

Memo (Agenda June 2021)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 20th June 2021 (week commencing 14th June 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
DC/21/1207 21.05.2021	Prior notification for change of use of agricultural building to form a single dwelling house (Class C3) Copsale Barn, Copsale Road, Copsale	02.07.2021	23.06.2021
DC/21/1367 07.06.2021	Prior Approval for the erection of a single-storey rear larger home extension, which would project 4.50m from the rear elevation, comprising a maximum height of 3.15m and an eaves height of 2.50m. 3 Vaughan Copse, Mannings Heath	Not available	23.06.2021
DC/21/1128 17.06.2021	Construction of 4no dormer windows in east facing roof slope of existing garage/workshop building. Southbourne Court, Polecat Lane, Copsale	08.07.2021	TBC

(2) Delegated Decisions (Email Consultations)

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comments by	Councillors

(3) HDC Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
DC/21/0603	Retention of the barn currently under construction, to provide a dual-purpose facility for vineyard staff welfare/vineyard storage, and vineyard tours. Associated hard and soft landscaping works. Mannings Heath Golf Club, Hammerpond Road, Mannings Heath	Objection	HDC Refused

DC/21/0614	Surgery 1 x Beech, 1 x Group of Blackthorn, 1 x Ash, 1 x Holly 1 Cooks Cottages, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst	Not notified, not on HDC website	Application withdrawn
DC/21/1032	Surgery to 1 x Beech, 1 x Blackthorn, 1 x Ash and 1 x Holly (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area) Black Horse Cottage, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst	No objection	Permitted

(4) Enforcement Numbers

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action
EN/21/0272	Alleged: Importation of waste material The Wilderness, Broadwater Lane, Copsale	Pending consideration
EN/21/0273	Alleged: breach of condition 2 of DC/18/1283 (permitted development to commence by 26 July 2020) Top Paddock, Kerves Lane, Horsham	Pending consideration
EN/21/0274	Alleged: development is not in accordance with the approved plans. Top Paddock, Kerves Lane, Horsham	Pending consideration

(5) Appeals

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Written Representation/ Decision
DC/20/1832 APP/Z3825/W/2 0/3263985	Conversion of existing barn to a single storey dwelling. Lockyers Farm, Polecat Lane, Copsale	Appeal Dismissed
DC/20/1851 APP/Z3825/W/2 1/3267773	Demolition of existing timber garage and shed. Erection of No.2 double storey dwellings with associated parking and landscaping. Land adjacent to Coombe Cottage, Church Road, Mannings Heath	Appeal Allowed

Community Speed Watch Data



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group

Reporting between 19-05-2021 and 19-06-2021

Current Volunteers = 23

	Summary for this Period	
Number of Sessions this period	=	1
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	1
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	1
Accuracy	=	100%

Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit = 47 mph(+17%)

	Police Actions this Period	
Letter Sent	=	1

	Overall	
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 = 60mph(+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 Pub..	07:30 -> 08:30	BOOKED	A281 Brighton Road-Lane entrance opposite Dun Horse	1	1	440
			traffic heading North West	0%		
19-05-2021 School..	07:30 -> 08:30	BOOKED	Nuthurst Street-Jctn of Harriot Close near bus stop next to			Unknown
			traffic heading North East			n/a
Totals				1	1	

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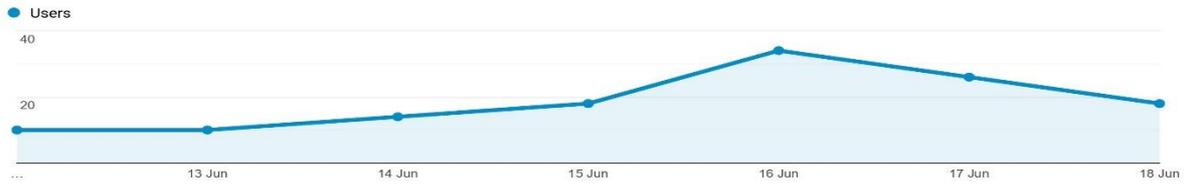


Audience Overview

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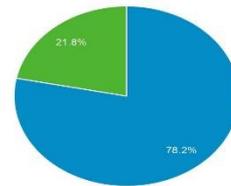
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Language	Users	% Users
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2. en-us	37	35.24%
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Correspondence

Email dated 18.06.2021 from WSCC
Shoreham Airshow Crash Inquest postponed until February 2022

news release

Shoreham Airshow Crash Inquest postponed until February 2022

The inquest into the deaths of the 11 men at the Shoreham Airshow Crash has been postponed until 2022 due to a High Court hearing taking place this autumn.

At the Pre-Inquest Review Hearing held on Monday 26 April 2021, the Senior Coroner ruled that she would now be making an application to the High Court to formally request permission to access certain “Protected material” used in the criminal trial in order to assist her with her investigation.

It is unfortunate that any High Court hearing will not be taking place until the autumn due to the pressures on the Court service.

The families have been informed that the inquest will be postponed from its October dates and the Coroner has provisionally secured a new date from Monday 7 February 2022 – Friday 18 March 2022.

West Sussex Senior Coroner, Penelope Schofield, said: “It is with regret that I have had to further postpone the inquest due to take place in October this year. However, it is not possible to continue with the inquest until the outcome of my application to the High Court is known.”

The 11 men who died in the air crash, when a Hawker Hunter jet crashed during a display at the Shoreham Airshow on Saturday 22 August 2015, were:

- Maurice Rex Abrahams, 76 of Brighton;
- Dylan Archer, 42 of Brighton;
- Anthony David Brightwell, 53 of Hove;
- Matthew Grimstone, 23 of Brighton;
- Matthew Wesley Jones, 24 of Littlehampton;
- James Graham Mallinson, 72 of Newick;
- Daniele Gaetano Polito, 23 of Goring-by-Sea;
- Mark Alexander Reeves, 53 of Seaford;
- Jacob Henry Schilt, 23 of Brighton;
- Richard Jonathan Smith, 26 of Hove;
- Mark James Trussler, 54 of Worthing.

For more information, visit www.westsussex.gov.uk and search for ‘Shoreham Airshow Inquest’.

**Email dated 18.06.2021 from Southern Water
Consultation on our new draft Drought Plan**

I am pleased to share that we've launched a consultation on our new draft Drought Plan, which is expected to be published next year.

This drought plan sets out the actions we'll take to save and produce more water during droughts so we can continue to supply enough for life's essentials. Planning to tackle droughts is an important part of our work to make sure there is always reliable water for homes, businesses and in the environment.

This is an opportunity to help shape this important plan and we would be appreciative if you could share it via your channels. To have your say and for more details about the plan, please visit: [Drought consultation \(southernwater.co.uk\)](https://southernwater.co.uk)

Deadline for responses and webinar

The deadline to respond to our new draft drought plan is August 2. We aim to publish the feedback results in September.

There's a link to register your attendance for a webinar on our plans below. Nearer the time, a Microsoft Teams invite will be sent to you.

Thursday 8 July (10.30am to 12.30pm) Hants / Isle of Wight / W

Sussex <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RyCs8DjDLEuATnWckn-g5Truy4LGX19IkR4oeASivrtUOEZTOFRQVEdKWVRPUU1UVUVGVV3MzRVNC4u>

Thursday 15 July (10.30am to 12.30pm) E Sussex /

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Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

Best wishes, Richard

Richard Bagwell

Stakeholder Manager, Sussex

**Email dated 18.06.2021 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin**

NALC Management Board

NALC's Management Board of councillors which oversees our day-to-day work met on 15 June. They considered our future strategic direction in the light of the pandemic and will be reporting further to our National Assembly in July. At most meetings, they also look at areas of our performance and it was interesting to note this week how the sector is adapting to the digital and online world with nearly 1,700 attendees at our 22 remote events this year.

Visitor numbers to our website are up and there is increasing use of **online resources** including 12,000 downloads of our Good Councillor Guides, 10,000 downloads of our Legal Topic Notes and 200,000 downloads of general publications about the sector,

planning and think pieces. I'm sure this embracing of all things digital will continue and be at the heart of our strategic thinking for the future.

New event on high streets and markets

I was pleased this week to [announce that September's online event will be on the theme of high streets and markets](#). This event will look at the importance of high streets and town centres and their ever-changing landscape, how to revive them, consider what's next for the future, and provide expert insights and advice. Speakers include Ojay McDonald from the Association of Town and City Management and David Preston from the National Association of British Market Authorities. And do book early to avoid missing out as our events sell out fast.

Remote meetings call for evidence

I want to thank everyone who responded to the government's call for evidence on remote meetings. Our submission, which is available in the member's area of the website, reiterated our call for local councils to be given the flexibility to hold remote meetings. We will continue to press the government for swift publication of the results and their response.

Coronavirus page update

The [dedicated Coronavirus webpage](#) has been updated further to the Prime Minister's announcement of a four-week delay to step four of the government's roadmap from 21 June until 19 July. For clarification, despite the delay in the lifting of restrictions, councils are still required to hold face-to-face meetings and the relevant regulations require the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) to be approved by the end of June. There is no flexibility for that deadline to be extended.

The first-ever meeting of LGBT+ councillors

This week we marked Pride Month by hosting the inaugural meeting of the new NALC National Network: LGBT+ councillors. Discussions covered the role and purpose of the network, Pride Month, and ways for the network to stay in touch with each other. You can read more in our [news story](#).

Women councillors and young councillors networks

Staying on the subject of our councillor networks, I'm pleased to announce the first meetings of the new NALC National Network: Women Councillors and NALC National Network: Young Councillors, will take place via Zoom on 5 July and 26 July respectively. If you would like to attend please email policycomms@nalc.gov.uk.

Debate on planning

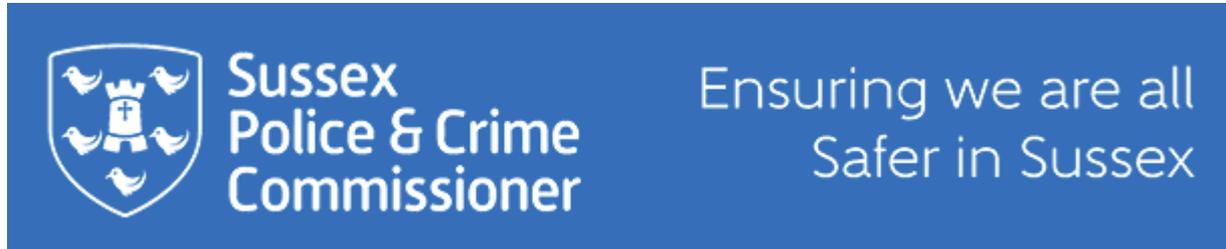
There was an interesting [debate in Parliament this week on housing and new development](#) and how the government's proposed changes will ensure the public is supportive of new developments. I was pleased to see Baroness Scott of Needham Market, vice-chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group on local democracy raise neighbourhood planning and press for plans to remain a material consideration in the new planning reforms. This is an issue we will also be pursuing in the new Planning Bill.

And finally...

As #lonelinessweek2021 comes to an end, I'd like to draw your attention to this [website](#) which brings together [organisations](#), resources and [inspirational stories](#) that are united in a shared aim - to get more people talking about loneliness. Now more than ever,

Loneliness is part of the public conversation and local councils are playing their part too in addressing it too which you can read more about in our [joint guide with the Local Government Association](#).

**Email dated 18.06.2021 from Sussex Police
Policing the delayed roadmap out of lockdown**



This week the Government announced that police will be given enhanced powers to tackle livestock worrying under the Kept Animals Bill.

Following a spate of local incidents where dogs have attacked or distressed sheep, I'm sure that our rural communities will welcome these new measures.

They include extending the scope of livestock species covered by the law including llamas, emus, enclosed deer and donkeys. Our Rural Crime Team will also be able to seize and remove dogs who pose a risk to livestock or have already been involved in serious incidents.

I am looking forward to the positive impact of more animal welfare plans being laid before Parliament in the coming months.

As the National Policing Lead for Business Crime I was asked to cut the ribbon at the official opening of the expansion of the Boots CCTV Monitoring Centre (CMC) in Nottingham on Wednesday.

It has been at the forefront of CCTV monitoring since its inception five years ago and Boots unveiled a significant expansion, more than doubling its capacity, now with more than 1,000 stores connected 24 hours a day.

The CMC team will help disrupt incidents real-time in store, from anti-social behaviour to shoplifting, providing more intelligence to policing nationally than ever before.

We can't simply arrest our way out of the retail crime wave engulfing high street and smaller local stores - we need a blended approach of prevention, deterrence and enforcement. I will be encouraging my PCC colleagues to support and protect their local businesses by ensuring retail crime is recorded accurately and responded to.

Policing the delayed roadmap out of lockdown

With the Prime Minister announcing on Monday that England will not proceed to Step 4 of the Covid roadmap, I know that many residents will be disappointed and frustrated with this delay in lifting restrictions.

In my Performance & Accountability meeting with Chief Constable Shiner today I asked how her officers are preparing to meet any challenges this delay may pose and how they intend to communicate to the public at this time?

She explained how the force will continue with the 'Four Es' approach - engaging, explaining, encouraging and, as a last resort, enforcement. She assured that her officers were always prepared to respond to either the delay of, or the lifting of, restrictions.

The demand for policing locally is, in some areas, above that of pre-Covid levels and officers and staff are working around the clock to keep us all safe.

Also, on today's agenda was the somewhat controversial topic of the use of electric scooters. Currently, Sussex is not one of the areas taking part in the trial of these scooters and I have received an influx in correspondence to my office from residents concerned about their safety as they see more and more people using them illegally on our roads and pavements.

Temporary Assistant Chief Constable Dando took the opportunity in today's meeting to make it clear that residents are only permitted to use electric scooters on private land that is not accessible to the public – not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements.

Using public reports, the force is currently tracking 'hotspots' where they have found repeated use of electric scooters. As a result, an operation is soon to be launched in West Sussex with officers actively in local communities explaining legislation.

The Department for Transport has set out rules around the use of private electric scooters – if caught you could face a fine, points on your licence and your scooter could be impounded.

I asked what people should do if they see someone using an electric scooter where they shouldn't be and the answer was clear - report it to 101 or online and Sussex Police will deal with it.

Other topics discussed today included anti-social behaviour and crime data integrity. You can watch the entire meeting on catch-up [here](#).



Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



HAVE YOUR SAY IN OUR LATEST POLL

Email dated 18.06.2021 from WSCC
Your latest news on Covid-19, vaccinations and more



‘Public safety must come first’

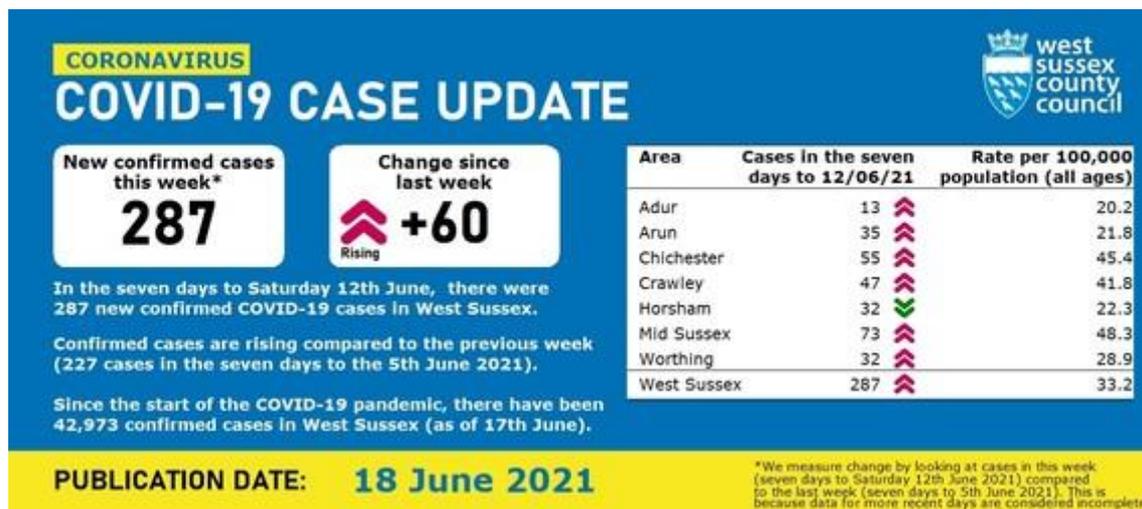


Alison Challenger, West Sussex Director of Public Health says people’s safety must come first as Covid-19 restrictions are set to continue until at least 19 July.

Alison is urging us all to make the next few weeks count so that the measures can be lifted in line with the Prime Minister’s announcement earlier this week.

The number of positive Covid-19 cases in West Sussex has increased in recent weeks, reflecting the national trend.

Alison said numbers will only come down if everyone plays their part: “We want to make sure that we continue to keep people safe and that the measures in place ensure we can come out of the roadmap without needing to return.”



Read Alison's [message in full](#) and [see our data dashboard](#) for the latest on West Sussex case rates and comparisons.

[Find out more](#)

Vaccination update

As of last Wednesday (16 June), **580,872** people in West Sussex have received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccination, which is 77.8% of our county's estimated population for those over 18 years. Find out all the latest data on vaccination take up in your area on [our data dashboard](#).



From today (18 June), **all** adults are now eligible for their vaccination, as the NHS Covid-19 Vaccination Programme enters the final phase of the first dose roll-out. In addition, everyone aged 40 and above are now able to have their second vaccine at eight weeks after their first dose. Find out more [here](#).

Please don't forget to follow government guidance around 'hands, face, space and fresh air' once you've had your vaccination.

For more information about the Sussex vaccination programme visit the Sussex Health and Care Partnership website via the link below.

[Find out more](#)

Seventeen Children and Family Centres to re-open next week



Children and Family Centres across West Sussex have been closed for general use because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Now seventeen of the centres will begin to reopen from Monday, 21 June.

The centres will re-open providing the following services:

- Drop-ins for information, advice, and guidance
- Support for families in crisis
- Toy Libraries, offering free rental of children's toys.

Health services such as maternity support will continue to be delivered from Children and Family Centres as they have done throughout the pandemic.

The full list of reopening centres, their revised opening times and locations can be found on [our website](#).

[Find out more](#)

Worthing Library re-opens next week following exciting refurbishment

The new-look Worthing Library is ready to welcome residents from 9am next Tuesday (22 June).

The custom-designed building will bring together West Sussex County Council Registration Services, Children and Family Services, Find it Out and Youth Emotional Support Services and an enhanced Library Service, all under one roof.



The new services offered from the fully refurbished building will provide important support for residents in Worthing, as the community continues to overcome the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Residents can look forward to browsing and choosing from a huge selection of brand-new books in a bright, modern and Covid-secure space.

For more information, visit the [online guide to the new library](#), phone Worthing Library on 01903 704809, [email them directly](#) or follow the library service on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

[Find out more](#)

How was your Sussex Day?



We hope you were able to find time to celebrate Sussex Day safely this week, which is marked every year on June 16.

The day is a chance to reflect on and enjoy everything that's great about our county, the heritage and traditions of our past, the stunning scenery, food and produce, as well as looking forward to future opportunities and

possibilities.

On the day, the Sussex Day Flag was flown from County Hall in Chichester, and is pictured here with the Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex Mrs Susan Pyper, West Sussex County Council Chairman Cllr Peter Bradbury and Council Leader Cllr Paul Marshall.

Sussex is, of course, worth celebrating year-round, not just on 16 June, so head to the Experience West Sussex website to see the [11 things to do in Sussex on Sussex Day and beyond](#), plus other inspiration to help you plan a fun but safe summer.

[Find out more](#)

In other news:

- [Shoreham Airshow Crash Inquest postponed until February 2022](#)
- [Latest technologies to be used in £1.5million A24 resurfacing scheme](#)

- **Series of proposals for further major investment in Arun's highway infrastructure**
- **Dangerous food products found online by West Sussex Trading Standards**
- **Spend an evening with bestselling local author Kate Mosse**
- **Put your BBQ out before calling it a night**

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Email dated 17.06.2021 from WSCC

Public safety must come first, says West Sussex Director of Public Health



news release

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The Director of Public Health in West Sussex says people's safety must come first and urged residents to make the next four weeks count so that restrictions can be lifted.

Alison Challenger said vaccination and testing remain key to controlling the spread of Covid-19, and that simple actions such as regular hand washing, wearing face coverings, maintaining social distancing and letting fresh air into indoor settings can bring us to the end of the government's roadmap out of lockdown.

The number of positive Covid-19 cases in West Sussex has increased in recent weeks, reflecting the national trend caused by the spread of the Delta variant.

Although [the West Sussex](#) rate remains lower than the South East and England rates, Alison said numbers will only come down if everyone plays their part during the next four weeks.

"We want to make sure that we continue to keep people safe and that the measures in place ensure we can come out of the roadmap without needing to return.

"Vaccines are now becoming available to younger adults, and I'd urge those who are eligible to take up that offer. Making sure you have your second vaccine if you've already had your first will also increase your protection, keep our communities safe and help bring us out of restrictions.

"By taking regular free tests at home, we can be confident we aren't spreading Covid-19 to others without realising it.

"We must also remember the message that has been so important throughout the pandemic – hands, face, space and fresh air. Continuing to carry out these simple actions during the next four weeks will make a real difference," added the Director of Public Health.

Our website has details on how you can get [free Covid-19 testing kits](#), which can be ordered to be delivered direct to your home or picked up from collection points across West Sussex.

You can also find information on our website about [vaccinations](#) and the [latest Covid-19 guidelines](#) on our website.

Visit our [Covid-19 data dashboard](#) to see the latest figures across West Sussex, including those in your local area by using our [postcode checker](#).

You can also find [information about vaccinations](#) and the [latest Covid-19 guidelines](#) on our website.

Download the free [NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace app](#) to use when you are out visiting pubs, restaurants, cafes and many other businesses. This is the fastest way of knowing when you're at risk from

coronavirus (Covid-19). The quicker you know, the quicker you can alert your loved ones, and your community.

#KeepWestSussexSafe

Email dated 17.06.2021 from HDC

SafeSummer21, Young people's safety survey and more Community Safety news from Horsham District Council



Community Safety

In Horsham District

#SafeSummer21

Horsham District Council's Community Safety team has facilitated a district-wide campaign aiming to keep everyone safe this summer.

Working under the banner 'We all deserve a great summer', the campaign encourages residents to respect one another and the environment and to think about how their actions affect other people.

Messages cover the themes of littering, volunteering, reporting crime, safe BBQs, and being respectful of neighbours.



Other organisations taking part include Sussex Police, West Sussex Mediation, West Sussex Fire & Rescue and Neighbourhood Watch.

All partners are issuing messages through social media and newsletters using the hashtag #SafeSummer21. Please keep an eye out for them and share them with your friends and family. The campaign runs until the end of August.

It's good to talk...



The pandemic has affected everyone in different ways and has taken its toll on everyone's mental health. Indeed, there is a growing concern that the long-term impact on some people's mental health could attribute to a rise in the number of people taking their lives.

National campaigns such as 'Get Britain Talking' are encouraging people to talk openly about how they are feeling and seek help when they need it.

Locally, **West Sussex Mind** have made available some online training with the aim of giving people the confidence to start a conversation with anyone they are concerned may be feeling suicidal. The free training is easily accessible and takes about an hour to complete.

Book your space on the training by following this link to Eventbrite

Young people's safety survey

The Council are keen to engage with, and listen to, the views and ideas of local young people about their safety.

The Young People's Safety Survey aims to gather the views of as many young people as possible around locations in their communities, finding out about where they feel safe, and where they feel unsafe, and what can be done to make public spaces safer.

We will then work with groups of young people on the feedback received in order to put as many of their ideas as possible into action.

Over the summer months, teams of youth support workers will be going out and about with the **Mobile Community Hub** (formerly known as the Snack Wagon), the Purple Bus and the Police Engagement Bus to meet with young people where they are gathering and encourage them to complete the survey. An electronic version will also be sent out through secondary schools in September.



Young people can complete the online survey through this link

Know a young person who could become a media rep?

In addition to the safety survey, we are also looking to recruit 16-18 year olds to act as 'media representatives' and get involved in writing articles, making films, and advising on how best the Council can target messaging to young people in the District.

For more information please contact dan.fairchild@horsham.gov.uk.

Share your views on policing



Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne, would like to hear your views on how safe you feel and where you would like the policing budget to be spent. She is arranging focus groups and an online survey to gather your thoughts.

Follow the button below to take part. You can also see how other residents responded in the Your Area page.

[Complete the survey](#)

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**Horsham
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**Email dated 16.06.2021 from WSCC PROW
2020 Parish Report**

I am writing with your 2020 annual update on West Sussex County Council's (WSCC) Public Rights of Way (PROW) matters within your parish.

As you are aware local paths have proved to be even more important to people during the last year and Council's Rights of Way team has had a busy year dealing with work arising from Council's inspections and addressing reports we get in from users around the County. After a short delay to the routine 15-month inspection and maintenance programme last spring due to COVID restrictions normal business resumed.

All high priority maintenance works including signage, small bridges, steps and other minors works for which the Council is responsible are completed by our routine maintenance contractor, County Tree Surgeons, once inspections have been completed. The current Inspection and Maintenance Schedule is available on our webpages, so you can see when we will next be visiting your area. We will contact you approximately a fortnight before inspections start so you can make your Local Access Ranger aware of any matters you would like them to specifically consider in the inspection.

We were also able to undertake a full programme of larger bridge replacements and surfacing schemes. These are included in the attached Parish Works report, which shows work carried out by WSCC during 2020. Unfortunately, one element of our work we were unable to deliver in 2020 has been our Volunteer Ranger task programme. This has impacted our delivery of schemes that fall outside routine maintenance and our Capital Improvements Programme. However, we are pleased our Volunteer Rangers are now back out working delivering some much appreciated improvements.

Last year we also successfully completed our summer clearance programme, cutting surface vegetation from 363km paths across the county. Paths to be included for 2021, are shown in the attached SC report.

As you are aware last year has been unique due to the Covid pandemic and it is a credit to the Access Rangers, PROW teams and volunteers that we have continued to provide a good service to our customers.

The matter of Ash Dieback continues to be an issue across the UK. The disease, which has the potential to kill 95% of West Sussex ash trees over the coming 10-20 years, is having a significant impact on the landscape. The responsibility for managing trees along PROW sits with the respective landowner and as a Parish Council you may find yourselves dealing with this problem. Where works are required to fell trees, WSCC would expect landowners to carefully consider how the work can be done without closing any PROW. If this is not possible, advance notice and an application to WSCC for a closure will be required. If the Parish Council is the landowner it will be responsible for making sure no damage is caused to

the surface of the PROW so you should make sure any contractors you use are aware of this. Further information can be found on the Council's Ash Dieback web pages.

To assist Parish Council's we have also included a helpful summary of the legal powers Town and Parish Councils have regarding access and public rights of way. This is a useful reference to explain what you can do to help manage your local network, but if you are unsure about anything included in this list then feel free to contact the Public Rights of Way team on prow@westsussex.gov.uk.

Should you need further advice on PROW matters, your Local Access Ranger will be happy to assist and I have attached a map showing their contact details, though please do not give their details out to the public.

Yours faithfully

Deborah Urquhart
Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

Public Rights of Way - Works Report

Parish: NUTHURST

Report period: 01/01/2020 - 31/12/2020

This report outlines the work West Sussex County Council has completed on rights of way . It does not include items that are the landowner's responsibility.

Routine Contractor

Gate

Path No Status Grid Ref
1796 Bridleway TQ188257
1796 Bridleway TQ191258
1796 Bridleway TQ187253

Signage - Fingerpost (with arms)

Path No Status Grid Ref
1714 Footpath TQ186275

Signage - Waymarking (post or disc)

Path No Status Grid Ref
1714 Footpath TQ186275

Public Rights of Way 2021

Summer Surface Vegetation Clearance

Parish: NUTHURST

All or a section(s) of the paths listed below are on the Rights of Way services Summer Surface Vegetation Clearance Programme. This runs from June to August.

Veg. surface summer - 1 cut

Path No Status Grid Ref Length (m)

1807 Footpath TQ196247 146.94
1797 Footpath TQ176250 357.42

Veg. surface summer - Countryside

Path No Status Grid Ref Length (m)

3566 Bridleway TQ172246 2,077.29

Email dated 16.06.2021 from WSCC

Latest technologies used in £1.5million A24 resurfacing scheme



news release

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A £1.5million scheme to resurface approximately 3km of both carriageways of the A24 Washington bypass starts soon, utilising latest technologies to reduce the project's carbon emissions.

The A24 between the Findon and Washington roundabouts has been showing significant signs of weakening: the new surface will be smoother, which will reduce road noise and be more resilient to potholes.

The project will use the latest technology, allowing the resurfacing materials to be mixed at much lower temperatures than conventional asphalt. Also, approximately half the material used in the scheme will utilise recycled material recovered from other West Sussex roads.

These measures will greatly reduce the amount of energy needed to produce the resurfacing materials and significantly cut the carbon emissions attributed to this scheme.

The scheme will start on the southbound carriageway on 28 June before switching over to the northbound side, which is scheduled to be completed by 17 July. The works will be carried out overnight under a full carriageway closure, with night-time traffic diverted via the A27 and A283. Daytime restrictions, including 30mph speed limit, will be in force for safety reasons until the final resurfacing is completed. New road markings and road studs will be installed as part of the scheme.

A West Sussex County Council spokesperson said: "Work of this nature does cause disruption for both residents and businesses, for which we apologise, but the new surface will represent a major, long-term improvement.

"We have taken into account the wider disruption to the public that would have been caused through delivering this much-needed work on this very busy main road in the daytime and we will do all we can to try to minimise the inconvenience."

**Email dated 15.06.2021 from HDC Head of Development & Building Control
Horsham District Council - planning application delays**

I just wanted to make you aware that Horsham District Council is currently experiencing significant delays in the registration and validation of planning applications. We are currently over a month behind with our registration and validation. This will mean that you will be receiving consultation responses on applications where the target date for decision making is imminent or has already passed.

This does not though impact on your ability to comment on planning applications, we will not be shortening the timescale you have to comment, or any third parties, and your call-in powers to committee remain the same. What it does though mean is that we will be making decisions past our target dates and our customers will have to wait longer for their decisions.

This is not the service we want to provide and we are actively working hard to resolve these issues in order that further delays are avoided, and have put additional resources in place to work through the backlog. We are also trying to balance responding to the calls and emails we are receiving from agents and interested parties relating to the delay against actively working on the validation and registration of applications.

I appreciate such delays are not acceptable and as advised above we are working hard to resolve this so please do bear this in mind when you are speaking to the team.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. We are keen to resume normal service at Horsham and return to our previous standards of validation as soon as possible.

Kind regards, Emma Parkes

Coronavirus (COVID-19):

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

Emma Parkes

Head of Development and Building Control



Email dated 11th June 2021 from Andrew Griffith MP

Reply to a joint letter sent by Nuthurst, Cowfold, West Grinstead and Shipley Parish Councils



ANDREW GRIFFITH MP

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR ARUNDEL AND SOUTH DOWNS

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Dear Parish Council Chairmen,

Thank you for contacting me as a group to share your opposition to the proposed development at Buck Barn (Wealdcross).

Although as a Member of the Westminster Parliament I have no role in deciding individual planning applications or the District Council's plans, I have made consistently clear my personal opposition to a so-called 'strategic development site' at Buck Barn since my own election in December 2019.

I submitted a formal response to the Horsham District Council Strategic Plan opposing the development of Buck Barn and I have myself visited the location and met the residents, including Charlie and Isabella of the Knepp Estate.

I have raised the inappropriateness of development at Buck Barn in the House of Commons (together with other sites in my constituency) on multiple occasions including my very first speech in Parliament as MP for Arundel and South Downs (you can see them in Hansard, the official record of the House of Commons, [here](#)).

Members of Parliament can occasionally seek to hold a debate on a subject of their choice on the floor of the House of Commons itself. I used my rare opportunity to do this on 7 September 2020 when I devoted the whole subject to inappropriate Housing Development in West Sussex and to which the Housing Minister himself was required to respond. I would ask you to read the [full text of my speech](#) as it covers many of the points that you are also making. I said: "right now so many of my constituents from Adversane to *West Grinstead*, Barnham to Wineham, and in villages of every letter of the alphabet in between, are having their lives blighted by the prospect of inappropriate and unsustainable development. It is on their behalf that I speak today." I called for greater protections of green corridors for wildlife and praised the work of the Knepp Estate as an example of conservation that should be protected from large housing developments, such as the one proposed in West Grinstead. I gave poignant examples of the species under threat from major housing developments including the near-extinct greater mouse-eared bat.

Whilst the Government, enforced by the Planning Inspectorate, does require local authorities - in this case Horsham District Council - to submit a local plan which shows sufficient housing development to satisfy the expected future need, my personal view is that there are sufficient sites elsewhere - particularly in the north of the District - which have better infrastructure and would be more suitable without having to build on our precious green fields and put our green corridors at risk. I am supportive of net-biodiversity gain targets being set on developers, but I would want to see sensitive mitigation to achieve this and maximise the gains.

In order that I can keep you up to date with my opposition to local development please subscribe to my regular e-mail newsletter at https://www.andrewgriffithmp.com/sign-up_

I am happy to meet with residents and/or parish councillors on this topic anytime by mutual arrangement.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink on a light yellow background. The signature reads "Andrew Griffith" in a cursive script.

Email from Sussex Police
Further Request For Volunteer Vaccination Centre Stewards In Crawley

In the know
Surrey and Sussex



Further Request For Volunteer Vaccination Centre Stewards In Crawley

This message is being sent to members and supporters of Neighbourhood Watch near Crawley.

For some time now members of the public, including members of Neighbourhood Watch and the Sussex Community Search Team, have been generously volunteering their time to assist in COVID-19 Vaccination Centres across Sussex. Whilst the main aims of Neighbourhood Watch are to prevent crime, reduce the fear of crime and improve safety, as participants in the Sussex Resilience Forum we also help out in other important ways that help protect and strengthen our communities, such as during and after emergencies.

The NHS have asked Neighbourhood Watch if we could help find more volunteers for Crawley to assist in sustaining the COVID-19 vaccination programme. This is to help maintain numbers as present volunteers return to their normal activities. I am one of the Crawley team and have enjoyed helping out and supporting the hard working professionals as they deliver hundreds of vital vaccinations every day. If you are interested in joining the team for 4 hours a week (or more if you wish) here is a summary of the role.

Purpose:

The NHS needs friendly, professional volunteers to support the National Vaccination Programme in Sussex.

Key Tasks (what you will be doing):

Meeting and greeting the general public

To welcome, signpost and guide members of the public where to go inside the building

To provide extra support on a 1:1 basis if anyone needs additional support

Liaising with staff and other volunteers to ensure a smooth flow of members of the public

To follow UK government advice on hand hygiene
To maintain confidentiality at all times
To be comfortable communicating while wearing a face mask
To keep good time-keeping and show regular commitment.

Boundaries (what you won't be doing):

No clinical advice or medical advice
No lifting of heavy equipment
No involvement in administering vaccines
No tasks outside this role description.

Time commitment:

Volunteers required for one or more of the following shifts: 8-12pm, 12-4pm, 4-8pm
Monday to Sunday
Ideally able to keep to the same days
Immediate start and be able to commit to at least 1 month. However, some new volunteers may be placed into a cleared pool ready to step up when a slot becomes available.

Location: Crawley Hospital

Requirements of the role:

Age: You must be 18 years or older to volunteer in this role
Accessibility: The venue is fully accessible
Pre-placement checks, training and support:

- You may need to undertake some specific online training
- You will receive a local induction and orientation. This will include any training that is relevant to perform your tasks.

You will have a named person for contact
You will need to wear a face mask whilst volunteering
Travel expenses will be reimbursed – please note this may not be on the same day
Tea and coffee will be available.

Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust is committed to promoting the wellbeing of adults and children and protecting them from abuse and neglect.

To apply:

<https://www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/work-with-us/covid-19-vaccination-programme-volunteer-application-form-2.htm>

Please note:

1. Volunteers will not be asked to help in ways which facilitate a decrease in paid employment. The work of volunteers will complement and not supplement that of paid employees of the Trust.

2. Applications should be made direct to the NHS via the above link. However, if you have any questions you can click the Reply button below. I will then forward these to our NHS contact.

Thank you for supporting Neighbourhood Watch and your community.

Email dated 14.06.2021 from ALCC
Christmas and New Year Working Arrangements 2021/22

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Association of Local Council Clerks

NEWS



The latest news from your Union

Christmas and New Year Working Arrangements 2021/22

As Christmas Day and Boxing Day 2021 fall on Saturday and Sunday respectively and New Year's Day 2022 falls on a Saturday, Monday 27 December automatically becomes a public holiday in place of Christmas Day and the Government has designated Tuesday 28 December and Monday 3 January 2022 as public holidays, with pay in substitution for Boxing Day and New ...

[Read](#)

ALCC

Association of Local Council Clerks

NEWS

Email dated 14.06.2021 from WSCC
Your latest news on Covid-19 - Celebrate Sussex Day - and more



Covid-19 update

We are seeing an increase in the number of positive Covid-19 cases across the county in most age groups and all local areas. Variations in rates are to be expected and measures are in place to respond to specific incidents as they are identified.

You can check infection rates in your area through [our Data Dashboard](#) and if you use the postcode tool under the 'cases in your local area' section, more detail about cases in that area will appear. Please help share the link to other people who may not receive this eNewsletter so they can check rates in their local area too, or you can see our daily dashboard updates on our social media.



Everyone should continue to follow the sensible measures in place to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, such as handwashing, physically distancing, wearing face coverings, fresh air, getting regularly tested, and vaccinations.

Do you test regularly for Covid-19?

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.

We're asking all residents to take part in a survey to understand how you feel about asymptomatic testing and to find out how often you're using symptom-free tests. Take part [here](#) and give us your valuable feedback.

Please remember, it's important to get tested regularly if you don't have symptoms. Anyone without symptoms of coronavirus should visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting where free packs of rapid lateral flow test kits can be ordered and delivered direct to your home.

Anyone with symptoms should self-isolate immediately and book a free PCR test [here](#) or call 119.

Remember to book and attend your vaccination appointment as soon as you are eligible and follow the guidance even after you've had your vaccination.

West Sussex County Council's Public Health team is working closely with health service colleagues and partners, such as District and Borough Councils, across the county to provide support to their local communities to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and save lives. This includes reviewing Covid-19 data daily, providing infection

prevention and control advice, and implementing additional prevention measures where required.

It is important that we all keep doing our part to prevent the spread of this virus and help **#KeepWestSussexSafe**.

[Find out more](#)

Vaccination update

The NHS Covid-19 vaccination programme has now started inviting remaining adults for their Covid-19 jabs.

The last group of adults have begun to be called forward, with around three million people across the country aged between 25 and 29 getting invited to book their first dose. Read more [here](#).



In West Sussex, services are being extended to increase the places where people under 40 can go for their vaccination. The vaccination service at Chichester's Westgate Leisure Centre is being extended so that it can offer the Pfizer vaccine (which is recommended for people aged under 40) as well as the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine. Appointments are expected to be made available from next week and will be through the national booking service either online or by calling 119.

NHS England has now also confirmed that appointments for a second vaccine will be brought forward from 12 to 8 weeks for the remaining people in the **top nine priority groups** who have yet to receive their second dose. This includes those aged 50 and over, those clinically vulnerable and unpaid carers. Read more [here](#).

Everyone is encouraged to come forward for their second vaccination when they have an appointment. Both doses give you the maximum protection against the virus.



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 **Sunday 27 June, 9am – 2pm at the Hindu Temple, Apple Tree Centre, Crawley, RH11 0LF.**

This 'Quiet Session' is being offered to people living in Sussex who are currently eligible for the vaccine who may need more time for their appointment, or who have

extra access needs where a quieter and calmer environment would help support them to receive their vaccination.

People can also book their carer in at the same time if they need their first vaccination dose too.

Information on how to book, together with useful easy read documents, and how to access free transport if required, can all be found [here](#).

Please don't forget to follow government guidance around 'hands, face, space and fresh air' once you've had your vaccination.

For more information about the Sussex vaccination programme visit their website via the link below.

[Find out more](#)

Sussex Day: safely celebrating our county's past, present and future



The past, present and future of our county are once again being celebrated next week on Sussex Day – 16 June.

Here are some ways you can celebrate the Day:

- Joining West Sussex Record Office and Screen Archive South East for a **free online event** exploring the places, stories and significance of the South Downs National Park
- **Visiting Experience West Sussex** for ideas on places to visit and stay, things to do and where to eat
- Supporting local businesses by discovering **locally produced food and drink**.

Remember to celebrate Sussex Day safely by following the hands, face, space and fresh air **guidance, as well as current national restrictions**.

For more information on Sussex Day please click on the link below.

[Find out more](#)

Talk with Us - meet your local county councillor

'Talk With Us' sessions are running this month and next, giving you the opportunity to meet your local county councillors and ask any questions you have on county council-related matters.



The sessions will be run virtually from 8pm to 8.30pm on the following days:

- Monday 14 June: Crawley
- Thursday 17 June: Chichester district
- Monday 21 June: Arun
- Tuesday 22 June: Mid Sussex
- Tuesday 29 June: Adur and Worthing
- Thursday 1 July: Horsham district.

Email talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk if you would like to attend your local session and you will be sent the joining details.

If you would like to ask a question please email it to the same email address at least two days before the planned session. If you attend the session you can then put the question in person as well as hearing other questions and how they are answered.

Having the questions in advance will help ensure they can be fully answered in the meeting. If you're unable to attend the sessions, but would still like to ask a question, email it in to the same address and officers will ensure you get a response.

[Find out more](#)

Introducing your new county council



Following the elections last month, you can now see who your local county councillor is, along with their contact details, their photo and the area of West Sussex they represent [on our website](#).

You can also use the search function to find your local [county councillor](#), [local district and borough council](#), and [town or parish council](#).

[Find out more](#)

Keep calm - get an alarm!

Last year West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service attended over 300 house fires.

Therefore, during Home Safety Week, which runs from 14 – 20 June, the service is urging all residents to make sure they have working smoke alarms fitted in their homes, and to ensure their loved ones have them too.

This also coincides with the service's **#KeepCalmGetAnAlarm** campaign, which was created as a sad result of the service attending three fatal fires in a two-week period, where smoke alarms were not present.



[Find out more](#)

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