

Memo (Agenda June 2020)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 17th May 2020 (week commencing 11th May 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/20/0581 11.05.2020	Fell 1 x Ash 9 Heath Close, Mannings Heath	01.06.2020	TBC
DC/20/0210 03.02.2020 (Householder application)	Erection of new vehicle access entrance gate with two brick piers. Hollyhocks, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst	03.06.2020	TBC
DC/20/0888 14.05.2020	Surgery to 1 x Cedar Silver Birches, 18 Winterpit Close, Mannings Heath	04.06.2020	FPC 03.06.2020
DC/20/0894 14.05.2020	Erection of a single storey rear extension. Lockyers Farm, Polecat Lane, Copsale	04.06.220	FPC 03.06.2020

Delegated Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	NPC Meeting

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
DC/19/1765	Erection of 3 x polytunnels Land Opposite Coltstaple Farm, Coltstaple Lane, Horsham	No objection with comments	Permitted
DC/20/0431	Erection of a swimming pool, home office and outside seating/kitchen area on a existing riding arena for auxiliary use. Winterbourne House, Sedgwick Park, Horsham	Objection	Application Withdrawn

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Decision

(4) Enforcement Numbers

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action
EN/20/0208	Alleged: Internal and external works to building without planning permission Hawthorns, Bar Lane, Copsale	Pending consideration

(5) Committee

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC
	none		

Community Speed Watch Data



Firstly, we hope you are well and have stayed safe over the past few weeks. Sussex Safer Roads Partnership understand and empathize that many of you are keen to help address concerns of speeding across Sussex, and we appreciate your ongoing and continued support during this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to update you about the 'phasing-in' of Community Speedwatch across Sussex over the upcoming weeks.

Having taken stock of the latest UK Government advice, it is clear that we have in recent times, and can expect to see, an increase in traffic on the roads. Sussex Safer Roads Partnership will be supporting Sussex Police in their efforts to combat speeding on our roads, and will be taking part in a national Speed Campaign throughout May. We are aware of concerns of how the changing dynamics of road use will affect members of the public, and are treating this as a high priority for our upcoming operations.

However, we understand that the increase in traffic and concerns of speed does not override the need to maintain public safety and health.

It is important to follow government guidelines, adhere to social distancing regulations, and for those who can, please remain at home.

It is important we strike the right balance between safety of CSW groups' health and the need for key operations to continue to take place.

For this reason we feel it necessary to continue to postpone Community Speedwatch activities until UK Government guidelines assure us of the safety regarding gathering of groups and use of shared equipment.

Sussex Police's liability insurance provided to CSW is conditional upon groups' adherence to Sussex Police's regulations. We therefore encourage groups to remain at home until we are able to provide further updates regarding the continuation of Community Speedwatch.

We will continue to review and monitor the ongoing situation; please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

Regards, Steve O'Connell(Pol)(Force Administrator)

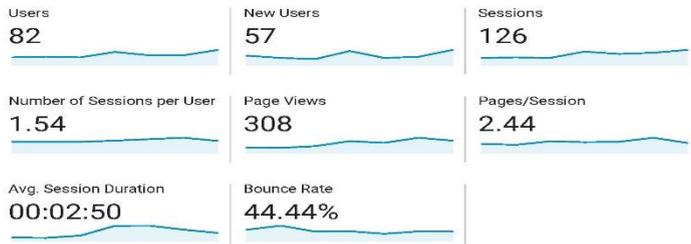
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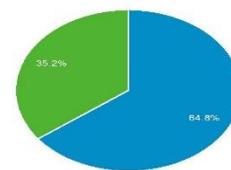
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9 May 2020 - 15 May 2020

Overview



■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



Language	Users	% Users
1. en-gb	62	75.61%
2. en-us	15	18.29%
3. zh-cn	3	3.66%
4. en	1	1.22%
5. en-au	1	1.22%

Clerks Update

- The children's play area remains closed to the public and has been secured with padlocks.
- **NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL - Internal Audit & Annual Review – 31/03/2020**
In accordance with my Internal Audit Plan, Controls and Procedures have been tested, with Fraud and Risk Issues reviewed - these are well managed, as set out in the Governance and Accountability for Local Councils Practitioners' Guide 2019 and meet the needs of the Council. I would only comment by exception. I confirm that I do not have any role within the Council. I will carry out my duties without bias and follow the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards 2012 - to enable the Council to comply with these Standards and the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015.
There are not any matters to raise – well done.
- Submitted VAT reclaim £3,105.15 (2019/20)

Correspondence

Email dated 10th May 2020, from Sussex Police
Safe Space for Victims Re-Launched in Lockdown

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'Safe Space Sussex' is an online directory of local victim services, created by Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne. In response to the 'lockdown' and concerns raised around crimes like Domestic Abuse, this site has been upgraded and a campaign has been launched on social media (@SussexPCC) to help victims covertly reach out for help whilst stuck in isolation – search #SafeSpaceSussex.

With the entire country in lockdown, many services have expressed their concerns about victims of crime not feeling able to safely reach out for help. They have seen a decrease in engagement from victims with reports of crimes (like domestic abuse) made to Sussex Police, reducing by around 4%.

It's vital that residents are aware of the support that is still available if they need it. [Safe Space Sussex](#) has been equipped with a new search tool so that within 10 seconds, victims of any crime can find the service they need. It also has a 'leave site now' button that users can press to quickly exit the site.

Tailored guidance will be shared across social media community groups on how

victims can access the new website covertly, using incognito tabs, as they may be living with their perpetrators during 'lockdown' and their search history may be monitored as a result.

Victims can also covertly let Sussex Police know they are in danger. The '55' technology is in place for those too scared to speak, to alert a call handler to the fact they need help by pressing 55 on their mobile phone once they've dialled 999.

There is still help and support available for all victims of crime during the COVID crisis.

If you find yourself in an emergency where you think you or others may be in immediate danger dial 999. Sussex Police are always there for you when you need them. Don't suffer in silence.

If you would prefer not to contact the police you can report a crime anonymously via Crimestoppers online: <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information/forms/give-information-anonymously> or by calling 0800 555 111.

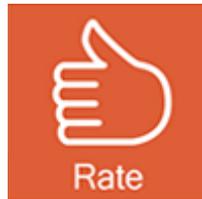
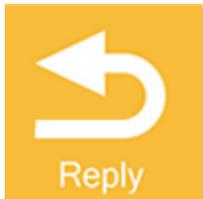
www.safespacesussex.org.uk has all the information on support services who can help any victim of crime across Sussex.

If you're interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch, or want to find out more, visit www.sussexnwfed.org.uk or send an email to enquiries@sussexnwfed.org.uk.

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Derek Pratt (Sussex) (NHWN, Administrator, Sussex)

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The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) launched the pioneering 'Suspicious Email Reporting Service' in April to make it easier than ever to flag suspicious emails - including those claiming to offer services related to coronavirus.

As part of the [Cyber Aware](#) campaign, the NCSC successfully launched its suspicious email reporting service, resulting dozens of malicious web campaigns shut down in its first day after a spike in coronavirus phishing scams.

- More than 80 malicious web campaigns were taken down in a day after 5,000 suspicious emails were flagged to the new cyber service for investigation within a day of its launch
- The UK's National Cyber Security Centre experts had seen a growth in the use of fake coronavirus-related services in malicious emails tricking people into online harm
- The NCSC, a part of GCHQ, urged people to flag such campaigns to their new world-leading 'Suspicious Email Reporting Service' while launching Cyber Aware
- The campaign teaches six actionable steps to stay safe online as the country continues to rely more on technology while staying at home to protect the NHS and save lives.

National Cyber Security Centre reveals range of fraudulent sites it has blocked with the help of the British public

Cyber security experts have lifted the lid on some of the online scams which the British public have reported to the pioneering new Suspicious Email Reporting Service.

Emails reported to the National Cyber Security Centre include callous attempts by criminals to exploit the coronavirus through fake offers of face masks and testing kits.

In just over two weeks since the NCSC and police launched the service, the public has passed on more than 160,000 suspect emails, leading to the removal of over 1,400 links to bogus sites.

The [NCSC](#) has shared some examples of what it has removed with the help of the reporting service. These include:

- Scam web pages that have been flagged include mock-ups of official GOV.uk and TV licencing websites. Visitors are lured into giving their billing information to scammers posing as these legitimate organisations.
- There have also been scam web pages purporting to sell coronavirus linked bogus products such as testing kits, face makes and even vaccines. The

NCSC noted a rise in cyber crime exploiting the coronavirus pandemic last month.

The automated email reporting service makes it easier than ever for people to help protect others from falling victim to scams.

To use it, people are asked to simply forward suspect emails to report@phishing.gov.uk. If they are found to link to malicious content, it will be taken down or blocked, helping prevent future victims of crime.

Ciaran Martin, Chief Executive of the NCSC, said:

"This really is a phenomenal response from the British public. I would like to thank them for embracing our reporting service as well as the many organisations which have promoted it.

"While cyber criminals continue to prey on people's fears, the number of scams we have removed in such a short timeframe shows what a vital role the public can play in fighting back.

"I would urge people to remain vigilant and to forward suspect emails to us. If it looks too good to be true, it probably is."

Commander Karen Baxter, City of London Police, National Lead Force for Fraud, said:

"While the world is coming together to combat this global health crisis, criminals are intent on exploiting our unease, anxiety and vulnerabilities in these unprecedented times.

"The fact the public have taken the opportunity to fight back and show these criminals how unacceptable this is, is fantastic.

"Fraud is an incredibly under-reported crime. The more the police know about fraud, and fraud attempts, the better chance they have of tracking down those responsible and bringing them to justice."

The service was launched alongside the new cross-governmental [Cyber Aware](#) campaign, which promotes six top tips to help keep yourself secure online.

If people have lost money, they should tell their bank and report it as a crime to [Action Fraud](#), but sending emails to report@phishing.gov.uk will offer an automated service to people who flag what they think to be a suspicious email and prevent others from falling victim to these scams.

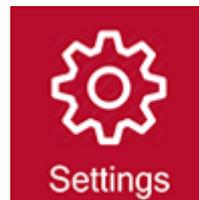
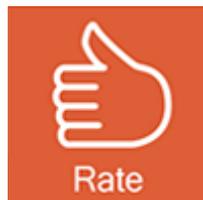
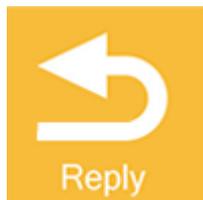
For additional advice from Sussex Police about fraud and scams please visit <https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/c19/coronavirus-covid-19/fraud-and-scams/>.

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Email dated 11th May 2020, from WSCC

WSCC news release: Highway improvements total more than £1.7million



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- Westhampnett 1 (002).jpg [Westhampnett 1 \(002\).jpg](#)

Eleven projects, representing more than £1.7million worth of improvements, were completed, or nearly completed, by West Sussex Highways just before the Coronavirus lockdown started.

Areas benefiting from the schemes include in Ansty, Barns Green, Bognor Regis, Crawley, East Grinstead, Felpham, Pyecombe, Slaugham, Thakeham, Westhampnett and Wisborough Green.

Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: "The 11 projects represent a significant investment in our highway network and will benefit a wide range of people, including pedestrians, cyclists, bus users and horse riders.

"It was great to see the projects delivered on time and we look forward to this year's improvements programme being delivered with equal success, while recognising the current challenges Coronavirus presents."

Lloyd Allen, Contracts Manager of principal contractor Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP), said how pleased BBLP were to have been involved in this series of successful projects, and looked forward to working with West Sussex County Council in the future.

New slant on pedestrian crossing conundrum

A diagonal pedestrian crossing – a 'first' for West Sussex – has been installed in **Thakeham**. Some residents, schools, councillors and local parish councils had expressed concern about the lack of safe crossing options at the Water Lane/Thakeham Road mini roundabout junction.

Narrow stretches of road and pavement, plus poor visibility in places, meant there was no simple way to significantly improve pedestrian safety there. Standard Puffin and Zebra crossings were rejected because they would have meant placing them very near the mini roundabout, which would have been unsafe, while placing them further away would have put pedestrians at risk if they were tempted to take a short cut and did not use them correctly.

West Sussex Highways engineers devised a solution, including: changing the mini roundabout to a fully traffic-light controlled junction; a dedicated pedestrian crossing phase on both the northern and eastern 'arms'; an option to use a diagonal crossing for pedestrians going east to west: this is the first use of its kind in West Sussex and enables more pedestrians to clear the junction without having to wait for the next cycle of 'green man' time.

The traffic lights use the latest software to 'read' traffic conditions, changing signal timings to minimise queues. Thermal imaging cameras adjust timings to ensure pedestrians have sufficient time to cross.

The opportunity was also taken to deal with a number of potholes - through resurfacing large areas of road - and to widen and resurface some of the footways.

The works are estimated to have cost about £340,000, with £161,000 of this coming from local development funds (Section 106 funds) and £179,000 from central government grant.

Strategic route to improvements for cyclists and pedestrians

West Sussex Walking and Cycling Strategy identified Ifield Avenue in **Crawley** as a key route for cycling improvements. Now, a 1.2km-long shared use cycleway and footway has just been constructed along the north-east side from Ifield Drive junction to the rugby club entrance.

The majority of the shared-use path is 3m wide and raised junction crossings have also been built at each of the three junctions the path crosses. These are intended to raise driver awareness of cyclists and pedestrians at these junctions and improve safety. The county council funded project is largely complete, with remaining work including fencing and replanting. Total cost: approximately £400,000.

Cyclists, pedestrians and bus users benefit from improvement scheme

A 1km-long, shared use cycleway and footway has been built along the south side of Stane Street in **Westhampnett**. Three new bus shelters have also been provided for the parish.

The project is largely complete, with remaining work including some fencing and a small amount of tactile paving to be installed. Total cost: approximately £350,000, funded from developer contributions (Section 106 funds).

Two-wheeled, two-legged... and even four-legged friends benefit

Highways engineers are used to building improvement schemes for four and two-wheeled vehicles, but not often for those on four legs: this was the challenge facing engineers, tasked with improving a crossing point for walkers, cyclists and horse riders on the South Downs Way.

West Sussex Highways improved waiting areas to accommodate equestrians, cyclists and walkers on each side of the A273 at Clayton Hill, **Pyecombe**.

Other improvements were: signage to alert drivers to the possible dangers of riders and walkers crossing; the bridleway southward was widened and resurfaced; bridleway drainage has been added to maintain a good surface, and a high-friction surface has been installed on the carriageway itself. The scheme cost a total of about £50,000.

North meets south in Barns Green

A footway has been built, linking the northern and southern ends of Barns Green village and creating a safer environment for pedestrians.

Before the 275m stretch of path was constructed, pedestrians had to walk from one end of the village to the other either on a potentially muddy verge or in the carriageway. The new footway will benefit residents, school children, public transport users and people visiting and staying at Sumners Ponds and has attracted several positive comments from the public.

Road repair work and significant improvements to the carriageway drainage system were also carried out while the project was ongoing to avoid the need for further disruption at a later date.

The project cost a total of about £130,000 and was funded by the County's Community Highway Scheme budget.

Improvements for pedestrians in Ansty

Following a request from the local community, improvements have been made for pedestrians in the village. In many places, footways had become overgrown and surfaces were breaking up. Also, with new housing, there is increased demand for facilities for pedestrians in different parts of the village.

Works included resurfacing and widening existing footpaths, new sections of footway on the approach to the village hall and improvements to crossing points on the main roads. Total cost: approximately £80,000

20mph limit installed in Felpham

The works finalised the installation of a parish-wide 20mph speed limit and included signage, some roundels painted on road surfaces, plus two pairs of speed cushions (mini speed humps) to help reduce traffic speeds in Summerley Lane. All roads, with exception of main through roads, now have a signed 20mph speed limit. The project was at the request of the parish council, supported by the county councillor, and funded from developer contributions (Section 106 funds). Total cost: approximately £50,000.

Boost for pedestrians and cyclists in Imberhorne Lane, East Grinstead

Recently-completed works are designed to help pedestrians cross the road from the new housing development and to slow traffic in Imberhorne Lane. Contractors installed two one-way road narrowings, both with a cycle 'bypass' feature to aid cycle safety.

One of the road narrowings can also be used by pedestrians when crossing the road. Coloured surfacing and new road signs highlight the presence of crossing points. Whilst on site, the opportunity was taken to cut back overgrown vegetation and clear some footpaths in the area. Total cost: approximately £65,000, funded from developer contributions (Section 106 funds).

Traffic-calming installed, Frith Road, Bognor Regis

Following requests from the community, and supported by the parish council and county councillor, additional traffic-calming measures have been installed in Frith Road. The speed cushions (mini speed humps) and raised table junction will help slow traffic in this 20mph area which is also on the access route to two schools and the leisure centre. Total cost: approximately £80,000.

Traffic "slow down" measures in Slaugham, Pease Pottage, Warninglid and Handcross

A series of measures have been devised to remind drivers to slow down on the approach to settlements across this area. The project was in response to a parish council request and features installed include new gateways, signing and road markings. A section of footway has also been

resurfaced and improved for pedestrians. Additional, interactive, “slow down” signs are due to be installed soon. Total cost: approximately £170,000, funded from developer contributions (Section 106 funds).

Footway improvements Durbans Road area, Wisborough Green

The parish council requested help in improving footways around the village green. Works included refurbishing existing footways, providing new footways and extending a parking bay. New dropped-kerb crossing points have been provided and areas of poor road surface have been repaired. Total cost: approximately £60,000.

Email dated 12th May 2020, from NALC Coronavirus – information for parish & town councils

NALC has updated its dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. This includes new government advice that comes into effect on 13 May. See the updates below:

The government has released updated guidelines related to the coronavirus. As ever, it is important to use official [government advice](#) to inform any actions or decisions, given the prevalence of unreliable news sources. On 11 May, the government released [Our plan to rebuild: the UK Government’s COVID-19 recovery strategy](#) — this gives more detail of the new government guidelines that come into effect from 13 May.

NALC advice to local (parish and town) councils remains unaltered at this time. In particular, it's worth highlighting that local councils should not be holding meetings in person and wherever possible staff should work from home. Where there are roles that cannot be performed from home it is important to follow [government advice for employers](#).

NALC will be analysing the detail further of the new documents and raising issues with the government based on feedback from councils.

This information forms part of a NALC's dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. It should not be used as a substitute for government advice, however, there are some practicalities specific to local (parish and town) councils where we hope this information will help you plan ahead and manage your risks. If you would like further advice and support on any of these topics for your local council then please [contact your local county association](#). This is a fast-moving situation and we will be updating the webpage regularly.

[Find out more](#)

Email dated 12th May 2020, from HDC

Draft minutes Planning Committee (North) meeting 5th May 2020

Monday, 11th May, 2020, 11.00 am - Minutes published: Meeting of Tuesday, 5th May, 2020 5.30 pm, Planning Committee (North).

This item matches your subscribed committee "Planning Committee (North)"

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Email dated 12th May 2020, from Sussex Police

Horsham Weekly Bulletin 12.05.2020



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Crime summary

Burglary

There are no burglary dwellings to report this week

Burglary other than Dwelling

Reference: 1633 7th May

Location: Arun Way, Horsham

Date and time: Between 1600hrs 6th may and 1000hrs 7th May

Details: 5 sheds on the allotment were broken into. Unknown if anything was taken.

Other

Trying car door handles.

There was a report on 5th May that a male had been seen on CCTV trying car door handles in Horsham. Unfortunately the CCTV didn't capture any facial images and there is no line of enquiry.

We would like to remind everyone to ensure all property including sheds, garages and vehicles are locked and secure when not in use.

Also, a reminder that if you are at the rear of your property or in the garden to please ensure your front door is also secure. If you see anything suspicious please contact us by calling 101 or go to our website and report it online.

Fraud Newsletter

This month's newsletter covers Cyber Awareness, emails, buying pets online and being pressured by doorstep callers to have work on the house including hedge cutting and tree cutting.

Please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://bit.ly/2zuoFs4>



Sussex Police have introduced new initiatives to encourage the reporting of domestic abuse and support victims, an issue which remains a priority for the force at this crucial time.

A new specialist unit, the Local Resolution Team, can deal by appointment with any cases that are not immediately urgent, including a new video appointment service when conversations can't take place face to face.

The 30-strong team of specially trained officers are dedicated to dealing with reports of domestic abuse which are not immediately urgent. They discuss the incident with the caller, carry out an initial investigation and provide safeguarding advice, to leave the victim feeling safer than before and to explore available investigative opportunities to prosecute those responsible for domestic abuse.

New dedicated 'Domestic Abuse' cars across Sussex are also responding to reports where there is not an immediate threat, in addition to emergency response officers who always respond immediately to high risk incidents. These additional mobile resources are equipped with body worn video and respond in marked cars to reports of domestic abuse, with time to listen and deal thoroughly with the allegations.

The force is also carrying out domestic abuse awareness publicity at local supermarkets, with high profile signage at entrances and take-away information, complementing an online campaign. Even though our social media pages are already reaching out those affected by domestic abuse, we recognise that not everyone has access to the Internet, and some may have their access controlled.

So police officers and PCSOs are visiting supermarkets to raise awareness of domestic abuse and let people know that despite what is going on right now the police are still here, will still respond if you need help, and will arrest and prosecute. Lockdown hasn't changed our focus on

domestic abuse, it is still a priority and if you are suffering from domestic abuse we urge you to call us or speak to an officer.

If you're a victim of domestic abuse, or know someone who is, and there's an emergency that's ongoing or life is in danger, call police on 999.

If you can't talk because the perpetrator is nearby, you can then press the numbers '55' into your mobile phone which will alert the operator to your situation.

The Sussex Safe Space website also provides a valuable directory of help and support from all agencies, available near you.

To read the full report please click on the link or go to our website for more information about domestic abuse.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/sussex-police-maintain-focus-on-domestic-abuse/>

Rural crime still a focus in lockdown



Criminals planning to take advantage of the current lockdown to commit offences in rural areas are finding that their activities are more likely to come to the attention of countryside communities.

Three men were arrested near High Hurstwood in the Wealden district recently when police were alerted to a suspicious car in the area. The men were found crawling along a hedgerow and after running off from officers were arrested on suspicion of burglary and going equipped for burglary.

Rural PCSOs are continuing their proactive work, liaising with farmers and countryside businesses, offering rural crime prevention advice and offering property marking, including delivering property marking tools along with instructions on how to use them.

We have also increased our high-visibility patrols around rural beauty spots and areas popular with people taking their lockdown exercise as these can also be attractive to opportunistic

thieves.

Additionally, we are liaising with partners including the National Farmers' Union and the Country Land and Business Association in association with the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, to consult with farmers to ensure that they are being supported by police and to give them the opportunity to inform us of what is going on locally to them.

Sergeant Tom Carter, operational lead for rural and wildlife crime, has appealed to people visiting the countryside to respect the rural environment.

To find out how you can protect yourself and your property, visit our crime prevention advice pages.

You can report any offences or suspicions online or call 101, but if it is an emergency or a crime is occurring there and then, dial 999 immediately.

To see the full report please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/rural-crime-still-a-focus-in-lockdown/>

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If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please **contact us online**, email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

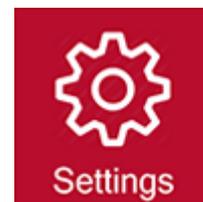
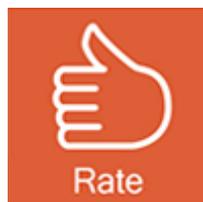
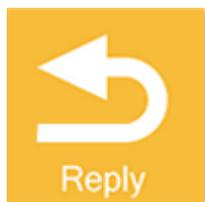
Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 555 111**, or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Links and attachments: Sussex Police will only ever link you to secure Websites we trust. We will only send you attachments where we believe it is absolutely necessary.

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Janice Brown (Police, Prevention Support & Engagement Officer, Sussex)

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**Email dated 12th May 2020, from WSCC
New Government Guidance**

The government have released the following guidance document:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Apply for the Food Charities Grant Fund](#) which contains details of how and eligibility for front line food aid charities to apply for a grant of up to £100,000 to help continue supplying food to the vulnerable.

You're eligible to apply if you:

- are unable to meet an increased demand for food from vulnerable individuals or supporting charities
- have the capacity to distribute all of the food purchased under this grant by 9 August 2020

You can apply for the grant to provide for people:

- unable to afford food
- who have moved into temporary accommodation as a result of COVID-19, for example those who have left home due to domestic abuse, newly released prisoners, the newly homeless

This grant is not to provide food for the [extremely clinically vulnerable](#), who are already being supported by government.

Email dated 13th May 2020 from WSCC

WSCC News release: There is #NoExcuseForAbuse – support for victims of domestic abuse now available 7 days a week



There is #NoExcuseForAbuse – support for victims of domestic abuse now available 7 days a week

Since the start of 'lockdown', West Sussex County Council's WORTH Domestic Abuse Service has seen a 24% increase in reports of domestic abuse compared to this time last year.

As a result, enhancements have been made to services, support and provisions to ensure they're able to meet this new level of demand whilst the country is in lockdown.

With this additional support, the WORTH service is now available seven days a week to support anyone who needs help:

- Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm on 0330 222 8181
- Weekends including Bank Holidays, 9am-5pm on 07834 968539

There is also a list of other support and resources available on the county council's website for victims of domestic abuse and friends and family members who may want to help, but don't know how. These include:

- Local support for people being abused
- Things you can do if you're in an abusive relationship
- The signs of an abusive relationship

- Information for friends and family of people being abused
- National support for people who are experiencing abuse

Duncan Crow, Cabinet Member for Fire and Rescue and Communities, said: “Now, more than ever, it is important to make sure that any victim of domestic abuse doesn’t feel like they have to go through their situation alone. There is help out there and the WORTH team are dedicated to do whatever they can to help those individuals get out of their abusive situations in a safe manner.

“It is also really important to remember that domestic abuse doesn’t see gender, race, sexual orientation or ethnicity. It can happen to anyone at any time and in these strange times that we find ourselves in, I want to say loud and clear that there is #NoExcuseForAbuse.”

A male survivor of domestic abuse, who received support from WORTH services, said: “Domestic abuse happens to men – I know, because it happened to me. The first person I spoke to at WORTH was a man and that actually helped me to feel less awkward about the situation, I was believed. Men need to know that if they are going through domestic abuse, they can get help, and that there is nothing to feel embarrassed about.”

If you or someone you know needs any help or support, you can visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/domesticabuse or call the WORTH Domestic Abuse Service directly.

**Email dated 13th May 2020, from HDC Planning Department
An update on Horsham District Planning Department - Development Management**

Dear Parish and Neighbourhood Councils

I hope you are all keeping well and safe in these challenging times.

I just wanted to touch base with you to let you know how we are operating the planning service at the moment, particularly Development Management which is the service I manage, update you on our compliance review and invite any feedback you may have.

The Government made it clear to all planning departments in March that we should continue to prioritise planning decision making where ever possible. Boris’s announcement on Sunday also made it clear that construction workers (those who cannot work from home) should return to work with employers ensuring the safety of their staff whilst at work. We are therefore likely to see many construction sites start up again in the coming weeks. Inline with this approach Horsham have continued to accept, validate, consult and determine planning applications during the lockdown period. All staff are working remotely with a very limited office presence each week for printing and posting. All officers have mobiles and are contactable on their normal numbers.

The Government introduced new legislation in April to enable Councils to make decisions remotely and we have been one of the first Councils to introduce virtual planning committees. We have since then held three successful virtual planning committee’s which have been livestreamed on YouTube. We are offering all Parishes / Neighbourhood Councils and all other speakers two options for ‘speaking.’ One is to submit a statement which will be read out at the meeting and the other is for the speaker to be part of the meeting and speak ‘live.’ We would welcome any views you may have on how our virtual committees are operating as this is a new process for all of us. I understand that many of you are now operating your own virtual meetings in order to continue your business, including commenting on planning applications, and I am sure you like me are getting acquainted with Zoom, Teams and Skype! We welcome your continued support in maintaining the planning system.

As some of you may know as all of our staff are working from home we are operating the main planning number via a message and call back service. We are finding that most of our customers are communicating with us by email, but if you have any feedback on how our service is operating and is likely to continue to operate for a little while I would appreciate any feedback.

You will recall that a little while ago I updated you on our Planning Enforcement / Compliance review which many of you participated in. Given the current circumstances our recruitment to a new senior role within the team has stalled but we are keen to commence recruitment shortly to provide added capacity within the team and I will certainly keep you updated on this. We do need this person to be in post to provide the added capacity within the team to be able to then focus on a number of the others recommendations of the review, but Madeleine (the Team Leader) and I have made a start on a number of the other recommendations.

During the lockdown period when many people are at home we have seen an increase in the number of compliance cases we are receiving within the Department, and we are continuing to manage these in a proactive way. It would help the team if you conveyed to any members of the public who may approach you that in the current circumstances, and to protect our staff, we are only visiting sites if it is critical to do so. The submission of photographs would assist the team in being able to make an initial assessment and then decide whether a site visit is needed. The logistics of serving notices is more difficult with officers working from home, but we will and indeed we have continued to serve them where we think it is imperative to do so.

You may be aware that the Government has asked Local Planning Authorities to use discretion when it comes to enforcement of conditions, including the hours of operation of businesses who are providing goods and services directly in connection with Covid19. It has also become clear that we need to carefully consider whether enforcement notices can be reasonably complied with, for example is there a shortage in materials needed to comply, or what the implications would be if they were to comply, for example making someone homeless. We will therefore need to consider each outstanding notice on this basis.

Finally I just wanted to update you on the current service of the Planning Inspectorate who decide all planning appeals. The Planning Inspectorate have cancelled all site visits, all Informal Hearing and all Public Inquiries for some weeks now. Their first trial virtual Hearing will take place this month and we are hoping this will be a success and lead to a roll out of other Hearings and Inquiries in the manner. What is clear though is that there is likely to be delays in any outstanding appeals we have, or indeed new ones submitted so please do bear that in mind.

I do hope that this email is of assistance to you and your Parish / Neighbourhood Councils. If you have any feedback on how our service is currently operating and any suggestions in which we could seek to improve our service then please do let me know.

Kind regards,
Emma

Coronavirus (COVID-19):

For information regarding our services during the current situation please visit the Planning Services update on our [website](#)

Emma Parkes
Head of Development



Email dated 13th May 2020, from NALC
NALC extends deadline on dementia research



NALC and the University of Plymouth (UoP) is currently undertaking ground-breaking research on dementia in local (parish and town) councils. Due to the unfortunate COVID-19 crisis and the additional pressures put on local councils, we have decided to extend the deadline to **31 May 2020**.

NALC and UoP believe that England's 10,000 local councils play an important role in the community to offer solutions to people living with dementia and their families. The research will aim to find out precisely what local councils are doing to help support people living with dementia in their communities.

The research will begin on 24 February 2020 and will last around two months, closing on 17 April. In this period, an extensive survey will be completed by local councils. Once the data is collected and analysed, a joint report will be published, which will summarise what local councils are doing and give recommendations on what they can do to help make their communities healthier.

We want to thank you for your leadership and support that you are providing to your communities in these difficult times.

If you have any questions, please contact NALC at claire.goldfinch@nalc.gov.uk or on 0207 290 0314.

Email dated 13th May 2020, from HDC

HDC Coronavirus (COVID-19) 13 May: Information and advice for public and businesses



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information and advice for public and businesses

Timestamp: 13 May 2020

This is a regular email bulletin from Horsham District Council updating you on the latest guidance and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19), updates about Council services and actions being taken.

This bulletin has been sent to public email subscribers, Horsham District Council members, Parish Council clerks and Horsham District Council staff.

Government response to the coronavirus pandemic

The Government has set out a plan for the second phase of the national response to coronavirus, which includes a number of changes to the way we are living our lives. All of these changes come into effect today Wednesday 13 May.

We can all help control the virus if we all stay alert. The Government advice is:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance if you go out (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly
- do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms

Read updated guidance online

Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Sunday evening, the Government have provided more guidance about what the changes mean to individuals and their families:

- [Coronavirus outbreak FAQs: what you can and can't do](#) guidance sets out key FAQs to inform the public and help you prepare for these changes.
- [Staying safe outside your home](#) guidance on what the new rules will mean. These will take effect on Wednesday 13 May.

Parks and open spaces

The Government's guidance states that from today Wednesday 13 May you can exercise outdoors as often as you wish while following social distancing guidelines. You can use outdoor sports courts or facilities, such as a tennis or basketball court, or golf course with members of your household, or one other person while staying 2 metres apart.

Changes to parks and countryside sites from today Wednesday 13 May

- Social gatherings of more than two people from different households are still not permitted. However, it is now possible to meet a single individual from outside your household group outdoors, if social distancing is observed.
- All our playgrounds and outdoor gyms, skate parks and the Highwood pump track are to remain closed at present in line with Government guidance. It is still not permitted to play team games, except with members of your immediate household.
- Our tennis courts and ball courts have re-opened, but the guidance about social distancing remains in place. Pe-bookable courts only at horshamparktennis.com (Charges do apply)
- It is now permissible to drive to take exercise or visit outdoors sites.

Visit our website for full details about our parks and countryside sites, including what is open and what is closed.

We are urging everyone to be alert for others and stay 2m apart, not to gather socially and to take their litter home with them.

Financial support

Self-employment Income Support Scheme: make a claim online

The online application service for the Self-employment Income Support scheme has been launched by the Government.

If you're self-employed or a member of a partnership and have been adversely affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) you may be able to claim a grant using this scheme.

The scheme will allow you to claim a taxable grant of 80% of your average monthly trading profits, paid out in a single instalment covering 3 months, and capped at £7,500 altogether. This is a temporary scheme, but it may be extended.

- First, [check if you are eligible for the scheme](#)
- If you are eligible, [claim a grant using the online service](#)

Waste and Recycling

Household Waste Recycling sites

The Household Waste Recycling Sites across West Sussex have re-opened for limited items, West Sussex County Council has confirmed.

- **Only garden waste and residual waste will be accepted.** Garden waste means green waste such as grass cuttings and hedge trimmings. Residual waste is other waste that presents a risk of injury or harm to health and will be landfilled. Please continue to use your household collections for recycling and general waste.
- **Only cars will be allowed on site.** Trailers and large vehicles such as vans and pickups will not be allowed access at this time.
- **Safety measures will be in place** to protect staff and the public.

Before planning your journey you should:

- **Consider whether your journey is essential.** You should only visit a HWRS if your waste presents a risk of injury or harm to health and cannot be put out with your regular kerbside collection. If it doesn't please safely store your items at home for now.
- **Check opening hours.** Sites will be running their usual summer opening days and hours. Not all sites are open every day, so please make sure to check before making a journey.

For full information and opening hours, [visit the Recycle for West Sussex website](#). The Household Waste Recycling Sites are managed by West Sussex County Council.

Community safety and support

Safe Space Sussex for victims relaunched in lockdown

'Safe Space Sussex' is an online directory of local victim services. In response to the lockdown and concerns raised around crimes like Domestic Abuse, the Safe Space website is relaunching with new features to support victims of all types of crime, both physical and cyber crime.

A campaign has also been launched on social media to help help let victims know that support services are available if they reach out for help – search **#SafeSpaceSussex**.

[Visit the Safe Space Sussex website](#)

Support available for people affected by coronavirus (COVID-19)

We are all in this together and no one should be left to feel like there isn't support available to them. There are a range of support systems in place to help people affected by coronavirus (COVID-19). These are being managed at either national, county or local level depending on which group you fall into.

[Visit our website for a list of support available for residents throughout the coronavirus \(COVID-19\) pandemic.](#)

Health and wellbeing

Pilates for Beginners

Pilates is a form of exercise that focuses on balance, posture, strength and flexibility. The best thing about Pilates is that it's suitable for people of all ages and fitness levels.

Get yourself into some comfortable clothes, grab an exercise mat or a blanket and get the family involved with this [45 minute Pilates for Beginners video from the NHS](#).

If you like this class you may enjoy [vinyasa flow yoga](#) or [pyjama pilates](#).

Quick links

[GOV.UK](#)

[NHS information and advice](#)

[Staying at home: what you can and can't do](#)

Getting financial help and keeping your business safe

Self-employed – what to do if you're getting less or no work

Find out how to make your workplace COVID-secure

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Email dated 13th May 2020 from HDC

Parks and Countryside Coronavirus COVID-19 update

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You can use outdoor sports courts or facilities, such as a tennis or basketball court, or golf course with members of your household, or one other person while staying 2 metres apart.

[Visit the GOV.UK website to find out what you can and can't do.](#)

The government has also published [staying safe outside your home](#) for guidance on what the new rules mean.

- Social gatherings of more than two people from different households are still not permitted.

- It is now possible to meet a single individual from outside your household group outdoors, if **social distancing** is observed.
- It is now permissible to drive to take exercise or visit outdoors sites.

Horsham District Council are urging everyone to be alert for others and stay 2 metres apart, not to gather socially and to take their litter home.

From Wednesday 13 May, the following conditions apply at Horsham District Council sites:

Southwater Country Park

- Worthing Road and Ben's Field car parks are closed
- Station Road car park is open and charges apply
- The number of toilets available is limited, while they undergo a deep clean and essential repairs
- The café is open for takeaway service only
- Dinosaur Island play area is closed
- Watersports are closed
- The beach area on the lake will remain closed until we feel it is safe to be able to re-open

Warnham Local Nature Reserve

- Warnham Local Nature Reserve remains closed at present, but we are working to install new temporary access and we will reopen as soon as it is safe to do so

Horsham Park

- The children's play area is closed
- The outdoor gyms are closed
- The skatepark is closed
- Open-access ball courts are open. It is not permitted to play team games with anyone outside of your household
- Tennis courts are open for single play
- The café is open for takeaway service only
- Car parks are open

Leechpool and Owlbeech Woods

- All car parks are open

Play areas

- All children's play areas are closed
- Open-access ball courts are open

Skate parks and BMX tracks

- Horsham Park and Broadbridge Heath skate parks and Highwood pump track are closed

Changing rooms

- The changing rooms at Horsham Park and Bennetts Field are closed and no further line marking of pitches will take place this season.

Events and volunteer groups

- All events and gatherings, including volunteer activities have been postponed until further notice and this will be further reviewed in due course.

[Visit our website for full details about our parks and countryside sites, including what is open and what is closed.](#)



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Please read the latest advice and updates on our services at www.horsham.gov.uk/coronavirus

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Email dated 14th May 2020, from NALC
Coronavirus — information for parish & town councils

NALC has updated its dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. This includes a blog from BHIB Council Insurance, details on the financial impact survey, updates on holding remote meetings guidance and a range of advice resources. See the updates below:

BHIB Councils Insurance

BHIB Councils Insurance has shared their [latest blog](#) which was pulled together in response to some local councils reporting increases in vandalism and requesting help to manage it.

Financial impact survey

NALC has gathered evidence on the [financial impact of the coronavirus on local councils](#). This information is vital in representing to the government on the loss of income to local councils during these difficult times, and the need for a tailored financial support package for the local council sector. A short survey was sent to local councils and NALC's Super Councils Network. NALC is also working with county officers on a separate survey on the financial impact on county associations.

Holding remote meetings

NALC has updated its guidance on [holding remote meetings](#) to include more information on risks, security and telephone conference calls.

Sources of advice

Following the new announcements this week on changes to the coronavirus response, there is a range of sources of information that will help councils understand this new stage:

- [Working safely during coronavirus](#) — the section on outdoor work may be of particular relevance to many local councils.
- [Safer public places - urban centres and green spaces](#) — this has a dedicated section on green spaces with clear and succinct information on key issues to consider.
- [Guidance on the phased return of sport and recreation](#) — this contains a section for providers of outside sports facilities which may be relevant to many local councils.

- **Coronavirus FAQs** — this provides some useful additional detail to some of the existing government guidance.

This information forms part of a NALC's dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. It should not be used as a substitute for government advice, however, there are some practicalities specific to local (parish and town) councils where we hope this information will help you plan ahead and manage your risks. If you would like further advice and support on any of these topics for your local council then please **contact your local county association**. This is a fast-moving situation and we will be updating the webpage regularly.

[Find out more](#)

Email dated 15th May 2020, from WSCC

WSCC news release Shoreham Airshow Crash Inquest postponed until 2021



news release

Shoreham Airshow Crash Inquest postponed until 2021

The inquests into the deaths of the 11 men at the Shoreham Aircrash will now be postponed until 2021 to allow families to attend in person.

The Full Inquest was due to go ahead this autumn, but due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic it has been agreed with the families of the victims that the inquests could not take place safely in open court this September as originally planned. A future date, likely to be in June or September 2021, will be confirmed as soon as possible.

West Sussex Senior Coroner, Penelope Schofield, said: "I have expressed my extreme regret to all the families that there is to be a further delay to proceedings but I will not be able to hear these inquests, as planned, later this year.

“With 11 bereaved families and several other interested parties, lawyers, press and public it seems likely that well over 150 people would wish to attend court and I anticipate the threat of Covid-19, the potential for its transmission and the consequent disruption of in-person proceedings will not have receded by the Autumn.

“My present view is that these inquests are not ones that are appropriate to be held remotely given the importance to the families of being fully involved in the hearings, the benefits of hearing the first-hand evidence in person and the overall public interest.”

The Pre-Inquest Review Hearing is still due to take place on 24 June 2020, however, Ms Schofield has confirmed this will be conducted via a remote hearing.

Email dated 15th May 2020, from WSCC
Downs Link re-surfacing works weekly update

Here is the weekly update for the re-surfacing works at West Grinstead.

Week 5: Small amount of ditching work has continued in Area 3, south of West Grinstead. This has been able to be carried out with the path remaining open. Area 2, north of West Grinstead is now closed and the Eco blend base layer has started to be laid from the north end of the works and is being laid at a rate of approximately 100m per day. Ditching work has also been carried out.

Work planned for week 6: continue laying the base layer moving southwards towards West Grinstead old station site. Complete any outstanding ditching work.

Access remains available, through West Grinstead car park, for local residents to use the Downs Link southwards from West Grinstead.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Sara Piggott if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Geraldine

Geraldine Fewster

Senior Countryside Ranger (days worked: Wednesday 10am to 2pm, Thursday and Friday 9am to 5pm)
Highways, Transport and Planning.
West Sussex County Council

Email dated 15th May 2020 from HDC
Health & Wellbeing May Newsletter



Health and Wellbeing

Local information and services

Feel good for Summer

Welcome to your May Health and Wellbeing update.

It is the third and last month of the season of spring which means Summer is on its way. We've got lots of helpful tips, free courses and useful resources to help you stay fit and healthy during the summer months and beyond.

[More information](#)

Here to support you to achieve your goals

Now more than ever it's important to take the time to look after your health and wellbeing. We are a **free** service and want to let you know that we are still here to support you in achieving your goals, whether that's losing weight, getting more active, eating healthier, stopping smoking, reducing your alcohol consumption or improving your mental wellbeing.

Our Wellbeing Advisors are available to speak to you over the phone or via video call so if you want to improve your health then get in touch to see how we can help.

[Get in touch](#)

Quit4Covid

The damage that smoking causes to your lungs and immune system makes it more likely that you will have complications if you get sick and take longer to recover.

Quitting smoking is the best thing you can do to protect yourself and others and reduce the impact on NHS services.

Our Stop Smoking Advisors can offer weekly sessions over the phone where they will take you through all the stop smoking aids available to help you quit (patches, gum, inhalators, Champix etc.), help you decide on the best option for you and provide you with your choice of product* and ongoing support.



[Book an appointment](#)



Mental Health Awareness Week: 18-24 May

Each year the Mental Health Foundation campaign around a specific theme to raise awareness of topics related to mental health. The theme this year is **kindness**.

What you can do to help spread the word:

Reflect on an act of kindness by sharing your stories and pictures of kindness on social media by using #KindnessMatters and #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek

Download resources from the campaign website to use with your friends, family, school, workplace and community

Share your ideas and views on how you think we could build a kinder society that would support our mental health

[More information](#)



Miles for Mind

Some of our team are taking part in **Miles for Mind**, which runs through May.

Our Project and Groups Advisor Nicola had this to say:

"I have decided to run because Mind is a great charity offering help and support to people suffering with mental health problems. It's great to challenge yourself throughout the month and fundraise at the same time. I have currently raised £80 and am hoping to raise a little more by the end of May."

We aren't asking anyone to raise money. Our aim is to promote how important it is to talk about mental health. Mental health problems can affect anyone, at any time, and having good mental health helps us relax more, achieve more and enjoy our lives more.

[Find out more](#)

Client of the month

This month we want to celebrate the achievements of one of our clients who has made great improvements to his health.

After an Informal referral from his GP, Robert attended two 1-2-1 appointments and a telephone appointment with a Wellbeing Advisor. His goal was lose weight and feel fit and healthy.

Robert made some really positive changes to his diet and lifestyle. By swapping his sugary fruit juices to water with lime and walking 2 hours every day, Robert lost a stone in weight and reduced his fat mass by 8lb!



What did Robert have to say?

“I have really enjoyed doing the exercises and breathing in the fresh air on my walks. I love drinking my water with fruit slices, and I did not find it difficult to give up fruit juices”.

If you would like to know more about the support we can offer you to help you achieve your goals then get in touch!

Contact us

Weight off Workshops

Watch this space for upcoming plans and dates...

We are currently able to offer weekly support over the phone but we are working hard to move our sessions online for those that would like to get support from a group of like-minded individuals and take advantage of our knowledgeable course leaders who will offer lots of nutritional advice to help you achieve your goals.



Get in touch to find out how you can lose weight and improve your health.

Find out more

Self Isolation Support

Adults over 70 can access a helpful isolation pack to support them during isolation. It contains a Home Environment Checklist, useful contact details and tips and hints about healthy eating for people with diabetes.

[Download the Isolation Pack](#)



Get the medical help you need

While everyone is being told to stay at home, it can be hard to know what to do if you're unwell.

For help from a GP – use your GP surgery's website, use an online service or app, or call the surgery. For urgent

medical help – use the NHS 111 online service, or call 111 if you're unable to get help online. For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 for an ambulance. **If you're advised to go to hospital, it's important to go.**

[Getting medical help from home](#)

[When to call 999](#)

*We do not provide Champix, we will send the request to your GP.

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Sussex Police Focus Remains on Core Policing Services

Police across Sussex will focus on their core role of preventing and detecting crime and protecting the most vulnerable, as people enjoy new freedom to spend more time outside.

Changes were made by the Government earlier this week to moderate stringent lockdown rules, in place to reduce the spread of coronavirus, protect the NHS and save lives.

People can now spend as much time outside as they wish for activities and can travel for activity as long as they do not stay overnight.

Some rules remain in place however, for example to prevent large gatherings or people travelling for holiday purposes or to stay in second homes.

Assistant Chief Constable Dave Miller said: “The policing role in Sussex has never changed.

“We are here to prevent, investigate and detect crime and to keep people safe, and this is evidenced in the on-going efforts of police officers and staff to proactively tackle crime, take criminals off the streets and provide support to victims that need our help.

“The policing role has never been to enforce social distancing – that is a matter of personal responsibility, and we have been encouraged by the vast majority of people adhering to this.

“In this new phase, the police will support partner agencies to deter and deal with clear breaches of the new rules, such as people gathering in groups, but very much with our existing approach of engaging, explaining and encouraging first and using enforcement as a last resort.

“We are all in this together, we want to prevent a second spike in the infection, and so, above all, we urge people to follow the new guidance for their own benefit and to prevent harm to others.”

Figures released today (Friday 15 May) showed that 655 fines were issued to people who breached the lockdown rules between 27 March to 11 May inclusive.

Of these, 297 fines were issued in the past two weeks - the vast majority of which were over the hot early May bank holiday weekend, when Sussex saw an influx of visitors from outside the county which was, at that time, against government regulations.

Officers and PCSOs will continue to patrol in local communities and hot spot areas on the coast and at local beauty spots, as well as identifying and enforcing criminal activity on the roads network.

Sussex Police has seen an increase in reports of criminal activity from the public and encourages people to report suspicious or unusual behaviour.

While we are not seeing a rise in domestic abuse reports to us, we are receiving more calls to domestic incidents such as arguing. We continue to work with support services to ensure that we are able to respond and support people if they call and need help. Those people subject to violence or coercion behind closed doors, children vulnerable to online abuse; people vulnerable to exploitation should be in no doubt – we continue to be there for you.

Contact us and we will be there <https://www.sussex.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/daa/domestic-abuse/how-to-report-domestic-abuse/>

If you want further advice and guidance please go to Safe Space Sussex for a list of organisations that have services that can help you.
<https://www.safespacesussex.org.uk/>

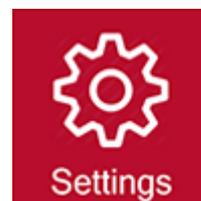
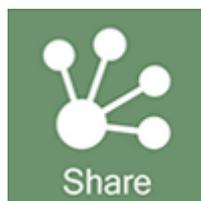
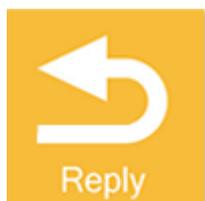
For information on how to report a breach of the regulations, see here:
<https://www.sussex.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/c19/tell-us-about-possible-breach-coronavirus-measures/>

For the latest government guidance on coronavirus, see here:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

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Coronavirus webpage update

Our dedicated [coronavirus webpage](#) has now received over 101,000 hits. Updates this week included a blog from BHIB Councils Insurance with tips on tackling increased vandalism, a summary of results from our recent financial impact survey, updated guidance on holding remote meetings to include more information on risks, security and telephone conference calls, and a range of sources of information to help local (parish and town) councils understand this new stage.

Media coverage on the financial impact on councils

BBC Radio Shropshire has continued to lead the way in shining a light on the financial challenges facing local councils. On 7 May, the chairman of the Shropshire Association of Local Councils, Cllr Ray Wickson, was on the afternoon show talking about their letter to the secretary of state (you can [listen again](#) between 2:35:49 – 2:43:47). And our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, took to the airwaves on 8 May, thanking councils for leading their communities in creative ways to mark #VE75Day, going on to highlight NALC's research and call for a dedicated package of support from the government. You can [listen again](#) between 11:46 – 18:35 and read more in this [Twitter thread](#).

Ministerial webinar

Sue and Justin participated in this week's ministerial webinar hosted by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for local government leaders. We took the opportunity to ask ministers to include information on local councils in data returns from principal councils to government, and if they would convene a virtual roundtable meeting to hear direct from town councils. We've followed this up with the director of local government finance and I will keep you posted.

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Chairman and vice-chairman videoconference

On 10 May NALC's senior staff met remotely with our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter (Worcestershire), vice-chairman (finance), Cllr Keith Stevens (East Sussex) and vice-chairman (member services), Cllr Mike Drew (Avon) and updated them on how NALC services were operating in the current situation. Homeworking is going well and whilst there were no plans to reopen our office at present, we would begin to consider how best to progress a risk

assessment. We also agreed to work closely with the Centre for London to encourage the establishment of more community councils in the capital.

Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments (SAAA)

SAAA met on 13 May to agree its financial regulations and budget for next year, and consider the implications of the current situation for the completion of the Annual Governance and Accountability Returns (AGAR). Can I urge councils to complete returns in good time, safely and in line with government advice on social distancing? You can read more about SAAA's work on their [website](#).

County officer videoconference

On 13 May we held our weekly NALC and county officer Zoom meeting, hosted by our head of member services, Charlotte Eisenhart. At the start of the meeting, we were pleased to be joined by colleagues from Parish Online to discuss how county associations and local councils could maximise the benefits of digital mapping. The rest of the meeting focussed on what local council meetings might look like in the future, and how we can best advise and support councils on these matters.

Improvement and Development Board (IDB)

The IDB held its first virtual meeting on 12 May. The Board welcomed the new county officer representatives, Alison Robinson (Gloucestershire), Sally Longmate (Suffolk), and Wendy Amis (Derbyshire). Updates were provided on the coronavirus effort and the opportunities that are available to the sector, including online learning. The Board also noted progress on the Local Council Award Scheme including the national pilot, and CiLCA, with both programmes to be reviewed in 2020 in consultation with stakeholders. An update was also provided on NALC's recently published research on the May 2019 local elections.

New legal guidance

Our Legal Topic Note (LTN) 31 on local council general powers has been updated to better explain the eligibility criteria to exercise the general power of competence and the latest Section 137 spending limit. You can find the LTN in the member's area of the [NALC website](#) (login required).

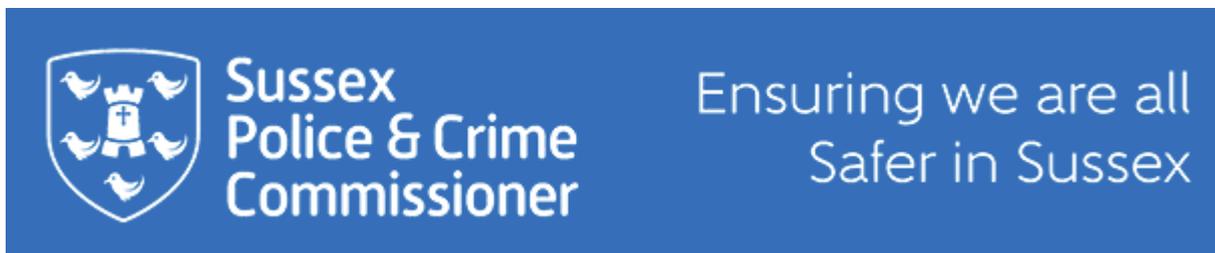
On the blogs

New on the NALC blog are more [reflections on homeworking](#) from my colleagues, plus the Church of England’s national rural officer writes about the [resilience of local communities](#). And Jane Wills of Exeter University has written for the Royal Geographical Society about how [out of the ashes, the phoenix of the parish rises again](#). I think the challenge for us all is to harness this community enthusiasm for local action and hyper localism and encourage people to get more involved in the ongoing work of local councils and the communities they support.

And finally...

Next week is Mental Health Awareness Week (18-24 May) and this year’s theme is kindness. Mental health is always important, none more so now during this period of lockdown, so do be kind to yourself as well as others! I know how much work our councils are continuing to do to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our communities – do keep up the good work. You can find up-to-date materials from Mental Health First Aid, England on ideas for [ways to be kind to yourself and others](#) on their website.

**Email dated 15th May 2020, from Sussex Police
Safe Space Sussex**



In 2016 I launched www.safespacesussex.org.uk - the first online directory of local victim services available in Sussex. Since lockdown, many support services have reached out to me and expressed their concerns about victims of crime not feeling able to safely reach out for help at this time.

Some have seen a decrease in engagement from victims with reports of crimes (like domestic abuse) made to Sussex Police, reducing by around 4%.



As a result, I have upgraded this website and started a campaign on social media to help victims covertly reach out for help whilst stuck in isolation – search [#SafeSpaceSussex](#).

On the homepage there is now a new search tool so that victims of any crime can find the service they need in seconds. It also has a ‘leave site now’ button that can be pressed to quickly exit the site.

As part of the relaunch campaign, guidance has also been shared on how victims can access the new website covertly, using incognito tabs, as they may be living with their perpetrators.

While we are all deeply affected by this ongoing pandemic, those who have, or are still experiencing crime, may well be in a heightened state of anxiety and distress.

We may be in lockdown, but they must not feel locked out from help.

If you find yourself in an emergency where you think you or others may be in immediate danger dial 999. If you are too afraid to talk, dial 55 on your mobile phone to alert the call handler that you need help but cannot speak.

Business crime matters

This week I joined the National Retail Crime Steering Group co-chaired by the Policing Minister and British Retail Consortium. This national group is for retailers to work together, with a range of partners, to identify good practice in the UK and address any barriers that may hinder an effective policing response to retail crime.

As many businesses have been forced to close due to ‘lockdown’, their vacant premises are more vulnerable to being targeted by criminals seeking to make a profit from this pandemic.

I stressed the importance of ensuring the public know that the police are still there for these business owners and that preventative measures will be put in place. I was reassured by the Policing Minister that the recruitment of the planned extra 20,000 officers from the Government’s Operation Uplift continues. In Sussex many of our new officers are already out patrolling our streets.

We also discussed the need to deepen our understanding of the drivers of violence against retail staff and how we can collectively send a clear message that these types of crimes are not tolerated.

In Sussex, I will soon begin consultations with local businesses in conjunction with the Force’s Business Crime Lead. I will also be working, through our Safer Sussex Business Crime Partnership

(launched at the end of February), to explore and scale up successful behaviour change interventions for persistent offenders as well as easier ways for businesses to report crimes to the police.

Business crime matters. I will continue to push for better sharing and collaboration between local businesses and the police to prevent crime where possible and proactively prosecute offenders.

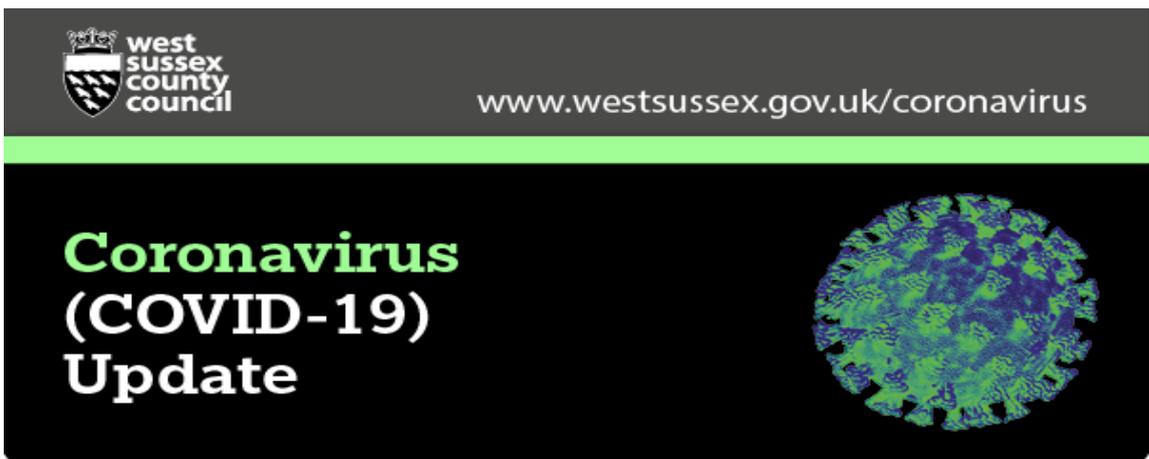
Next week I will also be sharing, on my social media platforms (@SussexPCC), a series of posts focusing on business crime. They will include: actions to take against cybercrime; how the police are helping rural businesses during lockdown; and how the business community can get updates about solved crimes and new initiatives. Search - **#BusinessCrime**



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

Facebook Twitter Email Home Instagram **SHARE WITH A FRIEND**

Email dated 16th May 2020, from WSCC
How is the coronavirus pandemic affecting you? Let us know.



The banner features the West Sussex County Council logo and the URL www.westsussex.gov.uk/coronavirus in the top left. The main text reads "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update" in large, bold letters, with "Coronavirus" in green and "(COVID-19) Update" in white. To the right is a 3D model of a coronavirus particle. Below the banner, the text "Dear residents and partners," is visible.

We know that the current situation is affecting our residents in various different ways and we would like to understand how we can effectively support you.

We are launching a survey to gather your views and to assess the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on your lives.

Tell us how your lives have changed, how you are coping and what your thoughts are on life after this crisis. Your answers will help to shape our response to the current crisis as well as our plans for the future.

Please take 10-15 minutes out of your day to **complete this very important survey** by Sunday 31 May 2020.

Thank you in advance for your time and for your continued support.



#YOUARENOTALONE

There is #NoExcuseForAbuse - support for victims of domestic abuse now available 7 days a week

Since lockdown began, our WORTH Domestic Abuse Service has seen a 24% increase in reports compared to this time last year. As a result, we have made changes to provide additional support.

This means that during lockdown the WORTH service is now available seven days a week to support anyone who needs help:

- Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm: 0330 222 8181
- Weekends, including bank holidays, 9am-5pm: 07834 968539

There is also a list of [other support and resources available](#) on our website.

If you or someone you know needs help or support, call the WORTH service as soon as you can.



75th anniversary of VE Day

Thank you to the residents who sent in pictures of their family who served and



Household Waste Recycling Sites are open

If you are thinking of taking a trip to one of our sites there are several



Keep your distance when exercising outside

Residents are reminded to stay at least two metres from others

supported during the Second World War.

View the photos in our Facebook album.



Foster Care Fortnight

We're halfway through Foster Care Fortnight (11-24 May). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) to see what we've been sharing.

Have a question about fostering? Our teams are still working and taking enquiries.

Start your fostering journey.

things you need to consider.

Read this before planning your trip.



Help us protect the county's children

The West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership is urging residents to help keep vulnerable children and their families safe by speaking up with any concerns.

Get more information.

where possible when out and about to avoid the spread of Covid-19.

Read the full story.



Help is still available

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

Find out more.

Please encourage your friends and family to subscribe to receive these important updates [via our registration page](#).

