

# Memo (Agenda June 2021)

**To: Parish Councillors**

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

**From:** Sarah Hall

**Date:** 31<sup>st</sup> May 2021 (week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021)

**Re:** COUNCILLORS' BRIEFING NOTE

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

**(1) Planning Applications Issued**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	NPC Meeting

**(2) Delegated Decisions (Email Consultations)**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comments by	Councillors
<a href="#">DC/21/0685</a> 26.05.2021 (Amended Plans)	Demolition of existing farm buildings and erection of 5 dwellings, creation of new access and associated landscaping and parking Holly Farm, Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath	09.06.2021	

**(3) HDC Decisions**

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision

**(4) Appeals**

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Written Representation/ Decision

**(5) Enforcement Numbers**

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action

## Community Speed Watch Data



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group

Reporting between 01-05-2021 and 31-05-2021

**Current Volunteers = 23**

		<b>Summary for this Period</b>	
<b>Number of Sessions this period</b>		=	<b>2</b>
<b>Total Vehicles exceeding limit</b>		=	<b>2</b>
<b>DVLA Valid vehicles</b>		=	<b>2</b>
<b>Accuracy</b>		=	<b>100%</b>
	Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	36
	mph(+20%) Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit	=	
			47
	mph(+17%)		
	<b>Police Actions this Period</b>		
	Letter Sent	=	2
	<b>Overall</b>		
	My group started Recording* on	=	30-05-2019
	Number of Sessions since start date	=	76
	Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date	=	377
	Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	49
	mph(+63%) Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit	=	
			60
	mph(+50%)		

Date	Time	Type	Location	Recorded Percent	Letters	Vehicles
21-05-2021	15:30-> 16:30	BOOKED	Nuthurst Road-Going South, 500 yards from Junction of A281 and Nuthurst..		Unknown	n/a
			traffic heading East			
20-05-2021	07:30-> 08:30	BOOKED	A281 Brighton Road-Lane entrance opposite Dun Horse Pub..			
			traffic heading North West	1	1	440
				0%		
19-05-2021	07:30-> 08:30	BOOKED	Nuthurst Street-Jctn of Harriot Close near bus stop next to School..			
			traffic heading North East	1	1	63
				1%		
			<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	

The type field shows if the Session was

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

Booked - one in the Campaign Calendar awaiting results or with zero offenders (shown in yellow). Scheduled - one in the Campaign Calendar with records booked to this session.

# Website Analytical Data

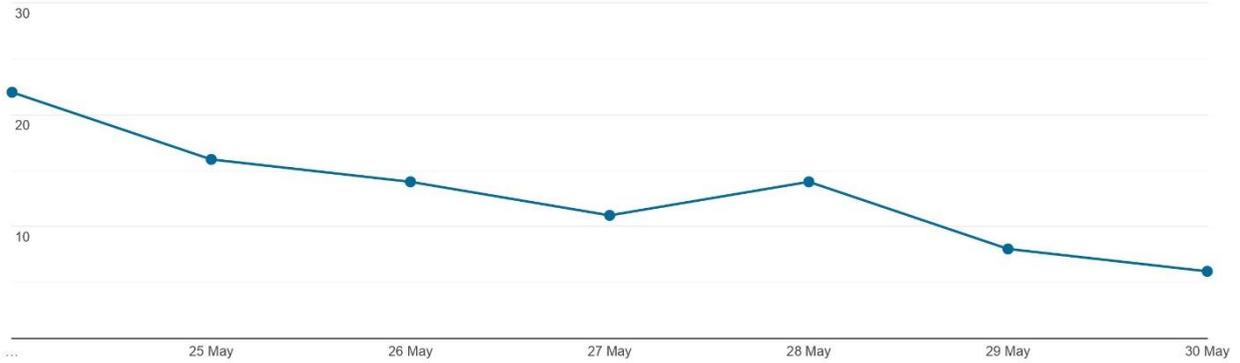
## Active Users

**All Users**  
100.00% Users

24 May 2021 - 30 May 2021

### Active Users

- 1-Day Active Users
- 7-Day Active Users
- 14-Day Active Users
- 28-Day Active Users



1-Day Active Users  
**6**  
% of Total: 100.00% (6)

7-Day Active Users  
**70**  
% of Total: 100.00% (70)

14-Day Active Users  
**124**  
% of Total: 100.00% (124)

28-Day Active Users  
**283**  
% of Total: 100.00% (283)

Correspondence

Email dated 30.05.2021 from Sussex Police  
Get Safe Online - Your Child and Gaming 4 Good



**Get Safe Online - Your Child and Gaming 4 Good**



Children’s online gaming has undergone a massive increase in popularity since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, as a result of more time spent at home and restrictions on physical social contact. Around 7 in 10 children aged 5-15 play games online, and spend more time doing so than before the pandemic\*.

Like many other online activities, there are both positive and negative aspects to gaming. But the traditional view held by some parents that children’s gaming is largely a negative thing, is becoming rapidly overturned as more appreciate its many positive aspects.

We’ve put together some expert advice for parents, including tips on how to keep your child’s online gaming safe.

To find out more, visit [www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good](http://www.getsafeonline.org/gaming4good)

**#gaming4good**

*\*Ofcom*



[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)



## Your child and Gaming4Good

Like many other things children do online, gaming has undergone a massive increase in popularity since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, as a result of more time spent at home and restrictions on physical social contact.

Also in common with many other online activities, there are both positive and negative aspects to gaming. But the commonly held traditional view that children's gaming is largely a negative thing, is becoming rapidly overturned as more people appreciate its many positive aspects. Depending on the games in question, these include:

- Supporting development of a wide range of cognitive and motor skills
- Developing qualities such as strategic thinking, rationalising, problem solving and persistence
- Encouraging creativity
- Teaching teamwork, in the case of many Massive Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Games (MMORPGs or MMOs)
- Teaching competitiveness, again in the case of multiplayer games
- Socialising with friends, especially when doing so in person is challenging owing to various restrictions.
- Learning the value of money and spending it wisely.

All of these are qualities are vital not only in gaming, but also in equipping our young people for life ahead of them.

Also, as an industry, game development often leads the way in technology, with innovations in functionality and features finding their way into not only other consumer products, but defence, communications and many other sectors. Gaming equips children to understand and embrace this evolution and its benefits.

Aside from these very obvious benefits, gaming has proved a lifeline to many young people over the lockdowns – relieving their boredom and supporting their ongoing wellbeing in a time of unfamiliarity and upheaval.

## Working with your child

Check out these findings from an Ofcom survey of internet usage in 2020\*, based on children's responses:

- Around 7 in 10 children aged 5-15 played games online
- Time spent gaming in a typical day increased over 2019
- 22% of 8-15-year-olds chatted to people they knew only through playing the game.

This research, and a new YouGov parent survey for Get Safe Online\*\*, both highlighted a commonplace concern amongst parents being pressure to spend money in-game. Our survey also revealed concerns that children spend too much time sitting still whilst

gaming instead of exercising.

However, some of the responses of the Get Safe Online survey indicated that parents' understanding of their children's online gaming activity is very different from what children are actually doing.

It's very important that you understand and support your child's interest in online gaming. Like many parents, you may have little or no interest in it yourself, but there are things you can do to both encourage them to find the best games as well as helping them avoid the negative aspects mentioned above. Who knows, you may even find a favourite game for yourself.

\* Children and parents: media use and attitudes report 2020/21, Ofcom

\*\* You Gov Gaming4Good survey May 2021.

### **What are the risks?**

- Risks to children who play games online arise largely from the vast number of people both in the UK and abroad who are also playing, the minimal restrictions and the fact that they are not playing face-to-face.
- Stranger danger can pose a risk to the safety of the child, or a risk of financial or identity theft to you, if your child overshares personal family information online.
- Cybercriminals also use gaming platforms and forums to recruit young people for illicit activities such as malware coding and money muling, and some radicalisation begins on gaming platforms.
- Playing games with an inappropriate age rating, potentially exposing them to violent, sexual or other unsuitable content.
- Playing games which either reference gambling, or involve gambling to, for example, predict results or win money.
- Running up bills (for example, on in-game properties/in-app purchases), perhaps on your credit card.
- Spending excessive time gaming, to the exclusion of social contact, exercise and schoolwork, and potential health risks.

### **Keep your child's online gaming safe**

- Work with your child to find the best games for their age, interests and personality.
- Join your child in online gaming from time to time and randomly. This will give you an idea of the games they're playing and who they connect with.
- Have open and honest conversations with your child about their online gaming and the risks involved including stranger danger, bullying and oversharing. Tell them that not everybody they meet on gaming platforms and forums is who they claim to be.
- Set and monitor limits for the amount of daily or weekly time your children spend online gaming.
- You could pre-load some spending money on to their game, but when it's gone, it's gone.

- Check PEGI (Pan European Game Information) age ratings of games to ensure your children aren't accessing inappropriate content.
- Don't give your child access to your payment card details as extras can be very costly.
- Impress upon your child that they can come to you or another responsible adult with any concerns. Depending on their age, you could also discuss how to report issues to the gaming platform and/or the police.

There's much more information about researching the online games your child does and could play – including content, features, benefits, negatives and age ratings – on the Family Video Game Database at [www.taminggaming.com](http://www.taminggaming.com).

You could also pick up a copy of *Taming Gaming*, a book by gaming expert Andy Robertson, who has been helping families get more from video games for 15 years. #gaming4good

### **Get Safe Online**

Get Safe Online is the UK's leading source of information and advice on online safety and security, for the public and small businesses. It is a not-for-profit, public/private sector partnership backed by law enforcement agencies and leading organisations in internet security, banking and retail.

For more information and expert, easy-to-follow, impartial advice on safeguarding yourself, your family, finances, devices and workplace, visit [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

If you think you've been a victim of online fraud, report it to Action Fraud, the UK's national fraud and cybercrime reporting centre on 0300 123 20 40 or at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk). In Scotland, report fraud to Police Scotland by calling 101.

### ***Message Sent By***

Derek Pratt MBE (NWN, Administrator, Sussex)

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**Email dated 28.05.2021 from HDC**

**New appointments following Annual General Meeting, launch of small electrical and textile collection service and more news from Horsham District Council**



## Latest news and information

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### New appointments following Annual General Meeting

At an Annual General Meeting on 26 May 2021, new appointments were announced.

Following the standing down of the Leader of the Council Cllr Ray Dawe, **a new Leader, Cllr Paul Clarke was appointed**. The new Deputy Leader will be Cllr Tony Hogben.

**Dr David Skipp was elected Chairman** for the civic year 2021 to 2022. Cllr Kate Rowbottom was appointed as the Vice Chairman.



[Visit our website to view the announcement of Cabinet Member positions.](#)

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### New small electrical and textile recycling collection service

We've launched a new scheme to make it even easier to recycle broken small electricals and unwanted textiles. You can now book a collection slot online and we'll come to you and take it all away.

For a full list of acceptable items and to book your collection, click the button below.

[Book now](#)



## Recycle batteries from your home

A second new recycling scheme to launch this month is free battery recycling.

Put your batteries in a small, clear plastic bag (such as a sandwich bag) and place the bag on top of your blue-top recycling bin or your green-top refuse bin on collection day.

For a full list of what batteries you can recycle, click the button below.

[Find out more](#)



## Interactive wellbeing workshops

Are you 18-30 years old? Want to give your physical and mental wellbeing a boost? Our new Keeping Well Workshops from Horsham District Wellbeing are just for you.

The five free interactive workshops cover nutrition, getting active and creative, cook along sessions and discovering healthy balance.

[Find out more](#)



## Neighbourhood warden locate missing person

A Council Neighbourhood Warden has assisted Sussex Police to locate a vulnerable missing gentleman.

The gentleman's very relieved family were delighted that he was found, praising the diligence of the Warden concerned.

To find out more about this good-news story follow the button below.

[Read more](#)





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**Horsham  
District  
Council**

**Email dated 28.05.2021 from WSCC  
Scrutiny Committee to meet in person, socially distanced**



**news release**

**Scrutiny Committee to meet in person, socially distanced**

The election of a chairman and vice-chairman will be among agenda items when Scrutiny Committee members meet in person and socially distanced.

The Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting will be held at 12pm on Wednesday, 9 June, in the Council Chamber at County Hall in Chichester.

Residents and other interested parties will be able to watch the meeting live via the [County Council public i.tv portal](#). There will also be a reduced capacity public gallery available to anyone wishing to attend and view the meeting in person. Admission is by ticket only, bookable in advance by emailing: [democratic.services@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@westsussex.gov.uk).

Details of Covid-19 safety measures in place at County Hall will be provided to anyone booking to attend in person.

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**Email dated 28.05.2021 from NALC  
Chief Executives Bulletin**

**NALC young people event and young councillors network**

How to get young people involved in local councils was the title of this week's brilliant sold out NALC event which heard from Cllr Katy Brooks, Pembury Parish Council, Cllr Chelsey Jay, Witham Town Council and Cllr Ollie Tucker, Axminster Town Council. All three shared really practical tips and advice on how to engage with young people in our communities. Using social media was among the suggestions, and during the event itself, one attendee set up a [Facebook group](#) to help local councils engage with young people through youth councils. The recording of the event will be available on the [NALC website](#) from next week, and a reminder that recordings from several other events are also available. At the event we also launched the NALC National Network: Young Councillors, which is aimed at connecting young councillors from across the country – you can register your interest at [policycomms@nalc.gov.uk](mailto:policycomms@nalc.gov.uk) and details of its inaugural meeting will be available shortly.

**Civility in public life**

The second meeting of the working group on civility in public life project took place on 24 May and was attended by our chair, Cllr Sue Baxter, vice-chair (member services), Cllr Mike Drew, and acting head of member services, Jane Moore. They met with colleagues from the Society of Local Council Clerks, county associations and One Voice Wales to continue to develop proposals and priorities.

I was pleased to be able to mention the important work of this group at an online event organised by our partners CCLA on healthy workplaces/civility in public life, which was attended by 60 delegates. A recording of the event will be available shortly, but here are a few key points:

- I stressed that communities and place have never been more central to the future wellbeing of the country and which provides a unique opportunity for our sector. But we must place good governance, healthy workplaces and kindness at the centre of all we do.
- Amy Browne, CCLA, stressed the importance of good mental health in the workplace as mental health is one of the World Economic Forum's highest global risks, and 57% of lost working days can be attributed to poor mental health. I think it goes without saying that as employers, local councils need to take this really seriously.
- And Louise Smith, Local Government Association (LGA), provided some top tips for councillors on **handling online abuse and promoting digital citizenship**, which you may find useful, and also speaking about their wider work on civility, including the new national model code of conduct which we are linking in to.

### **LCR magazine Issue 2**

Please keep an eye out for the latest edition of *LCR magazine*, which is due to drop on your doorsteps in the next few days. There's plenty to read in this issue, including a special section on raising funding and how you can use it to benefit your community. Other helpful advice comes from articles on insurance information for new clerks, low-interest rates, cyber-security protection, how to improve your areas' carbon footprint and why almshouses are a good fit for local communities. Also, take a look at page 9, where you can read about the work we are doing on civility in the sector. And don't forget we have our regular look at those motivating councils, councillors and county associations from which you can take inspiration! Find out more about *LCR*, including how to subscribe, on the **[LCR page on the NALC website](#)**.

### **Parish precept data**

At the end of March, the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) **published headline data on council tax statistics**. Last week they published **detailed information on local precepting authorities**, which sets out precept, tax base and Band D council tax rate for all local councils, charter trustees and temples of London for the 2021/22 financial year. Here's a few headlines from the analysis of this data which we've shared with county associations:

- total precepts raised by all local councils is £616,591,654, an increase of £21,765,848
- the number of local councils levying a precept is 8,861, a decrease of eight from last year
- 70 local councils now raise a precept of over £1 million, four more than last year

- Seven new local councils have been created in previously unparished areas, including Northampton Town Council in West Northamptonshire, which has set a precept for its first year of £1,775,500
- the number of councils increasing their Band D tax rate by 50% or more stands at 109, a reduction of 78 since 2021/22

### **Pay offer**

Further to the National Employers' pay offer to the National Joint Council (NJC) Unions in respect of staff covered by the local government services NJC (the Green Book) of an increase of 1.5% on all NJC pay points 1 and above with effect from 1 April 2021, the trade unions have written to the National Employers to reject the pay offer and have asked for urgent talks. The employers have said they will consider the letter and respond in due course. We will keep you updated.

### **Using digital tools to improve efficiency and communications**

Do check out the latest [blogpost from Cloudy IT](#) on how local councils are using digital tools such as Teams and Microsoft Office 365 to improve efficiency and communication with their communities.

### **Roundtable on the rural economy and levelling up**

You might recall earlier in the year, the influential think tank [Onward](#) proposed giving every local area the 'right to self-government' through a parish or town council in their [Policies of Belonging report](#). So it was good to be invited to attend their roundtable on 25 May along with other national organisations and MPs to discuss the rural economy and levelling up. Key issues were the importance of fast broadband, effective rural proofing and a stronger voice for rural areas. The role of local councils was also highlighted, along with the need to fully mobilise their potential.

### **NALC climate change task and finish group**

Our task and finish group on climate change met this week. Issues discussed included the Environment Bill, planning and sustainability, our October event on climate change, and the analysis of our recent survey. If you haven't already, take a look at our [climate change webpage](#) on the NALC website for inspiration on how councils are taking action and a wealth of other information and resources.

### **BBC Politics West story**

I was pleased to see more coverage by the BBC on local councils last weekend on [Politics West](#), where the shadow leader of the House of Commons, Thangam Debbonnaire MP, saluted the work of local councils and James Gray MP saying local councils do a very important job and they're important organisations. Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, has the highlights in this [Twitter thread](#).

### **All-Party Parliamentary Group on local democracy**

The All-Party Parliamentary Group on local democracy, which NALC provides the secretariat and other support to, held its annual general meeting on 26

September. Eddie Hughes MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Rough Sleeping and Housing, attended the start of the meeting and said:

- he was pleased to attend on behalf of the minister Luke Hall MP and would relay back to him and other ministers
- the Group had a great track record of working with successive governments
- what was very important during the pandemic has been the benefit of place-based leadership, with local councils delivering leadership when we needed the most
- the levelling up white paper later in the year will set out bold new policy interventions to improve livelihoods across the country recovering from the pandemic
- the government remains committed to devolving power to people in places across the country, plans for the devolution white paper, including strengthening local accountable leadership and further devolution, will now be included in the levelling up white paper
- restructuring of local government will continue to follow a locally-led approach
- questions to the minister were on Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, housing and neighbourhood planning

Richard Holden MP and Cheryl Mackrory MP were re-elected as co-chairs, and both thanked NALC for its excellent secretariat to the Group and for supporting councils along with the county associations. The Earl of Lytton and Karen Buck MP were re-elected, and Baroness Scott of Needham Market and Duncan Baker MP were welcomed as new vice-chairs. Our chairman, Cllr Sue Baxter, spoke to share some reflections on the last year covering parishes stepping up during the pandemic, toilet tax campaign, remote meetings, standards and building capacity. The work programme for the year would include remote meetings, levelling up and promoting the sector in the white paper, the Planning Bill and raising the profile of the sector wherever possible.

### **In and abouts**

Essex was popular for in and abouts over the last week, with our website and digital communications officer, Rajiv Dudakia, meeting colleagues at the county association to provide support and advice on their communications, and Beverley Brown, finance and administration officer attending a meeting of the accreditation panel for the Local Council Award Scheme. And on 24 May, our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, spoke about our work on climate change at the Help to Deliver Community Energy in East Anglia online event hosted by [Community Energy South](#).

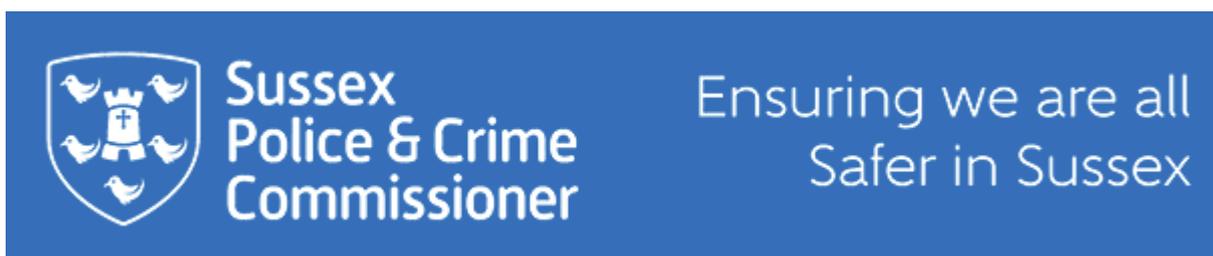
### **And finally...**

Inspirational stuff from Cllr Adrian Bryant of Braunton Parish Council in Devon, who described the community-led reintroduction of beavers in tackling flooding on [BBC Radio 4's Costing the Earth](#) this week. I was particularly struck by his description of

climate change being a supertanker that will take people on the ground working together as a team to tackle it.

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**Email dated 28.05.2021 from Sussex Police**  
**I want to hear your views on policing**



This week I supported Neighbourhood Watch's national Protect Your Pooch Campaign which was launched in response to a survey conducted by my office in March this year.

Of the 124,729 people who responded 27,440 people (22%), said they had a dog stolen or knew someone who had over the last year and that 83% of people have grown more fearful of taking their dog for a walk. You can find the full results here.

Neighbourhood Watch have pulled together some top tips on how to keep your dog SECURE, IN SIGHT AND SEARCHABLE - reducing your chances of becoming a victim of pet theft.

For more information click here.

I also now sit on the Government's newly launched Pet Theft Taskforce and was pleased this week to see the Prime Minister announcing that thieves and owners who abandon their pets could face tougher sentences. To support the Taskforce police forces need to get a clear and consistent picture of the true scale of pet theft and dog theft in particular, because there appears to be a huge disparity between the incidents actually reported to police and public perceptions.



It's gratifying that my national survey has sparked so many conversations and movements over the last couple of months to better protect our pets and acknowledge the impact of these crimes.

I am pleased to see Sussex Police rolling out Operation Collar with the dedicated Rural Crime Team at the heart of recent successful recoveries of stolen dogs. Next week marks the first anniversary of the Rural Crime Team and we will shortly be publicising some highlights of its impact over the past year.

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### Have your say today

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Several packages of South American cocaine weighing nearly two tons and valued at over £80m were discovered after drug parcels were found washed ashore on the East Sussex coast.

The National Crime Agency is working with Sussex Police officers and Border Force in an operation to identify the likely route and intended targets for this cache.

This demonstrates that whilst Government and scientists are ramping up vaccine production to keep us safe from Covid 19, drug cartels continue to make millions from their very own drug manufacturing and supply chains.

Thanks to being tipped off by a member of the public Sussex officers were able to recover these drugs quickly, keeping our streets safer and landing a massive blow to whichever drugs gang were attempting to infiltrate our local communities.

Talk Sussex is my usual summer programme of events but this year it will be moving online in the form of a short survey. Many areas of the county are now taking part in focus groups with my office, but in larger areas where this isn't possible Talk Sussex aims to ensure that residents are still given a say on policing and community safety issues.

Starting with Horsham, my office will be rolling out the programme across the county throughout the rest of the year. If you live in or around Horsham please do take a moment to complete the survey on my website.



Katy Bourne OBE  
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



SHARE WITH A FRIEND

HAVE YOUR SAY IN OUR LATEST POLL

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**Email dated 28.05.2021 from HDC  
Planning Committee (North) Agenda 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Agenda published: Meeting of Tuesday, 8th June, 2021 5.30 pm, Planning Committee (North).

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

[View this item on the web site](#)

**There are no applications in the parish**

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**Email dated 28.05.2021 from WSCC  
Let's scrap fly tipping across West Sussex**

NEWS RELEASE





# The West Sussex Fly Tipping Group is working together to combat fly tipping



Let's **S.C.R.A.P.** fly tipping  
[westsussex.gov.uk/flytipping](https://westsussex.gov.uk/flytipping)

Organisations across West Sussex are uniting in their effort to tackle the illegal dumping of waste this spring.

West Sussex County Council, the district and borough councils in West Sussex, the Environment Agency, the National Farmers Union, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service are launching the Let's SCRAP Fly tipping initiative to tackle fly tipping across the county.

The initiative aims to reduce fly tipping and advise residents how they can avoid inadvertently contributing to the problem, by following the SCRAP code. This encourages residents to: **S**uspect waste carriers, **C**heck they are licenced, **R**efuse unexpected offers to waste disposal, **A**sk how the waste will be disposed of and obtain **P**aperwork.

Fly tipping is the illegal dumping of waste on land or in water, and can cause problems to local councils, land owners, the public, and the environment. As a criminal offence, it is punishable by a fine of up to £50,000 or 12 months' imprisonment if convicted in a magistrates' court. The offence can attract an unlimited fine and to five years' imprisonment if convicted in a crown court.

Whilst large scale fly tipping is usually perpetrated by rogue traders and criminals, householders can avoid unwittingly contributing to fly tipping by ensuring they use a reputable company or local trader with a waste carrier's licence, when employing someone to remove their waste.

Area Environment Manager Michael Turner from the Environment Agency said: "We all have a part to play in preventing our rubbish from being illegally dumped, buried or burnt. And we want to make sure that when people have rubbish to get rid of, they have the right information to help them make the right choice rather

than break the law. Following the SCRAP code, such as checking that you are handing your rubbish to a licenced carrier, will ensure your waste doesn't fall into the wrong hands.

“Fly tipping and organised waste crime is blighting our communities and environment. Waste criminals undercut legitimate businesses by offering to get rid of your rubbish at prices too good to be true. Everyone has a duty to ensure their rubbish is disposed of legally and safely.”

Deborah Urquhart, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said “Fly tipping is both a criminal and an anti-social offence and there is no excuse for it.

“We are committed to tackling this issue and I am pleased to announce the launch of the Let's SCRAP Fly tipping initiative in West Sussex, in partnership with the district and borough councils, the Environment Agency, the National Farmers Union, the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service.

“As well as spoiling the natural environment and costing tax-payers' money to clear up, fly tipped waste is incredibly dangerous to wildlife and animals. Consuming waste is likely to be fatal to animals and birds. It is important that we tackle this problem and ensure that all waste is disposed of correctly.”

The district and borough councils operate the kerbside collections in West Sussex, and collect general household waste, recycling, garden waste and in some area textiles and small electrical items. Larger items and those not suitable for kerbside collection can be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Sites. More information about different types of waste is available here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention-in-west-sussex/recycling-a-z/>

Residents can find out more about Let's SCRAP Fly Tipping here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/flytipping>

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**Email dated 28.05.2021 from HDC**

**Parks and Countryside: Spectacular planting, sporting options and plans for a safe summer**



# Parks and countryside

## News and information

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### Garden transformation begins at Warnham LNR

Work has begun on the final phase of the Discovery Hub project, with the transformation of the new landscaped garden being carried out by Blakedown (SE) Ltd.

This part of the project is expected to be completed by the end of August and includes the construction of new 'access for all' paths, a wildlife pond with shelves for marginal wetland plants, a new gravel courtyard and a new reedbed which will integrate the hub building into the wetland landscape.

The second phase will take place from the end of September, when the garden will be stocked with plants chosen to attract wildlife such as bees and butterflies. New wildflower areas will also be created.

During the works, access to the ticket payment, café and toilets has been diverted and visitors are asked to take care when following the newly signed route.



Visit Warnham LNR

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### A tentative return for events in Horsham Park

Following the Government's recovery roadmap for easing lockdown restrictions, the team are pleased to be able to welcome back a number of our popular and established events to Horsham Park.

Residents will be able to enjoy live music, circus performances and outdoor cinema through the summer. Listings, dates and links to ticket information can be found on our [events page](#).

Each event is being organised under the strict conditions placed on professional event organisers and will only go ahead if all the required criteria at the time of the event are met. *(This schedule may be subject to change at short notice)*



Events in Horsham Park

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## Local Tennis Leagues are back

For those who want to play friendly, competitive tennis at Horsham Park, the **Local Tennis League** provides the platform to help you get started.

Whether you're beginning your tennis journey or are a master on the court, the league offers a fun, competitive experience for players 18 and over.

Sign up by **14 June** to play in the next round starting on **17 June**.

[Find out more](#)



## Bowls Club Open Day

Horsham Park Bowls Club are hosting their annual open day on **Bank Holiday Monday, (31 May)** and players of all ages are invited to this free 'come and try session'.

All equipment will be provided and members of the team will be on-hand to offer instruction throughout the day.

Simply pop along to the Bowling Green from **12.00pm – 4.00pm**.

[Find out more](#)



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## We all deserve a great summer....

After what has been a very challenging year, we know how much everyone is enjoying returning to some normality and being back out and about.

With a warm summer predicted and travel restrictions still in place, we also know that this year could be busier than ever. With this in mind, under the banner of the **Horsham District Safe and Well Partnership**, the Council have partnered with a number of local agencies, including Sussex Police, West Sussex Fire and Rescue and youth support workers to create the **#SafeSummer21** campaign.

Between May and August, we will be highlighting issues such as litter, BBQ safety and noise and offering tips and advice on how residents of all ages can work together to make sure we all get the great summer we deserve.

**Find out more about the campaign by clicking on the banner below.**



## ...and we finish with a flourish

And finally to finish this month's newsletter, a first glimpse at some of the more than 2,700 plants that be brightening up Horsham Town Centre over the summer.

Following a coastal theme of yellows, whites and blues, the streets will be ablaze with colour when the hanging baskets and planters are placed in early June.

This year we have once again chosen plants, from the [Aldingbourne Trust](#), a charity who support people with learning disabilities and autism to live independent lives.



They have worked tirelessly in challenging circumstances to produce a beautiful mix of plants for us which includes Salvia 'Mystic Spires', Surfinia 'Yellow Dream' and Geranium 'Horizon White'.

### Stay connected



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Email dated 28.05.2021 from WSCC

Your latest news on Covid-19 - One million vaccinated in Sussex - and more



## Tremendous response as one million vaccinated in Sussex



One million people across Sussex have now received their Covid-19 vaccination.

Figures published today (Thursday 27 May) show that 1,028,925 people had had their first vaccination by Sunday 23 May, of whom 677,497 have also had their second.

In West Sussex alone, 534,936 people had had their first dose, of whom 352,280 have also had their second.

West Sussex Director of Public Health Alison Challenger praised the efforts of everyone who's supported the vaccination programme.

"It's fantastic news that now over one million people across Sussex have had their Covid vaccine and West Sussex has seen a tremendous response in people coming forward to be vaccinated," she said, speaking in a video message together with other health leaders from across Sussex. "I want to thank everybody that's been involved in delivering this programme. We should be very proud of the way it's been rolled out locally and the success it's achieved so far."

[Click here to read more and links to the video](#)

### Join the one million across Sussex and book your jab today!

You can find full details of who's now eligible, how to book and updates on the Sussex vaccination programme on the [West Sussex County Council Covid-19 vaccination page](#).

If you have no way to get to your appointment, or know someone who can't, you can book free transport for a Covid-safe return journey. You need to book your appointment first, then visit [here](#) to find details of how to book your transport.

It is important to keep on getting tested and follow the guidance, even after you have been vaccinated as you could still pass on the virus to others.

Remember: hands, face, space, and fresh air to #KeepWestSussexSafe.

### **Symptom-free Covid-19 Testing**

Everyone without symptoms is encouraged to test twice a week, and symptom-free Covid-19 testing kits are available in West Sussex.

As we head into the bank holiday weekend, it's especially important to test regularly if you're travelling out to:

- meet with friends
- visit family
- head to work
- pick up the kids
- head to the gym.

[www.westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting)

Download the [NHS test and Trace App](#).

### **What do you think about testing?**

We'd like to hear your views on symptom-free Covid-19 testing in West Sussex. Are you using the tests or not?

Please complete our short and anonymous survey [here](#).

Your answers will help us develop our efforts as we work to #KeepWestSussexSafe.

### **Covid-19 data**

As of today, Thursday 27 May, the statistics show a decrease in the number of cases of coronavirus across West Sussex.

Together with the ongoing success of the vaccine programme, this is a step in the right direction. But the virus isn't going away yet and so we should continue to take care.

Nationally, the news is reporting on cases of the variant first detected in India, and enhanced testing is underway in parts of Hampshire and Surrey.

Please use the links to our [data dashboard](#) to check the latest case numbers by postcode in your local area.

[Read more](#)

# Our Council Plan

West Sussex County Council Leader Paul Marshall has set out his priorities over the next four years after his re-election last Friday, 21 May.



The priorities are captured in [Our Council Plan](#), the corporate plan for 2021 to 2025, and the budget. The plan covers everything from education to highways, community support to the fire service, and provides stability across the organisation.

Within the wide-reaching strategy, the main four priorities are:

- keeping people safe from vulnerable situations
- creating a sustainable and prosperous economy
- helping people and communities to fulfil their potential
- making the best use of resources.

The full list of Cabinet, Chairman and Vice Chairman appointments made at last week's Full Council can be read by clicking on the link below.

[Read more](#)

## Busy summer ahead for West Sussex tourism



It's English Tourism Week and the past year has been a worrying and uncertain time for many West Sussex tourism providers and businesses. The Week provides the chance to promote them and to encourage residents and visitors to explore West Sussex safely.

The county is anticipating a busy summer season for tourism businesses and attractions as they reopen in line with the government's roadmap and advice.

The Experience West Sussex Partnership is the central voice for tourism in the region and is made up of the county council, the seven West Sussex district and borough councils and the Coastal West Sussex Partnership. It is running a

campaign encouraging responsible visits to the county this summer. Core messages to visitors are to 'Protect, Respect, Enjoy'.

If you're looking for a change of scenery this bank holiday weekend or for half-term, West Sussex has a wealth of places to visit and enjoy – for visitors and residents alike.

Click on the link below to see what's on offer.

[Read more](#)

## Volunteers' Week - a time to say thanks

**Volunteers' Week** starts next Tuesday (1 June), recognising the importance of volunteers and the work they do and also giving them a great big 'thank you' for all their efforts.



The county council has more than 900 volunteers who give their time to deliver services and support to people across the county.

In March, we surveyed our volunteers to get their feedback and they told us:

- Nearly 80% have been involved with the council for over three years, with nearly 50% of those having volunteered at the council for five years or more
- 96% were either satisfied or very satisfied with their volunteer experience
- The top two reasons given for volunteering with the county council were 'to make a difference in their local community' and 'for a sense of personal satisfaction and achievement'
- The recognition they valued most was a 'thank you'.

There are many volunteering opportunities available at the county council. Visit our website using the link below or [email](#) to find out more.

[Read More](#)

# More frequent visits to be allowed at six of our recycling sites



Following the introduction of a trial booking scheme at some of our Household Waste Recycling Sites (HWRS), it's now been confirmed that from 1 June the number of visits available per household will increase.

The main reason for the trial at Bognor Regis, Crawley, Horsham, Littlehampton, Shoreham-by-Sea, and Worthing sites was to reduce queuing at peak times, which had caused problems for local residents and businesses and led to congestion on some major roads.

Although the trial has fully met this objective and has also proved popular with most users and site staff, the restriction of one visit per week has been a drawback for some residents.

Now that social distancing measures are eased the trial will move into a second phase, which will change the current limit of one visit per household per week, to allow for five bookings to be made within any calendar month. This will increase the number of permitted visits per household from 52 to 60 across the year.

All aspects of the trial will be reviewed in the autumn, after it has run for the initial planned six months.

[Read more](#)

# Do you look after someone? Here's how to get support

Over 100,000 people are thought to be regularly caring for a friend or family member in West Sussex, so this year's Carers' Week, which runs from 7 – 13 June, it's more important than ever to raise awareness and shine a spotlight on the information and services available to family and friend carers across the county.



This year, the Covid-19 pandemic is creating new challenges for family and friend carers, with many taking on more caring responsibilities for their relatives and friends who are disabled, ill or older and who need support.

Click on the link below for details of the support available.

[Read more](#)

## Safer Streets survey - have your say



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 (VAWG) and increase women and girls' feelings of safety in public spaces
- Build the evidence base for what works on reducing VAWG-related crimes and increase women and girls' feelings of safety in the public domain.

We're seeking your input to help us make sure that our bid accurately reflects the concerns of Sussex residents and identifies appropriate ways to tackle them.

Although everyone's views are 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 by completing the survey in the link below by Friday 11 June 2021.

[Read more](#)

## Support for children and young people's mental health

There's lots of advice and support available to help parents and carers. It may sound obvious, but sometimes just encouraging someone to talk about what's bothering them can help them to identify and process a problem.

Just knowing they have someone to talk to who wants to help them work through an issue can make a big difference.



It might seem like a big problem to a child, but as an adult, it could be something that you can easily resolve together. You can find tips for how to talk to a young person about things like anxiety, low mood, problems at school or home via the link below.

[Read more](#)

## Know someone who would like to receive this eNewsletter?

If anyone you know who would like to sign up for this bulletin, please forward this eNewsletter to them and they can [sign up here](#). Thank you for your support.



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Email dated 26.05.2021 from WSCC  
Town and Parish Council News Special - Holiday Activity & Food Programme Grant Funding Opportunity

# TOWN AND PARISH NEWS

Working together on behalf  
of our communities



Special edition May 2021

## Holiday Activities and Food Programme Grant Funding Opportunity

We have received £1.6m from the government's Holiday Activities and Food Programme to support children eligible for Free School Meals. As part of this, we want to work with parish and town councils, organisations, community groups and schools across the county to provide activities and food for school aged children in the summer and/or Christmas holidays.

If your town or parish council is able to provide any or all of the following, we would like to hear about how we can work with you to support as many eligible children as possible over the summer and Christmas holidays:

- activities and food,
- activities only, or
- food only.

We would also like you to pass this on to youth groups and organisations in your area who may use your facilities and may be interested in being a provider.

The Expressions of Interest questionnaire should be submitted [online](#). Organisations will be asked to describe their proposal and how it meets the government's requirements. The closing date for Expressions of Interest is **Midday Tuesday 8 June 2021** so that we can confirm funding as soon as possible.

Guidelines on government requirements are set out at the [Department for Education's HAF webpage](#).

If you would like to see a copy of the questionnaire before you apply, or you have any other queries, please email [HAF@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@westsussex.gov.uk)

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Volunteers' Week – a time to say thanks



**Volunteers' Week – a time to say thanks**



Volunteers' Week starts next Tuesday, and West Sussex County Council is celebrating by recognising the contribution of the more than 900 volunteers who give their time to deliver services and support to vulnerable people across the county.

Running from 1-7 June, Volunteers' Week is an annual event that says thank you to volunteers who give their spare time to help others.

This past year has been extremely challenging with Covid-19 and due to the pandemic, many volunteer opportunities offered by the County Council had to be put on hold.

Duncan Crow, Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue, said: "Over the past year, volunteers have been an essential part of the pandemic response, with many more people coming forward to help in their communities, alongside those who were already volunteering. Some people who usually volunteer have also found themselves suddenly unable to continue, or having to volunteer in different ways, so it has been a time of constant change and evolution for many of our dedicated and hardworking individuals.

"This Volunteers' Week, we simply want to say a huge thank you to everyone that volunteers for the County Council. We are also asking that if you get the opportunity, please share a thank you with every volunteer who makes such an invaluable contribution to people's lives in West Sussex - we are so grateful to them all."

In March this year, the council also took the opportunity to survey their volunteers to get views and feedback to help them continue to provide a wide range of meaningful volunteering opportunities that offer a positive and fulfilling experience.

The survey received more than 300 responses which highlighted the following:

- Nearly 80% of volunteers have been involved with the council for over three years; with nearly 50% of those having volunteered at the council for five years or more.
- 96% of respondents were either satisfied or very satisfied with their volunteer experience.
- The top two reasons given for volunteering with the County Council were 'to make a difference in their local community' and 'for a sense of personal satisfaction and achievement'.
- They also said that the recognition they valued the most was a thank you.

If you're interested in giving your free time to help and support people and services within the county, there are a variety of volunteering opportunities available at the council.

These include working with young carers or young offenders, becoming a community volunteer or a tree warden, volunteering with the Fire and Rescue Service, Library Service or with the waste prevention team.

Whilst some of these opportunities aren't currently available due to lockdown measures, some will be recruiting over the coming months.

For more stories about the amazing volunteers at the council, follow @CommunitiesWSCC on Twitter or if you're interested in volunteering for the council, visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/volunteering](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/volunteering), or email [volunteering@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:volunteering@westsussex.gov.uk)

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**Email dated 26.05.2021 from Sussex Police**  
**Talk Sussex - Horsham**

The Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, is moving her *Talk Sussex* programme online this year. She's running a survey around Sussex – in areas not covered by our focus groups - to ask local people's views and thoughts on policing in their area. We're starting the exercise with Horsham and are keen to get as many responses as possible.

The survey link is: [www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/talksussex](http://www.sussex-pcc.gov.uk/talksussex)

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**Email dated 26.05.2021 from WSCC**  
**Changes to parking arrangements for health and social care workers**

## **Changes to parking arrangements for health and social care workers**

In line with Government guidance, a free national parking concession given to health and social care workers throughout the last year will be coming to an end in most parts of West Sussex on 21 June 2021.

The Covid-19 parking pass, based on an agreement between the Local Government Association (LGA) and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), has enabled free on and off-street parking for those on duty as an NHS staff member, health or social care worker, or NHS Volunteer Responder.

The passes were originally intended for temporary use during the Covid-19 emergency response period, which has proven to be longer than anticipated.

The increase in mobility as lockdown restrictions are eased is expected to result in an increase in demand for parking at many locations in West Sussex and so it is no longer sustainable to continue to allow free parking for these workers.

It is recommended that the majority of workers in West Sussex who are using a Covid-19 parking pass, either in a council-owned car park or on-street, should plan alternative parking arrangements from 21 June. Information on the potential alternatives, including off-street car park season tickets and on-street permits, is available on the parking pages of the relevant District and Borough Council websites (Arun, Chichester, Crawley, Horsham, Mid Sussex and Worthing/Adur).

There is one exception in Chichester, where some new on-street parking restrictions are being introduced in early June. Because of the introduction of new restrictions, the Covid-19 parking pass will continue to be accepted on-street in Chichester until the 1 July. Please note, however, that the pass will not be accepted in any District Council owned car parks after 21 June.

Those still using a Covid-19 parking pass after 21 June , or 1 July for those parking in Chichester, will be liable to receive a Penalty Charge Notice.

[The Government has now edited its own web page](#) which refers to the Covid-19 critical care worker parking pass and this can be viewed online.

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**Email dated 25.05.2021 from HDC**

**New Service - Small Electricals, Textiles and Battery Collections**

Dear Parish Council Clerks,

Please find a link to a [briefing note](#) containing information on our new booking service for small electricals and textiles and new kerbside service for the collection of batteries, both of which we are launching today.

If you have any queries on the service please let me know.

Kind Regards,

**Genna Wallace-Jones**

Recycling & Waste Strategy Manager

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Email dated 25.05.2021 from HDC

Try our new free small electricals and textiles collection service | Recycle your batteries on bin day | A special treat for little local lad Theo | Join the Great British Spring Clean



## Recycling and waste

for the Horsham District

**Book a FREE textiles and small electricals collection**

The banner features a pink background with a yellow arrow pointing from icons of a dress, shoes, a mouse, and a hairdryer towards a white van icon. At the bottom, there are logos for Horsham District Council, Horsham District recycles, and West Sussex County Council.

## Book a free textiles and small electricals recycling collection

We've launched a new scheme to make it even easier to recycle broken small electricals and unwanted textiles. You can now book a collection slot online and we'll come to you and take it all away.

Small electricals are processed at a specialist facility which breaks down the component parts and then recycles them into something new.

Textiles are sorted into grades by hand at a processing facility and then sent on for re-use and recycling.

For a full list of acceptable items and to book your collection, click the button below.

[Book now](#)

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## Recycle your batteries on bin collection day

A second new scheme to launch this month is free battery recycling.

Put your batteries in a small, clear plastic bag (such as a sandwich bag) and place the bag on top of your blue-top recycling bin or your green-top refuse bin on collection day. Our trucks are now fitted with a separate compartment for battery recycling so we can take it away to be recycled.

We can take the following batteries: 6V; D; C; AA; AAA; 9v; Button; and mobile phone batteries.

To ensure minimal use of plastic bags, please ensure you store batteries until you have enough to fill a sandwich bag and have it securely closed. Please do not place one or two batteries out for collection as there is a risk the bag could blow away.



[Batteries recycling](#)

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## Help us to have a Safe Summer

This summer we need your help – if you are visiting our parks and open spaces, please bag and bin your rubbish. Cleaning up after excess litter takes our teams away from other important jobs. Help us keep your community clean.

We all deserve a great summer. Spread the word using the hashtag #SafeSummer21.



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## A special treat for local lad Theo

Our bin collection crews were sent a lovely message from local resident Loren and her son, Theo. To say thank you, we gave Theo the chance to meet the crew for a socially-distanced hello and he even got to sit in the truck!

Loren said "I wanted to take a moment to write to you about your bin men, in particular those that collect the rubbish and recycling of Broadbridge Heath. In short we love them."

"Since my son Theo has been old enough to pull himself up and stand at the window, since before he could walk or talk (he's just turned four!) we have watched and waved each Wednesday as the bin men arrive and they in turn without fail have waved and smiled back.

"Over time these waves and smiles have grown into 'hellos' and 'how are you doing little man', peekaboos from behind parked cars, and honks of the horn, received with claps and cheers!

"And with each week that passes I've watched my son grow and transform right before my eyes but his excitement to see the bin men has never wavered just as their kindness hasn't either.

"Theo will start to school in September so our Wednesday tradition of waiting to see the bin men and their lorry will end. So in a world where often small simple acts of kindness go unnoticed I wanted to recognise the joy they bring to us, week on week, year on year. Even during this last year they have been our little slice of normal making the world that much better and brighter."



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## Get involved in the Great British Spring Clean

Join the [Great British Spring Clean](#) between **28 May-13 June** and join the thousands of volunteers from across the UK who take pride in their neighbourhood and are happy to take ownership of the issues around litter in their area.

Through our local [Adopt a Street scheme](#) we can provide litter sticks and bin bags and will pick up your collected waste bags afterwards.

We are facing an ongoing battle with litter being strewn across our roadsides, parks and open spaces, yet this year our outdoor spaces and places have mattered more than ever before. We really appreciate your support in helping to tackle the issue.



[Find out more](#)

# Green grant helps fund new Eco Station for Horsham District

Funding from the Council's [Community Climate Fund](#) initiative is set to benefit a local outreach project to create a mobile educational Eco Station.



Local charity [Sussex Green Living](#) applied for a grant from the Council's Horsham District Community Climate Fund and successfully received £5,000 to get their Inspiration Eco Station on the road.

The Inspiration Eco Station is a colourful and engaging mobile display that will travel to schools, colleges, faith groups and community events to share top tips on how residents can save money whilst reducing their negative impact on the planet.

[Find out more about the Eco Station on the Sussex Green Living website.](#)



## Recycling champions

Three months in to their Hot Bin trial, the White family have their first compost and the younger Barber-Bacons are learning about decomposition...

"We pulled our first compost out after 3 months of use and even though it was the coldest time of year, it had composted pretty well! The bin is now holding at much higher temperatures allowing us to compost bones and other harder materials readily." - White family

"We found emptying the Hot Bin really easy and simple via the large hatch, and were really excited to be able to see clearly the process of decomposition. The kids found it fascinating!" - Barber-Bacon family

Find out more about the Hot Bin trial on our [Recycling champions page](#)

# Three ways gardening can help reduce waste

It's **National Children's Gardening Week** next week, a campaign to encourage kids to get out in their garden and capture their enthusiasm.



Here are three ways your garden can help your recycling efforts that the kids can get involved in:

- **Get composting.** Composting your leftovers reduces food waste. West Sussex County Council have teamed up with [GetComposting.com](http://GetComposting.com) to offer compost bins for a discounted price
- **Start growing your own.** Growing produce cuts food miles and reduces food packaging too. A great project to get kids involved in!
- **Make planters and labels.** There are lots of items you could re-use in the garden. For example, clear plastic bottles and yoghurt pots can make useful homes for young plants and seedlings.



**Email dated 25.05.2021 from WSALC**

## **WSALC & ESALC bi-annual meeting with the Chief Constable**

As you may be aware, the West and East Sussex County Associations hold a bi-annual meeting with the Chief Constable of Sussex Police and the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner. The meeting is attended by the Chairmen of the County and District Associations who receive a briefing on policing within Sussex and relevant regional and national issues.

The next meeting will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and member councils have an opportunity to raise any questions of a strategic or unresolved matter by submitting them beforehand. If you have a matter you would like to raise **please email your question to Anna Beams at [admin@wsalc.co.uk](mailto:admin@wsalc.co.uk) by 5pm on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021.**

Kind regards, Anna



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**Email dated 25.05.2021 from WSCC**  
**Household Waste Recycling Site trial booking system to allow more visits**



## news release

### Household Waste Recycling Site trial booking system to allow more visits



Following the introduction of a trial booking scheme at selected Household Waste Recycling Sites, West Sussex County Council has confirmed that the number of visits available per household will increase from 1 June.

The main reason for the trial at Bognor Regis, Crawley, Horsham, Littlehampton, Shoreham-by-Sea, and Worthing sites was to reduce queuing at peak times which had caused problems for local residents and businesses and led to congestion on some major roads.

The trial has fully met this objective and has also proved popular with most users who have reported the system is easy to use and appreciated not having to queue for long to get on site. Site staff are also very positive about the scheme which has smoothed out use through the day.

However, the restriction of one visit per week has been a drawback for some users. Now that social distancing measures are able to be eased at sites the trial will move into a second phase, which will change the current limit of one visit per household per week, to allow for five bookings to be made within any calendar month. This will increase the number of permitted visits per household from 52 to 60 across the year.

Deborah Urquhart, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, confirmed the changes, saying: "One of the biggest factors that people have spoken to us about is the occasional need to visit a site several times in quick succession, and not needing to return for several weeks or even months. This refinement will commence from the start of June, although we ask users to continue to try and make as few trips as possible. We have noticed that since the trial started that users are generally bringing more things in per trip which is good for the environment and reducing traffic.

"However, there is still only a limited number of slots available each day, so we continue to advise people to book at least a day or two in advance where possible. We also would ask that if users decide they don't need a booked slot, they cancel it as soon as possible which is very easily done online. This ensures that more people can use the site at their preferred time."

All aspects of the trial will be reviewed in the autumn, after it has run for the initial planned six months.

For more information on the trial, please visit [www.westsussex.gov.uk/BookToRecycle](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/BookToRecycle).

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**Email dated 25.05.2021 from WSALC**  
**COVID 19 guidance update - Working with Volunteers**

As restrictions continue to lift as more Government guidance has come out about opening up community facilities etc the following revised information has been issued by The National Council for Voluntary Organisations on working with volunteers.

**NCVO's website** has been updated to reflect the latest information following the relaxation of rules on 17 May



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## Horsham Weekly News and Alerts

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### PCSO Patrols

Once again our Officers and PCSOs have been out and about this last week and on Tuesday 19th our PCSOs were on high visibility patrols in Horsham town centre. On Wednesday PCSO Cecil who is the dedicated PCSO for Southwater was out on foot patrol.

Also on Wednesday our PCSOs were out and about in Horsham engaging with local residents and on Friday there was a street briefing in Swan Walk between 2pm and 4pm

If you'd like to get in touch with your neighbourhood policing team, please email them on [horsham@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:horsham@sussex.pnn.police.uk)

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### News and appeals

#### Teenager arrested in possession of knife at Horsham Park

A teenager was detained in possession of a knife after police responded to information about an organised fight.

Officers acting on intelligence attended Horsham Park in Hurst Road, Horsham, around 7pm on Thursday 13 May, where they spotted an individual believed to be involved in the planned altercation.

Police approached the suspect and identified themselves, at which point he attempted to run off, but he was detained following a short foot chase.

He was searched and found to be in possession of a kitchen knife.

The 15-year-old, from Crawley, was subsequently arrested and charged with possession of a bladed article in public, and has been released on bail with conditions to appear before Worthing Youth Court on 27 May.

Following this, police issued a 48-hour dispersal order in order to prevent any further

incidents.

Sergeant Scott Walters, who leads Operation Dozen, a dedicated policing operation which aims to combat violence and antisocial behaviour across West Sussex, said: “We will continue to carry out proactive patrols, acting on intelligence and working closely with partners, in order to prevent violence in our communities.

“However, we need the community’s support and help to tackle this unacceptable behaviour, and there are many ways you can report matters of concern either to us online or by calling 101.

“You can also report it via Crimestoppers or Fearless anonymously.”

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/teenager-arrested-in-possession-of-knife-at-horsham-park/>

### Three charged with the murder of Billy Henham



Three men have been charged in connection with the murder of Billy Henham.

Billy Henham, 24, from Henfield was discovered at a disused building in North Street, Brighton on Thursday 2 January 2020 after officers attended the property following a report of concerns for a person.

On Thursday (20 May) officers arrested four people in connection with Billy’s murder following new investigative evidence.

Three men have since been charged with murder and will appear at Brighton Magistrates' Court on Friday (21 May). They are:

Alize Spence, 18, of Makepeace Road, Ealing.

Lamech Gordon-Carew, 19, of Cheeseman Close, Hampton

Gregory Hawley, 28, of no fixed address.

The fourth man was released without any further action.

Detective Superintendent Alex Geldart, who is leading the investigation, says: “Our thoughts are with Bill’s family and friends at this time.”

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/three-charged-with-the-murder-of-billy-henham/>

## Drink-driver who ran over 10-year-old cyclist is jailed



A drink-driver who ran over a 10-year-old cyclist – then drove home with the bike still trapped beneath his car – has been jailed.

The victim, from Pulborough, had been cycling along Church Street, West Chiltington, with his father and another adult when he was struck from behind by a black Renault Twingo.

The impact caused him to flip over his handlebars and onto the road, where the car continued to drive over him.

Members of the public including the two other cyclists desperately tried to warn the driver that the boy was trapped beneath his vehicle, but he ignored their pleas. He subsequently reversed over the boy, seriously injuring him and destroying his cycle helmet before driving away.

Emergency services responded to the incident, which occurred about 10.20pm on 6 October, and the boy was taken to hospital having sustained a broken collar bone, a fractured vertebrae, a fractured pelvis, a dislocated hip and a burn covering the left side of his face. Thankfully, he is now recovering.

Police attended the address of the registered owner of which was discovered unattended and having mounted a kerb, with the victim's bike still trapped beneath. The driver was identified as Keith Vernon, 76, retired, of Holly Close, West Chiltington. He was breathalysed and found to have 77mcg of alcohol per 100ml of breath in his system. The legal limit is 35mcg.

**TO READ THE FULL STORY, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE.**

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/court-results/drink-driver-who-ran-over-10-year-old-cyclist-is-jailed/>

**Residents urged to keep their homes secure and safe this summer**



Police are reminding Sussex residents to ensure their homes, garages and outbuildings are secure as we continue to move out of lockdown.

Over the last year reports of burglary have dropped across Sussex. The lockdown measures that have been in place across the UK have undoubtedly contributed to this reduction and as lockdown measures continue to ease and with summer approaching, we want to keep it this way.

Detective Chief Inspector Alasdair Henry said: "Monday 17 May marked a milestone in the Government road map out of lockdown with people beginning to return to their place of work, the hospitality sector opening up their services fully, taking a 'staycation' and enjoy social activities more fully across the UK. What this also means is while people can enjoy more freedom away from their homes, they will be empty for longer periods of time.

"We should anticipate that burglars will see this change in lifestyle as an opportunity and emerge to target empty properties. We know the devastating and lasting effect that burglary has on victims and that it's a personal crime which is keenly felt."

To protect your property, you can find practical prevention tips to:

- protect your home including information on door and window locks [here](#)
- keep burglars out of your property [here](#)
- keep your shed or garage safe and secure [here](#)
- access to all information on protecting your home from crime [here](#)

There are also other ways to protect your personal belongings by using property marking. Register your belongings on the free Immobilise national property register. It only takes a few minutes and increases the chances of being reunited with your property if it is stolen. Find out more on their website [here](#)

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/residents-urged-to-keep-their-homes-secure-and-safe-this-summer/>

**24th May to 13th June is a National Seat Belt Campaign.**

Whilst the majority of road users wear their seatbelts, the consequences however,

should they not be worn, can be severe.

In 2019, 23% of car occupants killed were not wearing a seatbelt. This is only a 3% decrease since 2018 where the proportion of car occupants killed while not wearing a seatbelt was 26%. Whether a driver or a passenger in a vehicle, in a crash a seatbelt greatly improves your chance of avoiding serious injury or death.

To keep up to date with road safety information and advice, members of the public can visit [www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk](http://www.sussexsaferroads.gov.uk) and follow @SussexSRP on Twitter.

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### 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](mailto: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](http://www.crimestoppers-uk.org)

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**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)

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### Email dated 24.05.2021 from HDC

#### Welcome Back Fund – Horsham District Council Project Bid Consultation

Dear all,

You may be aware that Councils have received an allocation of money to be spent in support of building back visitors to our high streets – The Welcome Back Fund (WBF).

This money follows on from last year's RHSS allocation upon which we consulted widely to build a strong list of locally economy/high street benefitting projects.

Unfortunately, it was only subsequently revealed that most of these wouldn't meet the Government's strict spending criteria. Those projects that were permitted have now been successfully completed.

The WBF for Horsham District is set at the same level £128,000 plus any unspent funds from RHSS can be rolled over, all for expenditure before 31 March 2022.

The details of the Welcome Back Fund, its criteria and reporting requirements, can be viewed via this link: <https://bit.ly/3fzpVLR>

All Councils have to submit their initial project spending plans for their allocation by 30 May for outline approval.

We ask for your understanding as to the lateness of this communication but our own timescales have been truncated owing to staff capacity and a multitude of competing priorities. Although the Council is obliged to submit an initial projects bid to secure the

allocation by this deadline, we have noted that it will be possible, via a process, to make adjustments subsequently.

As time is short and to simplify the consultation we have drawn up a shortlist of projects (see below) which take into account our previous localised consultations, the Governments so far published Welcome Back Fund criteria, the Council's own economic recovery planning and the resources we have at our disposal. We have opted to focus on projects that would deliver positive impacts across the District equally but that can be localised to reflect specific opportunities for input and co-operation.

Please note that there are additional location specific projects in the Council's Economic Recovery Plan which will be funded from alternative sources i.e Horsham Town Centre Animation to attract mid-week lunchtime local workers.

If you have any objections to the projects proposed or would like to make your own proposals, mindful of the Fund's criteria and reporting requirements, please contact the Economic Development team as soon as possible via [businessdevelopment@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:businessdevelopment@horsham.gov.uk)  
Thank you

**Garry Mortimer-Cook**  
Economic Development



#### Proposed Projects for Horsham District's Welcome Back Fund

Project	Item	Outcomes
<b>Visitor Visual Experience Enhancement</b>	Direct support for local businesses in each town to adopt new techniques plus local 'Hero' installations. Business Instagram skills development, stand-alone installations and competition/trail. Updates and builds on previous window display initiatives.	Instagrammable 'moments' created in business in towns, promoted through social media - adds to high street attraction – drives footfall. To involve local arts, community and charities. Support offered to 100 independent HD businesses to upskill. Competition and trail featuring businesses taking part.
<b>The Market Town Mystery Trails</b>	Trails aimed at a wide family cross generational appeal. Stories built on local history, features, myths and legends. One per town, build as clues to encourage exploration of whole of District Towns.	Drive footfall and publicity over extended period. Opportunities for business engagement. Creates local interest. Concepts can be built on in future and test new alternative types of trails including use of digital/phone tech.
<b>Market Towns Rewilding High Streets project</b>	Local projects funded and supported by Consultants to extend the District's nature Recovery Network into our High Streets	Added Interest and ownership – to drives footfall and experience. Environmental awareness and quality.
<b>Administration of Grant Spend</b>	Internal costs as allowed	
<b>Total Budget WBF £128,000 plus RHSS residual £60,000</b>		
<b>Total Projected Spend</b>		

**WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**Road Traffic Regulation Act Temporary Closure Notice**  
**SOUTHWATER: BRIDLEWAY NO. 3568 (part)**

NOTICE is hereby given that in pursuance of the provisions of Section 14 (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the use of the route below is temporarily prohibited:

**SOUTHWATER: BRIDLEWAY NO. 3568 (part) – section of the Downs Link - as shown on the map below.**

The path closure is necessary to protect public safety whilst utility installation and resurfacing works are undertaken by Berkeley Homes.

Use is temporarily **prohibited** with effect from **25<sup>th</sup> May 2021**, and will be followed by a further closure.

This Notice will be effective for **21 days** from the date given above.

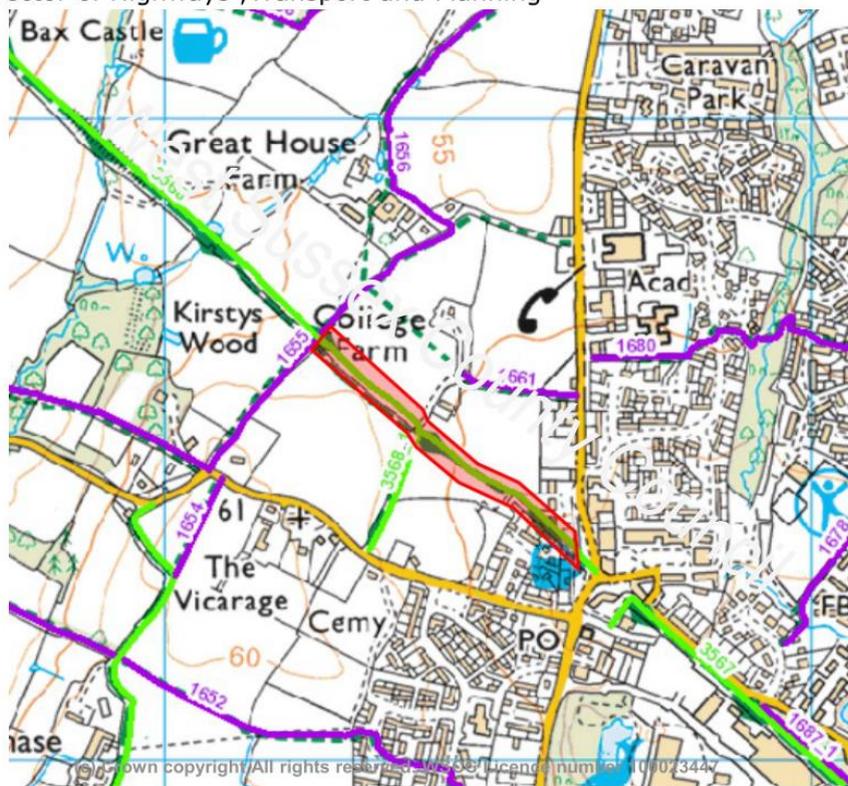
Contact telephone numbers: **Public Rights of Way Team (WSCC) (01243) 777620**

*Matt Davy*

Date: **20/05/2021**

Ref.: **LD/BW3568/I32168**

Director of Highways, Transport and Planning



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Public Footpath      Route Temporarily Stopped Up  
Public Bridleway

Public Rights of Way, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Northleigh, Tower Street,  
Chichester, West Sussex, PO19 1RH

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Email dated 24.05.2021 from WSCC

Do you look after someone? Find out how you can get support in West Sussex



## news release

Do you look after someone? Find out how you can get support in West Sussex



Over 100,000 people are thought to be regularly caring for a friend or family member in West Sussex, so this Carers Week, running from 7 – 13 June, it's more important than ever to raise awareness and shine a spotlight on the information and services available to family and friend carers across the county.

Backed by West Sussex County Council, the NHS and West Sussex charity, Carers Support West Sussex, there's plenty on offer to help those looking after friends and family.

With more than 29,000 carers currently registered in West Sussex, including young carers, young adult carers and adult carers, this is still only a fraction of the estimated number of family and friend carers believed to be living in West Sussex. Carers Support West Sussex are urging those not yet registered to sign up to access the support they may require now or in the future.

This year, family and friend carers are continuing to face new challenges because of the Covid-19 pandemic, with many taking on more caring responsibilities for their relatives and friends who are disabled, ill or older and who need support.

As part of Carers Week, Carers Support West Sussex has put together a programme of carer focused workshops, where attendees will have the opportunity to:

- Learn something new or improve knowledge;
- Virtually meet others in a similar situation and have a chance to socialise;
- Have a break from caring roles.

A majority of these are online classes, but if you are able, there are also picnics taking place at Parham House in Pulborough, Swanbourne Lake in Arundel and a coastal walk starting in Ferring. To find out more, visit <https://www.carerssupport.org.uk/carers-week>.

Amanda Jupp, Cabinet Member for Adults Services at West Sussex County Council, said: “Carers Week is a really important time in the calendar as it is a great way of reminding all of our family and friend carers here in West Sussex that there is help and support available for them whatever situation they may find themselves in.

“Caring is such a huge responsibility and many carers spend so much time looking after someone else, that they forget to take some time for themselves, which is where Carers Support West Sussex can prove invaluable as they run carer groups, a Carer Response Line, help carers access free counselling and provide funds so that carers can do something for themselves, amongst many other things.”

Sonia Mangan, Chief Executive at Carers Support West Sussex also said “This year’s Carers Week theme is ‘Making Caring Visible and Valued across West Sussex’ and we aim to raise awareness of caring, highlight the challenges family and friend carers face and recognise the contributions they make to families and our local community.

“Across England and Wales carers save the UK economy more than £150 billion every year, and with the pandemic seeing more individuals taking on a family and friend caring role, we need to make sure that these people get exactly what they need to stay well whilst caring for someone else.”

For anyone that can’t attend the workshops, there is still plenty that Carers Support can offer you after the week has finished, including a free [Carers Discount Card](#), which gives family and friend carers in the county a range of exclusive offers and discounts.

The aim of the scheme is to promote the health and wellbeing of carers whilst alleviating some of the financial strain that is often placed upon them by their role.

To find out more and for further information about the great work that Carers Support West Sussex do for family and friend carers across the county, visit [www.carerssupport.org.uk/](http://www.carerssupport.org.uk/).

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**Email dated 23.05.2021 from No Incinerator 4 Horsham Community Group  
Ni4H Letter sent to Environment Agency with concerns**

**Letter sent to Environment Agency with concerns**

**Re: Environmental permit variation EPR/CB3308TD/V002**

Here is a copy of our latest News, please contact us if you would like any further information.

**As a Community Group representing local residents, Ni4H wrote to the Environment Agency on 21 May 2021 with a list of concerns including:**

1. Site of High Public Interest
2. Missing Documents and Information
3. Out of date documents - Some 5 years old from 2016, others from 2018. Were the latest versions available submitted, should they have been updated before submission?
4. Advertising - What are the plans and timeline for advertising this consultation?
5. EA Public Consultation Information Is Unclear
6. Public Events - What other arrangements are now in place?
7. Viewing printed copies of the documents
8. Handwritten Comments – Why can a postal address not be made available?
9. Consultees – Who are the consultees and how do we view comments?
10. The Community Liaison Group has not been informed by Britaniacrest Recycling Ltd that the EA public consultation has commenced and have not put information about it on their website.
11. Ensuring Applications Are Complete and Duly Made - the information in the application is not sufficiently comprehensive or adequate to make a determination.
12. We respectfully ask the EA to pause this consultation whilst reviewing these concerns, and when all the documents and appropriate consultation arrangements are

organised to restart it with an updated Briefing and About this consultation, and extended consultation period as a Site of High Public Interest.

**The letter has already been copied** to our MP, Jeremy Quin, his Researcher, West Sussex County Council, Horsham District Council, North Horsham Parish Council.

**Ni4H is compiling a chart** to make it easier for you to navigate the documents and find those which may interest you as you prepare to comment on the environmental permit variation application from Britaniacrest Recycling Limited.

We suggest you delay commenting until we have further information for you to also consider. The 6-week public consultation closes on 24 June 2021.

**Before you comment** please note what the EA can and cannot take account of and scroll further down on the link below to see the documents.

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/psc/rh12-4qd-britaniacrest-recycling-limited/>

**Please send us a copy of comments** you submit as it is not clear when or how we will see these and we wish to check that they are all included in the EA report.

**Ni4H would love to urgently hear from you** if you can help to deliver leaflets, if you have any technical expertise or are aware of anyone who maybe be able to help our Community Group.

**Please forward this email** to groups you are associated with and others who might want to hear about this. A copy of the letter to the EA is attached.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Kind regards, Karen, on behalf of

**No Incinerator 4 Horsham Community Group**

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