

Memo (Agenda July 2021)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 11th July 2021 (week commencing 5th July 2021)

Re: COUNCILLORS' BRIEFING NOTE

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

(1) Planning Applications Issued

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	NPC Meeting

(2) Delegated Decisions (Email Consultations)

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comments by	Councillors

(3) HDC Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
DC/21/0667	Erection of a single storey rear extension. Swallowfield Cottage, 2 Swallowfield Close, Mannings Heath	No objection in principle	Permitted

(4) Enforcement Numbers

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action
EN/21/0316	Alleged: construction of sand school without permission Lot 4, Ghyll House Farm, Broadwater Lane, Copsale	Pending consideration

(5) Appeals

Number	Applicant & Reason	PI Written Representation/ Decision
DC/21/0603 APP/Z3825/W /21/3277798	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	



Town/Parish Council Report for Speedwatch Group.

Reporting between 11-06-2021 and 11-07-2021

Current Volunteers = **23**

Summary for this Period

Number of Sessions this period = 0
 Total Vehicles exceeding limit = 0
 DVLA Valid vehicles = 0
 Accuracy = n/a

Police Actions this Period
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 = 60
 mph(+50%)

Date

Type	Location	Recorded	Letters	Vehicles	Percent
Traffic Heading					
	Totals	0	0		

Website Analytical Data

Audience Overview

All Users
 100.00% Users

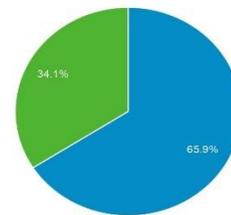
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1. en-gb	65	78.31%
2. en-us	17	20.48%
3. fr	1	1.20%

Correspondence



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

Ensuring we are all
Safer in Sussex

Hello

My week started with a meeting at Sussex Police HQ with eight police officers transferring to the force or re-joining policing. These officers, including a married couple from Guernsey Police, officers from North Yorkshire, the MET and returning from abroad, all bring a wealth of difference experiences to Sussex and show that policing is an attractive and worthwhile option at all stages of your career.



I look forward to meeting them all again and I'm sure they won't regret moving to our beautiful county.

On Tuesday evening I met West Sussex Magistrates Association to talk about tackling stalking and the advances that Sussex Police have made in particular. This is the second briefing with magistrates I have had on this growing crime that still remains under-reported and misunderstood. Police can apply for Stalking Protection Orders, (SPOs), as a civil power to restrain suspected stalkers. Whilst Sussex were the first force to apply for one last year, some forces have failed to apply for any in the past 17 months despite reports of stalking more than doubling since 2019.

Magistrates are volunteers and play an essential role in the criminal justice system but they face increasing complexity and higher volumes of cases. Magistrates agreed that there needs to be refresher training to keep up to date with the changes to the tools that are available to protect victims. I have undertaken to scope some training packages in conjunction with Sussex Police and our specialist services.

[Magistrates called for training on the tools available to protect victims](#)

On Thursday this week, I was a virtual presenter at the National Business Crime Solution's (NBCS) annual conference, where businesses, police and innovators met to share the technology and processes that are helping tackle retail crime and fraud.

Sussex Police's One Touch crime reporting pilot with the Co-op has already led to the arrest and prosecution of several persistent offenders. With some enhancements being made to the One Touch system, stores and shopworkers should eventually be able to make reports direct to police in around one minute. This pushes vital intelligence and evidence into the Sussex Incident Resolution Centre that now has nine specialist staff.

With the take up of the DEMS Digital Evidence System and more widespread use of the DISC information sharing app, Sussex Police and the Safer Sussex Business Partnership led by my office will be helping retailers stay in business and take prolific offenders off the streets.

With public fears about road safety top of my postbag, I joined Chief Constable Jo Shiner in Hove this morning as police officers carried out vehicle and driver checks as part of the continuing Op Dragonfly crackdown. Chief Constable Shiner is national lead for roads policing and she is committed to making our roads safer and targeting the criminals who need to use them.

It beggars belief that with over 1000 people killed or seriously injured every year on our Sussex roads that anybody would get behind the wheel of a car when they are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. These operations are a very visible deterrent and demonstrate the force's ability to take unsafe, untaxed and uninsured drivers off our roads and ensure offenders get prosecuted.



Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



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09.07.2021 Email from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin

NALC adds a new event on affordable rural housing to its schedule

We've added a new online event on making rural housing more affordable to our schedule, which takes place on 17 November 2021. You'll hear from an expert panel on the difference local (parish and town) councils can make to influence local initiatives to make housing cheaper and affordable in rural areas – against the odds. We have an

excellent lineup of speakers in Lord Best (Affordable Housing Commission), Martin Collett (English Rural) and Richard Quallington (Action for Communities in Rural England). Our events are selling out fast, so [register early to avoid disappointment](#).

English Rural launch a new guide on rural housing for councillors

English Rural has launched their new guide, *Parish Councillors' Guide to Rural Affordable Housing*, aimed at local (parish and town) councillors on affordable rural housing. The guide is an interactive document packed with information, case studies and short videos — [read the guide](#).

NALC hosts historic first meeting of women councillors

NALC held its first National Network: Women councillors meeting on 5 July 2021, chaired by Cllr Sue Baxter. The network aims to help women councillors from local councils connect, learn, support and share good practices. Issues women councillors face were discussed, such as behaviour, progressing into leadership roles, using gender-neutral terms, and accessing help and advice — [read more in our news story](#).

Star Council Awards judging

On 7 July 2021, the Star Council Awards judging took place, which had a record-breaking number of nominations. The panel featured Lynda Addison (Transport Planning Society), Margaret Clark (Rural Coalition), Albert Joyce (Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government), Luke Perkins (BHIB Councils Insurance) and Joanie Willett (University of Exeter). We want to thank the panel for their time and support of the awards. They were impressed with how local councils have risen to the challenge over the last 18-months. We'll be announcing the finalists in due course, so watch this space!

NALC is hiring!

We've got two exciting internship opportunities for budding communications and campaigns professionals. We would be grateful if you could share these through your communication channels to help us unearth the next generation of talent. You can find more details of the two internships ([communications](#) and [campaigns](#)) on our website.

Finance and Scrutiny Committee

NALC's Finance and Scrutiny Committee met on 8 July 2021 to discuss several items, which included:

- The management accounts.
- The auditor gave a positive opinion on the accounts for the year to 31 March 2021 and the progress of the audit.
- 2022/23 budget plans for the affiliation fee recommendation to the Annual General Meeting after considering projects, development plans and reserve levels.
- Officers reported progress on income for quarter one.
- Review of some internal and governance documents.

NALC partners

As we continue to form new [commercial partners](#) to help support county associations and local councils. I'm delighted to share the news we've renewed our long-term partnerships with BHIB Councils Insurance, Blachere Illumination and CCLA.

In recent weeks, it's been good to catch up with our partners to discuss the work we've been doing, the last 12-months and the critical issues facing the sector. This week the policy and communications team met with BHIB Council Insurance to put names to new faces and overview key responsibilities to build stronger relations. Justin Griggs attended Blachere Illumination's corporate event this week with their other partners, such as the National Association of British Market Authorities and Scotland's Towns. He spoke about our events programme, the growing sector and local councils' role during the pandemic, and tackling climate change.

It was also great to see [Blachere Illumination visit Cllr Baxter](#) with their heart prop as part of their tour to honour the hard work and commitment of people and organisations that have positively impacted this year.

Cratus Communications fringe event on climate change

It was great to speak about the extraordinary work local councils are doing in tackling the climate emergency at the Cratus Communications *Small councils, big opportunities for climate action* fringe session as part of the LGA Virtual Annual Conference 2021. The panel included NALC's Justin Griggs, as well as Cllr John Fuller (District Councils Network), Cllr Ed Gemmell (Haselmere Town Council) and Joe Pitts-Cunnigham (Bioregional). If you missed the session, it's available on the Cratus website to [watch again](#).

As climate change is one of our main work themes, we've created a [dedicated web page](#) full of case studies, resources and other helpful information.

CIPFA — Public Finance Live

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) event, [Public Finance Live](#), took place between 7 and 8 July 2021. It's great to see CIPFA hold a session specifically on local councils and the failure of centralism, which featured sector advocate Jackie Weaver. She shared her take on local councils and how they aren't utilised enough nor funded adequately.

And finally...

It was [Thank You Day](#) on 4 July 2021. I want to thank everyone involved in the sector. From councillors to clerks and council staff. From [our partners](#) to county associations and my 109 colleagues. On the day, Cllr Baxter [shared her thanks on Twitter](#), which featured in a [BBC article](#) on community events to thank COVID-19 heroes.

09.07.2021 Email from AirS
Step 4 and learning to live with the virus



**Covid-19 Guidance
AirS Update 8 July 2021**

Step 4 and Learning To Live With The Virus

The PM's announcement on 5th July made clear the intention that restrictions will be lifted, Step 4, with a decision due on 12th July as to whether this will be on 19th July. However, people will be asked "to make informed decisions and act carefully and proportionally to manage risk to themselves and others". While legal restrictions will no longer apply, Government guidance will continue to be issued. This update is based on information as of 6th July and further information will be issued if the situation changes before the 19th July.

For village and community halls it is clear that all community events and activities and private hires will be able to take place from 19th July (if that remains the target date), with risks managed by hirers e.g., through ventilation, encouraging social distancing, hand washing and use of hand sanitiser.

It remains important to respect and be considerate of those who are more vulnerable and who may wish to take a more cautious approach so it will be appropriate at some activities or events that measures (including wearing face masks and social distancing) are taken so that people who are clinically more vulnerable or not yet fully vaccinated can attend. Good ventilation (or holding activities outdoors) is the best means of reducing risk of transmission so it will be important to take advantage of the better weather in order to enable more vulnerable people to enjoy activities with minimal anxiety.

While all use can resume, and smaller events where social distancing can continue to be achieved will be less risky, the questions now likely to arise are around whether, or when, to continue applying reduced capacity limits and whether to require other mitigation measures for larger or more “crowded” bookings eg to charge for additional cleaning afterwards. Reviewing the Covid - 19 Risk Assessment should help arrive at decisions.

Pending issuing of more detailed guidance it makes sense for halls to retain the physical measures already in place (e.g., QR poster, hand sanitiser stations, posters requiring face coverings on entry) and more frequent cleaning of regularly touched surfaces, so that people feel comfortable returning to the hall.

The Covid-secure capacity can be relaxed at Step 4 to a level which feels appropriate for different types of larger event, bearing in mind for example whether it’s an audience seated for a performance (less risky), a wedding reception with people dancing and singing (more risky) and whether provision can be made for the more vulnerable and non-double vaccinated.

At step 4 :

- **All limits on social contact will be removed** (currently groups of 6 people or 2 households indoors, or 30 people outdoors).
- **Music concerts, sporting events, singing and dancing can resume** without any limits on attendance or social distancing requirements.
- **All restrictions on life events will be removed** such as weddings, funerals, and baptisms. There will be no requirement for table service or restrictions on singing or dancing.
- **The legal requirements to wear a face covering will be lifted** in all settings. Guidance will advise that wearing a face covering will reduce your risk and the risk to others, where you come into contact with people you don’t normally meet in enclosed and crowded spaces, so **use of face coverings will remain advisable in confined spaces such as toilets, kitchens and corridors and at more crowded events.**
- **Social distancing rules will be lifted** (2 metres or 1 metre with additional mitigations). However, the risks of close contact with others should be considered, particularly if clinically extremely vulnerable or not yet fully vaccinated.
- **Table service restrictions, and distancing between tables, will be lifted** for hospitality venues. Guidance will be updated to provide examples of sensible precautions to be taken in risk assessing the situation.

- **Test and Trace will be retained and continued display of QR codes will be advised.** The advice for individuals to get a test if advised to do so and self-isolate if tested positive remains key to reducing transmission.
- People no longer need to work from home.
- Controls for early years, schools, colleges and higher education institutions will be adjusted. **The intention is that children will no longer need to be in consistent groups ('bubbles').**

Government guidance will set out how people can manage the risks to themselves and to others:

1. Meeting in well-ventilated areas where possible, such as outdoors or indoors with windows open.
2. Wearing a face covering where you come into contact with people you don't normally meet in enclosed and crowded spaces.
3. Washing your hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day.
4. Covering your nose and mouth when you cough and sneeze.
5. Staying at home if unwell, to reduce the risk of passing on other illnesses onto friends, family, colleagues, and others in your community.
6. Considering individual risks, such as clinical vulnerabilities and vaccination status.

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION

SEDGWICK LANE, HORSHAM

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 (and parking on) **Sedgwick Lane, Horsham** from junction with **Brighton Road to Coltstaple Lane** is temporarily prohibited from **14th July 2021**

The restriction will be in place off peak only between 09.30 – 15.00

This closure is necessary to allow **Balfour Beatty to undertake urgent carriageway pothole repairs on behalf of WSCC**

Emergency vehicle, Residential and Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times

The alternative route for traffic will be signed on site

This restriction will be effective for a maximum of 5 days from the start date given above

Any queries about the effect of the closure on traffic using the highway please contact West Sussex County Council on 01243 642105

Any queries about the works please contact **Balfour Beatty on 01243 642105**

Dated **08 July 2021**

Matt Davey
Director of Highways, Transport and Planning

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MAPLEHURST ROAD, WEST GRINSTEAD

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 (and parking on) **Maplehurst Road, West Grinstead** from junction with **Copsale Road to A272 Cowfold Road** is temporarily prohibited from **14th July 2021**

The restriction will be in place off peak only between 10.00 – 14.00

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news release

County-wide road and footway improvements work worth £17million gets underway



A resurfacing scheme in Shoreham earlier in the year

A £17million investment in roads and footways is underway across West Sussex. Collectively, the 320-plus carriageway and footway schemes represent one of the biggest investments in the county's highway infrastructure in the last decade.

Works coming up this financial year include:

- 46 road resurfacing schemes worth £3.2million
- 71 road patching projects worth £1.2million
- 63 surface dressing schemes worth £3million: this treatment is used as a cost-effective method to prolong the lifespan of suitable roads
- Resurfacing sections of the A24, A264, A2011 and A2220, comprising: the A24 southbound at Ashington; the A24 northbound and southbound at Southwater; A264

Eastbound/Westbound at Faygate; the A2220 at Crawley and A2011 at Crawley. Total investment, £6.3million

- Footway improvements worth a total of £1.5million

Joy Dennis, (pictured below) the County Council’s Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: “This county-wide programme of works represents a significant investment in West Sussex’s highway infrastructure.

“People care passionately about the roads and footways, as do we, and we know how vital the county’s highway is, which was why our officers’ and contractors’ work continued throughout the pandemic, keeping West Sussex moving.

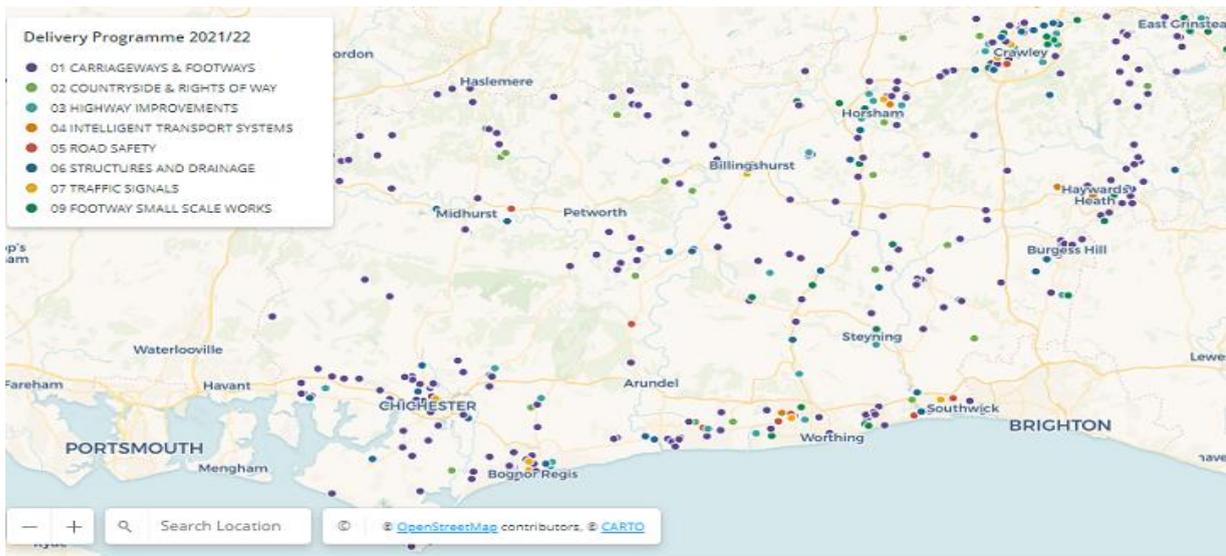
“We also realise road and footway work involves short-term disruption, for which we apologise, but it leads to long-term benefits: for example, resurfacing a road produces a smoother surface, reducing road noise and increasing resilience to potholes.”

Carbon reduction initiatives are included in the programme.

Joy said: “Our officers continue to work with contractors to explore use of the latest technology, such as allowing resurfacing materials to be mixed at much lower temperatures than conventional asphalt and using recycled material from our roads. This can significantly cut the carbon emissions attributed to a scheme, without impacting on quality.”

Details on the County Council’s multi-million-pound Highway, Transport and Planning Delivery Programme can be viewed [online](#)

Roads, footway and other types of planned highway schemes for this financial year can be seen on our [interactive map](#) It allows the user to select a particular project type, or borough or district area, and search accordingly.



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07.07.2021 Email from HALC
HALC Agenda 04.08.2021

HORSHAM DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS

Agenda for a Meeting to be held remotely
by Zoom on Wednesday 4th August 2021 at
7.00pm

1. Welcome, attendance and apologies	Chairman	
2. Approval of HALC Meeting Minutes of AGM dated 29/4/21	Chairman	
3. Appointment of Anna Beams as new HALC Secretary	Chairman	<i>5 minutes</i>

4. HALC Membership Fee invoicing	Chairman	5 minutes
5. Update on HDC Local Plan following Chairmans' letter and Meeting with Leader of HDC	Chairman & Vice-Chair	15 minutes
6. HALC Climate Emergency Group	Chairman & Sally Pavey	10 minutes
7. HALC Constitution Review	Chairman & Vice-Chair	5 minutes
8. HALC Year End Accounts	Susie Fischel	5 minutes
9. Gatwick Airport Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group (APCAG) • Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emissions (CAGNE) 	Ian Hare Sally Pavey	10 minutes 10 minutes
10. WSALC Board feedback on issues	Donald Mahon	10 minutes
11. County Council Meetings	Donald Mahon	5 minutes
12. Outside Body Member Reports	Members & Chairman (Chief Constable meeting)	10 minutes
13. Members Issues	All	15 minutes
14. Date of next meeting - via Zoom or face to face		

07.07.2021 Email from WSCC

Your latest news on Covid-19 and Goodwood Festival of Speed



Covid-19 pandemic 'not over yet'



Covid-19 hasn't gone away and the pandemic is not over yet. Please continue to follow the hands, face, space, fresh air guidance to help keep West Sussex safe.

That's the message from Public Health leaders in West Sussex following the Prime Minister's announcement this week about plans to lift restrictions on 19 July when we move to step 4 of the government's roadmap.

Click 'Find out more' below to read in full the message from our Director of Public Health Alison Challenger and Cabinet lead for Public Health Councillor Bob Lanzer, plus an update on the situation in our county.

There you will also find a link to our Data Dashboard, where you can check infection rates in your area. Please share the link with other people who may not receive our newsletter. You'll also find more information about rates on the daily dashboard posted on our social media channels.

[Find out more](#)

Goodwood Festival of Speed

If you are planning a journey this weekend, please allow for heavy traffic on the roads around Goodwood and the wider Chichester area, with the Festival of Speed ongoing until Sunday, 11 July.

The festival is part of the government's Events Research Programme, which aims to explore ways of enabling people to attend a range of events safely.

All current Covid-19 restrictions will remain in place outside of the festival site and when travelling to the event.

[Find out more](#)

Vaccinations update

As of Monday (5 July), **622,240** people in West Sussex have received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccination, which is 83.3% 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](#).



IMPORTANT: Get your vaccination at a walk in clinic this week

As all adults are now eligible for their vaccination, there are further walk in clinics taking place across West Sussex. You can attend these without an appointment and you can go with friends or family. Please just bring one form of ID (photo ID not required) and your NHS number, if you know it. Please encourage anyone you know who hasn't yet been vaccinated to get the jab.

Find your nearest walk in clinic [here](#)

Or book your appointment now

As well as attending a walk in, you can book an appointment for your vaccination. You can book directly with your GP or you can book a vaccination appointment at any time through the national booking site online [here](#) or by calling 119.

Make sure you attend your second vaccination appointment

If you've had your first jab, please make sure you get your second. If you're aged 40 and over, you're now invited to bring forward your second appointment to eight weeks from the first. If you booked your first jab through the national booking system or by calling 119, go [online](#) or call the team again to bring your second dose forward.

Thank you for doing what you can to keep you and those around you safe. Please don't forget to follow government guidance around 'hands, face, space and fresh air' once you've had your vaccination.

[Find out more](#)

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07.07.2021 Email from HDC

COVID-19 update: Government shares Step 4 Roadmap for Summer 2021



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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Information and advice for residents](#)

Government shares Step 4 Roadmap for Summer 2021

Following the Prime Minister's press conference on Monday 5 July, the government has published the COVID-19 Response: Summer 2021. This document sets out the details of the final roadmap step (Step 4) as we transition out of lockdown.

Read the Roadmap to familiarise yourself with the potential upcoming changes. The decision on whether to move to Step 4 on 19 July will be taken on 12 July.

[Read the Summer 2021 Roadmap](#)

Video: Moving to Step 4

For a simple summary of the key points set out in the Summer 2021 roadmap document, watch the [Moving to Step 4 video](#) the Government have shared on their Facebook page.

[Watch on Facebook](#)



Don't miss out on extra business support funding

If you have already received a Restart Grant, there's still time to apply for an Additional Restrictions Grant for your business.

The deadline for eligible businesses to apply for an Additional Restrictions Grant is 18 July.

The Additional Restrictions Grant is top-up funding to cover the restriction period up to 19 July.

[Find out more and apply online](#)

Book a COVID-19 vaccination

The government has set a target to have offered a first dose to all adults by 19 July and a second dose to two-thirds of the over-40s.

[Visit the NHS website to book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment.](#)

People who cannot go online can call the service on 119 instead to book their jab.

Been told to self-isolate? You may be eligible for a support payment

The Test and Trace Self-Isolation Support Payment is a £500 payment for people on low incomes who are unable to work because they must self-isolate, or eligible [parents and carers](#) of children who have been advised to self-isolate.

Find out more

Quick links

- [What you can and cannot do](#)
- [Book your NHS COVID-19 vaccination](#)
- [International travel](#)
- [COVID-19 testing and asymptomatic testing](#)



The advertisement features a tablet on the left displaying the 'Our District' website. The website header includes 'Our District News from Horsham District Council' and navigation links for 'Home', 'Editions', 'Find an article', and 'Contact'. The main content area shows a 'Welcome to Our District' message and a photograph of a person standing in a doorway. To the right of the tablet, on a purple background, is the Horsham District Council logo and the text: 'Get Our District magazine delivered straight to your email inbox: www.horsham.gov.uk/magazinesignup'.

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West Sussex,
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07.07.2021 Email from NALC
NALC Newsletter

News

English Rural launch a new guide
English Rural launched their new guide aimed at local (parish and town) councillors on affordable rural housing — [read the guide](#).

News

Civility and respect working group
The Civility and Respect Project Working Group agreed to commit to promoting civility and respect in public life — [read the statement](#).

The future of high streets and town centres

The future of high streets
NALC has added a new online event on the future of high streets and town centres to its calendar, taking place on 29 September 2021 — [register your place](#).

Making rural housing more affordable

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NALC has added a new online event on making rural housing more affordable to its calendar, taking place on 17 November 2021 — [register your place](#).

Future Communities 2021

Future Communities 2021
NALC's ground-breaking one-day online conference, Future Communities 2021, takes place on 2 December 2021 — [register your place](#).

Committees

National Assembly agenda
Agenda papers for the National Assembly meeting on 13 July 2021 are now available — [view agenda](#).

We're hiring

Internship opportunities at NALC
We've got two exciting intern opportunities for budding communications and campaigns professionals — [find out more](#).

New blog

New blog by TrailTale
In [our latest blog](#), TrailTale talks about the decline of high street footfall and their potential solutions.

07.07.2021 Email from WSCC

Continue to play your part to stop the spread of Covid-19, urge Public Health leaders



news release

Continue to play your part to stop the spread of Covid-19, urge Public Health leaders

'Covid-19 hasn't gone away yet' is the message from West Sussex Public Health leaders as the UK prepares for restrictions to be lifted.

The current Covid-19 health protection measures will remain in place until 19 July at the earliest, which is the date of the next step on the government's roadmap out of lockdown.

The advice follows the Prime Minister's latest announcement in which he expected all restrictions to be lifted on this date.

Until that time and to Keep West Sussex Safe, we should all continue to:

- wash our hands regularly
- give each other space and keep two metres apart
- wear a face covering when in enclosed indoor public spaces

- let in fresh air by ventilating indoor spaces.

Alison Challenger, Director of Public Health for West Sussex, said: “Covid-19 hasn’t gone away just yet. Infection rates in West Sussex remain lower than in many parts of the country but have been rising steadily since mid-May in line with the national trend. At the end of June, we saw just under 1,200 new cases in the space of a week.

“At the same time, the vaccination programme is continuing at a tremendous rate, with more than 622,000 people in West Sussex having now received at least one dose. That’s around 83% of our population.

“I ask that everyone continues to play their part in protecting their friends, family, colleagues and communities in West Sussex over the next few weeks. People are reminded to follow the sensible hands, face, space and fresh air measures, booking and attending both your vaccination appointments as soon as possible, and getting tested regularly and isolating if you test positive.

“The coronavirus pandemic has had such a huge impact on our lives in so many ways that it’s understandable many of us will want to return to life without restrictions. Vaccinations are the key to bolstering our protection, reducing the severity of the virus and helping us to find a way of living with it.”

Councillor Bob Lanzer, West Sussex County Council cabinet lead for Public Health said: “The Prime Minister’s announcement gives us cautious hope that the restrictions on our lives will soon be lifted.

“He also made clear, however, that the pandemic is not yet over and that as we open up further there will be a greater emphasis on personal responsibility.

“This means that while the health protection measures will no longer be mandatory, the hands, face, space and fresh air guidance will still be sensible and proportionate measures that we can all follow to manage and help reduce the risk to ourselves and each other.

“Above all, please do make sure you book and attend both your vaccination appointments as soon as possible. It’s the best defence against the virus and the means by which we will be able to get back fully to doing the things we love.”

Find information on our website about [vaccinations](#) and how to book them.

Details of how you can get [free Covid-19 testing kits](#) are available on our website. They can be ordered to be delivered direct to your home or picked up from collection points across West Sussex.

Our website also contains details of [help and support](#) available to people who have been affected by Covid-19.

Confirmation of the lifting of restrictions is expected on 12 July, following a review of the latest data.

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](#).

**07.07.2021 Email from Rural Services Network
RSN Rural Funding Digest - July 2021 Edition**

**Monthly bulletin featuring RSN Rural Funding Digest &
Government Consultations**

Welcome to the monthly Funding Digest!

Please share this publication with Colleagues, Parish Councils, Community Groups and anyone else that may be looking for funding as the Funding Digest includes many sources of grant funding that they may not be aware of.

The Government Consultation section may include a draft response to relevant rural consultations and also highlights other consultations relevant to rural areas which you may be interested in responding to.



RURAL FUNDING DIGEST

The July 2021 edition
of the Rural Funding Digest can
be found [here](#)



GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS

The July 2021 edition
of current Government
Consultations can be found [here](#)

06.07.2021 from WSCC

Forthcoming Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 consultation webinar dates

West Sussex County Council is preparing to publish the Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036 (WSTP) for consultation from Friday 16th July to Friday 8th October. We are reviewing the WSTP to update the County Council's approach to managing and investing in the transport network.

The purpose of this email is to give advanced notice that we will be hosting two webinars as part of the consultation to introduce the Draft Plan where officers will also be available to respond to questions. These will be hosted on Microsoft Teams and will be on:

- Thursday 22 July 10am-11:30
- Wednesday 8 September 2pm-3:30

If you would like to attend one of these webinars, please email ltp@westsussex.gov.uk and we will provide you with joining instructions. Depending on demand we may need to limit attendees at the webinars so places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, however we will do our best to accommodate all interested attendees.

In autumn, 2020, we invited views about the key transport issues and priorities through the WSTP review survey. Respondents expressed a range of concerns such as impacts on the environment, congestion, road safety, rat-running, lack of cycling infrastructure, rural accessibility and the impacts of planned development, and this information has been taken into account in preparation of the draft Plan. The report from this survey, and further information about the WSTP review is available at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/WSTPsurvey

If you have any questions, or would like to get in touch with the team, please contact ltp@westsussex.gov.uk; 01243 642105.

You are receiving this email as you are listed on our West Sussex Transport Plan consultation database as a representative of an organisation or a group we understand to have an interest in transport planning in West Sussex, or because you expressed recent interest in receiving future updates about the West Sussex Transport Plan Review when completing our autumn 2020 survey. Please email ltp@westsussex.gov.uk if you know longer wish to receive updates about the West Sussex Transport Plan Review.

Kind regards,
Transport Planning and Policy Team

**06.07.2021 Email from HDC
NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers day and more news from Horsham District
Council**



Commemorating NHS, social care and frontline workers day

The inaugural celebration of the **NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day** was marked by Horsham District Council Chairman Cllr David Skipp as he led a two-minute silence at the War Memorial in the Carfax, Horsham on the morning of 5 July.

A specially designed flag was also raised in the Carfax and The Capitol was illuminated in NHS colours in the evening, as a mark of respect and in recognition of the heroes of the NHS, Social Care and those who work so tirelessly on the frontline.



[Read more](#)

Local schools competition tackles parking issues

School pupils across the Horsham District were asked to play their part in promoting safe parking recently, when Horsham District Council's Parking Services team launched a district-wide schools' poster competition.

Pupils got busy to create colourful posters highlighting the negative impacts of dangerous parking in the vicinity of their schools.

The overall winning school was St Mary's Church of England School in Pulborough.

The pupils' colourful posters have now been recreated as A-boards and signs to be placed around schools in local communities, encouraging people to be more considerate when they are parking their cars.



[Read more](#)

Southwater Country Park paddling beach to reopen on Saturday 24 July



Horsham District Council is pleased to announce that Southwater Country Park paddling beach area will re-open safely to the public on Saturday 24 July.

Following feedback from residents earlier in the summer, the Council has been exploring options to reopen Southwater Country Park paddling beach safely as we start to come out of the worst of the pandemic, during what is anticipated to be a busy summer.

A new booking system is being introduced to provide a more enjoyable and leisurely experience for visitors to the Country Park by reducing overcrowding and addressing the risk of anti-social behaviour. The booking system is set to go live on Monday 19 July.

[Read more](#)

Meet our COVID-19 wardens

Throughout the pandemic Horsham District's residents and businesses have rallied to work together, follow government guidelines and help keep infection rates amongst some of the lowest in the country.

To build upon the great work already done, our Environmental Health and Licensing team has recently appointed three Covid-19 Information Officers.



[Read more](#)

A dramatic midnight rescue at Warnham Local Nature Reserve

A very moo-ving story for you now 🐮

On Thursday our Countryside Manager Jake was doing a final evening check on the cattle grazing at [Warnham Local Nature Reserve](#) and found one of the steers had fallen into the Boldings Brook. Although not injured, it was unable to climb back out.



What followed was a lengthy and fantastic team effort from West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service and our own Countryside team. In the [video we shared on Facebook](#) you can see

two officers from the fire brigade's technical unit in the brook in their dry-suits trying to help the cow out. In the end, he was rescued from the brook using a powered winch and the efforts of an extra crew summoned from Horsham Fire Station. Although cold and exhausted, the cow is fine (pictured in the comments), and the Countryside staff and fire crews left site around 1am.

Sign up to our new Climate Change Action email topic

Are you concerned about Climate Change Action and want to find out how you can help tackle it? We are committed to tackling climate change and reducing our carbon footprint.

Find out how we are progressing with our climate change agenda by signing up to our regular email newsletter.

You will receive tips and advice on how to find out more, get involved, protect the environment and reduce your carbon footprint.



[Sign up here](#)

Chairman marks Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day was marked in Horsham on Sunday 27 June with a variety of military themed stalls and stands and music from the Sussex Band of the Royal British Legion in Horsham's Carfax.

The **Armed Forces Day** flag was lowered at Horsham's War Memorial to mark the end of the official Armed Forces week.

The event was attended by Horsham District Council Chairman Cllr David Skipp, Vice Chairman Cllr Kate Rowbottom, Deputy Military Champion Cllr Billy Greening and Zal Rustom, Events Committee Lead at the Horsham Branch of the Royal British Legion.



Sign up for business information support

Think Horsham District Open for business Sign up

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Horsham District Council

An advertisement for business information support. It features a blue background on the left with white text. On the right, there is a photograph of a modern building with a blue roof and a brick facade. The Horsham District Council logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the advertisement.

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**06.07.2021 Email from Sussex Police
Horsham Weekly News & Appeals**

**In the know
Surrey and Sussex**



Sussex Police



Horsham Weekly News and Appeals

Officer and PCSO patrols and street briefings.

As usual our officers and PCSOs have been out and about on patrol. You may have seen PCSO Cecil out on foot patrol on Wednesday in Southwater.

Our neighbourhood policing team were out doing another street briefing in Steyning on Saturday 3rd July.

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

News and appeals

Sussex Police leading the way with Hate Crime Scrutiny Panel

Sussex Police is looking for members of the community to be part of a new Sussex Independent Hate Crime Scrutiny and Involvement Panel.

The panel will be made up of volunteer members of the public, and will provide feedback and advice on the police's response to Hate Crime in the county, seeking to improve the two-way communications between officers and the diverse communities they serve.

Superintendent Rachel Swinney, Force lead for Hate Crime, said: “Last year Sussex Police was the first force nationally to volunteer to take part in a Hate Crime Investigations Inspection. This was carried out by the National Police Chiefs’ Council (NPCC) and independent members of the National Independent Advisory Group (IAG). “The overall findings of this inspection concluded that the policing response to Hate Crime in Sussex was of a good standard and while I recognise that good work, there is still more to do.

“I am really proud that Sussex will be one of the first forces in the country to invite community members to work more closely alongside policing in our efforts to tackle Hate Crime. The new panel will put the voice of our community at the forefront of the local policing response to offences of this nature.

“I would like to invite members of the public to join us and be part of this important work. Hate Crime won’t be tolerated in Sussex and it is a priority for us to ensure that we continue to work together, build on and improve the trust and confidence of our local communities.

“Membership of the panel will be made up of community members, with a particular focus on ensuring representation from all areas of our community. A key element of this work will be ensuring that the relationships between the panel members and police are ones that are built on trust and honesty – we want to achieve both openness and transparency around the work we do.

“I am confident that panel members will be able to provide both valuable feedback and insight that will allow the force to both improve and adapt its overall policing response to Hate Crime.”

Sussex Police welcomes all expressions of interest, and are particularly keen to hear from young people as well as those who have been a victim of Hate Crime or have an understanding of Hate Crime. If you are interested in joining, please contact Alex.Hyatt@sussex.pnn.police.uk by Wednesday, July 14.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/sussex-police-leading-the-way-with-hate-crime-scrutiny-panel/>

New cohort of officers join Sussex Police

Twenty-five new recruit constables have taken their first steps in policing this week.

The new recruits were formally sworn in as police officers on Tuesday 29th June at a low key attestation ceremony carefully adapted to meet Covid-safety measures, with family and friends of the new recruits experiencing the proud moments via Zoom.

In the last financial year, Sussex Police welcomed an additional 129 police constables to Sussex through the Government Uplift Campaign, and an additional 50 through the rise in the local council tax precept. During the financial year 2021/22 Sussex Police will grow by 117 Officers. This is made up of an increase of 121 funded by the Government’s Operation Uplift and an increase of 30 funded by the PCC’s precept increase. These increases are off-set by a reduction of 34 Officers which had been externally funded – resulting in a net overall increase of 117.

The recruitment plans for Sussex Police for 2021/22 will see the force recruit over 240 new officers – these will replace those officers who leave during this period – usually as a result of retirement – as well as achieving the net increase of 117 by March 2022. Officer turnover is monitored throughout the year and flexibility is built into

recruitment plans to react to any changes in predictions.

PC Joseph Marimla Alvaro who lives in Chichester and was raised in the Philippines and Spain, is a former PCSO who decided to apply for a role as a police constable to take on new responsibilities and challenges.



He said: “It was actually another police officer who got me interested in a policing career. Before speaking with them, I had never considered pursuing this, but they encouraged me to think about it, which led to my career as a PCSO.

“I believe that I’m one of very few Filipino officers to join Sussex Police and I really want to bridge the gap between police and the Filipino community.”

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

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/new-cohort-of-officers-join-sussex-police/>

And finally, have you seen our rural crime team monthly update on our website? It gives a seasonal overview, an introduction from the inspector, updates on the rave in Steyning, a piece on the South of England show last month and much more.

Help us keep Sussex safe

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

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

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

06.07.2021 Email from Rural Services Network
The Rural Bulletin 06.07.2021



Was this email forwarded to you? If your organisation is a member of RSN you can subscribe to guarantee you receive it each week. Click [this link](#).

FEATURE ITEM



Rural Housing Week 2021

Rural Housing week is here and we'd like to take this opportunity to shine a light on the work of the RSN that focuses on Rural Affordable Housing, along with the work of some of our partner organisations

[Read more...](#)

LATEST RURAL NEWS & ANALYSIS



[RSN Responds to DEFRA Recycling Consultation](#)



[Parish Guide to Affordable Rural Housing](#)



[Shared Rural Network to boost coverage across the United Kingdom](#)

Net Zero Societal Change



Net Zero Report Highlights Societal Inequalities in Rural Areas



BT confirms talks with OneWeb over rural broadband coverage



UK to boost rural mobile connectivity



Cash in Rural Areas



North Yorkshire Rural Commission



Levistor secures Government grant to speed up EV charging in rural areas



New Report: National Parks and the Climate Emergency



'Boris bus' maker helping to turn rural services electric



Rural Related Politics - An RSN weekly review

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

Its **Rural Housing Week** and we are delighted to **showcase some of the work that we are doing at the RSN** in our feature story. [View details here](#) of the Rural Housing Seminar that took place last week and more!

Watch the short video (*below*) which features our Chief Executive Graham Biggs, along with Kerry Booth, talking about **Rural Affordable Housing and the work of the RSN**.

GRAHAM BIGGS MBE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE
RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

KERRY BOOTH
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
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SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT ON: RURAL HOUSING



Spotlight on Rural Housing - July 2021

A quarterly bulletin facilitated by your membership of the **Rural Services Network** and produced in partnership with the **Rural Housing Alliance**

The Spotlight highlights a selection of current rural housing issues and opportunities

Access the July spotlight [here](#).

HINTERLAND



In [Hinterland](#) this week - Local authorities in financial trouble, planning challenges, John Lewis and an interesting diversification agenda, mental health problems for rural mums exacerbated by Covid, archaeological challenges and an interesting new job in Wales.

[Read on...](#)

KEY TOPICS

Do you want to find all of our news stories, analysis and commentary on a particular topic? Select one from the buttons below to find out more...

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RURAL FAIR FUNDING

RURAL VULNERABILITY

RURAL DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY

RURAL HOUSING

RURAL YOUNGER PEOPLE

RURAL OLDER PEOPLE



The **latest** edition of the **Funding Digest** can be viewed [here](#)
 Looking for funding for your local project or community group? This monthly bulletin includes links to various sources of grant funding that you may be able to access!



Read the **latest RSN suggested draft responses** for key rural consultations and view the latest Government Consultations that may be relevant to rural communities [here](#)



Member Insights is the place to discover the statistics that define communities within our membership
 Visit the Members Insights [here](#)



Find out about our campaign for fairer funding for rural areas [here](#)
 This includes our work on the Local Government Finance Settlement

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- 214** Rural Services Partners
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- 10** Fire and Rescue Services
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- 12** Utility Members

EVENTS & MEETINGS



**05.07.2021 Email from Sussex Police
July Our News Newsletter**

**In the know
Surrey and Sussex**



July Our News Newsletter For Neighbourhood Watch Supporters Across England and Wales

July OUR NEWS – The newsletter for all Neighbourhood Watch supporters

We are pleased to share with you our July newsletter – [click here to view it](#).

In a world where we have become more dependent on using technology and being digitally connected, we are increasingly aware that the downside to using is the increase of scams, amounting to a staggering 41% of crime is now either on the phone or online. To help tackle this issue, we have launched a SLING YOUR HOOK scams awareness campaign to run on our social channels during July. Our newsletter contains more information on this campaign and a link to our website's dedicated scams section, which includes clear guidance on protecting yourself and others from becoming a victim.

On a brighter note, we have some great new partnership opportunities to share with you, including our new partnership with Deliveroo to train riders in community safety, discounts from Patlock for our members and supporters, and the chance to win a fun-filled Croods 2 inspired family vacation.

With all this and more, we hope you enjoy this month's edition.

Keep safe,

05.07.2021 Email from HDC

Parks and Countryside: Dramatic rescues, wonderful wildflowers and coffee and cake in a woodland setting



Parks and countryside

News and information

'Immooovable' cow in dramatic midnight rescue!

There were dramatic scenes at **Warnham LNR** recently, when one of our herd of British White cattle became stuck in Boldings Brook. Countryside and Ecology Manager Jake Everitt was doing a final evening livestock check, when he discovered the steer in peril.

Although not injured, it was unable to climb back out, so having summoned reinforcement from the Countryside colleagues, Samuel Giacomelli and Pete Crawford, the team then turned to West Sussex Fire and Rescue for help.

Their technical unit attended quickly and two fire officers entered the brook in dry-suits, trying to persuade the beast out. When this failed, a lengthy extraction process ensued and the cow was dragged out using a powered winch. This was not before an extra crew was summoned from Horsham Fire station to provide some additional muscle to help in the rescue.



Although cold and exhausted we are pleased the cow was fine, and staff and fire crews left site around 1.00am in the morning.

[Visit Warnham LNR](#)

Orchids have best ever year at Southwater Country Park

Over the last 15 years the team have conducted a count of all the orchids species which can be found within Southwater Country Park. Depending on rainfall and warmth the results are often mixed however the 2021 period has seen the best ever year.

The Park is dominated by the wonderfully delicate spikes of Common Spotted Orchid and this year volunteers from **Horsham Green Gym** helped us count over 7000 individual plants.

2021 also proved an incredible year for the rare Bee Orchid with over 350 flowers spikes recorded from across the site. Bee Orchids get their name from its main pollinator, which is a species of bee. To attract the bees that will pollinate the plant, it has flowers that mimic their appearance. As they land on the flower, the pollen is transferred from plant to plant. Unfortunately the right species of bee doesn't occur in the UK, so Bee Orchids are self-pollinated here.



We have also recently recorded Great Butterfly Orchid, Pyramidal Orchid, Early Purple Orchid and Southern Marsh Orchid at the Park which goes to show how valuable the site is for wildlife.

[Visit Southwater Country Park](#)

Horsham Park under the judges' eye

On Tuesday 22 June, Horsham Park was visited by **South & South East in Bloom** judges Ruth Growney and Marion Neden, who assessed the Park in the 'Large Park' category.

The Friends of Horsham Park (FoHP) entered the Park into the competition and its Chair, Sally Sanderson, led the judges on a tour of the Park, meeting volunteers and representatives from the Parks and Countryside team along the way.



The judges were informed of the many projects that the FoHP and the Council have worked on since the group's inception in 2017, including the creation of Poetry Corner (shown above), the formation of the weekly working party and the latest work to enhance Park House Garden ahead of its 30th Anniversary. Although the sun failed to appear, the rain at least held off for the duration of the visit! The result will be announced in September.

Meanwhile in other judging news, we await the outcome of this year's **Green Flag Award** 'Mystery Shop'. Following on from last year's successful award, the judges will be independently visiting Horsham Park to make their assessments. It could be anytime but the results for this one will be known in October 2021.

Fingers crossed for success all round!
(Image Courtesy of Ian Nicol)

[Visit Horsham Park](#)

Botanical surveys round-up at Chesworth Farm

May and June are the best time of year to enjoy the array of wildflowers which can be found around Chesworth Farm.

Throughout this period the Countryside team and **Friends of Chesworth Farm** volunteer Tim Thomas have been exploring the flower-rich meadows and have found more than 150 species.

These botanical surveys form part of the ongoing monitoring program which in turn gives very important evidence-based data to be able to ensure the Farm is managed as effectively as possible.

Species such as Brooklime, Marsh Woundwort and the scarce Marsh Speedwell were all found in the wettest fields on the farm. On the drier, warmer areas we were lucky enough to find that Grass Vetchling was abundant and other nice species such as Goat's-beard, Common Cat's-ear and Pignut were seen in profusion.

Every survey season throws up some new species and this year the undoubted highlight was the discovery of Wild Clary which is a beautiful blue rarity. Other notable species found during the surveys were the delicate Broad-leaved Helleborine and razor sharp Cut-grass.



[Visit Chesworth Farm](#)

Coffee and cake at the end of a woodland walk

Regular weekend visitors to Leechpool Woods will have seen the friendly faces of the Hoffi Te Coffi team serving a delicious selection of refreshments to weary walkers, as well as doggy treats for their four-legged friends.

Business partners, Jo and Michelle have embarked on a new catering venture and are working with the Parks and Countryside team as part of a three month trial in this location.

They can be found on Saturdays and Sundays, between 8.00 - 4.00pm by the picnic area adjacent to Harwood Road car park.

The ladies are seen here on day one serving their very first customer.



[Visit Leechpool Woods](#)

05.07.2021 Email from CPRE

Sign up now for the CPRE Sussex Hedgerow Hike!



The countryside charity
Sussex

CPRE Sussex Hedgerow Hike **September 2021**



Everyone is invited...

...to join the Hedgerow Hike in September to celebrate hedgerows, get some exercise and help raise funds for CPRE Sussex. You can sign up from 1 July.

[Find out how to take part](#)

Hedgerows are vitally important, they are major features of the Sussex landscape and essential habitats supporting over 2,000 species, including our much-loved hedgehogs and dormice. Hedgerows also help in the fight against climate change. They are brilliant at capturing carbon. Each year a new hedgerow can absorb the amount of carbon

produced by a car travelling over 1,000 kilometres or 620 miles – that’s Eastbourne to Aberdeen.

However, it’s a sad fact that 50% of UK hedgerows have been lost since WWII. The Climate Change Committee has advised that the UK needs to plant 200,000km or over 124,000 miles of new hedgerows if it is to meet our 2050 net zero target - that equivalent in length to half the UK road network.

For the Hedgerow Hike, you can walk anywhere. Around your garden, local roads, a park, local nature reserves, the South Downs National Park or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, or even take on the South Downs Way.

Every step or mile for which you are sponsored will help CPRE Sussex to protect the Sussex countryside and our city and town green spaces for everyone to enjoy.

You could ask for sponsorship at as little as £1 a mile or even 5,000 steps, perhaps £30 for a longer weekend walk, or £50 for completing a section of the South Downs Way or a walk in the High Weald. It is really as flexible as that.

Find out how to join the Hedgerow Hike at: www.cpresussex.org.uk/hedgerow-hike/ and sign up by requesting a sponsorship form or setting up a Just Giving page.

[Set up a Hedgerow Hike JustGiving page](#)
