

Memo (Agenda October 2021)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 17th October 2021 (week commencing 11th October 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/21/2107 13.10.2021	Surgery to x1 Western red Cedar (T1) 19 Whytings Mannings Heath	03.11.2021	FPC 20.10.2021
DC/21/2092 14.10.2021	Demolition of existing rear single storey structures and erection of single storey rear extension. 1 Hampton Cottages, Nuthurst Road, Maplehurst	04.11.2021	Planning Committee 04.11.2021
DC/21/2175 14.10.2021	Removal of existing detached garage and erection of a replacement two-bay detached garage. Oak Tree Cottage, The Common, Mannings Heath	04.11.2021	Planning Committee 04.11.2021

(2) Delegated Decisions (Email Consultations)

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	Councillor

(3) HDC Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision

(4) Applications going to Planning Committee (North)

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC

(5) Enforcement Numbers

Number	Nature of Complaint	HDC Action

(6) Appeals

Number	Applicant & Reason	Planning Inspectorate

Community Speed Watch Data



**Community
SpeedWatch
Online**



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group

Reporting between 16-09-2021 and 16-10-2021

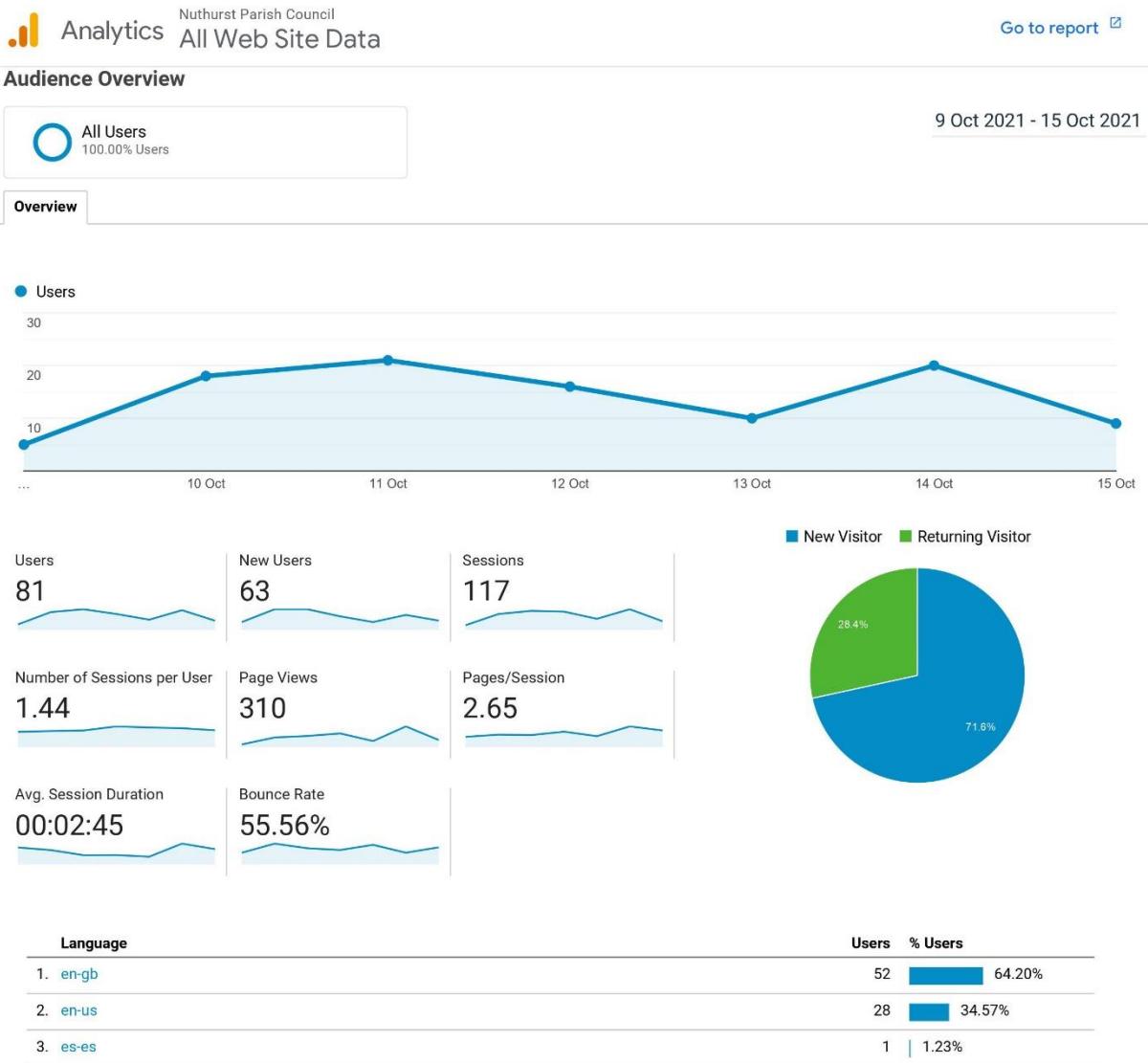
Current Volunteers = **21**

Summary for this Period

Number of Sessions this period	=	1
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	2
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	2
Accuracy	=	100%
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	39 mph(+30%)
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Police Actions this Period		
Letter Sent	=	2
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Overall		
My group started Recording* on	=	30-05-2019
Number of Sessions since start date	=	78
Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date	=	380
Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	=	49mph(+63%)
Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit	=	60mph(+50%)

Date	Time	Type	Location	Recorded	Letters	Vehicles	Percent
				Traffic Heading			
17-09-2021	11:00 -> 12:00	BOOKED	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just Wear of Rycroft Meadow.. traffic heading West	2	2	Unknown	n/a
16-09-2021	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED	Pound Lane-50 yards from the bottom of Pound Lane.. traffic heading East			Unknown	n/a
Totals				2			

Website Analytical Data



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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF WEST SUSSEX

CHURCH ROAD, MANNINGS HEATH

SECTION 115E – HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

CONSENT TO SITE PUBLIC BENCH FEATURE

NOTICE is hereby given that West Sussex County Council intend to consent to the siting of a PUBLIC BENCH FEATURE at this location by Nuthurst Parish Council in accordance with the above Act. Any representation about the County Council's intention to grant such a consent should be directed to the address below within the next 28 days after which it is proposed that the consent be issued on the 18th Day of November 2021.

Dated this 20th October 2021

Steve Douglas
Area Highways Team Assistant Manager

West Sussex County Council,

Contact: West Sussex Highways on 01243 642105
or **stephen.douglas@westsussex.gov.uk**



Downs Link

Advanced Notice

The annual vegetation cut will be carried out on the Downs Link by contractors during **October through to December**. This cut helps keep the path open as well as promoting fresh growth of ground flora in the spring.

During this time please

- * Be extra vigilant.
- * Follow instructions on any signage.
- * Follow instructions from the contractors.

Enquires should be sent to countryside@westsussex.gov.uk.

We apologise of any inconvenience caused.



Email dated 15.10.2021 from WSALC
Sussex Police Rural Crime Team Monthly Update - October

The latest Rural Crime Team update is now on the Sussex Police website – please share with your Chairmen and Councillors.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/police-forces/sussex-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/.divisional-campaigns/rural-crime-team-monthly-update/>



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Email dated 15.10.2021 from WSCC
Member's Newsletter - Highways, Transport and Planning - October 2021



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Winter Ready



We are winter ready – our fleet of 19 gritters will be ready to go when the frosty weather arrives.

The gritters will be doing dry runs to test both the vehicles and routes in the coming days. Our Winter Maintenance Drivers are provided by our contractor Balfour Beatty.

The gritting routes cover nearly 1,700km of highway, including all A and B roads and routes of local importance such as major bus routes, access to blue light operational centres, hospitals and large industrial establishments - [see the gritting routes on our website](#).

We are monitoring the weather closely from 1st October to 30th April and will make a daily decision on whether we need to grit (salt). You can [sign up for daily updates via WSCC website](#).

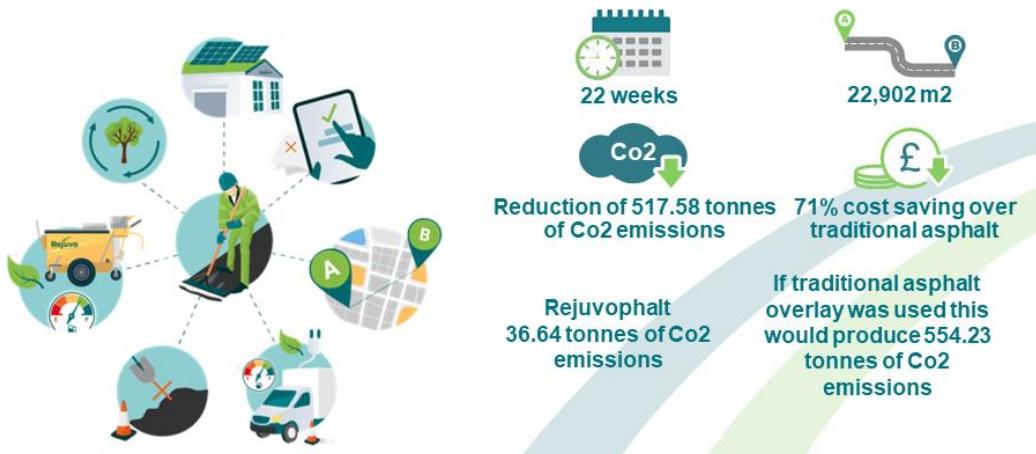
We start the winter season with around 8,000 tonnes of salt in our stores and monitor stocks carefully throughout the season.

We support our towns and parishes who have local winter plans by topping up grit bins at the beginning of the winter season.

While our gritting fleet will be out treating the network, please bear in mind grit takes time to work on the roads and therefore we always ask drivers to take their time and drive to the conditions.

For further information please see the [members' winter update](#) or visit [WSCC's winter service webpages](#).

Steps forward with carbon reduction and cost savings in footway resurfacing



Using more environmentally friendly approaches on 31 footway resurfacing schemes has led to significant carbon and cost savings - 518 tonnes of CO₂ saved and 71% lower costs.

Peter Shone, Director at Rejuvo JPCS Limited, said: "Our tried and tested products involve minimal digging and removal of waste and our process is substantially reducing carbon emissions, whilst saving and strengthening the highway network."

Joy Dennis, County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "These are very impressive results. Say the words 'highway resurfacing' and you don't always think of greener initiatives – but West Sussex Highways is working with its contractors to explore innovative ways of working, which dovetail perfectly with the council's drive to reduce carbon emissions."

To find out more, visit [WSCC's website](#).

The Queen's Green Canopy and planting trees in West Sussex

To celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, [The Queen's Green Canopy](#) initiative has been created, inviting people from across the UK to plant a tree for the jubilee.

Most trees are likely be planted on private land, but as we are already getting requests for tree planting on WSCC managed spaces, we thought we'd clarify things.

Here are the three options available to plant trees on county council land:



WSCC Funded Trees – The council plants trees as part of its routine tree management programme. They are usually replacements for trees that have been removed due to disease or safety concerns.

Residents can suggest sites where they would like a tree planted and those locations will be considered as trees are replaced. To make a request, complete the '[report a problem with a road or pavement](#)' form on WSCC website.

Donate-a-Tree – Residents, district or borough councils, parish & town councils or local groups and organisations can pay a fixed fee - currently £200 – and WSCC will then plant and maintain a tree at the requested location. The donation price does not cover the full cost of supplying, planting, and future maintenance of a new highway tree, the additional costs are funded by WSCC.

Donate a tree must be [applied for online](#).

Planting Licence – As a tree is a long term investment, only parish & town councils and district or borough councils can apply for a licence to plant and maintain a tree

on WSCC managed spaces. To make a request, complete the '[report a problem with a road or pavement](#)' form on WSCC website.

Latest technologies used in £1.5million A24 resurfacing scheme

A scheme to resurface 3km of the A24 Washington bypass used technologies and recycled materials to reduce the project's carbon emissions. The £1.5million scheme has delivered a smoother, quieter and more durable surface.

To find out more about these works, please visit [WSCC website](#).

Ash dieback update

Ash trees are common throughout West Sussex, providing valuable habitats for wildlife. However, these trees can become infected with Ash Dieback (ADB), which causes damage to their vascular tissues and blocks water and nutrients supply. This causes branches to die back and dry out, complicating felling works.

WSCC has created an action plan to limit the impact of ADB and promote long-term recovery of our trees. WSCC tree plan and a WSCC Tree Forum will oversee the delivery of this strategy.

Survey work is continuing in order to establish the scale of ADB in West Sussex and private landowners are being contacted regarding trees that could potentially affect the highway but are not owned by us.



WSCC members can find the full ADB member's update on [SharePoint](#), while parish and town councils can find out more on [WSCC's website](#).

Active steps taken to encourage travel rethink



We're encouraging everyone to think twice about how they travel. By taking small steps and thinking active travel first, many people could have the opportunity to make their journeys greener, healthier and safer.

As schools, colleges and universities return, it's a great opportunity to form new travel habits that are active and help the environment.

We will be engaging with both schools and the wider public, sharing key messages, to try to ensure school journeys can run as smoothly as possible.

Deborah Urquhart, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said: "Active travel is one of the themes we've identified to focus on as part of our climate change work. Transport is one of the main contributors to emissions in West Sussex, so I welcome initiatives, such as this, that encourage people to rethink their transport choices if possible."

To find out more, please visit [WSCC webpage](#).

A 'school gate' travel improvement programme is also being developed by the County Council as part of its [Active Travel initiatives](#). Proposed improvements will help to reduce reliance on cars, protect school bus travel and promote active travel.

Green light for major traffic signals upgrades in Crawley and Bognor Regis

Obsolete traffic lights will be replaced with new, more reliable and energy-efficient equipment at the junction of Canada Grove and Longford Road in Bognor Regis and at the London Road/Beehive Ring Road junction on the A23 in Crawley.



The new equipment will use LED technology, improving the signals' reliability, reducing maintenance and saving energy. They will also be more reactive to traffic movements.

The projects are scheduled to be completed by the end of November at a cost of approximately £225,000 (Bognor Regis) and £250,000 (Crawley).

Making a beeline between coast and downs



Lancing Parish Councillors (from left) Joe Pannell, Doris Martin and Mandy Buxton

Wildflowers and pollinators are making a comeback in Lancing, where West Sussex County Council's first 'Pollinator Highway' is underway.

The joint project between the County Council, Lancing Parish Council and Adur & Worthing Councils is helping to provide crucial food sources and habitat links for a variety of insects via the roadside verges.

Joy Dennis, the County Council's Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: "Lancing Pollinator Highway is a great example of councils working together for the benefit of the environment. It goes to show we can all play our part in helping pollinators in our neighbourhoods, and the more we help individually, the greater the benefit."

Insects don't fly in straight lines, so we hope a network of mini pollinator havens will be established in the long run, including neighbouring roads, private gardens, and green spaces along the route.

Deborah Urquhart, the County Council's Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said, "Pollinator Highways offer a fantastic opportunity to deliver on our Pollinator Action Plan objectives by increasing both the area and the connectivity of natural habitats, as well as enabling community awareness, appreciation and action on local pollinators' needs."

To find out more about [Lancing Pollinator Highway](#), WSCC's Community Road Verges and our [Pollinator Action Plan](#), visit WSCC's website.

Partnership working with Parish key to A285 improvement scheme

Partnership working with Boxgrove Parish Council was key to a £150,000 scheme to improve the A285 through Hailnaker.

West Sussex County Council worked with the Parish Council and its Traffic Action Group to identify the improvements following concerns raised by the community.



Parish Council chairman Henry Potter said: "The Parish Council, on behalf of the community, would like to thank the County Council and the highways officers for all

their support throughout the implementation of these schemes. The work by Landbuild has been exemplary throughout and to be commended."

The scheme cost a total of approximately £150,000. The Parish Council, through the efforts of one of its volunteers, secured a grant of £30,000 from the Rees Jeffreys Foundation Fund towards the cost and a further grant of £10,000 from Inert Recycling was allocated to the scheme. Some Parish Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds were also contributed. The rest was funded by the County Council.

To find out more about this scheme, visit [WSCC website](#).

Wildflowers on Highfield Drive, Wickham Way junction



It's been our first summer of Community Road Verge (CRV) wildflowers, and we've seen some fabulous displays across the county.

This verge, however, is not a CRV. Works were undertaken on Highfield Drive, Wickham Way junction which resulted in grass being removed. With exposed soil and little nutrient rich grass competing, this Common Fumitory managed to make an appearance.

By reducing grass cutting and collecting arisings to reduce soil fertility on CRVs, we could see native species like this return all over West Sussex.

Essential road resurfacing completed in Chichester city centre

Essential road resurfacing work has been completed in Chichester city centre.

The carriageway in Old Market Ave, Theatre Lane and South, East, North and West Pallant had been showing signs of significant weakening: the new surface is smoother,



which will reduce road noise and will be more resilient to potholes. Road markings will also be renewed.

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](#).

Rainfall in West Sussex

Since our last newsletter, we have had some periods of extraordinary levels of precipitation. On Monday 9th August 2021, at Drayton Depot, 42mm of rain was recorded by 8am. The monthly average for the area in August is only 51.3mm!

Such heavy rainfall in a short period of time can cause issues on the highway, such as, problems with drainage and surface water, or grass growing longer over a shorter period, potentially causing safety concerns.

We monitor these things, and respond to any reports via [Love West Sussex](#) as soon as possible.

Produced by the Stakeholder and Partnerships team, Highways Transport and Planning. Please contact steve.hill@westsussex.gov.uk or jess.meagher@westsussex.gov.uk with any comments or suggestions regarding what you like and don't like in this e-bulletin and what you'd like to see in future editions.

Email dated 15.10.2021 from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin

NALC chair's speech to SLCC annual conference

Our chair, Cllr Sue Baxter, and head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, attended the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) national conference in Hinckley, Leicestershire, this week – here are a few highlights:

- Sue delivered a keynote speech on Wednesday in which she expressed her thanks to the sector for the last eighteen months, reflecting on the last five years as NALC's chair and setting out some issues and challenges for the future including the development of a workforce strategy. You can read the full text of Sue's speech [here](#).
- In his well-received and informed speech, Lord Blunkett was full of praise for the sector, saying local councils "are not just the glue but the cog that makes our communities work". A sentiment echoed by Lord Deben in his speech in Hull at the Society of Local Authority Chief Executive's conference, talking about the role of local government, he said "don't forget about the role of parishes", "who have shown what they can do during the pandemic and they will play an important role". Check out [Justin's Twitter](#) for more on these events and speeches.
- Phil Peacock from Huntingdon Town Council was appointed as the SLCC's new president, taking over from Linda Larter from Sevenoaks Town Council
- The SLCC launched the [Financial Introduction to Local Council Administration \(FILCA\)](#), a Level 2, online sector-specific learning tool to support all new responsible financial officers.

- Members of the Civility and Respect in Public Life Project Working Group gave an update on progress; Sue also covered this important area of our work in her speech.
- Huge congratulations to our SLCC colleagues for holding such a positive and successful hybrid conference, which I'm sure was no mean feat and plenty for us to learn from.

Statement on funding for health and social care levy

We issued a statement this week on funding for the forthcoming health and social care levy. This followed an update from the government that compensatory funding to public sector bodies for the additional cost burden of an increase to employer National Insurance Contributions next year will not include local councils. You can read more in our [news story](#) and we are continuing to make representations to the government.

Local Council Award Scheme deadlines for 2022

The deadlines for submitting applications for the Local Council Award Scheme (LCAS) in 2022 are now available on the [NALC website](#). There will be three rounds as usual with deadlines in January, May and September. Huge thanks to everyone who was able to attend this week's LCAS webinar which went through how the scheme works, what information is needed to apply, and how to submit a good application. A [recording of the session](#) is now available and further webinars will be held next year, dates to be confirmed soon.

Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance

The Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG) brings together key sector representatives, government departments, and the National Audit Office and is responsible for issuing proper practices about the governance and accounts of smaller authorities. Each year it reviews and publishes the Practitioners' Guide which, together with the Good Councillor Guide to Finance and Transparency, are essential guidance for clerks and councillors. I'm pleased that both are well-read with the previous and current editions of the guides receiving over 25,000 downloads! JPAG met this week and considered several proposals for changes or clarifications to next year's Guide which will be published in March 2022. We were also joined by representatives from the Internal Auditors Forum to give their views and they will be working with us to update parts of the Guide. Colleagues from Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) were keen to impress upon councils the importance of submitting annual governance returns on time as many had not done so this year. I have highlighted this in previous bulletins and I would be grateful for ongoing help with this important issue.

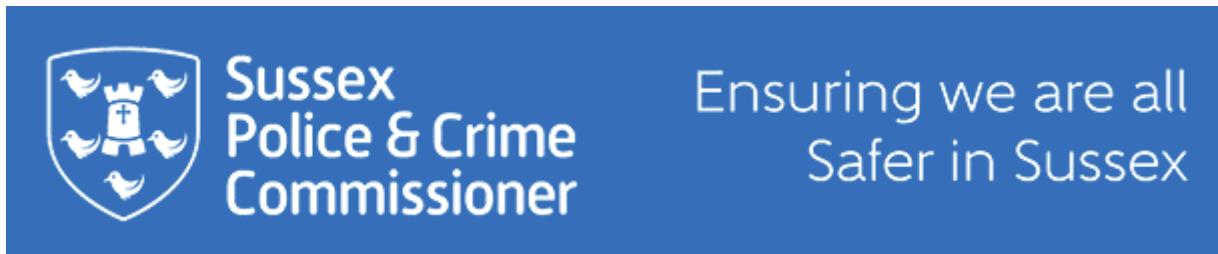
In and about

Last Saturday, Jane Moore, senior solicitor and acting head of member services, joined the hybrid annual general meeting of the Durham Association of Local Councils. Joining remotely, Jane gave an update on a range of issues including remote meetings and our work on civility and respect in public life. Thanks to Durham colleagues for facilitating this successful hybrid event.

And finally...

Please save the date for three new **online events** we will be held in the New Year. The forthcoming levelling up and recovery white paper will be the focus of our 'Levelling up the nation and our communities' event on 26 January. Geological disposal will be the subject of our event with Radioactive Waste Management on 23 February. And community safety is the theme of 'Working together to make communities safer' on 30 March. Keep an eye out for more details, how to book and, as usual, a brilliant line-up of speakers!

**Email dated 15.10.2021 from Sussex Police
Bravery awards for Sussex Police officers**



I was delighted to join two Sussex Police officers and their partners at the Police Federation Bravery Awards this week in London. Sgt Sean Grainger and PC Matthew Parnell detained a violent suspect at Gatwick Airport who was brandishing two knives and making threats to kill.

The courage and calm professionalism of these Sussex officers is a reminder of the best of policing and the unexpected dangers police face every day.



This week has been Hate Crime Awareness week and Sussex Police, like other forces, has been reassuring communities that police do and will take this vile crime seriously.

Nobody should have to tolerate abuse, intimidation or physical assault simply for being who they are. I wholeheartedly back Sussex Police's efforts to encourage victims and witnesses to report hate crime and let offenders know their abhorrent behaviour will not be tolerated.

There has been a lot of media coverage about the corrosive impact of social media on young people so it's good to see Neighbourhood Youth Officers talking to pupils about the harm caused by online hate messaging.

I look forward to seeing how some of the £1m Safer Streets funding we've secured for Sussex will support awareness-raising in schools about inappropriate and unacceptable behaviour towards

women and girls. I'll be asking Sussex residents for their views about misogyny and whether there should be consistent police recording of incidents.

There has been justifiable concern about national reports of domestic abuse (DA) being 'timed-out' if not recorded within six months, with current guidelines leaving far too many victims stuck with abusive, violent partners and perpetrators evading any sanction.

Sussex Police were rightly praised during Covid lockdowns for reaching out to DA victims, providing innovative, discreet channels for them to get help. With so much progress being made to give people the confidence to report we need the criminal justice system to be open and ready to act.

COMMUNITY GRANTS AVAILABLE

The latest round of my Safer in Sussex Community Fund (SiSCF), which awards grants of up to £5,000 for local projects that aim to reduce crime and increase community safety, closes at 5pm on Monday 18th October. SiSCF has supported hundreds of such initiatives across the county since 2014, so if you have one which meets the criteria make sure you apply on my website before the deadline.

My Talk Sussex survey moves to Bognor Regis and Arundel today and, if you live or work in the area, I'd like to hear your thoughts on local policing and the crime and community safety issues that matter to you. You can have your say by completing the short survey which should only take a few minutes.

As today's newsletter was being completed I heard the tragic news of the murder of my friend Sir David Amess MP. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge it here and I am sending my sincere thoughts and sympathy to his family, friends and the communities of his Southend West constituency.



Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



Email dated 14.10.2021 from WSCC

Your latest news on Covid-19 - Adult social care survey - and more



Adult social care - the life you want to lead



Help shape the future of adult social care in West Sussex.

We're inviting people across the county to help shape the long-term future of adult social care to support current and future generations for years to come.

We're keen to hear what is important to residents and what a good life means to them. The responses will help us develop our adult social care service in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic so that we can best meet the needs and expectations of those we support.

Survey closes on Monday 8 November.

[Complete the survey](#)

Latest local Covid-19 and vaccination update

Covid-19 is still being transmitted in our communities and the risks of infection are still with us.

Just last week there were more than 2,500 new cases reported in seven days across West Sussex.

- Please [click here](#) to find the local Covid-19 cases summary data.
- The autumn Covid-19 booster vaccine campaign is underway and those who are more vulnerable to the virus are being invited to top up their protection ahead of winter, six months or more after receiving their second jab.
- All children aged 12-15 years old are to be offered a dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at their school and every parent, guardian or carer will receive a letter with the details about their school, the consent process, and next steps.
- [Testing regularly](#) helps determine if you are infected with coronavirus, whether you have symptoms or not.



When testing, please remember to also register your results and if you test positive, get a follow up PCR and self-isolate.

Regular testing for coronavirus helps stop the spread and protects those around us.

Make testing part of your routine to give you peace of mind when you're out and about.

There are lots of ways to have a test: order Lateral Flow Tests [online](#) to be delivered to your home; pick up test kits at [selected pharmacies and libraries](#); have a supervised test at a local pharmacy. [Find a pharmacy](#).

If you test positive or have any symptoms you must take a PCR test. Book [online](#) or call 119.

[More Covid-19 local advice and information](#)

Temporary change to Chichester's Northgate Vaccination Centre opening times

Due to the Sloe Fair on Wednesday 20 October, which takes place in Northgate car park, the vaccination centre opening times will change for a few days. The centre remains open for both booked appointments and walk-ins at the following times:

- Monday 18 October: 8.30am – 4pm (walk-ins until 4pm)
- Tuesday 19 October: 8.30am – 4.30pm (walk-ins until 4pm)
- Wednesday 20 October: 8.30am – 4.30pm (walk-ins until 4pm)

Normal opening times resume on Thursday 21 October (8.30am - 7pm, walk-ins until 6.30pm)

Please note that Northgate car park will close at 6pm on Monday 18 October and reopen at midday on Thursday 21 October. During this time it will not be open to vehicles so visitors to the vaccination centre will need to find an alternative place to park.

Information about Chichester's car parks can be found on the [Chichester District Council website](#).

'Howls' of delight this half-term!



If you're panicking about what to do to keep the kids entertained during half-term, take a look at our Experience West Sussex website which has some spellbinding ideas for family days out.

There's a whole (g)host of spooky-themed Halloween events to take part in, including pumpkin carving, a Halloween cream tea or being scared at Shocktober Fest.

'Witch' ones will you visit during the half term holiday?!

Remember though that if you plan to celebrate with others, help #KeepWestSussexSafe by meeting outdoors if you can, but if you do meet indoors, make sure to let fresh air in.

Half term fun ideas

Time to apply for school places

Parents and carers of children starting school in September 2022 can now apply.

Applications for primary and infant school places are now open and close on 15 January 2022. Children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are eligible to start school next September.

Parents/carers of children currently in Year 2 at infant school can also now apply for a place at junior school for September 2022.

It is strongly advised that applications are completed on time. Those who miss the 15 January deadline must still apply as their child won't automatically be allocated a school.

The quickest and easiest way to apply is online. All the information is there and an automatic email will acknowledge an application has been received. Free use of computers with internet access is available in all West Sussex libraries (no need to book).

Those unable to apply online can request a form through the post by calling 033 301 42903.

Secondary school applications are also currently open for September 2022 and close on Sunday 31 October 2021.

County council staff are available to help parents and carers through the admissions process. Telephone 033 301 42903 or email the admissions team north: admissions.north@westsussex.gov.uk or the admissions team south admissions.south@westsussex.gov.uk

[More info on school admissions](#)



Ofsted monitoring visit to West Sussex Children's Services



Ofsted have reported that Children's Services continues to make steady progress.

The report from Ofsted follows the monitoring visit which took place on 7 and 8 September 2021.

The visit was focused on how social work practice is improving the lives of children with disabilities alongside how decisions are made, oversight by managers and the capacity of social workers to provide help and support.

The key findings from the report were:

- The support that children with disabilities receive has improved since the Ofsted focused visit in October 2020
- The commitment of the senior leadership team in maintaining a clear focus on improving the experiences of disabled children
- Social workers know the children they work with well
- The voice of the child is being heard and listened to
- There is more work to do to improve the consistency of help and support offered to disabled children.

Ensuring our children and young people with disabilities receive the help and support they need is critical. Ofsted highlight improvements made in this area of the service and the difference we are making to our disabled children and young people which is encouraging to see.

The report identifies areas where we need to do further work to improve the quality and consistency of our practice. These areas are being addressed as part of our ongoing improvement journey.

[Read more about the report here](#)

Be inspired by the season



Autumn days can be full of bright sunshine with clear blue skies, but with that characteristic chill in the air that heralds the coming of winter.

It's the perfect time of year to pop on a jacket (and often your sunglasses too!) and enjoy the riot of vibrant crimson and gold hues of the changing landscape.

Experience West Sussex have put together a collection of walks and trails, plus gardens and woodlands to visit so you can enjoy the bright sights of autumn in our county.

Try some 'leaf peeping' this autumn

More news...

- West Sussex Highways will be testing their gritters in a 'dry run' on Saturday (16 October) to ensure they [are ready for winter](#).
- Our firefighters have issued a [warning](#) to ensure you have a working smoke [alarm](#) after a fire in Lindfield.



A [meeting of the full county council](#) will be held next Friday (22 October), and it will be webcast live.

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KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE,
TEST TWICE A WEEK.**

westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting

The logo of West Sussex County Council, featuring a blue shield with a white cross and a fish.

Email dated 14.10.2021 from WSCC

Verging on perfection: 'Road verges don't come better than this' says expert



news release

Verging on perfection: 'Road verges don't come better than this' says expert



This stunning West Sussex road verge, with its flourishing flora and fauna, has received a rave report from consultant ecologist and butterfly expert Neil Hulme.

Neil, who works closely with the County Council, South Downs National Park Authority and many landowners to help improve habitats for the benefit of butterflies and a wealth of other wildlife, said of his summer research: "Road verges don't come better than this. It was like walking across a mini nature

reserve, which is what many verges have the potential to be, forming vital ‘green corridors’ across the landscape.

“The results of my butterfly surveys here are spectacular, as is the flora, which includes beauties such as the Bee Orchid. My count of 424 butterflies included 20 species, the highlights being 107 Small Blue, which is quite rare and very localised in distribution, 222 Common Blue and 21 Brown Argus. Mating pairs of these three species were seen and many other females were observed laying eggs on plants which would be removed if cut too early in the year.”



Neil went on to explain: “Butterflies are highly sensitive indicators of habitat health. Where they occur in high numbers and diversity, it means that many other aspects of our fauna and flora will be flourishing.”

The verge, off the A280 near Worthing, is now destined to be designated the 85th [Notable Road Verge \(NRV\)](#) in West Sussex. Please note: there is no safe parking nearby and part of the reason for the flourishing flora and fauna is the lack of footfall, so people are urged to please keep to the public footpaths if visiting this soon-to-be NRV, or any of the existing ones.

Joy Dennis, County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: “We are very fortunate to have glorious road verges such as this in the county and this shows, in stunning fashion, how our rural cutting regime can produce this kind of display in places, where road safety allows.”

Deborah Urquhart, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said: “I couldn’t agree more with Neil’s comments – his pictures are stunning. Some of our roadside verges are home to a number of scarce insect and plant species, provide spectacular wildflower displays and are testament to our commitment to the [Pollinator Action Plan](#).”

Neil was equally enthusiastic about the condition of the NRV at Kithurst Hill, near Storrington, which forms part of a larger site managed by the South Downs National Park Authority: “This must be the only road verge in the UK where you can see both the very rare Duke of Burgundy butterfly and the iconic Round-headed Rampion flower, known as the Pride of Sussex.”

The existing 84 NRVs comprise 51km of verge - covering an area of 293 football pitches.

Each verge has a distinctive oak marker post installed so that they receive appropriate management.

Email dated 14.1.2021 from WSCC

Your Town and Parish Council News October 2021 - free trees - adult social care survey - and more



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TOWN AND PARISH NEWS

Working together on behalf
of our communities



Help shape the future of adult social care in West Sussex

We'd like you to help shape the long-term future of adult social care to support current and future generations for years to come.

We're keen to hear what is important to residents and what a good life means to them. The responses will help us develop our adult social care service in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic so that we can best meet the needs and expectations of those we support.

Please complete the survey on the link below before 8 November and encourage your residents to do the same.



[Complete the survey here](#)



Environment articles available

The county council is gearing up to celebrate COP26 – the world's biggest conference on climate change which takes place from Sunday 31 October until Friday 12 November.

Our communications team has prepared a range of content on the county council's work to be carbon neutral by 2030, including a feature interview with Deborah Urquhart, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change.

If you would like content to include in your next newsletter or residents update, please email pressoffice@westsussex.gov.uk by Monday 25 October.

Latest local Covid-19 and vaccination update

Here's your round up of local information about the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing vaccination programme so you can keep your communities informed about the latest developments:

- Local advice and information on the pandemic and the vaccination programme [can be found here](#).
- [Please click here](#) to find the local summary data. Please share the link across your communities, either by email, text or WhatsApp so other people can view the case data in their area too.
- The autumn Covid-19 booster vaccine campaign is underway and those who are more vulnerable to the virus are being invited to top up their protection ahead of winter, six months or more after receiving their second jab. [More information here](#).
- All children aged 12-15 years old are to be offered a dose of the Covid-19 vaccine at their school and every parent, guardian or carer will receive a letter with the details about their school, the consent process, and next steps. [More information here](#).
- Please continue to stress to your residents the importance of regular testing. This helps determine if someone is infected with coronavirus, whether they have symptoms or not, and helps stop the spread. There are lots of ways people



can get a test: by ordering a [Lateral Flow Tests online](#) to be delivered to your home; by picking up test kits at [selected pharmacies and libraries](#) or having a supervised test at a local pharmacy. [Find a pharmacy.](#)

If anyone tests positive or has symptoms they must take a PCR test. [Book online](#) or call 119 to get one.

- Please remind people to do all they can to reduce the spread – wash their hands, cover their face, leave space and let fresh air in.

More local information about the pandemic



Free trees for community spaces

We are encouraging communities across West Sussex to plant trees to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022.

This will create a green legacy, with every tree planted bringing benefits for people, wildlife and climate, now and for the future.

The Woodland Trust, partnered with the Queen's Green Canopy, is offering FREE trees to community groups. Before you apply you'll need to:

- Know the six digit grid reference for the land you wish to plant using the [grid reference finder](#).
- Read through a short list of [FAQs](#). They are packed full of important and useful information which will help your application.

Trees can be planted from this month (October 2021), when the tree planting season begins, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022.

They are currently taking applications for trees to be delivered in March 2022.

You may also be able to order trees for planting in October 2022 but applications are not yet being taken.

As a tree is a long term investment, only parish and town councils can apply for a licence to plant and maintain a tree on county council managed spaces.

[Apply here to plant a tree for the Jubilee](#)



Grants available for anti-flooding schemes

Parish and Town councils are welcome to apply to our Operation Watershed scheme, designed to support communities in their activities to mitigate local flood risk.

This year five projects, including at Fulking and Bolney have benefited from the latest round of awards, and there is still more than £140,000 remaining in the grant fund for 2021/22.

To apply for Operation Watershed funding, email:
operation.watershed@westsussex.gov.uk.

What Operation Watershed is about

Ditch the problem!

It's that time of year when riparian ditch owners look to cut back the summer growth in their ditches before winter returns in earnest.

The county council is keen for riparian owners, who are responsible for the upkeep of their ditches, to clear them out.

Ditches are watercourses designed to drain the surrounding area or hold water. Removing vegetation, grass, weeds, shrubs or any other debris helps water run freely and prevents flooding.



Keeping our watercourses well maintained benefits the community as a whole. If an area experiences constant flooding, this becomes a nuisance to the community, can restrict access to property, makes everyday living difficult, and results in considerable expense and inconvenience for those that have been flooded.

As part of your ongoing work to support reducing flood risk impacting residents in your local area, we would encourage you to raise awareness and promote what people can do to reduce the risk of flooding.

The Riparian Ownership and Responsibilities material will provide useful practical information and guidance for landowners and residents.

When you have the opportunity please would you promote to your community groups and individuals in your area that the information is available via the link below.

Ditch the problem!



Advice on energy bills

Many people will see an increase in their energy bills this winter due to the rise in the wholesale cost of gas.

If any of your residents are worried and need advice or information, please direct them to the West Sussex Energy

Advice website on the link below, which has details of information tailored to each area of the county.

Local advice on saving energy

Full county council meeting next week

There will be a full meeting of West Sussex County Council on Friday 22 October starting at 10.30am and will be [webcast live via our website](#).

Please encourage your residents to view or download a calendar of upcoming county council meetings via the link below.



Calendar of county council meetings



Time to apply for school places

Please alert parents and carers in your area that they can now apply for their child to start school in September 2022.

Please download, print and share the [primary school](#) and [secondary school](#) admissions posters to ensure families in your area are aware of the school admission deadlines and know how to apply.

Applications for primary and infant school places are now open and close on 15 January 2022. Children

born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 are eligible to start school next September.

Parents/carers of children currently in Year 2 at infant school can also now apply for a place at junior school for September 2022.

It is strongly advised that applications are completed on time. Those who miss the 15 January deadline must still apply as their child won't automatically be allocated a school.

The quickest and [easiest way to apply is online](#). All the information is there and an automatic email will acknowledge an application has been received. Free use of computers with internet access is available in all West Sussex libraries (no need to book).

Those unable to apply online can request a form through the post by calling 033 301 42903.

Secondary school applications are also currently open for September 2022 and close on Sunday 31 October 2021.

County council staff are available to help parents and carers through the admissions process. Telephone 033 301 42903 or email the admissions team north: admissions.north@westsussex.gov.uk or the admissions team south admissions.south@westsussex.gov.uk

How to apply for a school place

More news

To help you keep your residents informed:

- West Sussex Highways will be testing their gritters in a 'dry run' on Saturday (16 October) to ensure they [are ready for winter](#).
 - Ofsted have made [a monitoring visit to West Sussex Children's Services](#) and reported that we continue to make steady progress.
 - Our firefighters have issued a [warning to ensure residents have a working smoke alarm](#) after a fire in Lindfield.
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Keeping in touch

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

We welcome any comments or suggestions about the eNewsletter - email townandparishcouncilnews@westsussex.gov.uk.

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

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

Thank you for your support. Keep safe.

Is this the right e-newsletter for you?

This eNewsletter is for Town and Parish councillors and clerks in West Sussex. If you are a resident, we recommend you sign up for our Residents' eNewsletter, which has information targeted to you. Sign up for our eNewsletters [here](#).



Email dated 13.10.2021 from Sussex Police Streetsafe Online Tool



Streetsafe Online Tool

Have you seen the new StreetSafe tool? It's an online tool where you can tell us anonymously about locations in your neighbourhood that make you feel or have made you feel unsafe. This could be due to environmental issues such as street lighting, abandoned buildings or vandalism or because of behaviours you've experienced that could include being followed or verbally abused.

We'll use the information to share with local authorities and other partner agencies to gain a better understanding of how people feel in an area and what measures, activities or initiatives can be put in place to help people feel safer. You can find out more about how your data will be used [here](#).

To use the StreetSafe tool visit our website [here](#) and plot on the map where you have felt or feel unsafe. You will be given the option answer additional questions on your personal characteristics (gender, age, sex) but will not ask for your name or date of birth.

The murder of Sarah Everard and the conviction Wayne Couzens has sent shock waves through policing across the UK, Sussex included and we fully recognise that the case will have a profound impact on public trust and confidence in the police, particularly that of women.

StreetSafe is one way to help us rebuild public trust by people in our communities completing the online tool to enable improvements to be made in areas where people do not feel safe.

Please note StreetSafe is not an alternative to reporting crime to us, please use our normal reporting methods.

Message Sent By Sussex Police (Police, Force-wide message, Sussex)

Email dated 13.10.2021 from WSALC

Draft Minutes of the WSALC Board Meeting 05.10.2021

Good morning

Please see below a link to the WSALC website where the draft minutes of the WSALC Board meeting held on Tuesday 5th October 2021, the minutes can also be found.

<https://wsalc.co.uk/board-2021>

Kind regards, Anna



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October County Council meeting



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October County Council meeting

The next full council meeting of West Sussex County Council will be held from 10.30am on Friday 22 October at County Hall, Chichester, with the meeting also being webcast live via the County Council website.

In addition to the usual time for councillors to ask questions of the council's Leader and Cabinet on matters of interest across the county there are two subjects for debate by councillors:

- The first is the proposal by Gatwick Airport Ltd to bring its emergency runway into routine use.
- The second is the process by which the County Council takes decisions about its own land holdings.

The [full agenda](#) is available via the County Council website.

Residents and other interested parties will be able to watch the meeting live via the [County Council public i.tv portal](#).

There will also be a reduced capacity public gallery available to anyone wishing to attend and view the meeting in person. Admission is by ticket only, bookable in advance by emailing: democratic.services@westsussex.gov.uk.



Horsham Weekly News and Appeals

News and appeals

Police join with partners to raise awareness of hate crime

Police are joining with partners to raise awareness of hate crime and the devastating impact it can have on its victims.

The force is marking Hate Crime Awareness Week (October 9 - 16) with a number of engagement events to encourage reporting of hate crime, and to highlight the work being done by police and partners to address the issue in Sussex.

A hate crime is defined as 'any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, disability or any crime motivated by hostility or prejudice against a person who is transgender'.

It doesn't always include physical violence – someone using offensive language towards you or harassing you, or posting abusive comments or messages online, can also constitute a hate crime.

Neighbourhood Youth Officers will also be working closely with schools to raise awareness of hate crime among young people, particularly around online offences. A newsletter will be issued to all Sussex schools featuring resources on how to tackle hate crime incidents with children and teenagers, including issues on extremism and radicalisation.

Hate crime can be reported via our website or by calling 101. In an emergency, always dial 999.

Messages around Hate Crime Awareness Week will be shared across the Sussex Police Facebook and Twitter accounts.

TO SEE THE FULL STORY, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/police-join-with-partners-to-raise-awareness-of-hate-crime/>

We will listen and act

Sussex's Chief Constable has said she is "intently listening and ready to act" on the experiences of women and girls across Sussex in the wake of the murder of Sarah Everard.

Jo Shiner acknowledged the crime has shocked the nation and left some people doubting the police, particularly women.

Sussex Police, working with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, will develop a programme of engagement with local communities about the issues raised, to help rebuild trust and boost work already underway.

Chief Constable Shiner said: "The crime was horrific and it has eroded the confidence some people have in the police to protect them. As a woman and as a police officer, this hurts, and I know it hurts my colleagues who work hard every day to protect people and catch criminals.

Sussex Police works closely with other agencies, charities and voluntary groups across Brighton and Hove, East Sussex and West Sussex, to tackle violence against women and girls across Sussex.

Identifying police officers

As a result of the case, officers and staff in Sussex understand some people may require additional reassurance.

If this is the case, they can use their police radio on loud speaker, allowing the police control room to confirm the identity of the officer, that they are on duty and carrying out legitimate policing business.

Off-duty officers intervening in a crime in action or where someone is vulnerable, and not carrying a radio, will quickly call 999 for back up.

Street Safe App

Sussex Police is one of a number of police forces currently piloting a new app called Street Safe.

Launched by the Home Office, the Street Safe app allows women to anonymously flag up the areas in public where they feel or have felt unsafe. The information is shared with the relevant agency for action.

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/we-will-listen-and-act/>

Teenager charged with Horsham stabbing

A teenager has been charged and remanded in custody in connection with a stabbing in Horsham town centre.

Police were called to the incident in East Street at 1.37am on Saturday 2 October, after a 21-year-old local man suffered stab wounds to the body.

He was taken to hospital for treatment; his injuries are not believed to be life threatening.

A 19-year-old man from Horsham was arrested on suspicion of assault occasioning actual bodily harm, theft by finding, possession of a Class A drug and possession of a Class B drug. He has been released on conditional bail until 2 November, pending further enquiries.

Following enquiries, police located a fourth suspect, who was arrested in London with the assistance of the Metropolitan Police.

Harvey Beckett, 18, of Burnham Place, Horsham has since been charged with causing grievous bodily harm, possession of a knife in public and possession of a Class B drug.

He has been remanded in custody and is next scheduled to appear before Lewes Crown Court on 5 November.

The investigation continues, and anyone with any information is urged to report it online or call 101, quoting Operation Deputy.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/teenager-charged-with-horsham-stabbing/>

PCSO Recruitment

Unfortunately our police officer recruitment has now closed but we will shortly be recruiting for Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs). If you or anyone you know are interested in a career in the police, keep an eye on our website or on our Facebook and twitter pages for more information.

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

Message Sent By

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

Email dated 13.10.2021 from HDC

Energy Efficiency Support for residents - information for Councillors

Dear Councillor,

You will have seen recent news coverage on concerns about rising energy prices. Please click [here](#) to read a newsletter produced by the West Sussex Fuel Poverty Coordinator summarising the help and support currently available for residents.

The key pieces of information are listed on page 2 and include:

- LEAP (Local Energy Advice Partnership) – a telephone advice service with trained energy advisors providing bespoke advice for householders on a wide range of energy related issues including tariff advice . Residents can apply directly or we can refer them <https://applyforleap.org.uk/how-leap-works/> or 0800 060 7567. LEAP also has some other services linked like an emergency boiler replacement service (eligibility criteria applies) and can replace some energy inefficient white goods like fridges.
- West Sussex Citizens advice telephone service – they also provide tariff advice and are particularly good at helping people with fuel debts and disputes with energy companies They may be contacted on 01243 974063

- Emergency heater service – where vulnerable households have a heating breakdown we can supply temporary oil filled radiators as a stop gap. Please let me know if you come across residents who may be affected and I can refer them onwards

We also have some grant funding for a limited number of low income, energy inefficient homes for low carbon retro-fitting measures. We are currently compiling a waiting list for when the scheme is live, which should be in the next few weeks.

If you have any enquiries about any information contained within the newsletter, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Warmest wishes

Gill Daniel
Technical Officer – Environmental Health



Email dated 13.10.2021 from HDC

Results from the Young People's safety survey | Summer activities supporting young people and parents | The Chatty Café scheme | Be safe on the roads this autumn and winter



Community Safety

Young people's safety survey results

Over the summer young people across the District were asked for their views about where they felt safe / unsafe and their ideas as to what could be done to make spaces safer.

106 responses were received: 59% respondents lived in Horsham Town, 12% were from Southwater, 8% Billingshurst and 7% Pulborough.



Most of the surveys completed were done face to face with young people by youth workers and Wardens or during a Police engagement session in the town centre.

Most young people told us that they felt particularly safe at school and in the town centre. The main things that made them feel safe were busy places where there were adults around, good lighting and CCTV.

Most of the areas where respondents said they felt unsafe were parks, alleyways and underpasses. Ideas for making spaces safer included more CCTV and better lighting and more Police and Warden patrols in areas where young people gather.

When asked whether it was fair that young people were often blamed for Anti-Social behaviour many responses made the point that young people are often stereotyped as troublemakers. One respondent said "Whilst we understand that the youth are sometimes to blame, we feel we are judged more and not trusted by members of the public".

Ideas for reducing levels of anti-social behaviour focused on providing more positive activities and building a sense of community, one young person suggested "Increase the amount of inclusive and social areas for young people".

Work is currently underway to establish a District-wide Youth Council and when this is formed we will ask the young people to consider the results and work with Officers on a specific project to improve safety.

Where young people have highlighted locations in areas where we have Neighbourhood Wardens, the wardens have been asked to assess the locations and put forward suggestions as to how they can be made safer.

Summer activities supporting young people and parents

Throughout the summer holidays Horsham District Council, as a lead member of the Horsham District Safe and Well Partnership, worked in collaboration with other partners to create a programme of events to support young people and parents.

Horsham Town Centre's new Wellbeing Centre hosted drop-in sessions where parents and young people in year groups 7 to 11 could pop in to get advice and information. Specialist services were also in attendance and there were free stress buster give-aways.



West Sussex Mind hosted online and face to face informal sessions for parents around young people's mental health and how best to support them. 4The Youth and the Southwater Youth Project delivered support sessions at key sites throughout August.

The Council's Neighbourhood Wardens launched their 'Talking Tents' initiative in branded gazebos across the Horsham District. Some sessions were supported by Sussex Clubs for Young People. Wardens were available to have a chat and offer support and advice on the many support services available.

If your child needs advice or support, we have a list of organisations on our website that can help. Click the button below to find out more.

[Find out more](#)

Getting chatty

As we are all aware, the pandemic has had a significant impact on people's mental health and has shown us all how important simply talking with other people is and how it enables us to feel connected with others. The council's Community Services Officers, together with Horsham District Older Persons Forum and West Sussex Brighton and Hove Age UK, are working together to promote a scheme which we hope will get people talking again.

The Chatty Café scheme was founded in Manchester and now has over 900 cafés and pubs registered as Chatty Café venues. The scheme is very simple: a 'This is a Chatter and Natter table' card is placed on a designated table in the venue which makes it clear that anyone sitting there is happy to engage in conversation. The aim is also simple: to get people of all ages back socialising, chatting, and to reduce loneliness and isolation.

A letter has been sent out to cafes across the district and we are looking to encourage as many as possible to sign up. There is a small registration fee of £20, for which venues will be included on the chatty café website under the searchable list of venues and will also be sent signs to put on the tables, poster, window stickers and leaflets.



Be safe on the roads this autumn and winter

We are entering the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness - a time when the leaves are ablaze with colour and the sun is low in the sky. But once the leaves have fallen, the roads can become slippery and the low sun can easily dazzle drivers. Here are some tips to keep you safe on the roads this autumn.



- Drive more slowly on leaf-covered roads and allow for increased stopping times.
- Keep windscreens clean and sort out scratches and chips, as they can intensify the sun's glare.
- Keep a pair of sunglasses in the car.
- Bear in mind that if the sun is behind you, drivers coming towards you may not be able to see you as easily.
- Fog and mist can make the roads wet and slippery as well as reducing visibility.
- Be particularly careful around schools. It may be more difficult to see children walking and cycling due to the low sun.

And before we know it, icy conditions could be upon us. In order to be as prepared as possible, book a winter safety check for your car and review what you carry in the boot by way of safety / emergency kit.

This year's Road Safety Week runs from 15 - 21 November. The theme is **Road Safety Heroes**, celebrating the heroic work of the emergency services and road safety professionals across the UK, and explaining how we can all play a part in making journeys safer for everyone. For more information visit the [Road Safety Week website](#).

Enjoy a safe Christmas

Christmas is one of the busiest times of the year for burglars and as it gets dark in the afternoon, opportunistic thieves may strike while you are still at work. However, there are ways to make your home unattractive to burglars. Follow these tips to keep your home and yourself safe from theft and accidents.



1. Make sure the exterior of your home is well lit and keep all windows and doors locked.
 2. If you are out, keep some lights on inside and curtains closed. This will look as if someone is in. Consider fitting a light timer if you are away for a while.
 3. Keep presents and valuables out of sight both in your home and in your car.
 4. Ask neighbours to look after your house if you are away and offer to look after theirs.
 5. Keep handbags closed and keep watchful to prevent pick pockets.
 6. Place Christmas trees and decorations away from candles, open fires and heaters and ensure your smoke alarm is working.
 7. Don't overload electrical sockets and unplug Christmas lights before bed. Ensure your lights carry the British Safety Standard sign.
 8. Remember to drink responsibly and never drink and drive.
 9. If you are away during cold weather, keep your heating on low to help prevent burst pipes.
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Stay connected



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Email dated 13.10.2021 from NALC

NALC Newsletter

News

NALC statement on funding

NALC has responded to the government's plans to increase funding for health and social care over the next three years — [read the full statement](#).

News

Star Council Awards winners

NALC revealed the winners of its 2021 Star Council Awards at an online ceremony on 8 October 2021 — [find out who won this year](#).

Committees

Annual General Meeting

Agenda papers for the Annual General Meeting on 26 October 2021 are now available — [view agenda](#).

Committees

Finance and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda papers for the Finance and Scrutiny Committee meeting on 19 October 2021 are now available — [view agenda](#).

Making rural housing more affordable

Making rural housing more affordable

Last few tickets remaining for the online event on making rural housing more affordable, taking place on 17 November 2021 — [register your place](#).

Future Communities 2021

Future Communities 2021

Join Baroness Grey-Thompson DBE, Jackie Weaver, Michael King and Lord Jonathan Evans KCB DL at our [groundbreaking conference](#) on 2 December 2021.

Email dated 12.10.2021 from WSCC
Gritty determination to be winter ready



News release

Gritty determination to be winter ready



If you see gritters on the roads on Saturday morning (16 October), don't do a double-take if it's mild – West Sussex Highways is testing its winter readiness.

The annual "dry run" with the gritters prepares the County Council to keep safe main roads and approaches to hospitals, schools/colleges and busy bus routes.

A West Sussex Highways spokesperson said: "Our fleet of 19 gritters will be ready to go when the frosty weather arrives.

"Drivers from contractor Balfour Beatty Living Places check the vehicles and equipment are in good working order and it is an opportunity to familiarise themselves again with the routes.

"They also note any problems, such as overgrown hedges, that need attention ahead of severe weather later in the year and see if there are ways to make the runs more efficient."

There is more information online about our [winter planning](#), including our gritting routes and how we decide which roads to grit.

Residents can follow us on Twitter [@WSHighways](#) #GritterTwitter to see our daily decision on whether to send the gritters out.

Some nitty-gritty:

- The gritting routes cover nearly 1,700km of highway, including all A and B roads, and include routes of local importance such as major bus routes, access to emergency service bases, hospitals and large industrial establishments.
 - We monitor the weather closely from 1 October to 30 April and will make a daily decision on whether we need to grit (salt).
 - We start the winter season with around 8,000 tonnes of salt in our stores and monitor stocks carefully throughout the season.
 - We support town and parish councils which have local winter plans by topping up grit bins at the beginning of the winter season.
 - Whilst we're out spreading, grit takes time to work on the roads and we always ask drivers to please take their time and drive to the conditions.
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**Email dated 11.10.2021 from CAGNE
WSCC to decide over Gatwick 2nd runway plans this month**

CAGNE
Communities Against Gatwick
Noise and Emissions
The umbrella aviation community and

West Sussex County Council full council meeting is meeting to debate whether they support Gatwick plans to rebuild the emergency runway as a second runway on 22nd October.

You can find the contact details of your councillor here -<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/find-my-nearest/councillor/>

- We ask you to ask them to vote to strongly oppose Gatwick 2 for the following reasons -

- o *Two runways = 382,000 flights a year with 75m passengers a year going up to 80.2m by 2047*

That is going from 55 aircraft movements an hour to 70.

- o **CAA have already approved airspace usage of current routes, with no consultation, but FASIS (modernisation of airspace) will change this as new areas could be newly impacted to give respite and enable growth of plane numbers at Gatwick**
- o **The promised noise envelopes will disappear** as Gatwick has already submitted new airspace plans for efficiency and resilience to NATS (airspace designers) for 2 runways as part of FASIS
- o **Holding stacks** are not removed with a 2nd runway, in fact the pressure of all arrivals onto the main runway could lead to more congestion and more holding at peak times.
- o **Insulation of homes is purely roof insulation, double glazing, and air filters for night-time sleep** so that windows do not need to be opened. This does not compensate for not being able to sit in the garden and enjoy the quiet enjoyment of your home **or the devaluation of it.**
- o **Climate emergency** – More planes equate to more damage to the planet. Gatwick Airport's own carbon emissions (without flights) will increase from **0.77MtCO2 in 2017 to 0.95MtCO2 by 2028** (on pre-Covid figures), while the extra flights from regular use of the emergency runway will generate an additional **1 ½ - 1 MtCO2 per year by 2050**** (possibly a conservative figure considering Gatwick's aims for a larger plane fleet) plus emissions from main runway growth.
- o **Airbus say** that it is very difficult for aviation to decarbonize and do not expect production of greener planes until 2050, that's if the industry can afford to lease them or if commercially viable.

- **How much will the infrastructure for Gatwick 2 cost local authorities?** Gatwick only plans a new roundabout to benefit Gatwick.
- **Gatwick detail that cargo would increase** to over 200,000 tonnes with a second runway. That would be the equivalent (using government lorry carriage figures (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-lorry-types-and-weights>)) of over 7,600 three-axle artic lorries a year. If we take the next figure of 320,000 tonnes of cargo by 2038, that could be nearly 12,800 three-axle rigid lorries on the roads **a year**. And the last figure is even more frightening, as Gatwick proudly announces 350,000 tonnes of cargo by 2047, which could add over 46,600 seven-and-a-half tonne lorries a year, in addition to the predicted 80.2m passengers.

The traffic forecasts for Gatwick Airport's plans do not include such vast increases in lorry traffic, nor do they allow for the natural growth of traffic in the Southeast all of which will be seeking to use the same single road, the unsafe M23 smart motorway.

- **The railway cannot be expanded**, and planned improvements (Windmill Junction) are for natural growth in the south.

A new station does not change the fact that Gatwick sits on a single track that can't be extended and can't carry cargo.

- **Gatwick presents a false economy** to residents, while it continues to actively seek to reduce jobs with automation – from baggage handling to air traffic control.
- **Gatwick is reliant upon EasyJet for 63%** of its total business which is not sound business planning.
- **Gatwick is always hit the hardest by downturns** as it is a leisure airport. Airlines always return to Heathrow for stability, even Stansted is more sustainable than Gatwick. Gatwick was hit the hardest by the recession in 2008, COVID, yet to be felt Brexit (over 80% of flights are to Europe) and now lack of consumer confidence, frequent flyer tax, increase cost of fuel and climate change awareness of aviation's impact.
- **What about our air quality?** Little attention is being paid to air quality in our area. Dangerous small particles come from the airfield that cause serious health problems with larger particles from tyres on roads.

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has tightened its global air pollution standards. It was the organisation's first-ever update since 2005. The WHO says that policymakers around the world must use these guidelines to introduce policies to improve air quality and reduce the health burden that results from air pollution.

- o **Lack of amenities** – greater pressure for more housing on Sussex's' green fields, schooling, healthcare, etc.

* <https://www.gatwickairport.com/business-community/future-plans/northern-runway/documents>

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