

Memo (Agenda November 2021)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 1st November 2021 (week commencing 25th 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/21/2079 26.10.2021	Erection of a detached shed/summer house 2 Vaughan Copse, Mannings Heath	16.11.2021	Planning 04.11.2021
DISC/21/0281 14.10.2021	Approval of details reserved by conditions 3,4,5 and 7 to approved application DC/20/1840 Swallowfield Nursery, Church Road, Mannings Heath	Not available	Planning 04.11.2021
DC/21/1230 28.10.2021	Erection of a log cabin for rural worker. Stakers Gill Stud, Stakers Lane, Southwater	18.11.2021	FPC 17.11.2021

(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

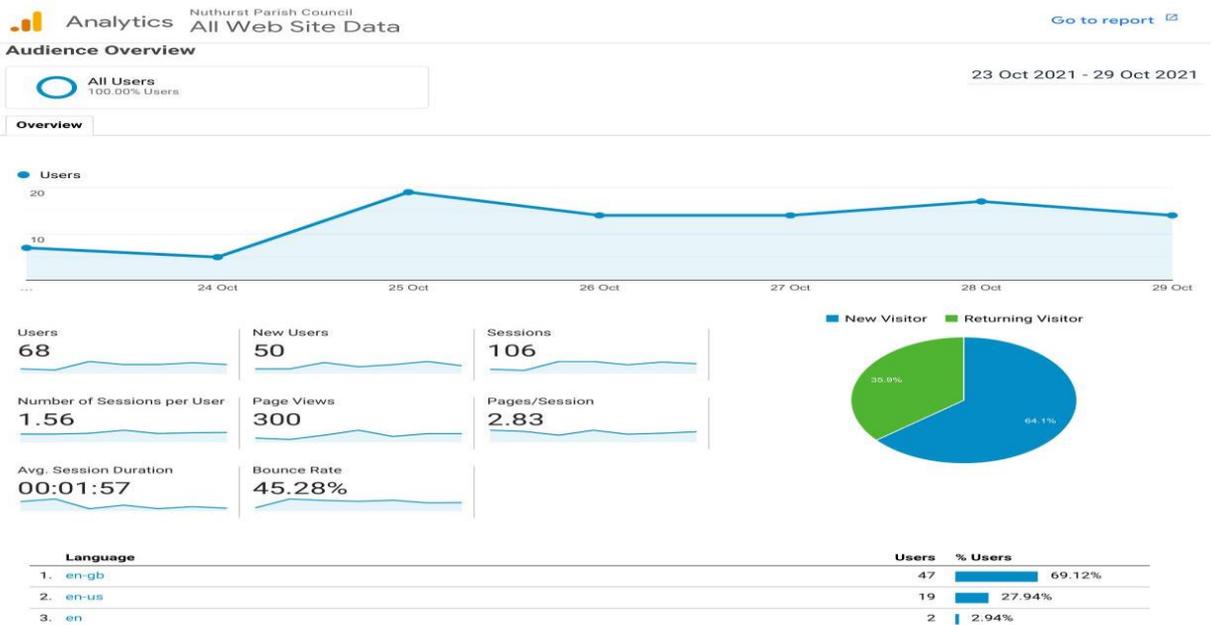
Number	Applicant & Reason	Planning Inspectorate

Community Speed Watch Data



Town/Parish Council Report for Nuthurst Parish Speedwatch Group - no data

Website Analytical Data



Email dated 28.10.2021

Latest News: Delay to the Horsham District Local Plan process



Thank you for signing up to receive updates on our review of the Horsham District Local Plan

We are reviewing our Local Plan for the Horsham District.

The Horsham District Local Plan sets out how the District will deliver developments in a sustainable way and support the delivery of community infrastructures, transport links and opportunities for local jobs.

News announcement: Further delay to the Horsham District Local Plan process

The extraordinary meetings of Cabinet and Full Council that were scheduled in November to consider the Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Local Plan have now been postponed.

This delay is due to the Council receiving a [Position Statement](#) on 14 September from Natural England, the national statutory body that oversees the management of wildlife and habitats across the UK.

The Position Statement advises that development proposals, such as new homes and commercial buildings, in the Sussex North Water Supply Zone should not be allowed at present, unless water neutrality can be demonstrated. This is due to a potential significant

impact on rare habitats in the Arun Valley, near Pulborough. Further information can be found on our [water neutrality webpage](#).

The Council is unable to ensure a sound and legally compliant Local Plan until more is known about the impacts on the Arun Valley Special Area of Conservation, and until a Water Neutrality Strategy for the area is developed.

The next steps

Horsham District Council will continue to work with the other affected local authorities; Crawley Borough Council, Chichester District Council, South Downs National Park and West Sussex County Council, as well as Southern Water, Natural England and the Environment on the issue of water neutrality as part of the [Local Plan Review Evidence Base](#).

Due to the unprecedented nature of this unexpected set of circumstances, the Council will need to wait until this partnership work is further progressed before the Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Local Plan can be published.

The Council will update the [Local Plan timetable](#) as soon as it is able to do so.

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Local Plan – Extraordinary Meeting

I am contacting you because you registered to speak at the last Extraordinary Council scheduled for 28 July, which was cancelled due to legal advice following changes to government policy.

The meeting scheduled for next month has now been cancelled because of issues surrounding water neutrality.

Last month Natural England submitted a Position Statement regarding water neutrality. The statement relates to the extraction of water from the Sussex North Water Supply Zone and

the impact this could have on a number of abstraction points in the Arun Valley, including locations such as Amberley Wild Brooks Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Pulborough Brooks SSSI and Arun Valley Special Protection Area/Special Area of Conservation and Ramsar site.

More details about the position statement and the implications of this on planning applications in Horsham District can be found on our website here:

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/water-neutrality-in-horsham-district>

Because of the above the Local Plan process has had to be delayed for the time being. Further information about this will be put on the Planning section of our website shortly.

Regards, **Elizabeth DePauley** Senior Democratic Services Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL
TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION

HAMMERPOND ROAD, PLUMMERS PLAIN

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) **Hammerpond Road, Plummers Plain** from junction with **Horsham Road to junction with Church Lane** is temporarily prohibited from **05/11/2021 at 09.30 until 05/11/2021 at 14.00**

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

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

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

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Dated **22 October 2021**

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Director of Highways, Transport and Planning



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11 things you need to know about the 2021 Autumn Budget

Yesterday, chancellor Rishi Sunak delivered his 2021 Autumn Budget and spending review settlement for the next three years. Here are 11 planning-related things you need to know about the announcement.

1. The government has confirmed £65 million of funding for English local authorities to create a "new digital system" to "improve the planning regime".

The Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021 document published yesterday by the Treasury states that, as part of a wider housing settlement up to 2025/26 (one year after the 2021 spending review ends), there will be "an additional £65 million investment to improve the planning regime, through a new digital system which will ensure more certainty and better outcomes for the environment, growth and quality of design". A briefing note issued by the Treasury earlier this week trailed the announcement and said the £65 million investment will be "rolled out" in a "first phase of delivery" to "up to 175" English local authorities. The funding, it said, would "support the digital transformation of the planning system, through development of new software". More details [here](#).

2. There was no mention of the government's long-awaited changes to the planning system announced in last year's white paper.

Ministers had promised a response to a consultation on last summer's planning white paper and a new planning bill this autumn, but there was no mention of this anywhere in the chancellor's speech or the accompanying budget document. The housing secretary Michael Gove this week said he was still "considering" all the responses to last year's consultation on the planning white paper "and will make an announcement on next steps in due course". More details [here](#).

3. Some £1.8 billion of funding has been promised with the aim of unlocking the delivery of 160,000 homes on brownfield and "underused" land across England.

The Treasury's budget document announced an investment of £1.8 billion for housing supply between now and 2025/26. The settlement includes £1.5 billion to "regenerate underused land and deliver transport links and community facilities, unlocking 160,000 homes in total". In addition, there is £300 million of "locally-led grant funding that will be distributed to mayoral combined authorities and local authorities to unlock smaller brownfield sites for housing and improve communities in line with their priorities". More details [here](#).

4. The Treasury has commissioned its infrastructure advisory body to produce a study on "on the effective management of surface water flooding in England", looking at areas including "spatial and development planning".

The Budget document says the government wants the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) - the government agency responsible for advising the government on infrastructure challenges - to produce a report "on the effective management of surface water flooding in England". "This will assess the current approaches to managing surface water and consider the role of a range of interventions including both traditional built infrastructure and nature-based solutions," it says. More details [here](#).

5. The NIC's role has been revised to reflect the government's net zero and biodiversity improvement aims.

The Treasury announced that it has adjusted the remit of its infrastructure advisory body to reflect the government's environmental objectives, including its 2050 net gain target and measures in the Environment Bill. The Budget document states: "To reflect the introduction of legally binding climate targets, the NIC will now have an additional objective to consider how its advice can support climate resilience and the transition to net zero carbon emissions by 2050. It will also consider potential interactions between its infrastructure recommendations, the government's legal target to halt biodiversity loss by 2030 and implementing biodiversity net gain." More details [here](#).

6. The budget reiterated an £11.5 billion investment through the Affordable Homes Programme (2021-26), of which £7.5 billion is over the spending review period between 2022-23 and 2024-25.

The government described it as "the largest cash investment in a decade" to deliver up to 180,000 affordable homes. This affordable housing funding was first announced in the 2020 spending review in September last year. Today's budget document added that "around two thirds" of this funding will be for homes outside London. More details [here](#).

7. There will be a £4.8 billion increase in local government grant funding over three years, which some in the sector believe could help over-stretched council planning teams.

The budget document states: "The government is providing councils with £4.8 billion of new grant funding over the [Spending Review 2021] period for social care and other services." It described this as "the largest annual increases in local government core funding in over a decade". More details [here](#).

8. The rate of a proposed new residential development tax, which some in the sector are worried will impact viability, was confirmed.

The residential property developer tax will be charged on developers of housing schemes with profits of over £25 million from April 2022 and will be used to contribute to the cost of sorting out the unsafe cladding crisis in housing blocks. In yesterday's budget, the chancellor announced today that the rate of the tax will be 4 per cent. It will be raised through a surcharge on the corporation tax paid by companies engaged in residential development activity, which includes the selling of land "where planning permission is being sought or

has been granted for residential property development". More details on the proposal and concerns about it [here](#).

9. The government has announced a £5.7 billion investment package for transport improvements in English city regions.

The budget document says the government is "delivering an unprecedented £5.7 billion investment package over five years for London-style integrated transport settlements that will transform local networks in eight English city regions, subject to the creation of appropriate governance to agree and deliver funding". The chancellor also announced £35 billion for railways over the three-year spending review period, including for HS2, and £24 billion for "strategic roads" between 2020/21 and 2024/25. More details [here](#).

10. The first local infrastructure projects to be funded by the £4.8 billion multi-department "Levelling Up Fund" have been revealed.

According to the budget document, the 2021 spending review settlement has announced "the first 105 places to receive funding for local transport, cultural assets and regeneration from the £4.8 billion Levelling Up Fund".

11. The Labour Party has questioned the government's housing delivery promises, describing the latest proposed figures as "very low".

Speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, Labour MP Dame Meg Hillier said: "The government promised 1 million new homes over the Parliament, and they had said 300,000 a year, so they are already watering down the promise on the number of homes." She said the latest spending review commitments suggested that up to 2024/25 an even lower rate would be completed. She said there is "enough to deliver 180,000 affordable homes, and we can add the 160,000 homes being built through mayoral combined authority and local authority funding". "We are still getting very low figures," the MP added



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**Email dated 29.10.2021 from NALC
Chief Executives Bulletin**

NALC Annual General Meeting

Changing our constitution to replace the term chairman with chair was among several

key decisions taken at one of our most important events of the year on 26 October, the Annual General Meeting (AGM), attended by over 120 representatives of county associations – here’s a summary:

- Our chair, Cllr Sue Baxter, proposed and spoke passionately to a motion on behalf of the National Assembly that the term chairman in the NALC constitution is replaced with the gender-neutral term chair. The motion was overwhelmingly supported, and the constitution and all governance documents and policies will now be updated.
- Leading climate science expert Professor Chris Rapley from University College London gave a keynote speech on climate change. This was live-streamed on our Facebook page and is also available for you to [watch again](#).
- In presenting the annual report for 2020/21, Sue delivered a speech in which she gave several thanks, reflected on her last five years as chair, outlined many achievements during that time and set out some of the challenges ahead. Our vice-chair (member services), Cllr Mike Drew and vice-chair (finance), Cllr Keith Stevens, also presented highlights before the adoption of the annual report and audited accounts.
- The AGM agreed on an affiliation fee for 2022/23 of 7.49p per elector, with a cap at £1,920 for the largest councils - this represents an increase of 1%.
- Another change to the constitution was the introduction of the new roles of vice president (parliamentary) and vice president (working). The AGM [appointed cross-party parliamentarians to presidential roles](#): president - Baroness Scott of Needham Market (Lib Dem) president; vice presidents - Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (Green), Andrew Gwynne MP (Labour), Lord O’Shaughnessy (Conservative) and Lord Lytton (cross-bencher); and Sue was appointed vice president (working).

NALC events in the run-up to COP26

Professor Chris Rapley’s speech to the AGM was one of a series of events this week in the run-up to the start of COP26 as part of NALC’s campaign on climate change:

- Our new research report on [‘What can local councils do on climate change?’](#) paints a picture of how climate change is being tackled by local (parish and town) councils and identifies the challenges they face. I was quite struck by some of the headlines showing that, while over a third of councils have declared a climate emergency, many feel too small to affect change due to a lack of expertise, finance, and power to act. These are issues our ongoing work on climate change will need to focus on to ensure councils have the support they need to take action locally.
- Levelling up the environment and biodiversity was the theme for our sold out online event on 27 October. Huge thanks to Luke Perkins from [BHIB Councils Insurance](#) for hosting this fantastic event which heard from biodiversity expert

Professor Dave Goulson (whose recorded talk you can watch on YouTube [here](#)) and Edmund Gemmell from Scientists Warning Europe, who is also a councillor on Hazlemere Parish Council in Buckinghamshire. Do check out our [events page](#) for our upcoming events, including Future Communities on 2 December and in the New Year on the levelling up white paper, geological disposal and community safety.

- We have called on the government to involve local councils in shaping new Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRs) and plans to save ecology and protect biodiversity in their areas. You can read more in our [news story](#).

Autumn Budget and spending review

The chancellor of the exchequer presented his Autumn Budget and Spending Review to parliament on 27 October 2021. He outlined the government's spending plans for the next three years by setting budgets for each central government department. You can read Sue's initial reaction [here](#). The full set of documents is available on the [Treasury website](#), and below is a summary of some key points for local government, including local councils:

- A real terms boost to departmental spending of £90 billion over three years, with departmental spending set to grow at 3.8% a year on average over this parliament – a cash increase of £150 billion a year by 2024/25.
- Local government received its first increase in core revenue funding in over a decade of £4.8 billion over three years.
- A 3% increase in spending power of principal councils, although this will also be dependent on council tax rises.
- The public sector pay freeze has been ended, and the National Living Wage has been increased 6.6% from £8.91 an hour to £9.50.
- The chancellor used the Budget to announce the projects and places receiving funding from the first round of the Levelling Up Fund and Community Ownership Fund.
- The referendum threshold for increases in council tax is expected to remain at 2%, and councils with social care responsibilities are expected to be able to increase the adult social care precept by up to 1% per year.
- There was no announcement about the future of the fair funding review, the move to further business rates retention, the business rates reset, reform to new homes bonus or whether local government can expect a three-year local government finance settlement.
- The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) will set out full details of the council tax referendum principles and proposed approach to allocating grant funding through finance settlement.

- The *Levelling Up White Paper* will be published by the end of the year, setting out in more detail the framework and next steps towards levelling up opportunities and boosting livelihoods across the country.
- There was also no announcement on Community Renewal Fund projects, which are the pilots for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- Investment in sports facilities over the spending review period of £205 million to transform grassroots football infrastructure and multi-use sports facilities and £22 million to refurbish public tennis courts.
- And investment of £560 million in youth services.

Survey on fixed penalty notices

Do have your say on the impact of fixed penalty notices on littering behaviour through a **survey** being conducted by the Scarab Trust and Essex School of Law. This follows recent research demonstrating that sometimes too harsh an approach to litter enforcement can be counterproductive and inadvertently make things worse!

Meetings with government officials

As well as representing the sector's interests direct to government ministers, NALC also, as you would expect, engages with civil servants to influence policymaking. This week the DLUHC Communities Partnership Board met to discuss the government's plans for levelling up and the Community Ownership Fund. It is clear new ministers are rethinking quite a lot of policy areas, and we can now expect the white paper later this year; in the meantime, NALC will be continuing to highlight the sector's role. Another opportunity this week to speak to policymakers was through the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs stakeholder forum, which facilitates regular discussions between the department and rural stakeholders on the issues faced by rural residents, communities and businesses.

Localis webinar on net-zero regeneration

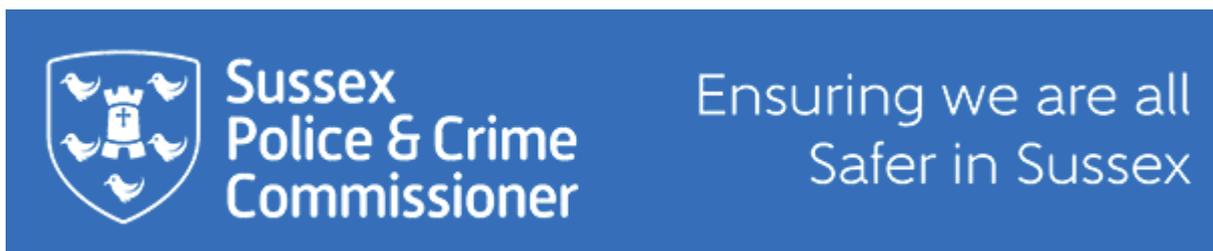
Building sustainably in the era of net-zero is likely to be an issue of how, as much as where, we live. What future do we wish to create for the society we wish to build our lives into? And how might planning, design and the politics of placemaking optimise the intrinsic connection between our physical environment and social lives? Our colleagues at the think tank Localis are holding a free **webinar** on 1 December to explore all these issues and more, with speakers including the Royal Town Planning Institute, Exeter City Living, Collida and Connected Places Catapult.

And finally...

It was great to see local councils among the winners at the recent **National Association of British Market Authorities' Market Awards**. Congratulations to Mark Hill from Devizes Town Council on being crowned Market Manager of the Year for Small Markets, to Saffron Walden Town Council on winning Market Team of the Year

for Smaller Markets and to Daryl Chambers from Bridport Town Council on his Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Email dated 29.10.2021 from Sussex Police
Seeing Safer Streets in action**



Today I visited Eastbourne to see the results of safety improvement work carried out using money secured by my office in the first round of the government's Safer Streets Fund.



A partnership including my office, Eastbourne Borough Council, Sussex Police and local volunteer action group 3VA, identified that the Redoubt area of the town had much higher than average rates of acquisitive crime - such as shoplifting and burglary - and that residents felt "less belonging to their local area".

Thanks to the Safer Streets funding, 30 new CCTV cameras have been installed, free locks were fitted on 103 homes and multiple alleyways were cleared and/or fitted with new gates to improve safety.

I was pleased to visit a number of businesses and a retirement housing complex to see how the changes had made a difference to them. Jane and Sue from the Seaside Community Hub told me how new locks had helped to improve security and their own sense of safety, while Tom from Sainsburys Local showed me their new outdoor CCTV cameras and spoke about how the system had helped to reduce instances of anti-social behaviour and shoplifting.

Oliver Jones, Strategy and Project Manager for Eastbourne Borough Council said: "We've undertaken a variety of practical and physical measures which has included providing

security packages and working closely with businesses. Feedback has been really, really positive and it's really helped to give people more pride in their area."

I look forward to sharing the video from this visit with you in next week's newsletter. In the meantime, please do watch the video of my visit last week to our newly-expanded Rural Crime Team.

MORE POLICE OFFICERS TO KEEP US SAFER

The Home Office announced earlier this week that over half of the promised 20,000 additional police officers have now been recruited as part of Operation Uplift to help cut crime and keep neighbourhoods safer. To date, in Sussex we have received 182 new police officers under the government's programme.

Forces have also seen more women joining the ranks to tackle criminals and protect the public from harm and, over the last year, Sussex Police was one of eight forces to have recruited more women than men.

Nationally there are also more Black, Asian and minority ethnic officers employed across forces than at any other time in our country's history.

Martin Hewitt, chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council said: "There is still much more to do as we work to build trust and confidence and continued investment into recruitment of additional police officers will support this."

Finally, you may have seen my email earlier this week about the vacancy for a new member of the Joint Audit Committee (JAC). The Chief Constable and I are looking for someone who has experience in either the public, private or third sector and can advise on the following:

- The risk management framework;
- The internal control environment;
- Financial reporting;
- Effective governance processes; and
- Internal audit and external audit.

Successful applicants will receive training and a small financial contribution for their time and any travel expenses.

You can find further information for this role, as well as details of how to apply, on the vacancies page of the website.

The closing date is midday on Wednesday 10 November 2021.



Katy Bourne OBE
Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



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Email dated 29.10.2021 from Sussex Police
Cyber Crime Survey 2021

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Cyber Crime Survey 2021

Fraud and cyber crime are the most common criminal offences in the UK. Analysis of Action Fraud reports showed that 86% of frauds had a cyber element to them. As the threat from cyber crime continues to grow and evolve, it's important to remember one thing - **most of it can be prevented.** By following just a few practical steps, you can make it harder for cyber criminals to get into your devices and online accounts.

In order to better understand what steps you are already taking to stay secure online, we would be grateful if you would please complete the short survey we have created. Your answers will help us to determine what areas of online security we need to focus

on over the coming months.

Please note:

- *The survey is completely anonymous and we don't ask you for any personal information.*
- *Survey answers will not be shared with any third parties.*

Survey link – <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/cybercrimesurvey2021/>

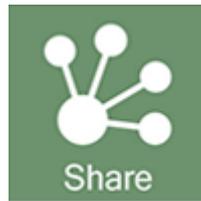
Thank you for helping us improve our response to fraud and cyber crime in the UK.

Kind regards, Action Fraud Team

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Email dated 28.10.2021 from WSCC

Your latest news on Covid-19 - Happy Halloween - and more



Stay safe this Halloween



Make the most of the spookiest night of the year this Sunday by ensuring you have fun but still stay safe.

Covid-19 hasn't gone away, and cases are currently on the rise in West Sussex. It's still being transmitted in our communities, and the risks are still with us.

So help #KeepWestSussexSafe this Halloween by meeting outdoors and keep as safe as possible by remembering the hands, face and space guidance. If you do meet indoors, let fresh air in and also consider wearing a face covering if you are indoors with a lot of people you don't usually spend time with.

If you are taking part in Trick or Treat:

Home owners -

- Leave small individual bags of sweets rather than a 'free for all tub'
- Use only individually wrapped sweets, leave them out (at a distance) rather than presenting it at the door each time
- Clean the bell/door knocker regularly
- Do not participate if the household is self-isolating.

Trick or treaters -

- Leave distance between yourselves and other groups
- Carry hand sanitiser and use regularly
- Avoid wearing gloves (they can't be cleaned as easily or regularly as hands)
- Keep groups small and ensure all members are symptom free
- Step back from door once knocked on
- Do not accept/eat treats not individually wrapped.

Our West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is also urging people to take extra care around candles and other naked flames.

Always check the labels on any fancy-dress outfits you buy and see what fire resistance they offer, and stay well away from fire at all times. In the event of clothing catching fire, always remember to STOP, DROP and ROLL!

Replace those tealights or candles with battery powered lights instead – it's far safer all round for everyone involved.

Stay safe this Halloween

Keep testing!

[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.

- [Please click here](#) to find the local Covid-19 cases summary data.

More local Covid-19 advice and information

Latest local vaccination update

Covid-19 autumn boosters - are you due yours?

This autumn, everyone aged 50 and over and people aged 16 and over with a health condition that puts them at high risk of Covid-19, are being offered a booster jab.

If you are in these groups, you will be eligible when you reach six months or 182 days from the date of your second vaccine.

Clinics and walk in sessions are already underway and thousands of people have already received this vital protection ahead of winter.

If you are eligible, there are four ways to get your booster vaccine:

1. You will be invited by the National Booking System (NBS) to use the national website or phone 119 to book after six months (by letter, email or text).
2. You will be contacted by your local team to book an appointment directly or to invite you to use the NBS (by letter, email or text).
3. Come to a walk-in session when you reach six months (182 days).
4. You can try the NBS after 190 days (six months and a week) from your second vaccine without an invitation.

Please do not call your GP practice. In many cases they are working with joint teams to run local services and are not directly responsible.

Click the button below for more information, or if you prefer to speak to someone, you can call the Vaccine Enquiry Line for Sussex on 0800 433 4545 (open 9am – 4pm, Monday to Friday).

[Your questions answered on the Autumn Booster jab](#)

Vaccinations for 12-17 year olds

To get their Covid-19 vaccines 16 and 17 year-olds can use the [National Booking System](#) or call 119 to book an appointment this half term. They can also go to any walk-in service. They are still currently only eligible for one vaccine.

Vaccination appointments for 12 to 15 year-olds can also now be booked through the [National Booking System](#) or call 119. This is in addition to the school visits, and



specific follow up sessions being arranged by the schools immunisation team over the half term for schools they have already visited.

[More info about jobs for 12 - 17 year-olds](#)

COP26 is starting soon!



COP26 is about to begin. It's the 26th UN Conference of Parties, from 31 October to 12 November in Glasgow.

It brings together world leaders in an event many believe to be the world's last best chance to get runaway climate change under control.

What are we doing in West Sussex?

The county council is aiming to reach net-zero by 2030.

In the past decade, the council has more than halved its carbon emissions through measures including switching to LED lighting in our buildings. We have also invested in renewable energy, building two solar farms and installing solar panels on a range of our corporate buildings, including libraries and administration hubs.

Get involved with #WestSussexClimateAction

Throughout COP26, we'll be posting regular updates on social media and letting you know how our plans align with each of the daily #COP26 topics. So, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to view our updates.

You can view our [Climate Change Strategy Annual Report here](#).

[Read about West Sussex renewable energy projects here](#)

Chance to ask questions at online Forum

Here's your chance to virtually meet your local county councillors and ask any questions you have related to council issues in your community.

County Local Forums will be run online for an hour via MS Teams during November and December.

If you are unsure which Forum you should attend, you can find the [information for your local district or borough](#) on our website.

If you would like to attend your local session virtually or ask a question, email talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk. Anyone who would like to ask a question is requested to email at least two days before the planned session as having the questions in advance will help ensure questions can be answered fully in the meeting.

If you aren't able to attend the sessions but would still like to ask a question you can email and officers will ensure a response is sent back to you.



[Click here to see the full list of dates and times](#)

More news...

- Our Trading Standards team have warned shopkeepers they will take [urgent action against them if they are found to be selling alcohol and tobacco to underage customers](#). The warning follows a series of test purchases by Trading Standards in which two 17-year-olds and a 15-year-old attempted to buy cigarettes and alcohol from shops in Bognor Regis, Crawley, Haywards Heath, Littlehampton and Worthing.
- Our West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service is [urging people to take extra care when carrying out DIY projects](#). Last year firefighters attended more than 70 incidents in the county related to DIY – including fires started by faulty electrical wiring, battery chargers, and welding.



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View 'Living well in your community: your West Sussex Care Guide 2021/22' online.

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Email dated 28.10.2021 from WSCC
Verges' potential explored to help tackle biodiversity crisis

news release

Verges' potential explored to help tackle biodiversity crisis



An innovative, joint project is exploring the potential for grass verges to become important havens for wildflowers, insects and pollinators to help tackle the biodiversity crisis.

The three-year pilot scheme is being spearheaded by a partnership of West Sussex County Council and the South Downs National Park Authority.

The research will focus on the potential benefits of removing grass cuttings (known as arisings) from the grass verges alongside our roads.

Traditionally, verges are mown and the grass cuttings are left on the ground to decompose, enriching the soil which encourages coarser grasses to dominate and outcompete any wildflowers.

Removing the arisings means that the soil is not enriched with nutrients. Without the soil enrichment, a variety of wildflowers are able to grow and provide habitat for bees, butterflies and other insects.

The process of removing arisings during cutting, using a special machine-cutting equipment, is being trialled by West Sussex County Council at verges in the Chichester District of the National Park, including Midhurst, Rogate, Bury and Lurgashall.

The National Park Authority, working with ecological surveyors The Ecology Co-Op, will be leading on the biodiversity monitoring over the next three years. The surveys will look at the impact of the “cut and collect” system on the diversity of flora and fauna.

Andy Beattie, a Countryside Policy Manager and who is leading the project for the National Park Authority, said: “This is a really exciting pilot project to see whether this fairly simple change to how our verges are cut can give nature a real boost.

“There’s strong evidence that pollinators everywhere have struggled in the past four decades, with a recent study showing that a third of British wild bees and hoverflies are in decline. Without action, some of these species that are vital for biodiversity and food production could even become extinct nationally.

“The good news is that grass verges full of wildflowers can act as ‘highways’ for these pollinators, providing much-needed habitat and also linking up their foraging areas.

“We’re looking forward to seeing the results of this trial and seeing how it complements our wider nature recovery strategy for the National Park. Wildflower-rich verges could become a real driver for nature recovery and could potentially be an important aspect of our ReNature initiative to create new habitat that is managed for nature.”

Joy Dennis, County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, said: “I’m looking forward to seeing the results from this pilot scheme which, if successful, could be expanded.

“I know that other local authorities, such as Dorset, have been running cut and collect over several years and found that changing the way grass verges are managed can increase biodiversity significantly.”

Deborah Urquhart, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, said: “This is set to be another boost for the County Council’s [Pollinator Action Plan](#) and our commitment to help conserve the UK’s pollinators. It dovetails perfectly with our other initiatives, such as our [Community Road Verges and Notable Road Verges](#) schemes.”

The cut and collect approach can also mean that less grass cutting is needed in the long-term, as grass isn’t allowed to out-compete all other plants and therefore doesn’t grow as long.

Notes to Editors

- Report on bee study by Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) - www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-47698294
 - For more information on ReNature visit www.southdowns.gov.uk/renature/
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Email dated 28.10.2021 from NALC
NALC Publishes new report on climate change



New publication

NALC has published its new report on what can local councils do on climate change.

The report aimed to paint an accurate picture of how climate change is being tackled by local (parish and town) councils and identify the challenges they face. In doing so, NALC can better understand how to support local councils in creating more sustainable communities.

The research found that 38% of participating councils had already declared a climate emergency and a further 8% were pending declaration. An identifiable trend of the report found that councils who had made such declarations were more likely to take positive action on climate change.

However, local councils overwhelming challenge is that they feel too small to affect change due to a lack of expertise, finance, and power to act. 69% of councils needed guidance to apply for grants and subsidies, and a further 58% reported a need for improved skills and training.

NALC is committed to guiding and supporting local councils in accessing funding, expertise and

power to influence to tackle climate change within their communities.

NALC collected data from local councils across England over four months through an online survey of 211 respondents.

[Read the full report](#)

Email dated 28.10.2021 from WSCC
Horsham County Local Forum - 10 November 2021



Horsham County Local Forum

You are subscribed to receive **County Council** email alerts on the **West Sussex County Council** website.

Do you have a question for your local County Councillors?

The first Horsham County Local Forum is due to take place virtually, via MS Teams, on Wednesday 10 November from 6.00pm.

If you would like to attend your local session virtually or ask a question, you can email talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk. Anyone who would like to ask a question is requested to email at least two working days before the planned session as having the questions in advance will help ensure questions can be answered fully in the meeting.

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**Email dated 27.05.2021 from Gatwick Airport Ltd
Gatwick In Touch Newsletter Edition 5**

Good Afternoon

We would like to share with you our latest [newsletter](#) with the airport's latest news and announcements for the parish, town and neighbourhood councils around Gatwick.

Kind regards, Melanie

Melanie Wrightson
Stakeholder Engagement Manager
7th Floor, Destinations Place

**Email dated 27.10.2021 from WSCC
Meet your local County Councillor at the next virtual County Local**



news release

Meet your local County Councillor at the next virtual County Local Forum

This November and December, West Sussex residents have the opportunity to meet their local County Councillors virtually and ask any questions they have on county council-related business.

The sessions will be run via MS Teams on the following days:

- Monday 8 November 2021, 6pm -7pm - Arun County Local Forum
- Wednesday 10 November 2021, 6pm – 7pm - Horsham County Local Forum
- Thursday 11 November 2021, 6pm – 7pm - Crawley County Local Forum
- Monday 15 November 2021, 6.30pm – 7.30pm - Worthing County Local Forum
- Thursday 18 November 2021, 6pm -7pm - Adur County Local Forum
- Wednesday 24 November 2021, 6pm -7pm - Chichester County Local Forum
- Wednesday 1 December 2021, 7pm – 8pm - Mid Sussex County Local Forum

Each forum is designed to cover the entire district or borough area.

If you are unsure of which County Local Forum you need to attend, visit www.westsussex.gov.uk and search for 'district and borough councils' where you can type in your postcode to find out.

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**Email dated 27.10.2021 from NALC
NALC Newsletter**

News

NALC appoints new president

NALC has **appointed a cross-party group of parliamentarians** in its presidential roles at its Annual General Meeting on 26 October 2021.

News

NALC meets new levelling up minister

NALC **met with Neil O'Brien MP** and highlighted the crucial role of local councils in their communities and levelling up the country.

News

Involve local councils in shaping LNRs

NALC has **urged the government** to involve local (parish and town) councils in shaping Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRs) in their areas.

New publication

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NALC has published a **new report** on what can local councils do on climate change — the report looks at what councils are doing and the challenges they face.

New blog

New blog by Countryside

In our [latest blog](#), Countryside talk about creating sustainable communities that go beyond just building houses.

Email dated 27.10.2021 from Natural Flood Management Project for the River Adur Natural Flood Management - River Adur

Further to my email below sent back in September, in light of the recent heavy rain it would be really great to engage with your local parish and find out if anyone has been adversely affected by flooding. I have included a link to our [leaflet](#) to this email which has some further information on our project.

If you have any questions or would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, Tara

Tara Dawson
Natural Flood Management Project Officer for the River Adur
Ouse and Adur Rivers Trust
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Email dated 26.05.2021 from Sussex Police Independent Audit Committee Member Vacancy



Can you help to advise me and the Chief Constable about how topics such as risk management, audit, financial reporting and corporate governance operate in Sussex?

We are looking for someone with suitable experience to join the Joint Audit Committee (JAC) which meets five times a year.



The JAC provides independent assurance and helps to ensure efficient, effective and adequate assurance arrangements are in place.

You can read about the work of the JAC, its terms of reference and see the meeting papers by [visiting my website](#).

APPLY BY MIDDAY ON 10 NOVEMBER

The Chief Constable and I are looking for someone who has experience in either the public, private or third sector and can advise on the following:

- The risk management framework;
- The internal control environment;
- Financial reporting;
- Effective governance processes; and
- Internal audit and external audit.

Successful applicants will receive training and a small financial contribution for their time and any travel expenses.

You can find further information for this role, as well as details of how to apply, on the [vacancies page of the website](#).

The closing date is midday on Wednesday 10 November 2021.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Katy'.

Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



SHARE WITH A FRIEND

HAVE YOUR SAY IN OUR LATEST POLL

Email dated 26.05.2021 from Neighbourhood Watch Keep Your Home Safe and Secure This Autumn

This week we launched our autumn burglary campaign, sharing crime prevention advice on how to protect your homes and outbuildings as we approach the clocks going back this weekend.

With longer nights drawing in, we want residents to think about the hidden security risks around their homes, and make it more difficult for opportunist burglary.

Sussex remains a safe place to live and work. Our burglary solved rate has increased over the last few months and we continue to concentrate our efforts to catch criminals and protect our communities from this crime type.

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Chief Inspector Alasdair Henry, said: "Having your property burgled can be one of the most upsetting and destructive crimes to occur and we are committed to do all we can to reduce this crime and catch those responsible.

"Sussex is a safe county and suffers from relatively low levels of burglary and we intend to work to continue to make our county an inhospitable place for burglars to operate."

To protect your property, you can find practical prevention tips on the Sussex Police website to:

- Protect your home including information on door and window locks
- Keep burglars out of your property
- Keep your shed or garage safe and secure
- Access to all information on protecting your home from crime.

Find burglary crime prevention advice [here](#).

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

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Sussex Police (Police, Force-wide message, Sussex)

Email dated 26.10.2021 from HDC

Recycling and waste news: A-Z of recycling | 1-2-3 trial update | Halloween recycling tips



Recycling and waste

for the Horsham District

A-Z of recycling

Find out what waste items you can recycle, the bin you need to use or which Recycling Centre you can take it to using [West Sussex County Council's A to Z of recycling](#).

You can search and filter the results to find a specific item you have a question about, or look at a particular item category like [plastics](#).

Visit the A-Z



1-2-3 collection trial: Week 4 update

For the past four weeks we have been working with 100 households in the Horsham District to trial a collections service that includes separate weekly food waste and Absorbent Hygiene Product (AHP) collections.

The households, who have already been chosen and contacted, include family households, single-occupancy homes and flats.

It's week four of the trial, and so far we can confirm we have collected 800kg of food waste.

This is a fantastic start and diverts all the food waste from landfill. Once the food waste has been collected it will be taken to an Anaerobic Digester. This is a large tank in which the food breaks down into biofertilizer for use on the land, and a biogas, which can be used for generating energy.



Halloween recycling tips

The spooky season is almost upon us, and sadly each year according to [Hubbub](#) 12.8 million pumpkins go to waste. This is a huge amount of food waste, and got us thinking about other things we could do to reduce waste at HALloween. Here are three top tips from the team:

- **Swap your costumes** Instead of buying new kids' costumes, why not swap costumes with friends or family this year? Perhaps a group of you could get together and set up a Halloween swap shop
- Choose treats with recyclable wrappers Not all confectionery wrappers are recyclable. Check out the [Terracycle Confectionary Recycling Scheme](#) and [Sussex Green Living](#) for local confectionary packet recycling points
- And of course, **rescue your pumpkin!** As part of their Pumpkin Rescue campaign, Hubbub have some great [pumpkin recipes](#) available



Recycle your batteries on your bin collection day

Recycle your batteries on your bin collection day with our simple collection service.

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

Check what batteries we can and cannot accept on our [Batteries recycling webpage](#).

Batteries recycling



Litter-pick this half term with Adopt a Street

We're always so pleased when we hear that Horsham District's children are interested in taking part in litter-picks and protecting our environment. The Smith family signed up to our Adopt A Street scheme last year and we sent them all the kit they needed to go out litter-picking.

"As a family we generally collect two large sacks of rubbish every outing. Our kids really enjoy it and won't go out without their litter pickers now!" says Adam.



Join Adopt a Street



Stay connected



Parkside, Chart Way, Horsham,
West Sussex,
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Email dated 26.10.2021 from HDOPF

MP Question Time 5th November - can be viewed at Age UK Lavinia House

I am pleased to tell you that should you wish, you can also take part in the MP Question Time event, 10.30am on Friday 5th November with Jeremy Quin MP, in person at Age UK, Lavinia House, Dukes Square, Horsham (behind the Drill Hall in Denne Road) where the one hour zoom event will be 'live streamed'.

The event will take place in the Lavinia House, Activity room. There is plenty of room. Tea & coffee will be available. Parking is available. See Bob Cusack on arrival for a car park ticket to display.

If you wish to attend either via zoom or by attending the event at Lavinia House, please, if you haven't already, let me know.

I have drawn up the attached list of questions received so far which we hope to get through in the hour we have with Mr Quin.

I will be sending out the zoom joining information to those who have informed me they wish to attend via zoom, nearer the day.

I also draw your attention to our latest Forum initiative to help tackle loneliness- '[Chatty Cafes](#)' with an article in [this week's WSCT](#) Please consider giving this simple but brilliant idea your support. What could you easily do to promote it?

Thank you for your valued interest and support of the Horsham District Older Peoples Forum.

We look forward to seeing you on Friday 5th November.

Martin Bruton
Chairman
[Horsham District Older Peoples Forum](#)

**Email dated 26.10.2021 from Gatwick Airport Ltd
Gatwick Northern Runway Project**

On 9th September, Gatwick Airport launched a 12-week public consultation on proposals to bring the existing Northern Runway into routine use alongside our Main Runway.

We are keen to remind you that we have now reached the halfway point of the consultation: the deadline for submission of responses is 11.59pm on 1st December.

Since the launch, we have embarked on a comprehensive programme of engagement so that everyone – resident, community group, business, elected representative – has a chance to tell us what they think of our plans.

- Our Mobile Project Office has been out on the road to 25 locations, distributing materials to local communities and booking individuals onto 'Call the Expert' telephone surgeries to discuss their particular queries with the project team.
- We have held virtual briefings for over 150 stakeholders, which include a short presentation on a topic of specific interest, followed by a Q&A discussion.
- At the same time, hard copies of all consultation documents have been made available at 18 deposit points across the region. Additionally, our website [Northern Runway and our Future Plans | Gatwick Airport LGW](#) hosts a comprehensive virtual exhibition, as well as all the key consultation documents and a questionnaire. It also contains details of the 18 deposit points and the MPO visit schedule.

If you have not yet booked a virtual briefing, we would encourage you to do so. They provide a great opportunity to learn more about our plans, helping to inform your responses while allowing us to better understand concerns. If this would be of interest, a virtual briefing can be booked at info@gatwickfutureplans.com.

We would also be delighted if you were able to share the details of our consultation with your members or constituents. This would supplement our comprehensive information programme on social media.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the team by emailing info@gatwickfutureplans.com

Gatwick Northern Runway Project Team

**Email dated 25.10.2021 from HDC
Planning Committee (North) agenda**

Monday, 25th October, 2021, 10.23 am - Agenda published: Meeting of Tuesday, 2nd November, 2021 5.30 pm, Planning Committee (North).

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

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

There are no items in the parish on the agenda

Email dated 25.10.2021 from WSCC

West Sussex gets share of Safer Streets Funding



news release

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As part of the Government's Safer Streets Fund, West Sussex County Council has been awarded a share of nearly £1 million to help women and girls feel safer on the county's streets.

Working in partnership with the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Sussex Police, Brighton and Hove City Council and East Sussex County Council, the money will be used to campaign, educate and train individuals to help support resident's safety in West Sussex and in the wider Sussex area.

The full programme of support will include:

- A whole school, preventative approach for West Sussex educational settings to facilitate learning that underpins healthy relationships, gender stereotyping and protective behaviours.
- Developing and launching a Safe Space Sussex app which will allow people to find safe spaces, record sound and video and generate contact with a friend or family member.
- 'Bystander to upstander' sessions targeted in key locations to support members of the public to feel more confident in recognising and challenging misogynistic behaviour in their everyday lives.
- Running schemes to provide volunteers, such as street pastors, street angels and beach patrols with equipment to provide safe spaces and a presence in key locations to reduce offences. In West Sussex, these schemes will take place in Crawley, Worthing, East Grinstead and Billingshurst.
- A Sussex wide 'Violence Against Women and Girls' campaign targeting men and boys which will be run by the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner in partnership with Local Authorities and Sussex Police.
- Provision of eight re-deployable CCTV units for crime hotspot locations which are considered areas where incidents are more likely to take place.

- Three Violence Against Women and Girls Community Navigators who will provide each Local Authority area in Sussex with a dedicated individual to support the Safer Streets programme in that location.

Duncan Crow, West Sussex County Council Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue, said: “Our Communities Team has been working alongside Sussex Police and the Police & Crime Commissioner for the last six months to put together a bid for the latest round of the Safer Street Fund which has a particular emphasis on the safety of women and girls. From this bid we are really pleased that the partnership has been awarded nearly £1 million.

“We all know the importance of women and girls feeling safer in their own communities, but we must keep the focus on unacceptable violence by men. This is a really important piece of work for us and something that has become even more vital since the appalling murders of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa, that have highlighted the fears that so many women and girls around the country face.

“Safeguarding our residents has always been a key priority for the council and this money, and the activities planned with it, will go a long way to making sure that our county, and the whole of Sussex, can help make women and girls feel as safe as possible in their own neighbourhoods and surrounding areas.”

Alongside the wider work across the county and Sussex, the bid to the Safer Streets Fund also included money for a project in Mayflower Park, Angmering where new lighting will be installed.

At the moment the location has no lighting and a village wide survey conducted in November 2020 showed that people felt unsafe using the park.

Nikki Hamilton-Street, Chair of Angmering Parish Council, said: “The issue of a dark path through Mayflower Park has been a concern to the Parish Council for a number of years, however funding was an issue, as quotes were coming in at nearly £90,000.

“After a chance conversation our Parish Clerk, Katie Herr, identified that solar streetlights may be an alternative source of lighting in this area.

“We are delighted that the £41,500 funding will enable the installation of this sustainable lighting and we look forward to a brighter and safer walk through Mayflower Park this winter.”

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne also said of the Angmering project “My office’s recent listening exercise - which involved Angmering Parish Council - highlighted longstanding concerns about lighting and lack of safety, particularly for women and girls, around Mayflower Park. Therefore, it’s gratifying to be able to allocate this funding towards improving lighting in the area and helping to provide reassurance for local residents.

“The Safer Streets scheme focuses on bringing about improvements for local communities and this project in Angmering will really help to improve the quality of life for people in the village. If residents

feel safer walking through the park at night or on dark winter evenings, that will be money extremely well spent.”

For more information on the Safer Streets Fund visit the [GOV.UK website](https://www.gov.uk).

**Email dated 25.06.2021 from Sussex Police
Horsham Weekly News and Alerts**

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Horsham Weekly News and Alerts

News and appeals

Expansion boost for Sussex Police's Rural Crime Team

Sussex Police's Rural Crime Team (RCT) is expanding, with extra police officers joining to enhance the work of the unit which tackles unlawful behaviour in rural communities. Following success of the launch of the dedicated team in June 2020, four new PCs are joining the unit, which is based out of Midhurst and Heathfield. This brings the establishment of the team up to two sergeants, 12 constables and six Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs).

The team has a specialist focus on agricultural, wildlife, environment and heritage issues as well as dog theft. Through community engagement, crime prevention advice and law enforcement, the Rural Crime Team targets criminals perpetrating rural crime and brings them to justice.

To see the full story, please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/force-news/expansion-boost-for-sussex-polices-rural-crime-team/>

Police keep up pressure on drug dealers in Sussex

Police across Sussex have been keeping up pressure on 'County Lines' and other drug dealers.

During 2020 Sussex Police recorded 236 disruptions against such 'lines' into the county, mainly from London, an increase of 171% in disruptions over the previous year. Over the past 12 months alone 29 such lines have been disrupted.

And in October this work was intensified as part of a continuing national effort. During the past year co-ordinated police activity has increased, with a Surrey and Sussex Police intelligence team known as Operation Centurion, which works with London's Metropolitan Police to better target and prosecute offenders of county lines activity between the capital, Surrey and Sussex. In the six months since the team's inception, they have contributed to more than 50 lines being disrupted, and to charges of over 60 individuals across both counties.

Members of the public can also help, the best advice is to trust your instincts – if somebody shows signs of mistreatment, or a child seems to be travelling long distances or is unfamiliar with a locality, you can report suspicions to local police on 101 or online or to British Transport Police on 0800 40 50 40 if you see something on the railway network.

There are also many sources of further advice and assistance to help combat the harm caused by drugs. Safe Space Sussex takes you to all the local organisations who provide support for those affected by drugs misuse.

For further information on County Lines see the Sussex Police website.

To read the full story, please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/police-keep-up-pressure-on-drug-dealers-in-sussex/>

Horsham woman who had sexual relationship with school pupil is jailed

A Horsham woman who harassed a teenage boy with whom she became infatuated whilst she was a teaching assistant at a school where he was a pupil, has been sent to prison.

Fatinah Hossain, 25, of Dutchells Copse, Horsham, appeared at Brighton Crown Court on Thursday 21 October, and pleaded guilty to one count of perverting the course of justice and one count of sexual activity with the boy while in a position of trust.

She was sentenced to five years and four months in prison. She will be a Registered Sex Offender indefinitely and will be subject to a Sexual Harm Prevention Order for 10 years after she is released from prison.

She has also been issued with a Restraining Order to last indefinitely, prohibiting her from any contact with the initial victim and several other people, and from entering specified areas of Horsham.

Hossain was charged with offences in October 2020 and was bailed by Magistrates. She then created a number of fake social media accounts using different names including that of a 14-year-old girl. Using this particular account, she fabricated messages between her and an adult family member of the boy.

If you are a victim of stalking see the Sussex Police website for how to report it and for sources of advice and assistance.

To see the full story, please click on the link or go to our website.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/court-results/Horsham-woman-who-had-sexual-relationship-with-school-pupil-is-jailed/>

Residents urged to keep their homes secure and safe this autumn

Sussex Police is reminding residents to review their home security as we approach the clocks going back this weekend.

With longer night's drawing in, we want residents to think about the hidden security risks around their homes, and make it more difficult for opportunist burglary.

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Keep burglars out of your property

Keep your shed or garage safe and secure

Access to all information on protecting your home from crime can be found on our website.

The Sussex Police website has a wealth of crime prevention advice which you can share with our local communities here.

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

Help us keep Sussex safe

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

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

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

Message Sent By

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



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Homecare costs outstrip funding from councils



Heat pump grants worth £5,000 to replace gas boilers not enough



NHS in England to receive £5.9bn to cut waiting lists



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Rewilding projects can help rural economies



UK bioenergy industry responds to exclusion of rural communities



Rural communities hit as Lloyds closes 48 more branches



National Young Farmers' Week 25-29 October



£11.5 million available to aid a just transition and address the climate emergency



Government's Office for Zero Emission Meeting



Securing the Future of Rural Post Offices



Rural Related Politics - An RSN weekly review

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

The Rural Services Network will be watching the **Budget and Spending Review announcements** with great interest on Wednesday and after we have reviewed all of the information we will be providing details on the outcomes and impacts for rural areas

Our **RSN AGM & Rural Assembly meeting** will take place online via Zoom from 1pm to 3.30pm on **Monday, 15th November, 2021**. All RSN members (including RSP & RHCA) are welcome to attend this meeting. If you are a member of the RSN, please register to attend this meeting by [following this link](#).

We will also be holding a **Rural Social Care & Health Sub Group meeting** online via Zoom from 11am to 12.30pm on **Monday, 15th November 2021**. This meeting is free to attend for RSN, RSP and RHCA members. This particular meeting might be of interest to Directors of Public Health, those with responsibility for Social Care & Public Health, Portfolio Holders for Social Care & Health from our Local Authority membership and any members of the RSP with an interest in Rural Health and Social Care. Please follow [this link to book your free place](#).



In [Hinterland](#) this week - I feel a frenetic pace of activity and expectation on the cusp of the budget planned for Wednesday. County lines, supermarkets, cash machines, rent rises, young family hubs and a landgrab focused on my county!! [Read on...](#)



Looking for funding for your local project or community group? Read the **latest** edition of the **Funding Digest** [here](#)



Read the **latest Government Consultations** that may be relevant to rural communities [here](#)



MEMBER INSIGHTS

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



FAIRER FUNDING

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

MEMBERS

RSN Members

- 92** Sparse Local Authorities
- 22** Rural Assembly Local Authorities
- 233** Rural Market Towns
- 215** Rural Services Partners
- 75** Rural Health Care Providers
- 10** Fire and Rescue Services
- 24** Housing Associations
- 12** Utility Members

EVENTS & MEETINGS



Email dated 24.10.2021 from Sussex Police
Neighbourhood Watch Launches Say No To Asb Campaign



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH LAUNCHES 'SAY NO TO ASB' CAMPAIGN

Antisocial behaviour (ASB) incidents have increased over the last three years. Police forces, councils and housing associations are reporting significant spikes in ASB cases – and these are not minor incidents. They are complex and serious cases causing real harm to many people.

45% of people say ASB is a problem where they live, and 56% of those who had either been a victim of or a witness to ASB did not report it to anyone. *

To help tackle the issue, we are running a campaign encouraging people to **SAY NO TO ASB**.

The campaign will run from the **25th October through to the 21st November** on our social channels with key information on recognising, recording, and reporting ASB on our website: ourwatch.org.uk/asb.

We are running a free online '**SAY NO TO ASB**' webinar on **15th November at 5pm** with the charity **ASB Help** as part of the campaign. Places are limited. To book your place, visit ourwatch.org.uk/webinars.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN

- Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and share our posts to your social channels, including WhatsApp community groups, to encourage more people to **SAY NO TO ASB**
- Download our '**Recognising, Recording and Reporting ASB Guide**' from ourwatch.org.uk/asb to share with your community
- Download our **14-day 'ASB Diary'** from ourwatch.org.uk/asb to support you in recognising, recording, and reporting ASB incidents in your area.
- To find out more and **SAY NO TO ASB**, visit ourwatch.org.uk/asb.

If you would like a digital campaign pack, please email enquiries@ourwatch.org.uk.

* Data source: Taking Back our Communities - working together to make communities safer report, commissioned in 2021 by RESOLVE, a Centre of Excellence solely focused upon community safety and antisocial behaviour

Kind regards

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NETWORK, Central Support Team

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