bus pass instead of a free Senior Railcard.

WSSCC will continue to fund the following additions to the national scheme in West Sussex:

- Free travel on buses at any time for Disabled Person's Bus Pass holders
- Companion passes so that qualifying pass holders who need help to travel on buses can take someone with them who can travel for free as well
- A free Disabled Person's Railcard instead of the Disabled Person's Bus Pass

Before any decision is made, we are keen to gather feedback from passengers and others to help us understand the impact of this change.

Further information and the consultation questionnaire is available online at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/buses) - or by calling 01243 642105 for a paper copy.

We would appreciate your help in promoting the consultation as appropriate. A promo poster is attached; please let me know if you require any hard copies.

Feedback on behalf of your organisation can be made by completing the online consultation questionnaire or by email to: [buses@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:buses@westsussex.gov.uk)

The closing date for responses is **4 December 2019**

## **Christmas Extravaganza**

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**10am to 1pm**

**The Drill Hall, Denne Road,  
Horsham, RH12 1JF**

**Free entry, everybody  
welcome**

Lots of unique items and perfect Christmas gifts, including; handmade jewellery, bags, candles, novelty soaps, decorations and so much more!



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# Autumn Newsletter

## Welcome to our Autumn/Winter 2019

**newsletter!** We're delighted to be able to share some of our latest news with you.

Firstly I'd like to introduce myself, my name is Simon Dowe and I joined the team of staff and volunteers at local charity Age UK Horsham District in July 2019 as Interim CEO.



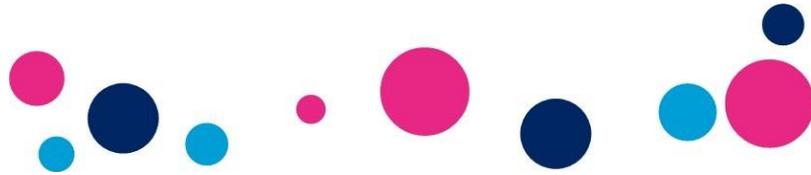
I will be working with the organisation for up to 12 months, focusing on reviewing our strategy and direction to ensure that the services older people living in Horsham District need are in place and are accessible. I have worked for third sector organisations for thirty years and have expertise in operations, finance, strategic planning and sustainable organisational development.

I'm very excited to get know the team here and start to shape what's next for this well-loved and much needed organisation. My mission has always been to ensure that everybody can access the services they need in a respectful and timely way. I want to make sure that the team at Age UK Horsham District have a clear sense of direction for the future, and clarity about how to deliver it.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish my predecessor, Sonia Mangan who had been CEO for the charity for three years, all the very best in her new role as CEO for Carers Support West Sussex.

Happy reading!  
Simon Dowe  
Interim CEO

P.S. We'd love to hear your thoughts on this newsletter - please get in touch!



If you or someone you know is over 50 and looking for that little bit of extra support, please contact us; call 01403 260560, email [info@ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk](mailto:info@ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk), visit [www.ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk](http://www.ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk)

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## What is our Home from Hospital Service?

A free service supporting older people and adults over 18 who live alone, following a hospital stay. Support is also available for friends and family of hospital patients. The aim of the service is to prevent people returning to hospital, to boost confidence and physical and mental well-being. We offer up to six weeks free support following discharge from hospital for residents living in the Horsham District.

Following a home visit by our Home from Hospital Co-ordinator we aim to find a volunteer that can provide practical and emotional support. We work with a number of partners who may also be able to support you to rebuild confidence and promote independence.

Our Home from Hospital staff and volunteers can assist you with tasks such as:

- \* Collecting prescriptions and light shopping
- \* Light housework
- \* Escorted walks
- \* Engaging in local activities
- \* Providing information about other services or equipment you might need

**Could you volunteer?** Our volunteers provide much needed support, simply chatting and taking an interest in a person's life. Could you commit to support an older person through the first few weeks following a hospital stay? To find out more about the service or volunteering for us please contact us on 01403 260560.

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## Care in Crisis - our social care system is failing

Many older people living in Horsham District are providing long term unpaid care, highlighting the extent to which friends and family are now papering over the cracks of a failing social care system. New research shows that over half

(55%) of older people across England who need care at home are having to rely on friends and family for essential support.

Our national partner [Age UK](#) has been calling on the Government over the last year to fill the short-term funding gap and produce a big and bold set of proposals that provide the basis for a sustainable care system for people in the future.

Age UK's research also showed that:

- \* 1 in 5 older people have missed meals recently
- \* 32% of unpaid older carers said they were unable to take a break from caring
- \* 1 in 4 people had to get hospital treatment because of a failing care system
- \* 42% of older carers feel lonely and isolated - which often leads to other serious health conditions

Many people have to rely on frail and elderly family or friends for help because they have nowhere else to turn. This can put enormous strain on people at an already difficult time in their lives. Especially for older carers, these additional responsibilities can seriously affect their own health and be very isolating. The system currently isn't fit for purpose. We have to do better.

Tell us your social care story... Have you been affected by the crumbling social care system in the UK? Help our national partner Age UK put pressure on the Government to improve the system by sharing your story - [follow this link](#).



## Forthcoming Events

### Annual Fundraising Quiz

Friday 8th November, 7pm  
Lavinia House, Dukes Square, Horsham, RH12 1GZ

Teams of up to 6 people, £30 per team.

### Christmas Extravaganza

Saturday 16th November, 10am to 1pm  
The Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1JF

Stalls, meet Santa, refreshments, entertainment! Free entry.

### Christmas Carols

Saturday 7th December, 10am to 4pm

Bandstand and Bishopric, Horsham

Christmassy entertainment, including carol singing.

### Strictly Vintage Tea Dance

Saturday 21st March, 2pm

The Dill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1JF

All ages and abilities welcome. Tickets only £13 - includes afternoon tea and live music.

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## Play Horsham District Council's new Community Lottery and help support us

At the end of August Horsham District Council launched their new Community Lottery and we are delighted to be working with them to be a benefitting charity.



Tickets are now available to purchase and it costs just £1 per ticket per week to play. Age UK Horsham District will receive 50% of the sale of every ticket (where we are the chosen charity).

If you would like to play and support us at the same time, our page is now live on the lottery website at:

[www.horshamdistrictcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/age-uk-horsham-district](http://www.horshamdistrictcommunitylottery.co.uk/support/age-uk-horsham-district)

Alternatively you can ring lottery support to sign up on 01403 434010. Each ticket has a 1 in 50 chance of winning a prize and if you match 6 numbers you could win £25,000! We're hoping to sell 50 tickets (45 so far) which will raise us a huge £1,300 per year!

Please don't hesitate to share these details with anyone you think might also like to play for us! **Thank you!**

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## Fancy a FREE cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake?



...if so, pop into our recently opened [Garden View Café](#) as part of our [Lavinia House Social Club](#) with a copy of this email - we'd be delighted to see you!

Our Lavinia House Social Club and Garden View Cafe are for anyone over the age of 50 living in the Horsham District, and are open from 8.30am to 4pm, Tuesday to Friday. They can be found just behind The Drill Hall, in Dukes Square, Horsham, postcode; RH12 1GZ.

For more information about the Café or having a FREE trial day at the Club please contact us on the details below.

[Tea/Coffee and Cake Terms and Conditions](#)

Show this email to receive a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake from Age UK Horsham District's Garden View Café - up to the total value of £3. One per person. Valid until 29th February 2020. Email must be presented at time of ordering. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Cannot be redeemed for cash. Cannot be used by Age UK Horsham District employees.

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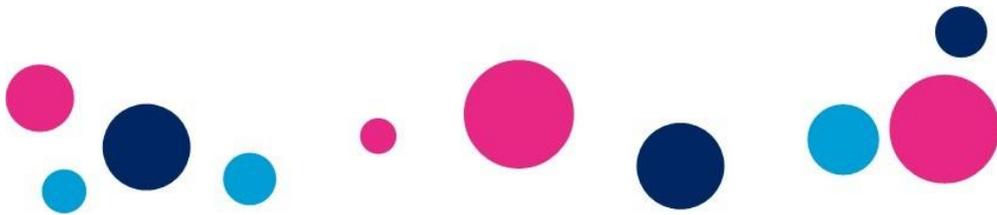


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