

Memo (Agenda June 2021)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 24rd May 2021 (week commencing 17th May 2021)

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

(2) Delegated Decisions (Email Consultations)

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comments by	Councillors

(3) HDC Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
DC/21/0044	Removal of existing lean-to conservatory. Erection of a single storey rear and side extension. 1 Crofton Cottages, Church Road, Mannings Heath	No objection in principal	Permitted

(4) Appeals

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Written Representation/ Decision
DC/20/0579	Outline application for the erection of 2no. detached dwellings with all matters reserved. Land at Church Road Mannings Heath RH136JE	Appeal Lodged APP/Z3825/W/21/3274850

(5) Enforcement Numbers

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action

Community Speed Watch Data



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group – Commencing May

Website Analytical Data

Analytics Nuthurst Parish Council
All Web Site Data

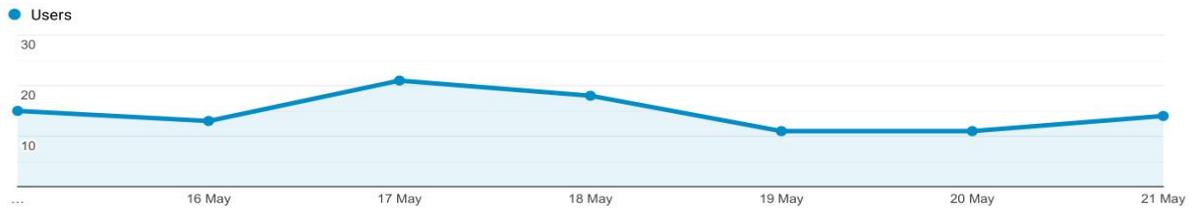
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Audience Overview

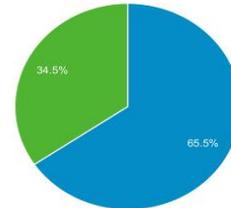
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15 May 2021 - 21 May 2021

Overview



■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



Language	Users	% Users
1. en-gb	57	68.67%
2. en-us	21	25.30%
3. zh-cn	3	3.61%
4. en-us.utf-8	1	1.20%
5. ru-ru	1	1.20%

Correspondence

Email dated 21.05.2021 from NALC

Chief Executives Bulletin

Meeting with the minister for local government

Our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, held her latest meeting with Luke Hall MP, minister for regional growth and local government, on 19 May, with remote meetings and standards top of the agenda. Here are a few key points:

- Sue thanked the minister for his support in getting the Toilets Act over the line, but that it was now imperative local councils received their backdated business rates from billing authorities as soon as possible and without significant delay; the minister said he had written to billing authorities and asked for us to keep him updated and was keen to understand more generally where funding mechanisms through principal councils were not working.
- As you would expect, Sue expressed our strong disappointment about remote meetings and explained the issues our councils now face, urging the Government to legislate now; the minister acknowledged our position and assured us the sector had been heard and he is supportive of councils having the flexibility, but defended the Government's approach and urged us to respond to the call for evidence.
- Sue stressed the importance of having an effective standards regime and the problems the current weaknesses in the system cause, pointing out it was nearly three months since the minister promised the Government would respond to the report by the Committee on Standards in Public Life, adding the response should also include proposals to extend the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman to local councils; unfortunately, the minister didn't commit to a date when the response would be published and highlighted social media and suspension of councillors without allowances as particularly contentious areas being considered. However, he stated he was keen to work closely with us when the response is published, including holding joint events to hear feedback, especially on thorny issues.
- Sue welcomed the thrust of the Queen's Speech but stressed proposals to create a stronger, healthier and more prosperous nation must ensure local councils are empowered to support localities, and the previous commitments to do this and create new councils would form part of the Levelling Up White Paper; the minister responded that there was likely to be a section in the white paper on devolution that would include local leadership, creation of new councils and other reforms.
- And lastly, Sue pressed for the Government to invest in building the capacity and capability of local councils, setting out work by NALC and county associations on training and development plus joint work with the Local Government Association; the minister was very open to this idea and would welcome proposals.

Queen's Green Canopy and Trees Action Plan

It's been a good week for trees to launch the Queen's Green Canopy and the Government's Trees Action Plan. The [Queen's Green Canopy](#) is a tree planting initiative

to mark The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 and enhance our environment now and for generations to come. Our friends at The Woodland Trust are a partner of this campaign, and their Free Trees for Schools and Communities Scheme is a great way to get involved with tree planting. Across 2021 and 2022, they have over three million saplings in tree packs, available on a first-come, first-served basis. Information on how to apply for the free saplings will be available through the [Woodland Trust website](#) from June 2021, and we will, of course, keep you updated. In addition, the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) published the [England Trees Action Plan 2021 to 2024](#) which sets out the government's long-term vision for the treescape it wants to see in England by 2050 and beyond. The plan provides a strategic framework for implementing the Nature for Climate Fund and outlines over 80 policy actions the government is taking over this Parliament to help deliver this vision, including ambitious targets for tree planting. I know many local councils have long tree planting traditions, including over the last few years through their support for the Tree Charter (which you can read more about in our latest [case studies publication](#)) and will I am sure will want to get involved.

New rural affairs minister

Lord Benyon, the former MP for Newbury who was ennobled in January, has been appointed as the new minister for rural affairs and biosecurity at Defra, following Lord Gardiner's appointment as senior deputy speaker, House of Lords. Sue has congratulated them both and will be meeting the new minister in the coming weeks.

Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman

Along with our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, I met with the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman, Michael King, to reiterate our longstanding policy position to extend its remit to local councils as this would boost transparency and accountability and recognise the increasingly important role the sector plays as the first tier of local government. This is an issue they are considering as part of their triennial review, which will report to the Government later in the year. Sue also raised our support for this measure in her meeting with Luke Hall MP.

Fortnightly meeting with county officers

As always, it was great to see so many county officers at our regular fortnightly meeting on 19 May. Each meeting rotates between a particular subject or issue, sometimes with a guest speaker, and an open session of updates and discussion on hot topics. So, for example, this week, NALC covered the development of our forward work programme, key points in the Queen's Speech, and feedback from the Improvement and Development Board meeting and Sue's meeting with Luke Hall MP. Other issues discussed included the Protect Duty consultation, Armed Forces Covenant, and of course, remote meetings.

Ask your MP to attend the APPG on local democracy

I would be grateful if you would encourage your MPs to attend next week's annual meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on local democracy, which NALC provides the secretariat for. The meeting will take place from 10.00 – 12.00, and the agenda includes a speaker from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, the election of officers, a review of the Group's work over the last year,

including the Toilet Tax campaign, and a discussion on priorities for the year ahead. MPs can register their interest by emailing policycomms@nalc.gov.uk – thank you!

Community Payback scheme

Councils and community organisations can nominate a [Community Payback project](#) to Her Majesty’s Prison and Probation Service. Through the scheme, offenders work on projects to pay back the community for their crimes, such as removing graffiti, clearing wasteland or decorating a community centre. The work must benefit the local community, not take paid work away from others and not profit for anyone. If you are interested, please contact CP_@justice.gov.uk.

And finally...

Thinking about how to learn new skills and be a better parish councillor? Why not start a podcast to talk to people involved in local government and interview your local MP, who also happens to be a government minister?! That’s precisely what a parish councillor in Lincolnshire has done. It was fantastic to hear Matt Warman, MP for Boston and Skegness and minister for digital infrastructure, say: “My reflections on parish councils, are actually it’s the level of government that has the single greatest direct and immediate impact on people’s lives...parish councils have this huge link to local communities....that I think is really powerful”. The rest of the episode on [The Local Council Experience](#) covers what to call an MP, what they can do to help a parish councillor, training, engaging with residents, and much more.

Email dated 21.05.2021 from Sussex Police
May Newsletter



Hello

In my webcast Performance and Accountability Meeting (PAM) today we were joined by Chief Constable Jo Shiner and Deputy Chief Constable Julia Chapman.



We began by looking at the impact on police of the recent loosening of Covid-19 restrictions, from the opening of non-essential retail in April up to this week’s opening of indoor hospitality.

CC Shiner said the majority of the public had continued to be very responsible and had been adhering to rules and guidelines with only a few substantial breaches where far too many people were attending gatherings for example. Alcohol consumption was most certainly a factor in some people's potentially unsafe behaviour and the force was already well prepared for an expected increase in incidents arising from the volume of people back on the streets and the return of the night-time economy. Preparation with partners also includes the anticipated surge in 'staycation' visitors to Brighton and along our miles of coastline, as well as the dozens of beauty spots across the South Downs.

The Chief Constable recognised that the pandemic has introduced new ways of working for many officers and staff and some of the resulting innovations will be retained to continue to save time, money and improve efficiency.

The HMICFRS report into policing during the pandemic praised Sussex Police for their training of volunteers and for establishing the WOW (Wellbeing on Wednesday) programme for officers and staff to ensure that they were supported during what has been a busy and stressful period.

Last year we welcomed an additional 179 police officers who joined Sussex Police and today I received clarification that our current recruitment programme will bring in a further 117 additional police officers by March 2022.

DCC Chapman reminded us that the force will have to recruit 240 officers overall to replace those retiring or transferring and they will need to receive 600 applications to achieve this. The window for recruitment is now open to 1st June and, so far, Sussex Police have had 302 applications. If you know someone wanting a career that is both fulfilling and exciting, please encourage them to visit the website for more details.

Safer Streets news and consultation

I am delighted to report I have successfully secured £2.8 million from the Ministry of Justice to support rape, sexual violence and domestic abuse services in Sussex. This additional funding over the next two years will be used by 17 organisations to increase the service offered to communities that are under-represented in our currently commissioned landscape.

It includes a focus on supporting: BAME; LGBTQ+; older people; those with multiple and complex needs; and men and children by providing specialist support for those experiencing sexual violence or domestic abuse.

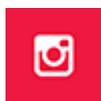
The Home Office recently announced it was committing up to £25 million to ensure that women and girls feel safer in public places. They announced a Safer Streets fund that Police and Crime Commissioners and Local Authorities can bid into that aims to: make public spaces and our

streets safer; reduce violence against women and girls; and improve women and girls' feelings of safety in public spaces.

The Home Office and PCCs want to build the evidence base for what works through a national consultation. Although all input is welcome, it is important that we capture the first-hand experiences and concerns of women and girls. To help support a Sussex bid, we are therefore asking for your input and suggestions. You can find the questions on my website.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



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Email dated 20.05.2021 from HDC

The first pint to mark local reopening, apply for energy efficiency grants and more news from Horsham District Council



Latest News

and information from Horsham District Council

Chairman pulls the first pint to mark local reopening

Chairman Cllr Karen Burgess performed a very important duty at the Sussex Barn in north Horsham, as the pub restaurant opened its doors to indoor hospitality for the first time in many months. The Chairman was invited by the venue's manager Mr Lucian Hornea to pull the first pint.

[Read more](#)



Apply for energy efficiency grants

Eligible residents in Horsham District could receive grant funding of up to £10,000 for energy efficiency improvements in their homes thanks to an extension of the Government's Green Home Grant, Local Authority Delivery (LAD) Scheme across West Sussex.

[Read more](#)



A short history of Horsham gingerbread

A titan of English poetry loved biscuits – especially ginger ones 🍪 In honour of National Biscuit Day on May 29, Horsham Museum & Art Gallery tell the story of Shelley's penchant for gingerbread and a



present-day project to recreate Shelley's family recipe.

[Read the blog](#)

Calling all landlords and lettings organisations

The Council, in partnership with neighbouring local authorities, has issued a new survey to private landlords and lettings organisations to gather insight about how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected their tenants.



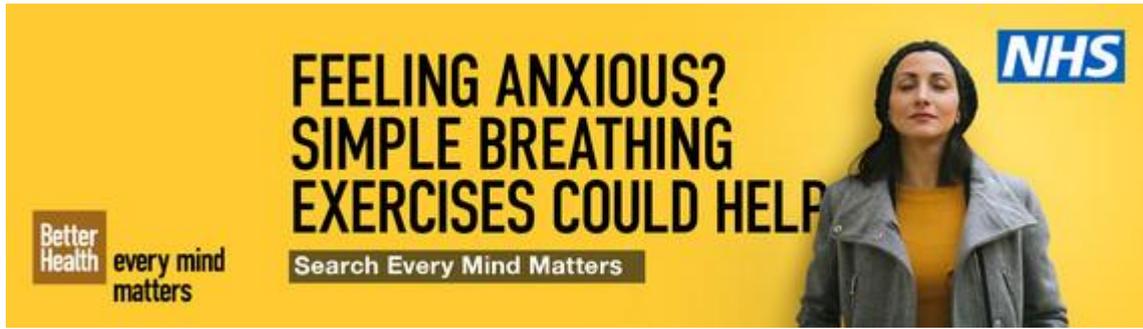
[Answer survey](#)

First event for touring Inspiration Eco Station

Horsham District's first touring Inspiration Eco Station made its first stopover event in Horsham's Carfax on Saturday 15 May, where Council Chairman Cllr Karen Burgess launched the Eco Station outreach initiative to crowds in the town centre.



[Read more](#)



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**Email dated 19.05.2021 from Age UK
We've got a Facebook Group**

Dear Friends & Partners,

I hope this email finds you all well. The sunshine and warm weather that we ordered for our reopening still hasn't arrived, but we live in hope!

Just a very quick and short update this week to say that we now have a Facebook group for the Horsham Locality. Please join our group and share with contacts and friends. We're using the page to connect with as many people as we can across the Horsham District and provide up to date details on what we have on offer.

[Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove - Horsham District | Facebook](#)

It's also a space for our friends and partners to share news and updates that would be helpful for the older people of Horsham District to know, so please do join and share away!

Very best wishes
Stacey and the amazing AUWSBH team

Stacey Cullen, Development Manager, Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove
Lavinia House, Dukes Square, Horsham, West Sussex RH12 1GZ

Email dated 19.05.2021 from CAGNE

The Government night flight consultation deadline has been extended to 3rdSeptember 21



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The Government night flight consultation deadline has been extended to 3rdSeptember 2021 (23:59)

The Department received requests from stakeholders to extend the consultation deadline to allow for the CAA's Survey of Noise Attitudes 2014 : Aircraft Noise and Sleep report ("SoNA Sleep"), which is now expected to be published early in the summer.

**The consultation webpage will be updated to show the revised closing date.
The webpage can be found here**

Councils are urged to participate as changes could impact their parish, especially those closest to the runway that suffer multiple routings of Gatwick airspace, departures and arrivals, day and night. The impact of daytime operations must not be ignored when considering night movements.

Important summary from the CAA findings on Gatwick Airport night flights –

For the Gatwick Airport night time N60 (noise event measures each aircraft noise event) metric, the area of the 2019 average summer night actual modal split (72% west / 28% east of runway) N60 10-event contour was 204.2 km². That is over twice as large as the 48 dBA Leq (average noise measurement traditional used) night

contour area of 90.5 km².

And it enclosed a population of 33,850.- compared with a population of 12,200 for the 48 dBA Leq night contour. Significantly even more than 20-events N60 contour is an area of 126.8km²– 40% larger than the 48 dBA Leq contour area – which is very revealing of the true impact every single flight has on resident's sleep deprivation.

Important procedure which your parish may wish to retain -

At night there is something called a Secretary of State (SoS) Noise Abatement Procedure (NAP), not to join the ILS (Instrument Landing System, final approach) at less than 10nm at night, was put in place in 1995 and reviewed in 2004. It was put in place because the Government recognised that those close to the runway were significantly affected by multiple departure routes, and all arrivals at very low heights during the day with no respite at night.

It should be noted that there are more arrivals during the night than departures, which is not true of daytime operations. On average, 70% of departures head west, with arrivals predominantly over the east.

The SoS NAP was put in place to offer some respite to residents significantly affected by Gatwick operations during the day at very low heights with maximum noise due to landing operations.

CAA 3Di – allows for air traffic control to direct planes to fly the shortest route to land. During the pandemic we have seen arriving planes into Gatwick flying over northern areas to land which is not the normal arrival route. This is allowed under the CAA 3Di ruling. You may wish to protect your parish from such arriving traffic going forward. (CAA - Civil Aviation Authority)

Book Now to avoid disappointment

As a Forum member you have the opportunity to book environmental talks before anyone else. the first talk is below, there are five in total.

Thursday 24th June at 7pm – Aviation New Technology and Climate Facts

Tim Johnson, Director of Aviation Environment Federation, on *aviation's new technology and alternative aviation fuels.*

Prof Dan Osborn of UCL on the worry of Climate Change: *'What if mitigation does not work in time?'*

Alex Ryder, member for the Environment of the West Sussex Youth Cabinet.

Chaired by Friends of the

To book other talks visit www.cagne.org

Click to Book Talk One Here

Make an annual pledge of support by donating £4 (it can be more) a year to help CAGNE to continue efforts to be fair to all communities. Simply set up an annual standing order of £4 to the CAGNE account at NatWest Horsham, number 19865090 sort code 60-11-17, or bank transfer or by PayPal at www.cagne.org or send a cheque made payable to CAGNE to the CAGNE Treasurer c/o Porters Farm, Friday Street, Rusper, West Sussex RH12 4QA

Email dated 19.05.2021 from WSCC

Milestone moment in multi-million-pound schemes to support Crawley's economic growth



news release

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Two key decisions have been made to support economic growth in Crawley through the award of multi-million-pound contracts for the Manor Royal Highways Improvement scheme and Eastern Gateway project.

Detailed design and further engagement have been completed for the Manor Royal scheme and it is proposed that the construction contract for Phase 1 is awarded to Telent Ltd, the County Council's incumbent traffic signals supplier.

The scheme will:

- Provide improvements to the junctions on the A23 London Road that will reduce congestion and support the delivery of jobs and economic growth within the Manor Royal Business District.
- Provide a one-way system on Metcalf Way/County Oak Way.
- Provide walking and cycling improvements to the junctions on the A23 London Road.
- Provide a bus lane on Manor Royal that will reduce bus journey times and increase bus reliability.

Detailed design and further engagement have also now been completed for the Eastern Gateway improvement scheme. It is proposed that the project's delivery is now progressed to construction by letting the Stage 2 construction contract to Volker Fitzpatrick Limited.

The Eastern Gateway scheme will:

- Improve connectivity between the town and key development sites including the Town Hall, County Buildings, Crawley College and Telford Place.
- Support the delivery of residential development in Crawley town centre – the Crawley Growth Programme identifies a commitment to secure the delivery of more than 1,000 additional homes needed in the town centre to create a new neighbourhood where people live and work.
- Support the delivery of commercial development in Crawley town centre: the Crawley Growth Programme identifies an aspiration to provide an additional 135,000sqm of commercial space across the borough.
- Improve the public realm environment in the town.

Both decisions are subject to the council's usual call-in period. The full decision reports can be found:

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1259> and

<https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=1260>.

**Email dated 19.05.2021 from NALC
NALC Newsletter**

Open letter

Open letter to all councillors
NALC chair, Cllr Sue Baxter has penned an open letter to all councillors following the local elections last week — [read the full letter](#).

New blog

New blog by the Cloudy Group
In [our latest blog](#), the Cloudy Group talk about how councils are using digital tools to improve efficiency and communication with their communities.

Committees

IDB minutes available
Minutes from the Improvement and Development Board meeting on 11 May 2021 are now available — [read the minutes](#).

OPEN FOR ENTRIES STAR COUNCIL AWARDS 2021

NALC Star Council Awards 2021
Do you know any councils, councillors, clerks or county associations that went the extra mile during COVID-19? [Nominate them](#) by 25 May 2021!

Email dated 18.05.2021 from WSCC WSCC Local Transport Plan Public Consultation

West Sussex Local Transport Plan consultation will commence in early July. Please respond to the consultation.

Email dated 18.05.2021 from Sussex Police Horsham Weekly News and Appeals



Horsham Weekly News and Appeals

News and appeals

There are no news articles from the Sussex Police website to share this week. For other stories please log onto the Sussex Police website.

Crime summary

Burglary – There are no burglaries or burglaries to sheds, garages or outbuildings to report this week.

With the warmer weather coming please remember to keep all sheds, garages and outbuildings locked when not in use. See our website for crime prevention information.

Other

PCSO Patrols

Our PCSOs have been out and about again this week. On Sunday 9th they were out on foot patrol in north Horsham and on Saturday 15th they were in Horsham Park between 1pm and 7pm to speak to local residents and also to speak to youths about knife crime.

Also on Saturday they were in Mill Square in Storrington doing another street briefing speaking to local residents.

If you would like to contact your local neighbourhood policing team please email them on horsham@sussex.pnn.police.uk but please note, this email address is not for reporting crime.

UN Global Road Safety Campaign

This week is Un Global Road safety week which promotes safe speeds on 'low speed streets' within local neighbourhoods. Sussex police will be providing a lot of visibility and will be conducting speed checks to provide education and enforcement in residential areas. Please log onto the Sussex Police Facebook page and also our Roads Policing Unit and Sussex Safer Roads Facebook pages to see more.

Vehicle Crime

Over the last week there have been 10 reports of vehicle crime. Some vehicles that had

items stolen were left unlocked but on a few occasions number plates were stolen. If you've been a victim of car crime, please report it to us by calling 101 or reporting it online.

Help us keep Sussex safe

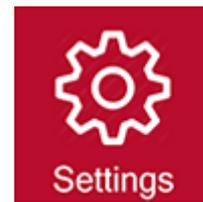
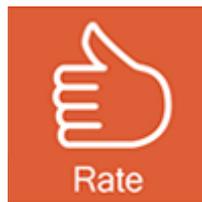
If you saw or heard anything, or have any information about any incident in this message please **contact us online**, email us at 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk or call **101**, quoting the reference number provided.

Alternatively you can contact the independent charity **Crimestoppers**, anonymously, on **0800 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.

Message Sent By

Adur, Worthing & Horsham (Police, District Engagement Officer, Sussex)



Email dated 17.05.2021 from WSCC

Chanctonbury and North Horsham County Local Committees meeting information



Chanctonbury and North Horsham County Local Committees

The formal County Local Committee (CLC) meetings due to be held in June and July are being replaced with informal locality sessions for county councillor induction. However, to enable engagement with residents, there will be virtual Talk With Us question and answer opportunities for the public at each

locality session. Arrangements for the Talk With Us sessions will be communicated closer to the date with councillors and public.



Email dated 17.05.2021 from HDC

📣 COVID-19: What's changing from today 17 May | #SafeSummer21 | The Capitol re-opening 28 May | Meeting friends and family



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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information and advice for residents

What's changing from today 17 May

England has entered Step 3 of the roadmap out of lockdown from today Monday 17 May. There are some changes and lifting of restrictions which you can find out about by following the button below.

[What's changing](#)



Indoor entertainment and attractions such as cinemas, theatres, concert halls, bowling alleys, casinos, amusement arcades, museums and children's indoor play areas are permitted to open.

Indoor hospitality venues such as restaurants, pubs, bars and cafes can reopen.

Organised indoor sport can take place for all. This includes gym classes.

All holiday accommodation can open, including hotels and B&Bs. This can be used by groups of up to 6 or 2 households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible).

You should continue to work from home if you can. When travelling within the UK, please make sure to do so safely and plan your journey in advance.

Feeling unwell? [Get a test](#) and follow the [stay at home guidance](#) if you have COVID-19 symptoms.

Meeting friends and family

Outdoor gatherings are limited to 30 people and indoor gatherings are limited to 6 people or 2 households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible).

New guidance on [meeting friends and family](#) emphasises personal responsibility rather than government rules.

Close contact

You may have read about relaxation of social distancing measures for people you don't live with. The good news is that you can choose to hug a small, select group of family or friends if you want.

However, it's important to exercise caution and consider the guidance on risks associated with COVID-19 and actions you can take to help keep you and your loved ones safe.



We all deserve a great summer ☀️

The last 18 months have been tough, so it's safe to say that we all deserve a great summer in 2021. As lockdown restrictions continue to ease, continue to think about each other and keep each other safe.

Throughout the summer, the [Horsham District Safe and Well Partnership](#), which includes emergency services, public sector and community organisations, will encourage residents to look out for one another and consider their actions.

Whether that's making sure you take your litter away when you have a picnic or considering how loud you play the music when your friends come round - together we can enjoy summer safely by respecting one another and our community.

Let's have a summer that we all deserve.



The Capitol re-opening 28 May 🏰

We're delighted to announce that The Capitol theatre and cinema will re-open to the public on Friday 28 May.

Operations Manager, Matthew Effemey said: "We are over the moon to be able to confirm we'll be open for the May Bank Holiday weekend and just can't wait to welcome our customers back through the door."

COVID safety measures will remain in line with Government guidelines and The Capitol has been awarded use of the [See It Safely scheme](#).

See what's on



Thank you volunteers

Simply incredible... Over 4000 volunteer hours have been given so far at Christ's Hospital COVID-19 vaccination centre by incredible local people. They have been in driving rain, snow, ice and a bit of sunshine, happily directing traffic, welcoming and helping.

We're also exceptionally proud of our fantastic Horsham District Voluntary Sector Support and Community Development teams, who have worked tirelessly to bring everyone together, coordinate and project-manage this amazing feat.



Test and Trace Self-Isolation Support Payments

Parents and carers of children who have been advised to self-isolate on or after the 8 March 2021 by their education setting or by NHS Test and Trace are now able to apply for a Test and Trace Support Payment or discretionary payment of £500, if they meet the eligibility criteria.

[Find out more](#)

Make sure you are regularly testing yourself for COVID-19

As we continue to ease out of lockdown, it's more important than ever that we continue to get tested for Covid-19 to keep our community and loved ones safe.

You can order a home testing kit from the NHS or you can stop by one of four testing sites in the District to get tested.

It's recommended that you test yourself twice a week.

[Get tested](#)



HM Government

From **17 May**, groups of up to 6 people or two households can meet indoors. Remember to **open a window** to let fresh air in.

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Email dated 17.05.2021 from Sussex Police

Protect Your Pooch - A New Dog Theft Campaign Launched By Neighbourhood Watch

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Surrey and Sussex



Protect Your Pooch - A New Dog Theft Campaign Launched By Neighbourhood Watch

In response to the increased fear of pet theft, Neighbourhood Watch has launched our **PROTECT YOUR POOCH** campaign.

The campaign will run on social media from 17th – 30th May but those who do not use social media can support the campaign by displaying [this poster](#) in their community, or attending our online Dog Theft webinar on the 27th May at 5pm. The webinar will be led by Neighbourhood Watch Network with speakers from the Met Police and Crimestoppers, as well as special guest speaker Katy Bourne, PCC for Sussex. To book your place, click [here](#).

The PROTECT YOUR POOCH campaign encourages people to keep their pets SECURE, IN SIGHT and SEARCHABLE, and to HELP MAKE PET THEFT A SPECIFIC CRIMINAL OFFENCE. The Met Police and Crimestoppers are backing our SECURE, IN SIGHT and SEARCHABLE message. More information on the campaign can be found on www.ourwatch.org.uk/protectyourpooch.

You can support the campaign by acting on our advice and sharing our messages in the following ways:

1. Follow us on [Facebook](#) / [Twitter](#) / [Instagram](#) / [LinkedIn](#) and share our campaign posts

2. Print [this poster](#) and display it in your community
3. Share this [campaign image](#) on your local Whatsapp groups
4. Help make pet theft a specific criminal offence by signing a petition or writing to your MP. Find out more on www.ourwatch.org.uk/protectyourpooch
5. Attend our online Dog Theft webinar on 27th May, 5pm. Book your place [here](#).

About guest speaker Katy Bourne, PCC for Sussex

Katy Bourne is in her third term as Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Sussex. She was first elected in 2012, re-elected in 2016 and again in 2021. The PCC's role is to hold the Chief Constable to account for the performance of the Force; effectively making the police answerable to the communities they serve.

Katy is responsible for setting the strategic direction and priorities for Sussex Police through the Police & Crime Plan. This includes setting the police budget and local police precept – the amount residents pay for policing in their council tax. She also has a statutory duty to deliver community safety initiatives including Restorative Justice and crime reduction grants, along with commissioning support services for victims of crime.

Her genuine passion and commitment to making a difference has won her praise from successive Home Secretaries and Prime Ministers and in June 2019 she was awarded an OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

For anybody who wishes to have a PROTECT YOUR POOCH campaign pack, please email Deborah.waller@ourwatch.org.uk.

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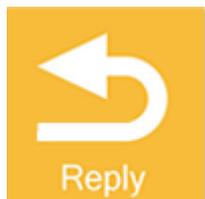
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Covid-19 update

From today, Monday 17 May, up to six people or two households can meet indoors. Overnight stays will also be allowed and groups of up to 30 people may meet outdoors.

Further restrictions have also been lifted such as:

- hospitality venues, including pubs and restaurants, will be allowed to open indoors for groups of six
- indoor entertainment venues like cinemas and theatres will be allowed to open
- up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, funerals, and wakes
- care homes residents will be able to have up to five named visitors, with two visitors able to attend at once provided they are tested and follow infection control measures. Residents will also have greater freedom to leave their home without having to isolate on their return. Visit [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) for further guidance.

We want to remind people to continue to follow the guidance. Please wash your hands regularly, keep your distance from others and wear a face covering where necessary. Making sure indoor spaces are well ventilated also helps reduce the spread.



Find out more here: www.westsussex.gov.uk/coronavirus

Current Covid-19 situation

In the seven days to Tuesday May 11, there were 120 new confirmed cases of coronavirus in West Sussex. Compared to the previous week, the number of confirmed cases is rising. Remember to visit [our Data Dashboard](#) to check infection rates throughout West Sussex and please share this information to people in your communities.

Symptom-free Covid-19 Testing

Symptom-free Covid-19 test kits are available to all residents and tests can be taken at home. You should take a regular test if you:

- leave home to work, volunteer or provide care
- have children attending school
- are visiting someone or attending an appointment in a hospital setting
- if you're meeting up with friends outdoors, for a drink, a picnic, a walk or to exercise.

Barry Newell, Public Health and Resilience Advisor at West Sussex County Council talks about testing in our latest podcast <https://soundcloud.com/wsc-podcast/regular-testing-barry-newell>

Rapid test kits can be ordered at www.westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting

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

Thank you for your support and let's continue to do all we can. Stop the spread of coronavirus. #KeepWestSussexSafe



Latest news on vaccinations

A dedicated 'Quiet Covid-19 Vaccination Session' for people in West Sussex requiring their first dose Covid-19 vaccination is now available.

The session is taking place on **Saturday 22 May 2021, 8.30 am – 3.45 pm at the Children and Family Centre (Home Start Portacabin), St James' Road, Chichester PO19 7AB**. This Quiet Session is being offered to people who are eligible for the vaccine and over the age of 40, who may need more time for their appointment, or have extra access needs where a quieter and calmer environment would help support them to receive their vaccination.

Residents can also book their carer in at the same time if they need their first vaccination dose too. Details on how to book, together with useful easy read documents, including reasonable adjustments form, and how to access free transport if required, can all be found on the [Sussex Health & Care Partnership](#)

Alternative vaccines

Everyone under the age of 40 will be offered an alternative to the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine when they become eligible. If your residents are eligible and are recommended to receive an alternative vaccine, they will be able to book an appointment through the national booking system very soon. [Please encourage them to read more about the latest guidance here.](#)

For more information, please read the [latest newsletter about the Sussex vaccination programme](#)



First full county council meeting this week

The new West Sussex County Council has been elected and the first meeting of the new-look council will be held this Friday (21 May).

In this meeting, which will be held partly virtually and partly in person, the new Chairman, Leader of the Council and all of the council's committees will be appointed. The meeting will be [webcast online](#) - please share the link with your residents.

The full list of the final results from this year's election is available [here](#).

Keep 'Safe Against Scams' with free webinars



Over the next three months, the West Sussex Community Safety & Wellbeing team are working with West Sussex Trading Standards to offer residents free online webinars to help keep themselves 'Safe Against Scams'.

These hour and a half sessions have been organised as the county has seen a rise in a number of different scams, including telephone, courier and romance fraud.

The dates for the free sessions are:

- Thursday 20 May 10am – 11.30am
- Thursday 20 May 6pm – 7.30pm
- Tuesday 15 June 10am – 11.30am
- Tuesday 15 June 6pm – 7.30pm
- Tuesday 27 July 10am – 11.30am
- Tuesday 27 July 6pm – 7.30pm.

Please share these dates and encourage your residents to sign up for one of the free webinars at [Eventbrite](#).



It's Foster Care Fortnight

Foster Care Fortnight is in full swing and we're celebrating all of our wonderful foster carers who provide secure and loving homes to children throughout West Sussex.

The pandemic has shone a light on how a caring society can bring the best out of people and tackle challenges with compassion and kindness. This has inspired lots more people to become foster carers with West Sussex County Council over the past year - but we still need many more.

Please can you spread the word in your communities that if residents have a spare room and they're thinking about becoming a Foster Carer to get in touch with the fostering team on 033 022 27775 or visit the [website](#) for more information.

For inspiring stories about fostering follow us on Facebook [@wscfostering](#) and Twitter [@FosterWSCC](#)

Our Record Office has reopened

Let your residents who are interested in local history know that West Sussex Record Office Searchroom has now re-opened for pre-booked appointments on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There are two and a half hour slots available either in the morning (9.30am-12pm) or afternoon (2pm-4.30pm). Find out more information on their '[Visiting the Record Office](#)' page.



For people who can't make it to the Record Office, they can explore the archives virtually with series two of [West Sussex Unwrapped](#). They can catch up on series one [here](#).



The results are in!

Many thanks to everyone who completed our recent survey about this Town and Parish Council eNewsletter.

If you didn't have time to respond, and would still like to let us know your views on it, then please email: TownandParishCouncilNews@westsussex.gov.uk

We are currently reviewing the feedback and will take onboard suggestions for future newsletters.

Reminder: This eNewsletter is for clerks of Town and Parish Councils in West Sussex. If you are a resident, then please unsubscribe from this eNewsletter (click on the 'Manage your preferences' link below) and sign up for our Residents' eNewsletter instead.

Keeping in touch

Please share the information in this newsletter widely within your communities.

For daily updates, residents can follow us on social media [@WSCCNews](#) and [@WestSussexCC](#).

We are also now on [Nextdoor](#), the app designed with communities in mind. Your residents can follow the link and join the conversation.

Thank you for your support. Keep safe.



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