

Memo (Agenda March 2020)

To: Parish Councillors

cc: Nigel Jupp (County Councillor) & Toni Bradnum (District Councillor)

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 1st March 2020 (week commencing 24th February 2020)

Re: COUNCILLORS' BRIEFING NOTE

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

(1) **Planning Applications Issued**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	NPC Meeting
DC/20/0338 18.03.2020	Prior Approval for change of use of existing agricultural building to 2No. residential dwellings with associated operational development Waves Farm, Kerves Lane, Horsham	12.03.2020	FPC 04.03.2020
DC/20/0343 25.02.2020	Erection of a small stable with a concrete yard and concrete based muck area Dry Buildings, Sedgwick Park, Horsham	Not available	FPC 04.03.2020
DC/20/0342 25.02.2020	Fell 1 x Sycamore and 1 x Holly 8 The Quarries, Mannings Heath	18.03.2020	FPC 04.03.2020

Delegated Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
DC/19/2337	Erection of a single storey agricultural building and associated hardstanding Land at Lower Pond Farm, Lower Pond Farm, Nuthurst Road, Monks Gate	No objection	Permitted
DC/20/0266	Outline application for the erection of 3.No detached dwellings with all matters reserved Land at Church Road, Mannings Heath	Application withdrawn	Application Withdrawn
DC/19/2335	Erection of a two storey side extension and first floor extension over existing garage. Installation of two front and two rear dormers Force Eight, Holme Farm, Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath	No objection	Permitted

DC/19/2337	Erection of a single storey agricultural building and associated hardstanding Lot 3, Lower Pond Farm, Nuthurst Road, Nuthurst	No objection	Permitted
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(3) Appeals

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Decision
DC/19/2477	Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to residential dwelling Copsale Stables, Copsale Road, Copsale	Appeal Lodged
DC/19/2551	Conversion of redundant milking parlour building to 1no. residential dwelling Former Milking Parlour, New Brook Farm, Nuthurst Road, Maplehurst	Appeal Lodged

(4) Enforcement Numbers

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action

(5) Committee

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC
		Objection	Recommended for Approval

Clerks Update

- Reply from WSCC re surgery to the tree at the junction of Golding Lane & Winterpit Lane
'Thank you for your enquiry regarding the tree outside Whisteley House, Winterpit Lane. I have spoken my tree Team, who have informed me that this job is currently with the tree surgeons to undertake, but due to bad weather and dealing with a lot of emergency work it has delayed all the jobs. They hope to complete the work on this tree by the end of the financial year.'
- Cllr O Hydes will be speaking at the Planning Committee (North) meeting, in objection to the Planning Officers recommendation that DC/18/2231 (Ghyll House Farm) be permitted.
- The Cricket Club will be arranging for a Yew hedge to be planted on the village green in front of the storage building.
- The Cricket Club will be arranging for 'Disabled Parking Notices' to be erected, in front of the disabled parking bays, on the village green.
- The Clerk has asked WSCC Highways for suggestions to deter vehicles driving on the verge in Church Road. WSCC will not issue a licence to erect structures for 'cosmetic purposes'.
- The Nat West signatories have been updated.
- The Clerk has chased SSE up for the quotation to replace the lantern in Church Road (opposite Woodlands Walk)
- The Clerk has attended an End of Year Finance Training event
- The fallen sign at the end of Bar Lane (Worthing Road junction) has been reported to WSCC Highways

Community Speed Watch Data



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group.

Reporting between 29-01-2020 and 29-02-2020

Current Volunteers	=	22
Summary for this Period		
Number of Sessions this period	=	2
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	2
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	1
Accuracy	=	50%
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	41 mph(+36%)
Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit	=	49 mph(+22%)
Police Actions this Period		
Letter Sent	=	1
Overall		
My group started Recording* on	=	30-05-2019
Number of Sessions since start date	=	37
Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date	=	243
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	49mph(+63%)
Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit	=	60mph(+50%)

Date	Time	Type Traffic Heading	Location	Recorded Percent	Letters	Vehicles
04-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading West	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just Wear of Rycroft Meadow			n/a%
05-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading West	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just Wear of Rycroft Meadow			n/a%
12-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading North	A281 Brighton Road Monks Gate-Monks Gate			n/a%
13-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading East	Pound Lane-50 yards from the bottom of Pound Lane			n/a%
17-02-2020	15:00 -> 16:00	BOOKED traffic heading East	Pound Lane-50 yards from the bottom of Pound Lane	1		0 n/a%
20-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading North	A281 Brighton Road Monks Gate-Monks Gate			n/a%
24-02-2020	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED traffic heading North West	A281 Brighton Road-Lane entrance opposite Dun Horse	Pub 1	1 n/a%	0
Totals				2	1	

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.

Correspondence

Email dated 25th February 2020, from HDC
Latest News



Latest news and information



Renew or sign up to garden waste collections

As spring approaches, there's no better time to renew or sign up to garden waste bin collections for the year 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021. Sign up for just £41 per year for fortnightly collections - that's just £1.64 per collection! (T&Cs apply)

If there is no garden waste bin at your property, you will need to buy one. You can buy one at the same time as signing up to the service. You can sign up as many garden waste bins for collection as you like. The cost drops to £31 per year each for your second and any further bins.

[Sign up](#)

Renew or sign up for Annual Parking Discs

The Annual Parking Disc allows you to park in 12 village car parks for the maximum stay and is just £15 for a whole year – sign up for new discs valid from 1 April 2020 until 31 March 2021. Additional discs are £8 each, and you can buy up to three discs per household.

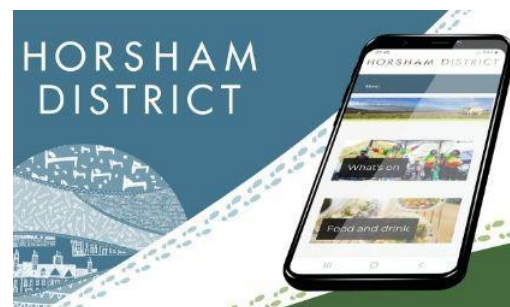


Please note that this is a fixed price year on year and excludes Horsham Town Centre and Southwater Country Park.

Sign up

What do you think of the new tourism website?

The Council's new tourism website, [Discover Horsham District](#), is a handy place to find out what's going on in the District, discover new and exciting things to do and find amazing local food and drink producers.



We need your help to make it even better! Please take a couple of minutes to answer our short survey and share what you think of the new website.

Take our survey

Found a problem? Report it easily online

Did you know that you can report a range of problems to us easily using our website?

Report problems from damaged dog bins to a street that needs sweeping and noisy neighbours to fly tipping - all from your smartphone or computer. You'll never have to call us again! Simply visit www.horsham.gov.uk/report or search 'Horsham Council report a problem'.

Report a problem

Commercial vehicle brake testing for just £13 per axle

Our commercial vehicle Brake Test service is an affordable, reliable way to get your commercial vehicle brake test carried out using our equipment at Hop Oast Depot.

We test all rigid body HGV's and Class 7 vans 3-3.5 tons. Follow the button below to find out more and book a space for your vehicle.

Book now



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Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham,
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RH12 1RL

 **Horsham
District
Council**

Email dated 27th February 2020, from Age UK Horsham
Useful Information

Hello all

I have combined emails this week as I have received quite a few useful bits of information; please see below. Please remember I am here and very happy to support you in any way I can so do get in touch if you need me. Info from me to start

- Tickets for our fundraiser- Strictly come Dancing 21st March are going fast so do give us a call if you would like some tickets. Further details on the footer of this email.
- Hopefully see some of you in Horsham Swan Walk soon--- Poster attached as well but main info....

Age UK Horsham District is a local, independent charity. **Our vision is that everyone can love later life.** We work with individuals and communities to make a difference every day. We are here to help, whether your problems or questions are big or small.

If you want to find out how to connect with others or you need that little bit of extra support, we will work with you to find the best solution for you.

We will be in the **PING unit in Swan Walk Shopping Centre, near the swans**, on the following dates. If you would like to come and talk to us and find out more about our services or if you are feeling energetic and just fancy a game of table tennis, then we can do that too!

Thursday March 5th, Thursday April 2nd, Thursday May 7th - **10.00am –1pm**

1) HDOPF

The Horsham District Older People's Forum public meeting is next week, Wednesday 4th March at the Andrew Hall, Red Lane, Shipley, Horsham RH13 8PH. Tea/coffee/networking/chatting 10am. Meeting 10.30am - 1pm.

Message from Martin- As always, I'm looking forward to meeting you, listening to our excellent guest speakers and discussing issues raised. I always come away having learnt something new and feeling positive!

Martin Bruton, Chairman
Horsham District Older Peoples Forum

2) A message re Dixeys - An Optician and Eye Café in Horsham. 25 West Street, Horsham RH12 1PB - 01403 265 369 www.horshamoptician.com

We have been contacted by Dixeys who are a qualified and NHS registered Opticians, on the High Street in Horsham. They have been there since 1925. They offer home visits (domiciliaries) meaning that they can perform an examination on the NHS, for the over 60s, patients on pension tax credit etc. Furthermore, they also have a mobile dispensary and laboratory with them at any visit. This means they are able to provide you with the latest fashion and/or dispense spectacle designs on the NHS and perform minor repairs to existing glasses.

They can prepare talks for groups so they can meet you in person and they would be able answer any optically related questions anyone may have. Please contact them directly if they can be of any support to you/your connections.

3) Dementia Carer Support groups

Link to the full newsletter for those who can open it- <https://mailchi.mp/582c4d4e4cb0/west-sussex-dementia-newsletter-1310421>

Billingshurst 11 March 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Carers of People with Dementia or a Long Term Condition
Longfield Manor Care Home, West Street, Billingshurst RH14 9LX

Upper Beeding 17 March 10:30 am - 12 noon

Carers of People with Dementia or a Long Term Condition
The Hub, 19 Church Lane, Upper Beeding, BN44 3HP

Horsham 31 March 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Carers of People with Dementia or a Long Term Condition
Horsham Library, Lower Tanbridge Way, Horsham, RH12 1PJ

4) Latest Scam

Police are issuing a warning after a series of people have been scammed by fraudsters pretending to be from Dyno-Rod Drain Company.

Since the start of January, over 20 victims have reported incidents with similar circumstances to police across Sussex. The majority of victims are elderly and have occurred in Brighton and Hove.

Typically, the fraudsters will knock on the door and tell the victims they need emergency work. The victims will then be asked to transfer money to the fraudsters or hand over their bank details. Money is taken from the victims' accounts for work that is not carried out.

PC Bernadette Lawrie, BEM, Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer for Surrey and Sussex Police said:

"This impersonator fraud scam is a disgraceful way of defrauding the victims of their cash and we are determined to bring the perpetrators to justice.

"Please be vigilant about anyone who comes to the door asking for personal or financial information. Never give your bank details, transfer money to those you don't know or trust or give your PIN number or other sensitive information to strangers.

"If you are in doubt about a situation, close the door and call police. If something doesn't sound right, don't feel pressured to make a snap decision on matters relating to your finances. Trust your instincts.

"Alternatively, speak with a trusted friend or family member and get their advice on whether you should go through with any action that could impact you financially."

If you have been a victim of this crime or have any information that could help with our enquiries, please report online or call 101.

For further advice on fraud prevention, and information on Operation Signature, the work done by Sussex Police to prevent fraud and support vulnerable victims, see the force website here.

To read the full story, please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/police-warn-of-dyno-rod-scam/>

5) **Dementia Friendly Screening at The Capitol in Horsham**

MISBEHAVIOUR (12A)

A Dementia Friendly Film Screening

Friday 20 March 2020 11am

A film screening for people living with dementia and their friends/carers.

Lights up and sound low with no trailers.

A comfort break if appropriate and the freedom to move around the cinema.

Film ticket price includes a cup of tea or coffee after the screening.

CEA Card Holders are offered a complimentary ticket for a carer - please ask our Box Office for more information or visit ceacard.co.uk

Director: Philippa Lowthorpe

Starring: Keira Knightley, Gugu Mbatha-Raw, Jessie Buckley, Keeley Hawes, Phyllis Logan, Lesley Manville, Rhys Ifans and Greg Kinnear

In 1970, the Miss World competition took place in London, hosted by US comedy legend, Bob Hope. At the time, Miss World was the most-watched TV show on the planet with over 100 million viewers.

Claiming that beauty competitions demeaned women, the newly formed Women's Liberation Movement achieved overnight fame by invading the stage and disrupting the live broadcast of the competition. Not only that, when the show resumed, the result caused uproar: the winner was not the Swedish favourite but Miss Grenada, the first black woman to be crowned Miss World. In a matter of hours, a global audience had witnessed the patriarchy driven from the stage and the Western ideal of beauty turned on its head.

Running Time: 1 hours 46 minutes

More details: <https://thecapitolhorsham.com/whats-on/all-shows/dementia-friendly-screening-misbehaviour-12a/15697>

Can we please ask you to share this information with anyone who might not be aware of our screenings.

With kind regards,

Tracey Grubb, Sales and Marketing Assistant

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**Email dated 27th February 2020, from HALC
HALC UPDATE**

Good Evening All

An update from our last meeting:

Housing Numbers

Please find below a copy of the letter sent to Horsham District Council about housing numbers.

SSALC Company Structure

Please see the leaflet on SSALC structure here:

http://www.ssalc.co.uk/_UserFiles/Files/SSALC%20Membership%20Leaflet%202018-19.pdf

Next Meeting Tuesday 07 April 2020 7.00pm for 7.30pm start at Ashurst Village Hall

We have two guest speakers:

- Inspector Ben Starns – Joint Action Group (JAG)
- Mr Adam Chalmers, Director of Community Services at HDC to talk about climate change.

Kind Regards
Beverley Bell

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23 February 2020

Councillor Ray Dawe, Leader of the Council
Councillor Claire Vickers, Chair of Planning and Development Policy Advisory Group Horsham District Council
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Dear Councillors Dawe and Vickers

Horsham District Council's New Allocation of Houses from Central Government

As you will know, the Horsham Association of Local Councils (HALC) represents 31 of the 32 Parish Councils and all three Neighbourhood Councils in the Horsham District. Together they represent a population of approximately 142,000 people.

Many of these Councils and their residents are expressing growing concern about the increased number of houses that Horsham District Council is being required by Government to build; and feel that Horsham District Council should strongly challenge those increased housing numbers. The existing

demand for 800 a year has already been proving extremely difficult to meet, so to expect the District to accommodate 965 or more per year is unreasonable, unrealistic and, quite likely, unachievable.

HALC would ask specifically:

- where is the evidence for this level of demand for so many extra houses in this District?
- Assuming that the supposed estimated likely increase of 17,658 in population is accurate (it is, after all, only a forecast) how can this equate to providing a minimum of 17,370 houses over this period?
- This plan is contrary to HDC's stated Vision for Rural Areas (3.11) because it threatens to destroy large swathes of rural, unspoilt countryside by dropping extensive developments 'in the middle of nowhere', so to say.
- The plan is contrary to HDC's stated Vision for Improved Transport Infrastructure (3.15) because these proposed large developments are nowhere near places of work, so people will have to travel some distance to get to work - where will all the people who might live in these houses find employment?

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- What rigorous and objective assessments have been made of the impact of increased traffic congestion that will be created by people commuting and making shopping and school runs, for example; the need for more, wider roads and connections to main road arteries; the implications of serious and sustained potential additional flooding; overall damage to the environment and to our fragile local ecosystems; the need for additional infrastructure - more schools, more doctors, more public transport; and where will these come from?

In short, how can this level of house building in this locality possibly be sustainable?

The concern being expressed in HALC has been intensified by the knowledge that current developers are having difficulty selling the houses already built and that some developers have stopped building because the houses are not selling.

Furthermore, HALC would ask Horsham District Council to categorically resist taking on any neighbouring extra housing requirements through the 'Duty to Co-operate'. (In the case of Crawley, for instance, the extra housing is needed in Crawley as that is where the work is, not elsewhere).

The point has also been made that if required to absorb the additional increase in house numbers from neighbouring districts (the 'Duty to Co-operate') the new Horsham Local Plan will effectively override and make redundant in most Wards and Parishes, the extremely costly and time-consuming neighbourhood planning process

- in direct conflict with stated government policy and the current National Planning Policy Framework - setting back constructive local engagement with planning for many years.

In view of this rising disquiet in the District, HALC is writing to ask Horsham District Council to challenge the Government over the number of houses it is being required to build in the forthcoming years and to ask Government for a significant reduction in the allocated numbers.

Yours sincerely **HORSHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS**

Councillor Terry Oliver

CHAIRMAN, HORSHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL

Copy to:

Jeremy Quin MP, Horsham

Andrew Griffith MP, Arundel and South Downs

Email dated 28th February 2020, from NALC
Chief Executives Weekly Bulletin

Floods

I want to start this week by sending our best wishes to all those affected by the terrible floods. And to say thank you to everyone working in and with our local (parish and town) councils, including their partner agencies, for their help and support to local people and communities. I know many councillors and clerks have been going above and beyond during this difficult time. Indeed, former homelessness minister, Heather Wheeler MP, raised the contribution local councils have made supporting communities, praising them for “working so hard to help their neighbours”. In his response, the secretary of state for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Robert Jenrick MP, agreed and said: “Serving on a [local] council is an important role in local democracy. I give my praise ... to all those who serve on [local] councils for the work they have done to support their local communities.”

Debate on local government finance

The above exchange took place at the start of the debate on the local government finance settlement, which also saw Richard Holden MP, co-chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Local Democracy, keep up the pressure on the government by again calling for an end to the ‘toilet tax’. You can read the debate in full [here](#).

Baroness Scott appointed to government

Congratulations to Baroness Jane Scott who has been appointed as a government whip in the House of Lords. But unfortunately, this means Jane has had to stand down from her other roles, which include with NALC, the Local Government Association, County Councils Network and Wiltshire Council. I wanted to share Jane’s statement with you: “I’m very sad at having to stand

down as NALC's new president, having only just had the honour and privilege of taking up this important role, and one I was very excited about. A consequence of my recent appointment as a government whip is relinquishing my other roles and interests. While I will, of course, miss these, I am looking forward to my new role in government."

Trees!

Our colleagues and partners in the Tree Charter project, the Woodland Trust, held a parliamentary reception on 24 January and was attended by our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, and policy intern, Claire Goldfinch. Speeches included WT chief executive Darren Moorcroft and Defra minister Lord Zac Goldsmith - snippets and some pics are on the WT Twitter [@WoodlandTrust](#).

And on the Tree Charter project, be sure to check out January's [tree charter newsletter](#)! It outlines the work of three councils that are doing excellent stuff around climate change, sustainability and planting trees: [Ashburton Town Council in Devon](#), [Calne Town Council in Wiltshire](#) and, [Sevenoaks Town Council in Kent](#).

I would also like to announce that Tree Charter Day will be held on the 28 November 2020, so get the date in your diary early! This is a great opportunity for our members to receive free trees from The Woodland Trust. Tree Packs can be ordered from the [Woodland Trust Community Tree Packs website](#). Be sure to order your trees as soon as possible as the Tree Packs are given on a first come first serve basis and typically the Tree Nurseries run out of trees in May! Each Charter Branch is allocated a maximum of 420 trees. Finally, be sure to write 'Charter Branch' next to your name to ensure your application is accepted. For more information about how to get involved in the tree charter, please email Claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk.

Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance

The Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance – made up of NALC, Society of Local Council Clerks, Association of Drainage Authorities, National Audit Office, MHCLG, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants and external auditors – met on 24 January at the NALC office. They agreed on some changes to next year's Practitioners' Guide and approved SAAA's Annual Governance and Accountability Returns for 2019/20. And also noted 300 people had already responded to its recent survey with 86% saying they are aware of the Guide and only 2% not finding it useful. You have till close of play Monday to give your views, so do fill out the [survey](#).

Meeting with DCMS

Andrew Tubb, NALC policy adviser, and I had a constructive meeting with a senior civil servant in the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to discuss the government's developing plans to support its manifesto objectives to strengthen civil society and stressed the role local councils have in supporting this in so many ways: events and community facilities, place-shaping neighbourhood plans, signposting and social prescribing, supporting and encouraging volunteering and social action. It was a great opportunity for us to promote the NALC prospectus on ultra-localism and seek support for all urban and rural areas to have a local council through local government reorganisation and for direct funding to the sector to meet a wide range of civil society objectives.

And finally...

Joint top of the league for our rapidly approaching **Lobby Day** on 10 March is the Cumbria, Devon and Lincolnshire county associations, who have each secured meetings with four of their MPs that day in Parliament. Last month's meeting of National Assembly set a target for each county association to meet with at least three MPs, so well done those colleagues for leading the way! Colleagues in the policy and communications team are in close contact with county associations and are there to provide help and support. And a reminder that if local councils want to get involved to contact their county association.

Email dated 28th February 2020, from HDC Identifying redundant phone boxes for removal

Dear all,

We are undertaking an audit of old glass phone boxes (NOT the red heritage ones) that are vandalised and no longer used, with the aim of getting BT to remove them.

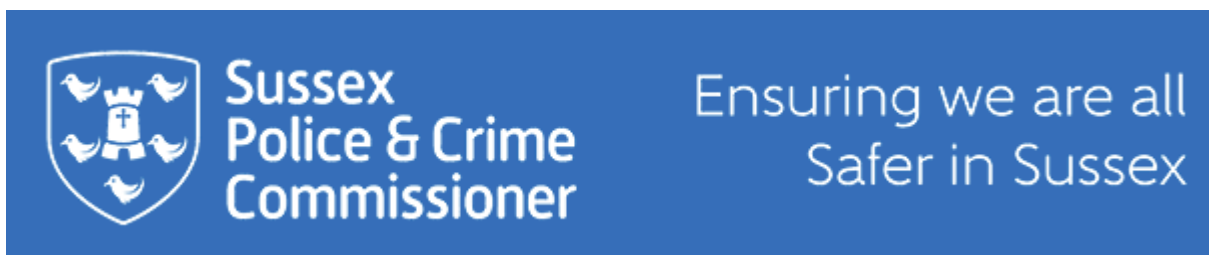
Please would you email me the details of any you know of, including the exact location and a photo, and we will liaise with BT.

Many thanks
Sharon

Sharon Cadman
Community Safety Officer

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Hello,

On Wednesday I opened the Association of Police & Crime Commissioners and National Police Chiefs' Council Partnership Summit for 2020. With policing and security at the top of the Government's agenda this annual summit was a particularly exciting one as we discussed cutting crime and the future of policing during a time of substantial growth and investment.



It was acknowledged that the public have been calling for a more visible policing presence and the value of 'boots on the ground' in improving public confidence and deterring criminals. However, with the national increase in serious violence and digitally-enabled crimes, we spoke in length about the challenges facing 21st century policing and the importance of striking a balance between deploying resources where they are needed most and maintaining a presence in local communities.

I support the Home Secretary's call for focusing on policing outcomes that will restore public confidence and cut crime. To read my speech click [here](#).

REBOOT helps 803 young people

During the conference, my REBOOT programme here in Sussex was the focus of one of the presentations. Policing leaders from across the country heard of our unique take on early intervention and steering young people away from a potential involvement in serious violence. They were impressed at the sheer number of 10-18 year olds that we have helped so far. In just under a year, a total of 803 young people have had an intervention from this scheme with only two escalating to stage 5 – civil injunction. Find out more [here](#).

A mum of a 12 year old boy who was getting in trouble with the police in Mid-Sussex until he was assigned a REBOOT coach said: *"For the first time the strengths of my son*

have been celebrated and someone has worked with him to set goals and encourage him to focus on all his passions. He is now back on track, not getting in trouble and the future is his to grab."

I want to take this opportunity to remind you all of my current consultation on the police station in Crowborough which is due to be relocated to the Old Town Hall. I believe it's vitally important to keep residents informed of what is happening in their local area. So, I'm keen to see how technology could be used to provide information about policing and other local services even during the hours when the station - and others like it - may be closed.

The creation of a new police facility gives me a unique opportunity to consult. How would residents like to see the building used? What services do they want it to offer? What do police officers, PCSOs and front office staff think? The survey can be found online here and you have until the 27th March to have your say.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



Email dated 29th February 2020, from Sussex Police
Neighbourhood Watch - A Career with Great Results Or Serious Consequences

In the know
Surrey and Sussex



A Career With Great Results Or Serious Consequences

Get Safe Online's Campaign for March 2020 – 'Cyber Choices'



Cybercrime is a major and growing problem, targeting people, companies and even government organisations, causing financial and identity fraud, data theft and serious disruption. Some cybercrimes are carried out by individuals, others by organised crime groups. Like legitimate companies, these groups all have managers, employees and subcontractors who have all been drawn in, one way or another.

What does this have to do with your child?

Some of the most serious cybercrimes are either committed or aided by children as young as 12. Typically, they're super-talented at IT and often spend many hours on their computer in their bedroom. They may have been attracted via gaming, coding or hacking forums, also populated by cybercriminals. Their parents are usually unaware ... just happy that they're learning, keeping themselves occupied and not getting into mischief on the street.

Several of the people jailed for the hack on telecoms business TalkTalk were teenagers at the time of the attack in October 2015. A hacker for hire who crossed the line into cybercrime at just 13, was sentenced for breaking into global institutions ... from his bedroom. It's thought that as many as one in four UK teenagers have tried some form of internet hacking.

Unchecked, they could be money laundering for organised crime groups, writing or distributing malware, breaking into innocent people's bank accounts or hacking official websites. For many, it's a way to make serious money. For others, it's a way to gain the respect of their peers, or just for the excitement. Some don't even realise they're doing anything wrong.

These are all somebody's children. Could they be yours?

Cybercrime is not a victimless crime, and the National Crime Agency (NCA) and police take it very seriously. They work with national and international partners to investigate cybercriminals of all ages. Children who get involved could face the following consequences:

- A visit and warning from Police or NCA officers
- Being arrested
- Having their (or your) computer seized and internet access restricted
- Paying a penalty or fine
- A significant prison sentence
- A permanent criminal record, which could affect your child's education, future career prospects and ability to travel abroad.

What you should do?

If your child has an interest in computers/technology, it's important to have a discussion with them about their use of it. Recognising and engaging with this interest is key to ensuring that they follow the correct pathway. Below, we've listed some tools which can indicate a child's interest in technology, but can be used for both legal and illegal purposes. If you see one or more of these tools on your child's device, it's worth talking about them.

- TOR – the most commonplace browser used to access the dark web
- Virtual machines – enable a user to run multiple, different operating systems on one computer
- Metasploit – a free kit of tools used by both illegal and legitimate cybercriminals for hacking, exploits and malware distribution
- Kali Linux – designed as a legal tool for testing and forensics, it features over 600 tools which are also used by illicit hackers
- Pineapple – a compact device with antennae that plugs into a computer to capture communications between devices and unsecured Wi-Fi networks.

If you're concerned, talk with your child about the importance of honesty and legality, the consequences of involvement with cybercrime and the highly satisfying, lucrative and legal options available to them, such as coding, engineering, development, testing, security operations, detection, law enforcement, legal hacking, and many more roles in both the public and private sectors.

Search for computing and coding clubs available in your area and encourage your child to join the appropriate one for their age and ability.

If you're concerned or would like advice on how to guide your child down the right path, please don't hesitate to email cyberchoices@nca.gov.uk. In most cases, the NCA or one of their regional partners will provide you with expert advice and be happy to talk to your child before things go too far.

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