

Memo (Agenda July 2020)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 7th June 2020 (week commencing 1st June 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/20/0994 01.06.2020	Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and garage. Erection of new single storey rear extension and new detached garage. Meadcot, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst	22.06.2020	Planning Committee 17.06.2020

Delegated Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	NPC Meeting
	none		

(2) **HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
	none		

(3) **Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Decision
	none	

(4) **Enforcement Numbers**

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action
	none	

(5) **Committee**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC
	none		

Community Speed Watch Data



Website Analytical Data

Analytics Nuthurst Parish Council
All Web Site Data

[Go to report](#)

Audience Overview

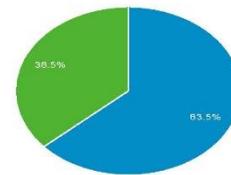
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30 May 2020 - 5 Jun 2020

Overview



■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



Language	Users	% Users
1. en-gb	83	85.57%
2. en-us	12	12.37%
3. c	1	1.03%
4. en	1	1.03%

Clerks Update

- The children's play area remains closed to the public and has been secured with padlocks.

Correspondence

Email dated 26th May 2020, from WSCC

Change of status for The Forest School, Horsham and St Andrews CE High School for Boys, Worthing to co-educational schools

Good Morning

Please find below a briefing notice regarding the forthcoming consultation on the proposed change of status for The Forest School, Horsham and St Andrews CE High School for Boys, Worthing to co-educational schools.

It would be appreciated if you could circulate to all interested parties.

Please be aware that this document remains confidential until the consultation goes live on 1 June 2020.

Kind Regards
Tracey

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Confidential Briefing for all Parish and Town Councillors within Horsham District Council and The Mayor of Worthing Town Council.

Statutory Consultation: –

Proposals for St Andrews C of E High School for Boys, Worthing and The Forest School, Horsham

Ensuring that all children and young people secure the best start in life and are able to support the County in its quest for sustainability and prosperity is key to the future of West Sussex. Our School Effectiveness Strategy 2018-2022 aims to take account of this changing landscape and mitigate the extreme challenges of current educational funding faced both by schools and the County Council. The County Council is responsible for strategically organising schools to ensure that they work in the most sustainable and effective way to support pupil outcomes. For school organisation across the County, the aim is to establish a model of robust and sustainable education for all schools and key stages. For School Improvement, the aim is to effectively challenge and support schools in order to secure long-term financial sustainability.

During 2019 the County Council had initial discussions with St Andrews C of E High School for Boys, Worthing and The Forest School, Horsham about concerns expressed over future pupil numbers and

the options for securing long term pupil numbers. The Diocese of Chichester have also been consulted as St Andrews C of E High School for Boys is a voluntary aided school.

These discussions continued in 2020 and during April-May 2020, the option to consult on both schools converting from single-sex boys' schools to co-educational schools with effect from September 2021 entry was discussed and agreed with the headteachers and governing bodies of both schools and with the Diocese of Chichester.

What will it mean?

The proposal, if approved, would mean that both schools would admit boys and girls into Year 7 with effect from September 2021 and each year thereafter. Existing year groups would remain single sex until September 2025 when all year groups would be co-educational.

There are no proposals to consult on changes to either Davison Church of England High School for Girls, Worthing or Millais School, Horsham.

Consultation begins on 1 June 2020 and runs for four weeks until 28 June 2020, during which time there will be opportunities for the community to express their views.

Details of the consultation will be available via the following link on the 'Have Your Say' website: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/about-the-council/have-your-say/>

This briefing will also be sent to Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, County Local Committee Members, Local MP's, District/Borough Chief Executives, Teaching Associations and Unions.

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Email dated 1st June 2020, from WSCC

West Sussex County Council news release: Initial funding of up to £784,000 for emergency safe space cycling and walking measures



Initial funding of up to £784,000 for emergency safe space cycling and walking measures

The Government has announced initial funding of up to £784,000 for emergency, safe space cycling and walking measures in West Sussex in the wake of the Coronavirus outbreak.

Schemes will largely be temporary, such as pop-up cycle lanes and some road closures, but may evolve into permanent changes. They will promote cycling and walking as a replacement for journeys in areas which, until the Covid crisis, were heavily used by public transport, especially for short journeys, but would be more attractive to cyclists as routes if measures were taken.

Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: “This initial funding is welcome news and will boost provision for safe space cycling and walking in the county.

“We hope to make further announcements on funding for both walking and cycling provision in the county once we have details of second tranche funding.”

News of extra funding levels has been eagerly awaited since May 9, when the Transport Secretary announced a £250million boost nationally for cyclists and pedestrians to help them socially distance more easily during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Roger said: “Since May 9, our officers have been working hard, liaising with our district and borough council partners to draw up a list of priority schemes and we have commissioned consultants to start to develop these into workable designs that can be implemented.

“Many of these potential schemes have been drawn from Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans that have been developed across the county.

“Now we know the level of initial funding, we can accelerate those schemes which best fit the Department for Transport’s criteria for the emergency measures.”

Timing is critical: the Department for Transport wants to see all proposals by Friday (5 June) so it can decide if they are suitable for funding. The £784,000 is not guaranteed and may be clawed back should schemes not be started within four weeks of allocation.

The money will need to fund the implementation, maintenance and monitoring of the schemes, which will be closely monitored to ensure they are having a positive impact on local travel.

**Email dated 1st June 2020, from SSALC
Sussex ALC Bulletin**



SUSSEX ALC BULLETIN CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION
OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE
LATEST NALC CORONAVIRUS UPDATE
EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL: LATEST INFORMATION
WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL: LATEST INFORMATION
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL: LATEST INFORMATION

Spring edition of NALC’s LCR magazine goes digital

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is making the Spring edition of its flagship magazine, *LCR*, available to read online.

This digital issue still features all the regular articles you are familiar with, including spotlights on councillors, councils and county associations, advice and guidance and its in-depth specials.

This editions special is related to the current coronavirus pandemic, with subjects focusing on:

- how to manage your volunteers;
- how you have been responding to and leading on the pandemic;
- how to keep your momentum going while working from home.

As usual, there are good practice case studies from which you can take inspiration. For example, the newly-created The Big Themes section concentrates on the good work the sector is doing on NALC's key themes of health and wellbeing, the climate change emergency and youth engagement.

In addition, you can read up on the legalities of smoking in council-owned cars and statistics on local elections and your thoughts on how to get more people to stand for election.

There's much more for you to read, so take a look and feel free to share this unique content with your colleagues.

Please note that SSALC will not be handling LCR orders as in previous years, if you wish to subscribe (or re-subscribe for 2020-21) and you have not already placed an order directly with NALC, please do so by following the link below (prices remain the same).

[Subscribe to LCR](#)

[Read LCR Spring 2020 for FREE](#)

Email dated 1st June 2020, from WSCC

Consultation on the change of status for The Forest School, Horsham and St Andrews CE High School for Boys, Worthing to co-educational schools

Further to the confidential briefing issued on Tuesday 26 May 2020.

Please be advised that the Statutory Consultation on the schools named above has gone live today (1 June).

Both consultations will run for a total of four weeks until 29 June 2020.

They can be accessed via the following links.

westsussex.gov.uk/theforestschool

westsussex.gov.uk/standrews

If you require any further information please contact the school organisation team via email schoolconsultations@westsussex.gov.uk and a member of the team will come back to you.

Kind Regards

Email dated 2nd June 2020, from Sussex Police
Sussex Police Horsham Weekly Bulletin 02.06.2020

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Sussex Police



Horsham Weekly Bulletin

Crime summary

Burglary – There are no burglaries to dwellings to report this week.

Burglary other than Dwelling – There are no burglaries to Sheds, Garages and outbuildings to report this week.

News and appeals

Make the right call and help our Tactical Enforcement Unit target criminals



Sussex Police's Tactical Enforcement Unit (TEU) carried out a warrant at an address in Saltdean following concerns of suspected drug dealing.

Acting on information received from the public, the team searched the house and seized £35,000 worth of drugs including cocaine, cannabis and diazepam, along with £16,000 cash. Two men aged 32 and 47 and a 56-year-old woman were all arrested on suspicion for being concerned in the supply of drugs. They have been released under investigation.

The team, made up of officers with specialist skills in proactive policing, carries out targeted

disruption, enforcement and patrol activities wherever it is most needed.

The TEU captures some of Sussex's most wanted and prolific offenders, including those involved in serious violence, organised crime and county lines drugs gangs.

Policing as usual continues in Sussex, despite the current crisis we are living in. This enforcement activity shows the importance of making the right call, and to report anything suspicious to us, or other agencies anonymously such as Crimestoppers so that we can respond effectively.

Our priority is keeping communities safe and feeling safe, and we are asking the public to continue to #MakeTheRightCall so we can ensure that our resources are focused on those who genuinely need our help and to prevent crime.

Since the launch of the TEU on 16 December 2019, the team has made 105 arrests, conducted 263 intelligence led stop and searches, seized thousands of pounds worth of illegal drugs, weapons, cash and helped to safeguard vulnerable people and those at risk of exploitation.

One initial central team made up of eight PCs, a Sergeant and led by an inspector, is expanding from May 29 thanks to the additional precept and Government funding. The team is growing to form three teams in each division, the next expansion is in West Sussex, followed by East Sussex in July this year.

Inspector Dan Hiles, who is leading the TEU, said: "There is no officer who enjoys the idea of a criminal evading justice. The unit was set up to target exactly those people, while helping to keep communities safe."

If you notice anything suspicious, we want to know about it. Please report online or call 101. In an emergency always dial 999.

You can alternatively report anonymously to Crimestoppers here or by calling 0800 555 111. <https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/make-the-right-call-and-help-our-tactical-enforcement-unit-target-criminals/>

Man sustains potentially life-changing injuries in a Horsham collision



Police are appealing for witnesses after a pedestrian sustained potentially life-changing injuries in a collision in Horsham.

The incident involving a blue Mitsubishi Shogun occurred in Canberra Road about 7am on Tuesday 26 May.

The pedestrian – a 27-year-old local man – became trapped between the 4x4 and another vehicle, and sustained a broken arm and fractured pelvis. He was taken to Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton for surgery.

The road was closed for a short period while officers conducted their investigation at the scene, and police would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding.

Anyone who saw what happened – specifically anyone with dash cam, CCTV or mobile phone footage which may have captured the incident – or anyone who saw a blue Mitsubishi Shogun being driven in the area shortly beforehand, is urged to email collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk quoting serial 265 of 26/05.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/man-sustains-potentially-life-changing-injuries-in-a-horsham-collision/>

Motorcyclist seriously injured in Pulborough collision

Police are investigating a serious collision on the A29 Beacon Hill, Pulborough, on Tuesday (May 26).

Officers were called around 6.15pm to reports of a collision involving a white Honda CBR motorcycle and a black Seat Ibiza.

The motorcycle rider – a 27-year-old man from the Selham area – suffered serious injuries and was taken to the Royal Sussex County Hospital in Brighton.

The driver of the Seat – a 30-year-old woman from the Walberton area – was uninjured.

Police are keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision, who saw either vehicle being driven prior to the collision, or who may have any relevant dash cam footage.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Sussex Police by calling 101 or emailing collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk quoting Operation Downley.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/motorcyclist-seriously-injured-in-pulborough-collision/>

Sussex Police warn hate crime will not be tolerated in the county



Sussex Police is reminding the public that hate crime will not be tolerated in the county.

Superintendent Rachel Swinney, the Force Hate Crime lead, said: “The impact of coronavirus is widespread and is affecting most of us in some way.

“We have seen many communities coming together to help and support each other however there may still be people who are being targeted simply for being who they are.

The Force participate in the national awareness weeks for hate crime which aim to raise understanding of what hate crime is. These advice weeks are a platform to encourage victims to

report matters of hate crime to us to ensure support is provided and the relevant action is taken against the perpetrators.

Supt Swinney added: “A hate crime doesn’t always include physical violence. Someone using offensive language towards you or harassing you because of who you are, or who they think you are is also a crime. This includes circumstances whereby someone posts abusive or offensive messages.

“Last month we were called to a shoplifting offence at a shop in a Brighton shopping centre. On arrival it was reported the suspect allegedly racially abused a security guard.

“Ishmal Mohammed, 24, of no fixed address was charged with using threatening, abusive or insulting words or behaviour to cause harassment, alarm or distress, two counts of racially or religiously aggravated intentional harassment, alarm or distress in words or writing. He was released on court bail until 29 May.

“The severity of hate crime offences has also been acknowledged by the courts and judges can impose a higher sentence if hate crime is one of the offences recorded.”

Hate crime can be reported to us by calling 101, or 999 in an emergency. For those who wish to report online, you can do so here.

People who are hard of hearing or speech-impaired can text 65999 or TypeTalk on 18000. You can also report via True Vision, a national website operated by the National Police Chiefs’ Council.

There is also a range of support agencies to whom you can report – for more details, please see our website.

If you have been a victim of hate crime you can also find support online at Safe:Space Sussex, a directory of local specialist services to help people find all the information they need 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/sussex-police-warn-hate-crime-will-not-be-tolerated-in-the-county/>

Sussex Resilience Forum thanks volunteers for their hard work



Published on behalf of Sussex Resilience Forum

To celebrate Volunteers' Week, 1 – 7 June, the Sussex Resilience Forum (SRF) is shining a light

on the stories of Sussex volunteers who have supported their communities in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic.

From the start of the pandemic, volunteers have provided services at all levels, from delivering vital PPE supplies to protect the frontline, to making welfare calls and food drops to support individuals within communities.

The SRF is the multi-agency operation through which the work of local authorities and emergency services co-ordinate the response across public services, also working closely with health services and the military and linking with central government.

The Volunteer Work stream triages requests for support from these and also other voluntary, community & social enterprise organisations, and Volunteers' Week is a chance to celebrate volunteers supporting directly and also those less formal voluntary efforts, where people have selflessly given their time and efforts to help others.

Neil Stocker, Deputy Chief Fire Officer, West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, SRF Co-Chair, said: "I have been so impressed by the scale of ingenuity, enthusiasm and sheer persistent hard work which has gone into the efforts of volunteers to help and protect the people of Sussex.

"The scale of the efforts, ranging from rescue charities driving thousands of miles to deliver PPE and essential equipment, to individuals who've taken up responsibility for looking after people in their local communities, and those volunteering to use their specialist skills within the SRF, has been astounding. I thank each and every one of them for their efforts.

"As we turn our minds increasingly to planning how to support our communities as they consider the next tentative steps towards recovery, I know that volunteers will remain an essential part of this effort."

Organisations and individuals involved in supporting the SRF's response include:
Team Rubicon UK

Sussex 4x4 Response
Sussex 4x4 Assist
Chartwells
Red Cross
East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service
West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service
Haywards Heath Mutual Aid

In addition, throughout Volunteers' Week, the SRF agencies will be sharing stories of localised examples of voluntary work to support communities. Please visit @SussexRF on Twitter and Sussex Resilience Forum on Facebook to see these throughout the week.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/sussex-resilience-forum-thanks-volunteers-for-their-hard-work/>

Help us keep Sussex safe

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**

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.

Message Sent By

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

Email dated 2nd June 2020, from Sussex Police
New Team Launched To Tackle Countryside Crime In Sussex

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New Team Launched To Tackle Countryside Crime In Sussex

Sussex Police has launched a new rural crime team, whose overall aim is to crack down on unlawful behaviour in isolated communities.

This team, launched on Monday (June 1), has been made possible with the precept increase, as acquired by Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Katy Bourne at the start of this financial year. The new funding will allow for more enforcement and greater local policing presence, part of which is rural crime.

The team will have a specialist focus on agricultural, equine, wildlife and heritage issues, and it has been brought together to serve the rural community, to increase confidence and encourage reporting through preventing crime and carrying out more proactive investigations.

Made up of two sergeants, eight constables and six police community support officers (PCSOs), the team will be operating out of bases at Midhurst and Heathfield.

The impact of rural crime has become more apparent in recent years, and this is reflected with the implementation of the national Rural Affairs Strategy in 2018, from the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC).

Sussex Police's own Rural Crime Strategy aims to make rural communities feel safer by building long-lasting partnerships, responding to the community's needs, and provide an effective policing service. In turn, this work aims to increase confidence in the police in our more isolated areas.

With 62% of Sussex's area dedicated to farming, and a significant proportion being in the South Downs National Park, Sussex is defined as 'significantly rural' by DEFRA (2011).

Recently, Sussex Police have arrested a trio near High Hurstwood, Wealden, on suspicion of burglary and going equipped for burglary. This is just one example of the force's approach to disrupting rural crime in the county.

Chief Inspector Steve Biglands, Sussex Police's Rural Crime lead, said:

"We are keenly aware of the significant impact that these types of crimes have on our remote communities, and the implementation of this new team is designed to provide a direct link between those more isolated and the police. We want to encourage reporting of rural crimes, because with this insight, we are able to deploy the team to where they are most needed in order to protect the most vulnerable. We have a substantial number of rural residents and businesses in Sussex and they deserve our protection."

Deputy Chief Constable for Sussex Police Jo Shiner said:

"It is so important to have a dedicated team for this area of policing, which quite often can go unnoticed. We want to reassure the residents of Sussex that we are here to disrupt rural crime, to catch those who think they can get away with it, and to ensure our more isolated communities feel safe in their own homes.

"There have been cases recently of animal thefts, quad bike thefts and numerous other countryside offences. We understand how destructive these are to people's livelihoods, and how damaging they can be emotionally to the victim. We want perpetrators of these crimes to know we are here to catch them: do not consider committing the crime because we will bring you to justice.

"Working closely with partners, we can draw on expertise and resources from all over the county: together, we can provide the service needed to prevent rural crime."

Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said:

"Through my ongoing consultations with local residents and organisations, including the National Farmers' Union, I know that our rural and village communities in Sussex can sometimes feel 'abandoned' and 'forgotten about'.

"Rural crime is particularly worrying and, since the Covid lockdown, there have been many disturbing reports of fly-tipping and expensive equipment theft. I want to reassure our rural residents that these crimes will not be ignored and are being taken extremely seriously.

"This expanded team will have the specialist knowledge, skills and training that is vital to police our rural communities, successfully investigate and prosecute crimes made against them and keep people feeling safe where they live and work.

"I know that this will be welcome news to many residents and organisations across Sussex".

Message Sent By

Sussex Police (Police, Force-wide message, Sussex)

Email dated 3rd June 2020, from HDC
Local Plan Update

Horsham Planning Policy Consultations

Draft Horsham District Local Plan 2019-2036

Here is a message from the consultation manager:

Horsham District (Regulation 18) Draft Local Plan 2019 - 2016

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing with regards to the recent Horsham District (Regulation 18) Draft Local Plan consultation; thank you if you made comments in response to this consultation document. Thousands of comments were received and the Council continues to analyse the feedback that was received. To ensure that we can make comments available as soon as we can, comments received are being made public on our [website](#) from today, as part of a rolling process. Each comment must be checked to ensure that we comply with data protection and due to the number of responses we have received this is a lengthy process. As such, not all comments are currently available to view. If you do not see your comment, please be assured that it will be made public as soon as it is processed and that we are working to make all comments available as soon as we possibly can. Comments from the public submitted by email or letter have not been uploaded into the system but will be in due course.

An initial report on the findings of the consultation has also been published on our [website](#) identifying the numbers of comments received and the policies that the comments relate to. As stated in the report, it is important to be aware that whilst the comments received will lead to further work being undertaken as we continue the process of Local Plan preparation, this will arise from the planning issues which were raised during the consultation and not as a result of the number of comments or the level of objection or support for a particular policy, allocation or housing target.

The findings of the consultation, alongside evidence based documents, will then be taken into account as we prepare the final draft of the Local Plan, ready for submission for further consultation (Regulation 19). A comprehensive consultation report will be produced once all comments are thoroughly analysed and all of the key issues raised through the consultation have been identified.

For further information about the stages of Local Plan preparation and the currently proposed timescales for this to take place, visit our [Local Plan timetable page](#).

Kind Regards, Planning Policy Team, Horsham District Council

Email dated 3rd June 2020, from WSCC
WSCC news release: Proposals revealed for 21km of temporary cycleways in West Sussex



Proposals revealed for 21km of temporary cycleways in West Sussex

West Sussex County Council is putting forward safe space cycling schemes to the Department for Transport to consider. This is the first stage of work in response to the easing of the Coronavirus lockdown.

If accepted, 21km of temporary cycle lanes would be provided to promote cycling as a replacement for journeys in areas which, until the COVID-19 crisis, were heavily reliant on public transport.

Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: “We have been working closely with our district and borough partners to look at a whole host of ways we can improve cycling provision as a direct response to the easing of lockdown. If the schemes get the go-ahead, they will form part of a series of measures which will make a real difference for cyclists in each of the county’s seven borough and district areas as the Government eases lockdown.

“There is no guarantee the Department for Transport will accept the schemes for funding, but we believe we have presented a good case which could result in 21km of new, temporary cycleways in West Sussex.

“Alongside these schemes which would require central funding, we will continue to work with our district and borough council partners on other measures which could be introduced at minimal expense but add even more safe space for cyclists.”

The seven schemes would involve a combination of temporary traffic management, such as cones and signing, light segregation using ‘traffic wands’, planters, water-filled barriers, road markings and temporary 20mph speed limits.

The schemes being put forward for funding are:

Adur

A270 Adur River/A283 to Hove Boundary along Upper Shoreham Road and Old Shoreham Road, past Holmbush roundabout in Shoreham, linking to Brighton and Hove City Council’s pop-up lane.

Arun

A259 in Bognor Regis: widening the temporary surface where possible, cutting back overhanging vegetation and removing growth on the existing path, which has become narrow in places. Consideration would also be given to converting one lane of western dual carriageway to cycle/bus lane.

Chichester:

Railway Station to Spitalfield Lane, Chichester, including converting one lane of Oaklands Way to a cycle lane and linking with existing facilities, such as the cycle path on Broyle Road.

Crawley

Three Bridges to Manor Royal in Crawley, linking to the NCN21 and Balcombe Road to Town Centre (via Three Bridges), improving continuity of existing cycle provision by adding missing links. The proposal would look to improve existing cycle facilities through the reallocation of carriageway space.

Horsham

Cone off one lane of Albion Way, Horsham, in each direction from Sainsbury’s and Waitrose to the Bishopric to provide space for people to cycle and walk to the supermarkets and the town.

Mid Sussex

Extend the existing cycle lane in London Road, East Grinstead, (southbound) from Engalee (cul-de-sac) as far as the Lingfield Road roundabout.

Worthing

Reallocate road space, creating a cycleway to connect (north to south) the A24/A259 Grove Lodge area in Worthing to The Steyne on the seafront.

The Department for Transport requires submission of all proposals by Friday (5 June) so it can decide if they are suitable for funding. West Sussex County Council could receive up to £784,000 in funding – but this is not guaranteed and may be clawed back should schemes not be started within four weeks of allocation.

Roger added: “We hope to make further announcements on funding for both walking and cycling provision in the county once we have details of a second tranche of funding.”

Email dated 4th June 2020, from AGE UK Horsham Age UKHD Weekly mail

It's Thursday again so a few things that might be of interest below.

- 1) A lovely lady I spoke to yesterday told me about Daily Hope which is a phone in church service with hymns, prayers etc. She is really enjoying it. They change the service every day and as it's on the phone it is accessible for more than if it was on the internet. The number is 0800 804 8044.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-parishes/daily-hope-phone-line>

- 2) I had the following from Caroline who is the Coop Community Coordinator. She covers Southwater but, it is a national thing.

<https://causes.coop.co.uk/>

- 3) Library Info

Do you need some digital support?



If you are struggling to get to grips with online services or know someone who could benefit from some remote support for a basic digital need, we are offering a new **Remote Digital Support** service for library customers!

A small team of Library Digital Volunteers can now offer remote support for basic digital enquiries, such as:

- Accessing the library service's online [Current Offer](#)
- Using email
- Using a digital device to connect with others
- General internet searching
- Accessing [Learn My Way's](#) free digital skills courses
- Accessing government services online
- Staying safe online

If you would like some digital support please phone **0330 222 3455**, or email your name, **phone number** and a brief description of the help needed to library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk, and we will get in touch as soon as we can.

House history



Have you been watching *A House Through Time*? In the June issue of *BBC History* magazine, presenter David Olusoga looks at how Britain's grand houses descended into slums during the Victorian era, while *BBC History Revealed* looks at the changes in Britain's homes – from Georgian townhouses to post-war suburbia. Both titles are available to read and download via our [free eMagazine](#) service.

If this inspires you to find out the history of your own house, why not contact our [Enquiries Team](#) so we can help you to get started?

Email dated 3rd June 2020, from NALC Coronavirus – information for Parish & Town Councils

NALC has updated its dedicated webpage on the coronavirus. This includes updates on the Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund and further guidance on managing facilities and public spaces. See the updates below:

Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy published [guidance on applying for the coronavirus Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund](#) on 29 May. Small and micro businesses with fixed property costs that are not eligible for the Small Business Grant Fund or the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund may be eligible for the Discretionary Grants Scheme. The guidance advises those interested in the fund to visit their local council's website to find out how to apply.

Managing facilities and public spaces

We have also added a range of guidance related to the management of facilities and public spaces:

- On 3 June, CFP published a guide to [managing public parks during COVID-19](#). This includes specific sections related to car parks, children's play areas, outdoor gyms, ball courts, sports activities, public toilets, cafes and visitor centres.
- The Lawn Tennis Association has produced [information related to tennis activities](#) during COVID-19.
- Skateboard England has produced a set of [guidelines for skating safely](#).
- The Visitors Safety Group have produced [guidance on work practices for landowners and countryside managers](#).

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.

**Email dated 2th June 2020, from HDC
For Awareness - Anti-5G Posters With Sharps Behind**

I'm sending this to all managers of air quality monitoring networks, in our role as Health and Safety coordinator.

It's been brought to our attention today, by one of the Local Authorities we are in contact with, that 'anti-5G' protesters have been sticking posters on various street furniture including telephone infrastructure, electricity cabinets and lamp posts. Some of these posters have blades or other 'sharps' placed behind them, in a deliberate attempt to injure anyone who attempts to remove them. The LA wanted to warn us, in case any such posters appeared on air pollution monitoring sites.

Fortunately, there have been no instances of this at any air quality monitoring site, as far as we are aware. At this stage, therefore, we haven't taken the step of putting this into the Health and Safety Database for every site.

However, it is a possibility, especially if these protesters mistake a monitoring station for telephone network infrastructure. Therefore, please pass this information on to your Local Site Operators where applicable. If any posters or stickers with 'anti-5G' messages are found stuck to any monitoring stations, lamp posts where diffusion tubes are fixed, etc., they should treat them with caution and not attempt to remove them.

**Email dated 4th June 2020 from WSCC
West Sussex County Council news release: 'Greener' on-street parking charges with 25 per cent reduction for low-emission vehicles**



'Greener' on-street parking charges with 25 per cent reduction for low-emission vehicles

On-street parking charges in West Sussex have taken a 'green' step forward, with cheaper permits for low-emission vehicles.

From this week, the cost of a parking permit for this type of vehicle was reduced by 25 per cent.

Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: “The 25 per cent reduction for low-emission vehicles represents a contribution towards our [Electric Vehicle Strategy](#) and its overarching aims of reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality.

“The strategy sets out a long-term vision that will enable West Sussex residents, when travelling in a car or small van, to choose ultra-low emission vehicles and travel in a carbon neutral way.”

Other changes to on-street parking include new, six-month, Resident, Non-Resident, Healthcare, Carer, Countywide, Trader and Doctor permits. Previously only year-long permits were available, so the half-yearly option has been introduced to give people more choice. The higher charges for six-month permits reflect the admin costs that go with this.

A standard charge has also been introduced for hotel permits in Worthing Zone Z only. This is to bring consistency and improve the operation of the Worthing Controlled Parking Zone.

Permits are purchased by the hotels in Zone Z and handed out to guests. They can be daily or for half a day.

Details on all the new charges can be found [online](#)

NB: In line with national guidance during the Coronavirus outbreak, while not all key workers are entitled to free on-street parking, NHS staff and social care workers and volunteers in West Sussex currently are, so long as they display supporting evidence in their windscreens, such as photocopies of their work pass with sensitive information removed, or a letter of evidence from their employer. This will continue until further notice.

For those who might still be furloughed at home etc and need to park additional vehicles, dispensation notices are available from the relevant district/borough council at a cost of £5 per month. On-street enforcement was stepped up from Monday (June 1), with more consistent patrols of permit/pay and display areas. For the last few weeks, attention has been focused on safety/access and enforcement has largely been reactive.

Email dated 5th June 2020, from WSCC Countryside Ranger Week 8 - update of Downs Link EAFRD funded resurfacing project

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

Week 8:

Area 2: Completion of laying and compacting the limestone base layer and limestone dust topping. This section was reopened on Monday evening and the contractors have rolled the finished surface a few more times since it has reopened.

Area 3: This section was closed again on Tuesday to finish off the section by laying and compacting the limestone base layer and limestone dust topping. The contractor will return next week to roll the surface again, the Downs Link will remain open when this happens.

Both sections are now open to the public. To help protect the surface, until it settles and hardens off, we ask that horses are not taken on to the path for 2 weeks. If this is unavoidable then the horses are to be walked.

We will also continue to keep West Grinstead car park closed to allow the new surface in the car park to settle and harden off. We will review this in 4 weeks.

Email dated 5th June 2020, from WSCC

WSCC news release: COVID-19 Community Archive – marking a moment in history



COVID-19 Community Archive – marking a moment in history

A time capsule capturing West Sussex's response to the coronavirus outbreak is being put together into a COVID-19 Community Archive to show future generations.

The project will see the West Sussex Record Office, The Novium Museum in Chichester and Screen Archive South East join forces to bring the archive together.

This multi-faceted collection will be accessible for future generations to show the county's reaction, resilience and recovery during these extraordinary times.

Residents are invited to share their lockdown diaries, posters, poems, artwork, objects or videos to become part of history. Organisations and community groups are asked to share their experiences, feelings and activities and it is hoped that key workers and services will also add their stories to the archive.

Each of the partners will be responsible for collecting different materials which will form part of their collection and will be used together for future displays and exhibitions.

The responsibilities for the collection will be divided up as follows:

- The West Sussex Record Office (run by West Sussex County Council) will be collecting all archives and digital content.
- The Novium Museum (operated by Chichester District Council) will be responsible for the collection of artwork and objects, including 3D items from across Chichester District.
- Screen Archive South East (part of the University of Brighton) will be taking in and preserving all films (as digital files) from across West Sussex.

Records can be made on paper, digitally, or on a phone and can be done as an individual, part of a family project within the same household, a creative outlet or simply as a daily record.

If an individual has a particular item that has kept them going through lockdown, then The Novium Museum's social history collection would like to hear from them, as a selection of these objects will be collected and preserved for future generations. More information can be found at www.thenovium.org/communityarchive.

Residents are also asked to help in collecting other material that they might come across such as:

- Leaflets, flyers or posters from councils and other organisations about the pandemic.

- Material from local businesses relating to closures or changes to how they operate.
- Advice from local organisations about hygiene, social distancing and self-isolation.
- Information about community efforts to help vulnerable and isolated persons.
- Information from local schools regarding closures, home-schooling and re-opening.

Duncan Crow, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Fire and Rescue and Communities, said: “This collaboration between the West Sussex Record Office, Screen Archive South East and The Novium Museum is such a fantastic opportunity to collect a range of materials that no one group could manage on their own. By working together to get this information, we will be able to get a thorough overview of how the pandemic effected people across the county. This collection will be a fantastic and interesting resource for people to look at and explore in years to come.”

Dr Frank Gray, Director of Screen Archive South East, said: “The current crisis is bringing to us immense and unimaginable changes. This makes saving documents that chronicle through different media our changing world so important - both for now and for the future. At the Screen Archive we are interested in films that enable us to see and hear how we are living now.”

Councillor Roy Briscoe, Cabinet Member for Communities, Sport and Culture at Chichester District Council, said: “We are living through a key moment in history. Collecting objects that show what life was like during the coronavirus crisis will help to preserve those memories and allow us to tell this story for generations to come. These objects could include an item that represents your experience or characterises your community’s response to COVID-19, or artwork produced during the crisis, for example by children during their home learning.”

If people want to share any of their materials with the partnership, please get in contact with the relevant team who can provide further details:

- West Sussex Record Office – record.office@westsussex.gov.uk
- The Novium Museum - thenovium@chichester.gov.uk
- Screen Archive South East - screenarchive@brighton.ac.uk

If people wish to share films with the Screen Archive, please go this <https://screenarchive.brighton.ac.uk/news/chronicling-covid/> for the upload instructions.

To find out more, visit <https://westsussexrecordofficeblog.com/2020/03/31/history-in-the-making-help-to-play-your-part-and-add-your-story-to-the-west-sussex-archives/#more-3756>

Email dated 5th June 2020, from HDC

Open Space Survey - to add value to Sport, Open Space and Recreation Assessment Update

Dear Parish Council Clerk and Chair

As part of our work to review the Local Plan, Horsham District Council’s Planning Policy team is working closely with colleagues in Leisure to carry out an assessment of the different types of open space and recreational areas in the District. This includes allotments and play areas as well as natural areas of open space such as nature reserves. As you will know these areas are hugely important to our quality of life.

The aim of our study is to seek to understand what types of space we have, where it is and of what quality it is. This information will be used to identify any areas of existing deficiency or excess, and will be used to set standards in the new local plan to ensure that new development provides the right type and amount of open space in any new development that takes place. Although the study is a requirement of the NPPF, and is being led by Strategic Planning, the study will also be useful to

Leisure services to inform the day to day work that they carry out – for example when they respond to planning applications in the District.

We have appointed consultants Knight Kavanagh & Page to undertake the study. As part of the study they will undertake a survey of local residents to understand what type of open space residents use, what is their favourite space and how far they travel to visit the open space. This survey will help to provide an up-to-date understanding of how local residents view and value their open spaces, (in addition to the professional assessment) and inform the outputs of the study particularly in terms of the quality and local value of these places.

The survey will be carried out online. The District Council will be promoting the survey via a link from our webpage as of Monday (<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/current-planning-consultations>) and accompany it with social media-based promotion. It will run for 4 weeks between 8 June 2020 and 6 July 2020. The results of the survey will inform the final assessment which will be made available on the Council's website in due course.

Should anyone contact you about this survey please advise them that it is being hosted and managed by the consultants on the District Council's behalf, and encourage them to take part should they wish to do so. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Rebecca Fry

Senior Planning Officer

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**Email dated 5th June 2020, from NALC
Chief Executives Weekly Bulletin**

Coronavirus webpage update

Updates to our dedicated **coronavirus webpage** this week included on the Local Authority Discretionary Grants Fund and further guidance on managing facilities and public spaces.

MHCLG ministerial webinar

Schools reopening and support for vulnerable children, plus easing and recovery measures were the key issues covered in this week's Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) ministerial webinar for local government leaders. Our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, joined the webinar and submitted two questions to the local government minister, Simon Clarke MP, who hosted the webinar, about involving our tier of local government alongside other stakeholders in the ministerial economic recovery working group, and seeking engagement over the role of local councils in plans for local lockdowns.

Looking after your health

I am pleased to have **partnered with Team Doctor** to support local council teams during these difficult

times. Team Doctor has produced a series of bite-sized films to help people address some of the major issues which occur in and around the workplace. The films contain some of the UK's leading experts, giving clear and practical information and advice. This is available to councils free for two months, so please do take a look and support your own and your colleagues' health today.

New guidance on website accessibility

During the lockdown, I know many of you have likely been using online products and services more than ever before. So now more than ever having a local council website that is as accessible as possible is important. In order to help you, NALC has produced **new guidance** on how to comply with the website accessibility regulations that come into force in September this year.

Webinar for county officers on risk management

This week NALC and our partners **BHIB Councils Insurance** hosted a webinar for county officers to support them in advising member councils on risk management. Effective and regular risk assessment and management will be key to re-opening facilities and services safely, in line with government rules and guidelines. And next week we will be launching a new guide for local councils on this topic, so watch this space!

The future of council meetings

Our head of member services, Charlotte Eisenhart, took part in a number of meetings this week with county officers as well as national bodies such as the Local Government Association, Lawyers in Local Government, Association of Democratic Services Officers and Centre for Public Scrutiny, as part of NALC's work to understand and advise on how local council meetings can operate effectively into the future once lockdown restrictions start to ease. This work will include updating our guidance on remote meetings to help councils consider how to hold effective, compliant and accessible meetings once face to face or even hybrid (a mix of physical and remote) meetings are able to take place again. We will also be considering whether the current temporary regulations which come to an end next year, should continue in order to provide ongoing flexibility for councils.

Local Council Award Scheme

Following the success of the initial pilot, the national accreditation panel for the Local Council Award Scheme undertook another pilot starting in February 2020. I'm delighted to congratulate Welwyn Parish Council for achieving the Foundation Award and Pilsley Parish Council for achieving the Quality Award. Huge thanks to the members of the panel for their commitment as part of this process.

Council tax statistics

MHCLG published **Council Tax statistics for town and parish councils in England 2020/21** on 3 June. This provides information on local precepting authorities (local councils, charter trustees and Temples) and the amount of council tax collected on their behalf by their billing authorities in England. We're currently poring over this data and will be publishing our analysis next week.

Media coverage

I would encourage you to check out **BBC Radio 4's The Spark** on former NALC Star Council of the Year, Frome Town Council, and how they are using their 'flatpack democracy' approach to pioneer a new kind of local politics. And council funding continues to get some local media coverage by **The Isle of Thanet News**, **Signal 107**, and **BBC Radio Wiltshire**. And in case you missed it, **ITV news** also ran a story including interviews with Sue, Shrewsbury Town Council in Shropshire and Castle Donington Parish Council in Leicestershire, where Sue called for financial support and working with the government to find a solution.

And finally...

As Volunteers Week draws to an end over the weekend, I want to say a huge thank you to all local councillors who volunteer their time to hold public office and make a difference to their community. And to all the volunteers you work with and play their part, particularly in recent months. You can catch up and stay tuned on how we have been promoting you on our Twitter at **@nalc**, including our latest *Points of Light* publication showcasing some of your brilliant initiatives such as rural cinemas, staycation festivals, community breakfasts, affordable housing, growing food for the homeless, and a youth skills manager.

Email dated 5th May 2020, from WSCC

WSCC news release: Fees waived for licensing tables and chairs on pavements outside cafes and restaurants



Fees waived for licensing tables and chairs on pavements outside cafes and restaurants

In recognition of the unprecedented challenges faced by businesses during the COVID-19 crisis, the Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure has taken the decision to waive the fee for the

licensing of tables and chairs on pavements outside cafes and restaurants in West Sussex until 1 April 2021.

However, businesses will still need to apply for a licence. These details will help council officers' efforts to ensure the highway is controlled for public safety, such as ensuring social distancing measures are in place and that there are no obstructions for passers-by who have disabilities, such as the visually impaired.

Roger Elkins, Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure, said: "We recognise the need to support local businesses as the country enters recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. This action supports the reopening of high streets across the county whilst ensuring we keep members of the public safe."

The council will be reviewing any licence fees for the current year which have already been paid and traders will be contacted.

NB: Horsham District Council has delegated authority on the licensing of tables and chairs in Horsham town centre under its own charging system.

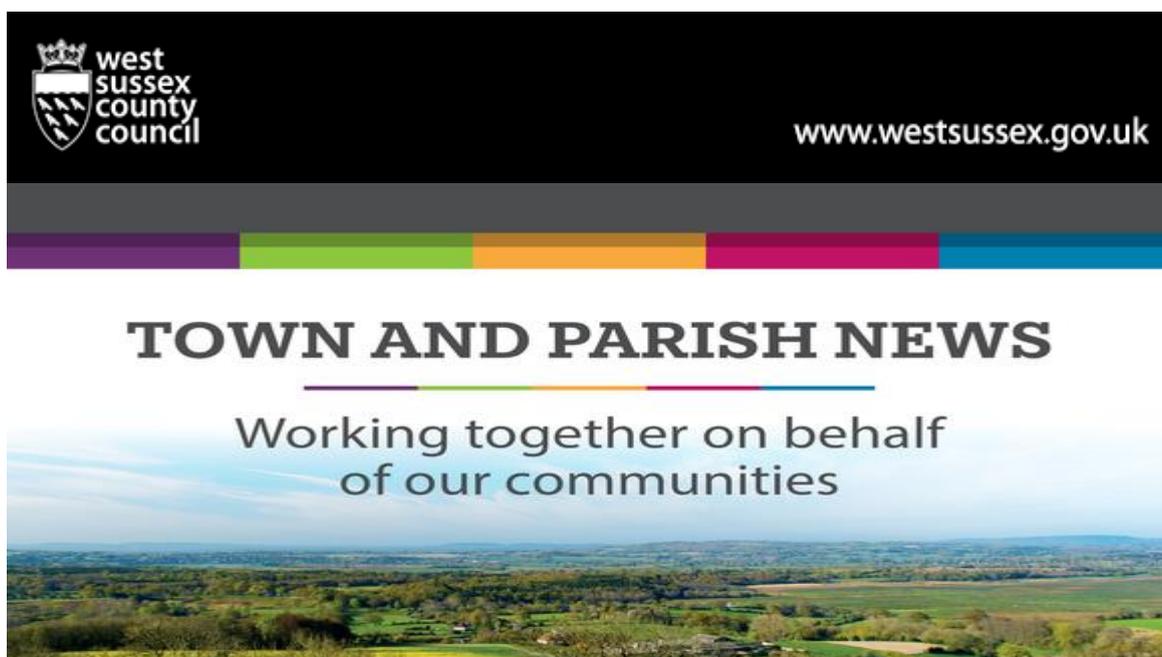
Notes to editors:

Placing tables and chairs on pavements increases traders' floor space, helps businesses and can significantly enhance public spaces.

Highway officers carry out regular inspections to ensure the pavement is not unreasonably obstructed and remains safe for the public due to the increased wear caused by the movement of tables and chairs on the footway. A licence fee helps to cover the cost of staff time, administration and other associated costs.

Email dated 5th June 2020, from WSCC

Town and Parish Council News: Proposals revealed for 21km of temporary cycleways in West Sussex



Proposals revealed for 21km of temporary cycleways in West Sussex

Seven cycling schemes are being submitted to the Department for Transport for consideration in the first phase of the safe space schemes.

Comprising one for each district/borough area, the schemes, if approved, would provide 21km of temporary cycle lanes to promote cycling as a replacement for journeys in areas which, until the COVID-19 outbreak, were heavily reliant on public transport.

The Department for Transport requires submission of proposals by Friday 5 June so it can decide if they are suitable for funding from the Active Travel Fund. WSCC could receive up to £784,000 in funding – but this is not guaranteed and may be clawed back if schemes don't start within four weeks of allocation.

[Find out more on the WSCC website.](#)

Email dated 6th June 2020, from Sussex Police

Starting This Sunday Neighbourhood Watch Week Celebrates Our Neighbours 05/06/2020

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Surrey and Sussex



Starting This Sunday Neighbourhood Watch Week Celebrates Our Neighbours

Dear Neighbourhood Watch supporters,

This weekend is the start of Neighbourhood Watch Week (7th - 13th June 2020) in which we are celebrating neighbours, and we kick that off with a folding card (see attached for you to print and fold from home if possible) from us to you.

We hope that during Neighbourhood Watch Week you find ways to celebrate the neighbourly connections made in past and recent weeks. This can be by joining in with the Big Virtual Lunch edenprojectcommunities.com/your-big-virtual-lunch-pack weekend activities, displaying a poster in your window, gifting a postcard to a neighbour, or entering our competition.

To find out more information including details of our competition please visit our website www.ourwatch.org.uk/letsstayconnected. The competition provides an opportunity using

cartoons to express what neighbours mean to you. We encourage you to share this with your community and join in.

Finally, but not least, we invite you to join us in a Facebook Live Quiz to be hosted by our CEO, John Hayward-Cripps, on Friday 12th June at 7pm. To find out more see our Facebook Event page: [facebook.com/events/551427478871731/](https://www.facebook.com/events/551427478871731/) or take part simply visit our Facebook page [facebook.com/ourwatch/](https://www.facebook.com/ourwatch/) at that time, ready with paper and pen.

Let's stay connected!

ourwatch.org.uk/letsstayconnected

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK, Central Support Team

Attachments

[NW Card for Supporters.pdf](#) - 512.5 KB

Email dated 6th June 2020, from WSCC
News from West Sussex County Council



Dear residents and partners,

Firstly, a **HUGE** thank you to the **17,455** people who kindly took the time to complete our pandemic survey, which closed last Sunday. We are now working through your responses and will share the results with you at the end of the month.

The government's track and trace service is now up and running. You can [read more about it here](#). Watch out for scams - if you're contacted by the NHS Test and Trace service, you will not be asked to provide any passwords, bank account details or pin numbers.

We hope you enjoy reading this week's features. If you would like us to cover other subjects from across our services, please email your request to: communications@westsussex.gov.uk

Thank you for your continued support.



Volunteers' Week

A big thank you to everyone who volunteers – you are truly invaluable, especially at this time.

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Although many opportunities aren't available at the moment because of the restrictions, get in touch and we can find something for you.

Check out some of the many opportunities on our website.



Stay safe online

Because our time at home has increased during lockdown, many of us are spending more time online.

You can find information on how to report online crimes and get online safety advice on our website.

Find out how to stay safe online.



World Environment Day

Today is **World Environment Day** and this year the theme is biodiversity.

One million plant and animal species risk extinction, largely due to human activities.

However, healthy ecosystems, rich with biodiversity, are fundamental to human existence.

Find out how we **work with partners to conserve biodiversity.**



Shining a light on family and friend carers

In West Sussex, 10% of



Temporary cycle lane proposals

Seven schemes are being submitted to the



Help is still available

Our COVID-19 community hub team remains available every

the population (around 89,000 people) currently undertake the role of unpaid carer for a friend or family member.

With the role of carer so intrinsically linked to our everyday, Carers Week 2020 (8th – 14th June) is the perfect time to celebrate and support those vital carers within our local community.

[Find out more about what's on offer.](#)

Department for Transport to consider, in the first phase of works to help provide safe space as the lockdown eases.

If accepted, 21km of temporary cycle lanes would be provided to promote cycling as a replacement for journeys in areas across the county which, until the COVID-19 crisis, were heavily reliant on public transport.

[Read more.](#)

day to help our vulnerable residents.

Figures to the end of May show that the hub has received **11,680** contacts since launch.

[Find out more.](#)

Email dated 6th June 2020, from Sussex Police
The Way Ahead Sussex Police



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

Ensuring we are all
Safer in Sussex

Hello,

Today marks Chief Constable Giles York's last operational working day for Sussex Police. After almost twelve years of devoted service to our county, he will be sorely missed. However, I have no doubt that his impact on policing will endure.



Having steered Sussex Police through some difficult times, his legacy is a compassionate, intelligent police force that people are proud to work for and that always strives to do the right thing.

He has mentored and nurtured an outstanding generation of police leaders and I have thanked him on behalf of the people of Sussex for his unswerving public duty and integrity.

Following a rigorous recruitment process, I have chosen current Deputy Chief Constable Jo Shiner to take Giles's place. This appointment is subject to the formal Police & Crime Panel confirmation hearing on Friday 26 June.

Jo Shiner has a wealth of operational policing experience at all levels and has already demonstrated a passion for Sussex, its people and police force, in her role over the last 18 months.

Throughout this time she has really impressed me with her commitment to making our county an even safer place in which to live and work. I'm confident that she will be an inspirational, hard-working and hands-on Chief Constable for Sussex Police.

You can read more about Giles's retirement [here](#) and more about the recruitment process and Jo's policing background [here](#).

Two new teams for Sussex Police

Two new proactive policing teams have been launched this week by Sussex Police following extra investment from council tax contributions this year.

The Tactical Enforcement Team (TEU) is dedicated to capturing some of the county's most wanted, including those involved in serious violence, organised crime and county lines drug gangs. Since the launch in December of the first team in East Sussex, they have already made 105 arrests and seized thousands of pounds worth of illegal drugs, weapons and cash.

These successes have led to an additional team being launched in West Sussex division to continue to make the county a hostile environment for dangerous and persistent criminals. Read more about the TEU here.

A new rural crime team, whose overall aim is to crack down on unlawful behaviour in isolated communities, has also now been implemented.

Rural crime is particularly worrying and, since the Covid-19 lock down, there have been many disturbing reports of fly-tipping and expensive equipment theft. I want to reassure our rural residents that these crimes will not be ignored and are being taken extremely seriously.

This team will have the specialist skills needed to investigate these crimes and prosecute offenders. Made up of two sergeants, eight constables and six police community support officers, the team will be operating out of bases at Midhurst and Heathfield. Read more here.

From my ongoing consultations with the public, there has been a real want and need for more tougher enforcement and proactive, visible policing in our towns and villages. The launch of these two teams shows that we have listened to this feedback and that we are taking the necessary steps to making our county even safer.

These teams will make a huge difference to local residents and I look forward to sharing some of their success stories with you soon.



Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



SHARE WITH A FRIEND

**Email dated 4th June 2020, from CPRE
CPRE Spring Newsletter**

Welcome to our Spring e-newsletter!

Firstly, thank you for your continuing support for CPRE Sussex.

This has been a challenging time and we have all been concerned for the welfare of our families, friends and communities. Now restrictions have eased a little, many of us are grateful to be able to get out of our homes to enjoy the green spaces and countryside around us, where spring seems lovelier and the birdsong louder than ever before.

It's now evident that more and more of us are recognising the real value of the countryside to us all. We want to find out more about your experience of lockdown, you can help us by [completing our survey](#). We are looking to the future of Sussex and what would be needed for a green recovery. [Could this include more investment in broadband and less investment in roads?](#) CPRE Sussex's David Johnson [shares his thoughts from the saddle](#) about recent experiences of cycling.

One thing is clear and that is that we need new ways to consider the value of the natural world. We need to think about the [Economics of Biodiversity](#) and what a sustainable, universally beneficial economy look like. Could it be a donut?

Finally, this week marks the beginning of [Volunteers Week](#). Nearly all the work of CPRE Sussex is carried out by a fantastic team of volunteers and we want to say a huge thank you to everyone who donates their time and their skills, from organising events and training to planning and policy work for the benefit of the countryside.

If you would like to use your skills for the benefit of the countryside, please consider volunteering with us. [We are currently looking for help with our social media channels](#).

We hope you enjoy our new format newsletter!

David Johnson and Penny Hudd, CPRE Sussex

A surge of love for the countryside in lockdown



[A recent survey, commissioned by CPRE and the WI](#) shows that the lockdown has transformed the way people in our region and across the county value their green spaces.

The figures show that more than two thirds of those questioned in the South East (68%) believe that protecting and enhancing green spaces should be made a higher priority after the

lockdown. While just under two thirds (63%) feel that the lockdown has made them more aware of the value of green spaces to their health and wellbeing.

We believe the shift in public opinion will be impossible for the government to ignore.

‘More people are aware of the health and wellbeing benefits that access to green spaces delivers and support for protecting and enhancing these after lockdown is impossible for the government to ignore,’ says Crispin Truman, chief executive of CPRE, the countryside charity.

‘Going back to business as usual is not an option. The government must use the forthcoming planning reforms to protect these precious spaces and also go further by investing in their enhancement.’

Listen to Kia Trainor, our Director, talking to BBC Sussex about the lockdown and our love for nature:

[Listen now](#)

Shaping a resilient Sussex – Please complete our survey

We are carrying out a survey to find out more about how the current crisis is affecting your local environment. Your input will help us formulate our strategy, campaigns and projects in 2021.

Your input is really valuable so please do complete the survey:

[Take part in the survey](#)

The survey will be open until 15th June and the results will be summarized in our summer newsletter.

Broadband not Roads



We support the Committee on Climate Change in urging Ministers to reconsider road-building schemes and to switch road cash to invest in broadband.

Current UK government plans assume that pre Covid-19 pandemic road transport levels will remain at a projected 1% growth a year. However, if demand falls, plans for £28bn worth of new road schemes may simply not be needed at all. Chris Stark, Head of the UK Committee on Climate Change says Covid-19 has taught many people they can work from home thanks to the miracle of video conferencing. This makes the expansion of fibre optics cheaper, better for the economy, and more climate-friendly than roads. [Read more](#)

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Thoughts from the Saddle

from David Johnson, Vice Chair, CPRE Sussex



'There May be a better land where bicycle saddles are made out of rainbow, stuffed with cloud; in this world the simplest thing is to get used to something hard.'

Jerome K Jerome, 'Three Men on a Bummel', 1900.

Perhaps like me, exercise after lockdown conjured thoughts of a home gym or Canadian Airforce callisthenics, but wary of Joe Wicks and even the Green Goddess, I thought I would need something taking me out of the home, beyond my town. I have always disliked running but do enjoy a stroll and the chance to 'really see things'; and while driving into the countryside for a walk was forbidden, I remembered my old cycle.

I had inherited a worn 'mountain' bike from a relation and used it occasionally to 'pop out for the paper' but still wore cycle clips, and kept to the flat. Could this spavined steed be the answer to new health and fitness in touch with nature? Possibly, but only if its perished tyres were replaced and a gentle introduction to cycling in countryside managed.

I chose the river path up the River Adur to Steyning and back up the lane near Lancing College. Having previously driven the lane, its small hills had on this edge of the Downs had, hitherto, proved innocuous, now they presented an obstacle akin to the Provençal Alps in the Tour de France. Despite my fourteen gears I was reduced to walking up with pumping heart. I felt ashamed as others managed cycling up these inclines, with Lycra clad racing bikes accelerating

past. But these cyclists smiled and offered words of encouragement; somehow I was joining a welcoming clan.

Now, six weeks later after Bluebells, Cow Parsley and Wild Garlic I have sharpened my sense of smell, baby rabbits, egrets and raptors have all taken flight as I watch. Surprisingly, I have also found myself part of a fashionable trend talked about by politicians and futurologists. I now cycle up these hills and feel I deserve the wind in my cheeks and gnats in my mouth as I rush down their slopes. I share a cheery word as I wait with other cyclists at crossings. Whether I will ever wear those Lycra tops, have those healthy calves and thighs that I so envy on the racing bikes, is surely debatable. These athletes have been honed by a lifetime of dedication to two wheels and individual human effort; so let's be realistic.

I will try a cycle tour, perhaps my own bummel, I hanker to climb those hills onto the Downs, even to use the bike for my main transport. I will cycle through and beyond the current pandemic, but with reinforcements! I now gaze proudly at my new German made, pedal assist, electric bike (50 kilometre range) but I did also buy gel padded undershorts.

Ditching Beacon awaits, I am sorted!

David Johnson, Vice Chair

Photo: [Victoria Benstead-Hume](#)

The Economics of Biodiversity

We'd like to encourage our members to take time out to read this recent report.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/interim-report-the-dasgupta-review-independent-review-on-the-economics-of-biodiversity> It is an extraordinary one in a number of respects for all concerned with the sustainability of our environment and, in our humble opinion, repays reading in a way that few such studies do.

It is the interim report of a task force on the Economics of Biodiversity set up by HM Treasury to examine how biodiversity supports sustainable economic growth.

The interim report does not make recommendations for action. What it does do, very lucidly and soberingly indeed, is to explain the complex interactions (including human interactions) within and between natural ecosystems, and the dependence of human prosperity on those interactions within that natural asset.

Finally: If you've got a spare 3 minutes our Vice Chair David Johnson recommends watching Kate Raworth's Ted talk 'the Donut Economy':



What would a sustainable, universally beneficial economy look like? "Like a doughnut," says Oxford economist Kate Raworth. In a stellar, eye-opening talk, she explains how we can move countries out of the hole -- where people are falling short on life's essentials -- and create regenerative, distributive economies that work within the planet's ecological limits.

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