

Memo (Agenda October 2021)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 10th October 2021 (week commencing 4th 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/21/1602 29.09.2021	Erection of a single storey two bay garage and internal garage conversion to provide habitable accommodation. 1 The Grange, Ghyll House Farm, Broadwater Lane, Copsale		22.10.2021
DC/21/2042 27.09.2021	Demolition of existing residential outbuilding and erection of a replacement residential outbuilding in the same location. Lake Cottage, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst		22.10.2021
DC/21/1587 30.09.2021	Erection of a single storey side extension, a single storey one bay extension to existing garage and a single storey detached outbuilding. 6 The Grange, Ghyll House Farm, Broadwater Lane, Copsale		28.10.2021
DC/21/1423 07.10.2021	Erection of a single storey outbuilding, erection of extension to existing double garage and insertion of two rooflights to main dwelling. 2 The Grange, Ghyll House Farm, Broadwater Lane, Copsale		28.10.2021

(2) Delegated Decisions (Email Consultations)

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	Councillor
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(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

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

Current Volunteers	=	21
	Summary for this Period	
Number of Sessions this period	=	2
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	3
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	3
Accuracy	=	100%
	Maximum Speed recorded in 30 limit	= 39 mph(+30%)

Police Actions this Period

Letter Sent = 3

Overall

Mygroup 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 = 49

mph(+63%) Maximum Speed recorded in 40 limit =
60 mph(+50%)

Date	Time	Type	Location	Recorded	Letters	Vehicles
		Traffic Heading		Percent		
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		
15-09-2021	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just Wear of Rycroft Meadow..			
		traffic heading West				Unknown
				n/a		
14-09-2021	17:00 -> 18:00	BOOKED	Pound Lane-50 yards from the bottom of Pound Lane..			
		traffic heading East		1	1	Unknown
	n/a 14-09-2021	15:30 -> 16:30	Going South, 500 yards from Junction of A281 and Nuthurs..	BOOKED		Nuthurst Road-
		traffic heading East				Unknown
				n/a		
14-09-2021	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just Wear of Rycroft Meadow..			
		traffic heading West				Unknown
				n/a		
10-09-2021	08:00 -> 09:00	BOOKED	Pound Lane-In the lay-by just Wear of Rycroft Meadow..			
		traffic heading West				Unknown
				n/a		
Totals				3	3	

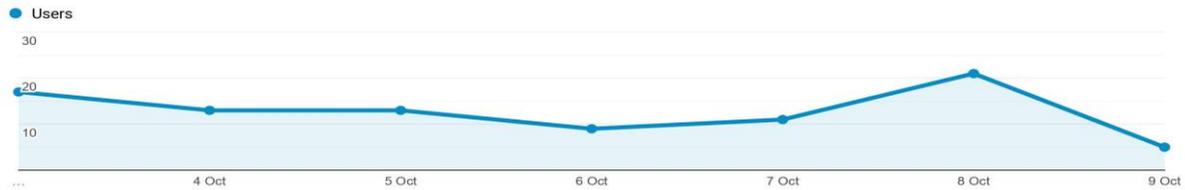
Website Analytical Data

Audience Overview

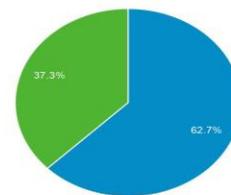


3 Oct 2021 - 9 Oct 2021

Overview



■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



Language	Users	% Users
1. en-gb	53	74.65%
2. en-us	15	21.13%
3. c	1	1.41%
4. en-us.utf-8	1	1.41%
5. zh-cn	1	1.41%

Clerks Update

- Flytipping on Hammerpond Road reported to HDC
- Cllr J Bromley and the Clerk have undertaken the annual check o Parish Council assets
- With the permission of WSCC the Parish Council have planted two trees on the grass verge outside the old village store

Correspondence

Email dated 08.10.2021 from WSCC

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Notes to editors

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Email date 08.10.2021 from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin

Star Council Awards winners

Today at an online ceremony, we were thrilled to announce who had won our coveted **Star Council Awards** for 2021. Congratulations to all of those who made it to the finalist stage and especially to the winners. It was great to hear about all the great work during such a challenging time – I hope these inspiring stories will spur others in the sector to meet new challenges and explore new avenues to help their communities. You can watch again the online ceremony and read more about the winners and finalists [here](#). And a huge thank you for their support to our overall awards sponsor BHIB Councils Insurance and our category sponsors Blachere Illumination, Breakthrough Communications, CCLA, DCK Accounting Solutions and Vision ICT.

Pay claim

This week the National Employers notified us that all of the trade unions have now provided them with the results of their ballots and they have all rejected the **National Employers' final pay offer** to local government services ('Green Book') employees:

- UNISON members have voted by a majority of 79% to 21%. Their local government committee also agreed to begin preparations for an industrial action ballot.
- GMB members have voted by a majority of 75% to 25%. It will shortly conduct a consultative industrial action ballot, the result of which will determine whether there is support to then hold a formal ballot for industrial action.
- Unite members have voted by a majority of 81% to 19%, plus 85% also voted to say they are supportive of taking industrial action. Their local government committee will meet to discuss the next steps which include holding a formal ballot for industrial action.

The National Employers will be meeting on 19 October to take stock of the situation and we understand they do not expect a deal soon. We will keep you informed of developments provide further updates when we can.

NALC Policy Committee

NALC's Policy Committee held its last online meeting of the year on 5 October, here's a summary:

- Remote meetings continue to be a priority issue for our lobbying and the Committee noted previous and ongoing advocacy including in conjunction with the Local Government Association.
- The committee considered several policy motions from county associations. A proposal from the Warwickshire and West Midlands Association of Local Councils to establish a new standards body funded by local councils was not supported, instead, further engagement with local government bodies was agreed. The motion from the Gloucestershire Association of Local Councils calling for government funding for live streaming meetings was not supported but NALC should continue to lobby on remote meetings and broadband. The committee agreed to make representations to the government to include local councils in the 'Find your local council' page on GOV.UK. And a motion from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association about strengthening enforcement of off-road vehicles such as quad bikes was supported.
- Housing and planning, including neighbourhood planning, was identified as a campaign theme for the year ahead, in addition to ongoing work on health and well being, climate change and young people.

- Several submissions had been made to government consultations on housing, resilience, local audit, Local Nature Recovery Partnerships and the spending review (you can find these in the members' area of the [NALC website](#)).
- The committee considered feedback on the review of the NALC prospectus and supported the proposed updated draft subject to some further small changes.

In and out and about

Our chair, Cllr Sue Baxter, was in Manchester earlier this week with Justin Griggs, head of policy and communications, to raise the profile of local councils with policymakers and [promote the sector's role in levelling up](#). Among various national, regional and local politicians we spoke to, Sue had a positive initial meeting with the new minister for levelling up, Neil O'Brien MP and they will be meeting again shortly. Some more detail and clarity on what levelling means started to emerge at the conference such as from the minister via [Twitter](#) and in his [article in The Guardian](#). And in his [conference speech](#), the new secretary of state, Michael Gove MP, said "...And it will mean empowering local government, to make a bigger difference for good, allowing communities to take back control of their futures, and creating greener and more beautiful places to live". Writing for [inews](#) ahead of the conference, I was pleased to see the think tank Onward make the point regarding devolution that not all the country is parished and call for extending local and regional governance.

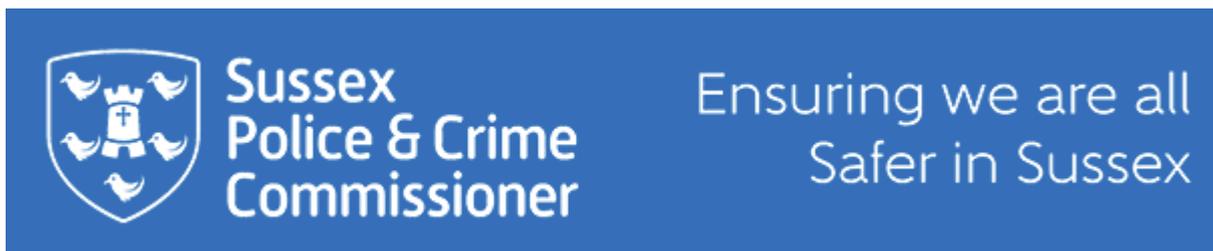
- It was a double-bill of county association conferences and annual general meetings this week for our projects manager, Anders Hanson, talking about the Local Council Award Scheme. As well as running two in-person workshops in Lincolnshire, he also attended Devon's virtual conference via Zoom. Good to hear there was plenty of interest from local councils wanting to know more about how they can submit an application to be accredited under the award scheme!
- Anders joined our acting head of member services, Jane Moore, at the Memberwise annual conference on 7 October in London. This provided a useful opportunity to engage with other membership organisations and suppliers from around the country, discovering more about how they operate, and they have been able to continue to grow and offer member services in what has been a challenging year for everyone.
- Justin was in Shropshire on 6 October to talk about [our work on climate change](#) at an online event on climate action organised by the Shropshire Association of Local Councils and Shropshire Council.

And finally...

Still, on the subject of visits, our vice-chair, Cllr Keith Stevens (member services) attended a very special visit on 7 October by The Princess Royal. Keith was among the guests invited to the [opening of a new affordable rural housing development](#) by English Rural and Dunsfold Parish Council. A great example of how local councils can

work in partnership with others to tackle big challenges facing their communities such as housing, really well done.

**Email dated 08.10.2021 From Sussex Police
Making streets safer for women and girls**



Earlier this week we heard the great news that my office has been awarded nearly £1 million to tackle violence against women and girls (VAWG) in the latest round of the government's Safer Streets funding scheme.

The events of the past few weeks have brought the epidemic of violence against women into sharp focus but we also have to acknowledge that this is a deep-rooted and ongoing societal problem.



My office has worked consistently over the past nine years to secure and distribute funding to help make our streets and communities safer for everyone and for women and girls in particular.

This latest award of funds - the fourth highest amount of any area in the country – will go towards supporting education, awareness and behaviour change programmes right across Sussex, as well as lighting and CCTV/other work to make areas feel safer. Projects include:

- 'Healthy Relationships' sessions for year 8 students at Sussex secondary schools
- 'Bystander to upstander' sessions focusing on supporting attendees to feel more confident in recognising and challenging unacceptable and misogynistic behaviour
- Hastings: Alexandra Park – improvements including lighting, CCTV, signage
- Eastbourne: Gildredge Park – additional lighting
- Angmering: Mayflower Park – additional lighting

- Brighton: War Memorial, Old Steine & Pavilion Gardens (pictured above) – additional lighting and CCTV.

A JOINT RESPONSE WITH SUSSEX POLICE

My team will work alongside Sussex Police, Brighton & Hove City Council, East Sussex County Council and West Sussex County Council to implement a series of training programmes in schools teaching young people about the importance of healthy relationships and how to address sexism and misogyny.

The monies will also allow me to invest further in lighting, CCTV, volunteer street pastors and beach patrols as well as co-ordinating and driving an effective and lasting response to male violence against women and girls.

This forms part of a joint response with Sussex Police on VAWG initiatives. I know our Chief Constable shares my commitment to listening to and acting on the understandable concerns of our communities to make the streets of Sussex much safer for everyone, but especially for female residents and visitors.

Women and girls are not always getting the protection they need nor the justice they deserve. We cannot continue to do the same things in the same way and still expect a different outcome.

My website will feature updates and of course I will report on progress in future newsletters.



Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner

HAVE YOUR SAY IN OUR LATEST POLL

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Reminder of our MP Question Time - Zoom - 5th November

Just a reminder that we are holding our annual MP Question Time event, via Zoom, 10.30am Friday 5th November 2021. Jeremy Quin, MP for Horsham is giving us one hour of his time to answer your questions.

We still have spaces and if you would like to attend then please email hdopforum@gmail.com for the Zoom joining information.

As the time Mr Quin is giving us is so short, if you have a question you'd like him to answer, then please send them to us asap so that we have a fair range of topics.

Thank you for supporting older people in the Horsham District

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

Email dated 07.10.2021 from HDC

Save the Date: Briefing on Gatwick Airport's Expansion Plans

Dear Councillors and Parish/Neighbourhood Clerks

As you may be aware, Gatwick Airport Ltd is currently consulting on its Northern Runway Programme to bring the standby runway into everyday use for aircraft departures. This will lead to two runways at the airport. In addition, other technological improvement measures are proposed by the airport to significantly increase airport capacity. This capacity is anticipated to increase to 75.6million passengers per annum by 2038 from its pre-Covid levels of 46.6million passengers in 2019.

Gatwick Airport's consultation opened on 9th September and runs until 1st December 2021 and Horsham District Council is proactively engaging in the consultation to represent the District, its environment and the communities affected by the proposals. As part of this, we have secured a virtual briefing by Gatwick Airport Ltd for Local Members and representatives of Parish and Neighbourhood Councils on **Monday 18th October between 6pm to 7pm.**

Further details will be circulated shortly but we wanted to confirm this date with you at the earliest opportunity. If you are interested in attending this briefing, please can you let me know so we have an approximate indication of attendees.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please feel free to contact me and I will be happy to help.

Kind regards, Carol

Carol Algar
Senior Planning Officer

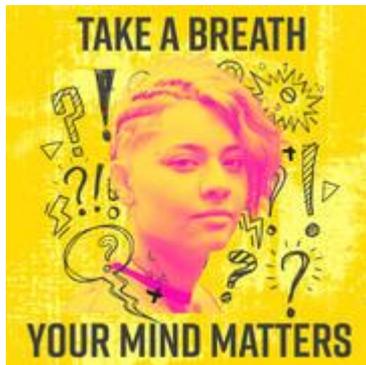


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Your latest news on Covid-19 - mental health help - advice on energy bills - and more



Supporting everyone's mental health



It's World Mental Health Day this Sunday (10 October).

The coronavirus pandemic and lockdowns have had a significant impact on the mental health of children and young people across West Sussex.

Your Mind Matters supports young people, their families and professionals working with them at this critical time. We're providing advice, resources and information about local services, events and training.

Please explore the Your Mind Matters webpages on the link below and share these resources with the families and young people you know and work with.

You can also help shape and improve access to mental health information by taking [our 5 minute survey](#).

Your Mind Matters

The government has launched a [Better Health - Every Mind Matters](#) campaign to support the nation's mental wellbeing.

The website includes expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.



Every Mind Matters

Latest Covid-19 statistics for West Sussex

Since last week, there has been an **increase** in coronavirus cases. Cases in Adur and Crawley are amongst those highest.

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.

Booster jabs underway

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.

The priority groups for the booster jab are:

- people aged over 50
- care home residents
- health and social care workers
- those aged 16 to 49 years with underlying health conditions that put them at higher risk of severe Covid-19
- adult household contacts of immunosuppressed individuals.

Please remember, you must be at six months from the date of your second vaccination to book a booster and eligible people will be contacted about booking their booster vaccination.



[Autumn Boosters - more info](#)

Vaccinations for 12 to 15 year olds

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.

Why should my child have the vaccine?

It is important to remember that coronavirus can affect anyone and getting vaccinated is one of the best things to do to protect against the virus.

[More info on jabs for 12 to 15 year olds](#)

Testing, why is it so important?

As winter approaches and we spend more time indoors the risk of infection increases, and it becomes more important than ever to test.

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 remember to do all you can to reduce the spread – wash your hands, cover your face, leave space and let fresh air in.

[Find out more about Covid-19 testing](#)



Need advice on your energy bills?



Many of us will see an increase in our energy bills this winter due to a rise in the wholesale cost of gas.

Advice and support is available from the following websites if you or someone you know is worried about their energy costs this winter or would like to know how to reduce your home energy consumption:

- [The Energy Saving Trust](#)
- [West Sussex Affordable Energy](#)
- [The Citizens Advice West Sussex Energy Advice Service](#)

If you are on a low income and vulnerable to the cold then you could be eligible for support through the council-endorsed [Local Energy Advice Partnership \(LEAP\)](#) scheme.

By meeting the broad [eligibility criteria](#) you can qualify for a free home visit, energy saving advice and energy saving measures, such as LED light bulbs and draught proofing. LEAP advisors can also help you to access other support, such as grants for central heating, a replacement scheme for white goods and help to repair or replace a broken or condemned boiler.

[Local advice on saving energy](#)

Win a £500 bike shop voucher!

Here's your chance to win 1 x £500 voucher from [South Downs Bikes](#) to spend on a new bike or equipment to support a greener and healthier way to travel around our county.

The competition, being run on Facebook, is part of our [#ThinkActiveTravel](#) campaign, designed to help residents make positive choices around how they travel.

To enter, head [over to our Facebook page](#) and reply to the competition post with a comment on how you have started to make healthier and greener travel choices. The best comment we receive will win, as judged by our panel.



Competition entry closes at midnight on Sunday 17 October 2021 and you must be 18 or over and live in West Sussex to take part.

The voucher can be redeemed at South Downs Bikes stores in Storrington and Worthing. Good luck!

[More on our #ThinkActiveTravel campaign](#)

Celebrating Black History this October



The theme of this year's Black History Month is *Proud to be*, highlighting Black pride and invites Black people of all ages to share what they are proud to be.

Our Library Service has put together a selection of Black Stories Matter booklists for [adults](#), [children](#) and [teenagers](#) and they've created a new collection on their [Libby app](#) too.

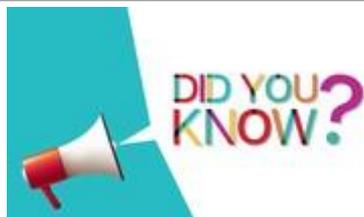
You can also follow them on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) where they'll be sharing recommendations of books which give voice to Black stories and experience, and highlighting some national online events to mark the celebration.

Find out lots more about Black History Month in the link below, including a history blog from West Sussex Record Office called *Stories from the Parish Registers: Black residents of West Sussex*.

[Black History Month](#)

More news...

- [Our Early Help is moving towards a more flexible service](#), maximising resources out in the community to reach the most vulnerable children, young people and families in West Sussex.
- New and soon-to-be dads can access essential parenting tips and support on [DadPad](#), an app which is free to download for anyone living or working in West Sussex.



day-to-day.

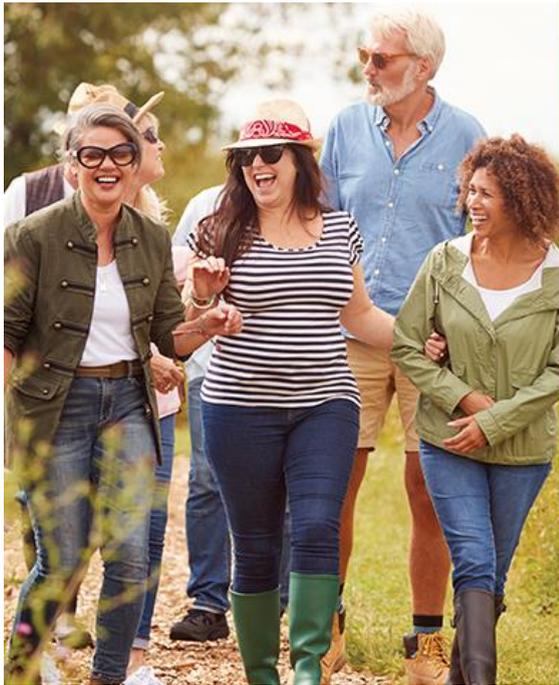
National Hate Crime Awareness Week runs from this Saturday to 16 October.

Keep an eye on our Community Safety [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) page where we will be sharing online posters, videos, and talking about how victims of hate crimes and incidences are impacted

[How to report a hate crime.](#)

Know someone who would like to receive this eNewsletter?

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



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**SYMPTOM FREE COVID-19
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KEEP EACH OTHER SAFE,
TEST TWICE A WEEK.**

westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting



Email dated 07.10.2021 from HDC

Warnham LNR Discovery Hub & Shelley Wildlife Garden to open on Monday 25 October



Parks and countryside

News and information

Discovery Hub to open on Monday 25 October

We are delighted to announce the opening of the new Discovery Hub at **Warnham Local Nature Reserve** on Monday 25 October, just in time to host an exciting variety of free fun activities for the half-term holidays.

The Discovery Hub is a multifunctional space for visitors to enjoy.

Its unique octagonal design and floor-to-ceiling windows offer beautiful views across the Millpond.

Within the Discovery Hub you'll find:

- Information about the industrial, natural and social heritage of our nature reserve
- Interactive displays to educate and inform
- Details of recent sightings and what to look out for during your visit

Surrounding the hub is the newly renovated Shelley Wildlife Garden, named after the iconic poet whose love of the environment has inspired its design. Relaxing in the garden with refreshments from the Heron's Rest cafe is the perfect way to start or end your visit.

[Find out more](#)

Free Half Term Activities for all ages

To celebrate the opening, this half-term from 25 to 29 October, the Council, in conjunction with the **Friends of Warnham Local Nature Reserve** and **Sussex Wildlife Trust**, are offering a range of free activities for children of all ages.

From arts and crafts sessions to creative trails and nature activities that let kids get stuck into their surroundings - there's something for everyone.



Mon 25 Oct - Mask Making

Tue 26 Oct - Pond Dipping

Thurs 28 Oct - Little Feet Walks (30 mins)

Thurs 28 Oct - Guided Walks

Fri 29 Oct - Halloween Trail

Fri 29 Oct - Wildlife Rangers (12-16 yrs)

Book Your Free Activity Now

NEW

Discovery Hub & Shelley Wildlife Garden

OPENING 25 OCTOBER

Horsham District Council

Stay connected



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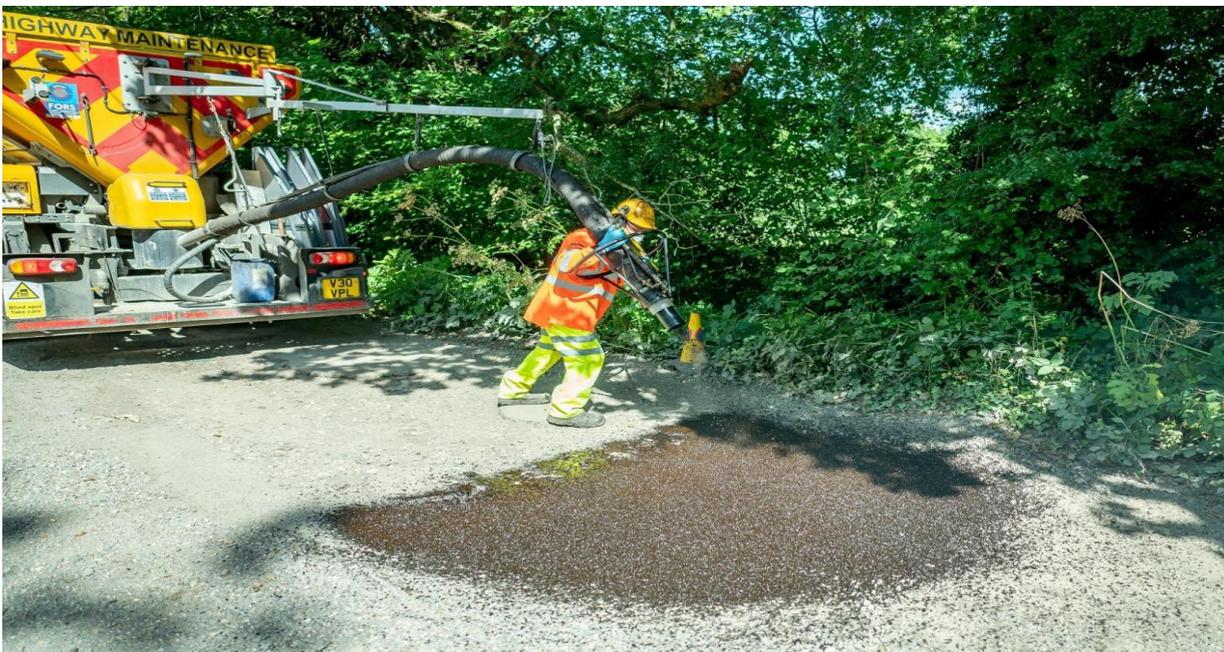
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Velocity by name, fast, low-carbon response by nature in fight against potholes



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Innovation continues to be explored by West Sussex County Council in its fight against an age-old issue: potholes. The Velocity road patching system is being deployed proactively to treat areas of carriageways even before routine inspections have highlighted issues.

Results half-way through a six-month trial with Velocity have been impressive, with:

- More than 1,100 separate repairs in three months
- A total of approximately 5,500 square metres of patching, or just under five square metres per repair.

How Velocity works:

1. High-velocity air is used to remove all dust and debris and open-up cracks at the bottom of the pothole to ensure a solid, stable repair
2. A cold bitumen emulsion is forced into every crack and crevice under pressure, sealing it and making it water-tight
3. The operator switches on the aggregate mix, which is fired at high velocity through a nozzle, evenly coating the granules with bitumen emulsion and building up the waterproof seal, with no joints
4. If required, the aggregate mix is compacted with a “wacker plate” and the repair is traffic ready – far faster than by traditional methods, reducing the time needed for traffic management.

Velocity managing director Dominic Gardner said: “There’s no excavation, no waste, often no need for road closures, and repairs are ready to drive on in minutes. The repairs cost a third of the price of traditional techniques, and because there’s no heat involved, it’s also exceptionally low on carbon emissions.”

Joy Dennis, County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport, witnessed the Velocity patcher in action and commented: “It was impressive and can be used both proactively and reactively. Officers are continually looking at innovation in the fight against potholes and, working with our contractors, exploring lower-carbon methods in maintaining the highway.”

Peter Walsh, Area Director for Balfour Beatty, said: “As the provider of highway maintenance services for West Sussex County Council, it’s rewarding to see our collective teams investing in better ways to deal with the challenge of potholes ahead of inspections and with the aim of improving the experience for all road users.”

Fixing potholes is important, but the County Council also has an ongoing, [£17million programme of investment in roads and footways](#) across West Sussex. It represents one of the biggest investments in the county’s highway infrastructure in the last decade and includes a significant number of road resurfacing schemes: resurfacing a road produces a smoother surface, reducing road noise and increasing resilience to potholes – a longer-term solution to pothole issues.

Notes to editors

- The county council is responsible for maintaining around 2,500 miles of road: A and B roads are ordinarily inspected monthly, C-class and main distributor roads on a three or six-monthly basis and declassified roads are typically inspected annually.
 - You can find details about [which potholes we repair](#) on our website.
 - Our highways officers cannot be everywhere, so the public’s eyes and help in spotting and reporting concerns are really appreciated via our [online pothole reporting form](#) If a pothole is a significant and immediate risk to public safety, phone 01243 642105.
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Email dated 06.10.2021 from Age UK Your new edition of Connect is here!

We are delighted to send you the latest edition of our fabulous Connect Magazine, containing plenty of news and features, recipes and puzzles as well information and support. This edition is also available to read online at www.ageuk.org.uk/westsussexbrightonhove/about-us/connect-magazine/.

As always, we love to hear your stories and see your photos! If you would like to submit anything for publication, you can do so by emailing us at: connect@ageukwsbh.org.uk.

As we head into the colder months, you will also see we are promoting our **Bags of Support** fundraising campaign, to help local older people to live well this Winter. You can find out more and support this campaign at www.virginmoneygiving.com/fund/bagsupport

The effects of the Covid-19 pandemic continue to affect all our lives – along with Bags of Support, we are still offering vital information and advice, telephone befriending to those facing isolation and loneliness, meal deliveries and help in the home, including support for those returning home from hospital. We have also opened up some of our centres, cafes and clubs and we will continue to adapt the services we provide and help as many people as possible with essential support.

If you would like any further information on the services we are currently offering or we can help you in any way, please visit www.ageukwsbh.org.uk or call us on **01903 731 800**.

Stay warm and well & happy reading!

The Team at Age UK West Sussex Brighton & Hove

**Email dated 06.10.2021 from NALC
NALC Newsletter**



News

Watch Star Councils Awards ceremony

To watch it, you can either set an early reminder to tell you when the ceremony is about to start or watch on the day on YouTube — [find out more](#).



News

Ombudsman briefs NALC committee

NALC's Larger Councils Committee was [briefed by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman](#) (LGSCO) on 21 September 2021.



News

Government must back parish power

NALC has [urged the government](#) to use the Comprehensive Spending Review to help local (parish and town) councils level up and rebuild communities.

News

NALC opens Scribifest 2021

NALC **opened Scribifest 2021** virtual conference with a keynote on levelling up and building back better.

News

NALC publishes Points of Light 2021

NALC has **published the 2021 edition of *Points of Light***, highlighting the excellent work local councils have done to support their communities.

Online events

More tickets are available now!

Due to demand, we've released more tickets for our events on **levelling up the environment** and **making rural housing more affordable**.

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.

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North Horsham County Local Committee

North Horsham County Local Committee

You are currently subscribed to receive updates from the North Horsham County Local Committee. County Local Committees and Joint Area Committees have now been abolished but they are being replaced by County Local Forums which will be based on a local Borough or District council areas. If you still wish to receive updates about meetings in your local area you don't need to do anything, as we will automatically move you across in the next few weeks. If you do not wish to receive these updates please email talkwithus@westsussex.gov.uk.



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October Newsletter 2021



Health and Wellbeing October 2021

Making a change for Autumn

This October we're highlighting and raising awareness of important health topics to help improve your overall wellbeing and encourage you to make a change for good. Whether it's stopping smoking, cutting back on alcohol or looking after your heart health, why not get involved with a campaign to make some positive lifestyle changes.

Three simple steps to get started:

- Get ready - think about the changes you would like to make to lead a healthier lifestyle.
- Get set - phone or email us for a one-to-one chat with a Wellbeing Advisor, or to make an appointment if you need that extra bit of help.
- Go - we will give you advice and support on how to take control and build small changes into your life. We understand how hard it can be, but we can help to make it easier.

The Wellbeing Team are continuing to support you and we have resumed face-to-face appointments at our Wellbeing Centre in Horsham.

[Visit us](#)

Strong and Steady now available in Pulborough!

We are extremely pleased to announce that our Strong & Steady course is coming to Pulborough. Over a series of sessions comprising low-impact exercises the course aims to keep you feeling strong and steady on your feet.

Spaces are available from October so get in touch to arrange an assessment.

We are also taking bookings for assessments for a new course which starts in January at The Bridge, Broadbridge Heath. Assessment days for this course will be held in November and early December.

If you or someone you know would benefit from improving their strength, balance and confidence in a friendly and supportive environment then get in touch.



Contact us

Prediabetes Session

Our pre-diabetes programme aims to help prevent the onset of Type 2 diabetes by reducing the risks and allowing people to take more control. The session helps people set small, manageable goals to help avoid developing Type 2 diabetes. Diet, physical activity and other lifestyle factors are the main focus.

Our prevention programme could provide you with the advice you need to prevent Type 2 diabetes.

The group sessions will be held in our Wellbeing Centre in Horsham.

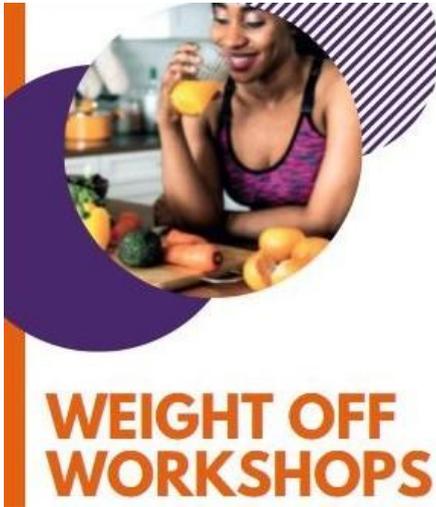


Monday 11 October 9.30 - 11.30am

Thursday 11 November 6.30 - 8.30pm

To find out more details and book a place, please contact us.

Contact us



New WOW courses

We are now taking bookings for our next Weight Off Workshops. These aims to help you create better eating habits and maintain a healthier lifestyle.

Starting off with two private one-on-one coaching sessions (taking place in October and December) which will cover introductions, expectations, barriers and triggers and then join the 10 weekly group workshops that cover topics such as healthy eating, emotional eating, exercise, stress and sleep.

Courses available in Horsham, Billingshurst, Thakeham & Henfield

[Find out more](#)

What's going on at our Wellbeing Centre?



Neighbourhood Wardens

Based within the community, our neighbourhood wardens work alongside partner agencies to improve the quality of life for everyone and promote community cohesion and resilience. The wardens undertake a number of activities, including enforcement to community development

Every Tuesday in October from 10-11.30am

Conversation Starter Project

Find out more about the Walk and Talk weekly meet ups in Horsham Park. They encourage and welcome anyone wanting to connect and enhance their emotional and physical wellbeing.

Thursday 7 October 1-2pm





Community Link Team

Helping residents feel safe and independent in the Horsham District. They provide technology-enabled care (often known as telecare or telehealth) devices and a Checking on You telephone service

Thursday 14 October 10am-1pm

Horsham Matters

Horsham Matters is a charity that aims to relieve hardship through the provision of essential services (food, fuel and shelter) in order to make a positive, long-lasting impact on people's lives.



Their new mobile hub will also be supporting isolated communities across Horsham District with Foodbank sessions and a range of services providing clients with the tools they need to progress towards financial stability.

Thursday 7 October-10am-1pm

Thursday 28 October-10am-1pm

Community Fridge

The Horsham Community Fridge offer excess food from local businesses, supermarkets and allotments, that would otherwise be wasted, and is available to everyone in the Community.

Tuesdays from 10-11am and Thursdays from 1 -2pm.



Find out about all our events we have coming up throughout the month by visiting our 'What's on' page

Events



Men in Sheds open day



Saturday 9th October 10am to 2pm at the Shed, Duke's Square, Denne Road Horsham, RH12 1JF

Come and meet the 'Shedders' and have a look around the Shed. Find out what they do and how you can support the charity. There will also be refreshments.

[Find out more](#)

Men in Sheds is about groups of men working on projects of their own choosing at their own pace, in a safe, friendly and inclusive venue.

Go Sober for October Campaign



'Sober October' encourages you to go booze-free in October to raise awareness of the vital work of Macmillan Cancer Support.

To give you a helping hand with your Sober month, our FREE confidential, non-judgmental alcohol service can help you stay on track. If you feel drink is sneaking up on you and want to find out more, refer yourself below.

[Contact us](#)



World Mental Health Day

10 October

World Mental Health Day raises awareness every year to support mental health and wellbeing.

The theme this year is, '**Mental Health in an Unequal World**' and will focus on the issues that affect mental health inequality locally and globally.

Research shows that since the start of the pandemic there has been an increase in a range of mental health conditions for adults, from low mood, sleep problems and anxiety to depression. We have a variety of Mental Health resources in our Wellbeing Centre and we also offer emotional support as part of our 'Wellbeing Package'

[Find out more](#)



Stoptober 2021

October

What will you start doing this Stoptober?

When you stop smoking you start doing so much more. Stoptober provides the information and support people need to quit smoking for 28 days, based on research showing that if you can make it to 28 days smoke free, you're five times more likely to quit for good.

The campaign encourages smokers to join with others who are making a quit attempt during October and give people free support and information around quitting smoking.

If you want to start breathing more easily, moving better and save money, quitting is the best thing you can do for your own health - and the health of people around you. It's never too late to stop.

[Find out more](#)

National Cholesterol Month

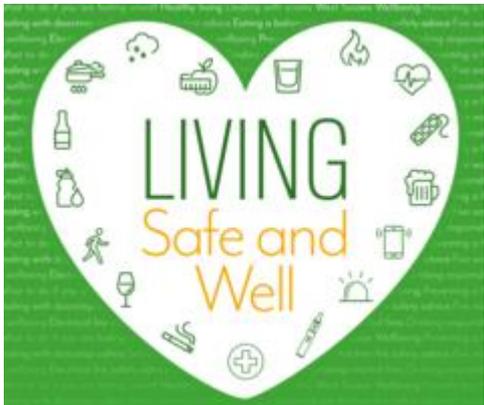
Over half of UK adults have raised cholesterol which can lead to heart disease.

By getting a simple cholesterol test and making positive lifestyle changes, most people can keep their cholesterol levels healthy. So, this National Cholesterol Month **'Let's Talk About Cholesterol'**. The more healthy foods you add to your diet, the more they can help lower your cholesterol.

Find out more below on where you can get a test and what your results mean if you've already had one.



Getting a cholesterol test



Safe and Well Visits

Do you know an older or vulnerable person that could benefit from **A Safe and Well Visit?**

This is a free service carried out by **West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service**. It involves a pre-arranged visit to the home to offer advice on how to make it safer and, where appropriate, fit smoke alarms or other specialist fire detection equipment free of charge.

Visits are tailored to the specific needs of the household - they normally last between 30-45 minutes.

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Latest news: New pop-up shop in Horsham | Councillors asked to approve Drill Hall business case | Horsham Museum is now open! | Two In Bloom Awards for Horsham Park | Wardens' quick thinking leads to arrests



Latest news

 and information

Horsham Museum and Art Gallery is now open!

On Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 October the public were invited back inside to see the big reveal as the Council's **Horsham Museum & Art Gallery** reopened its doors to the public for the first time in some 18 months.

The Museum is now open 10am-4pm from Thursdays to Saturdays throughout the rest of 2021 with a view to extending its opening hours in spring 2022.

[Read more](#)



New Pop-Up Shop to open for business in Horsham

Horsham District Council is on the lookout for local budding retailers as it is set to open a new Pop-Up Shop facility in Horsham's West Street from 1 November.

Opening on 1 November, the brand-new store in West Street is right in the heart of Horsham, with a busy pedestrianised area, and makes use of a vacant property owned by the Council, providing affordable temporary premises. This allows smaller enterprises and start-up businesses the opportunity to trial business concepts and trade in a high-street location and use dedicated events space without the commitment or cost of a longer-term lease.

[Read more](#)



Councillors asked to approve Drill Hall business case

At a Horsham District Council Cabinet Meeting on 7 October 2021, councillors will be asked to consider a proposal and business case from the Horsham Branch of the Royal British Legion for it to lease and take overall control of the activities and operations of the Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham.

If the proposal is successful, the Horsham Branch of the Royal British Legion will look to use the Drill Hall as its headquarters, as a social space for its members, and as an ongoing community facility for the benefit of residents and visitors.



[Read more](#)

Two In Bloom Awards for Horsham Park

Horsham Town Centre's iconic Horsham Park has been recognised with two major accolades by the **2021 South and South East in Bloom awards** scheme, much to the delight of the Council's Parks and Countryside team and the **Friends of Horsham Park** volunteer group.

The Park was awarded a 'Silver-Gilt' in the Large Park category of the awards scheme and a 'Thriving' in the It's Your Neighbourhood category, which focusses on community participation and environmental responsibility, as well as gardening achievement.



[Read more](#)

Neighbourhood Wardens' intervention results in arrest

Horsham District Council's Neighbourhood Wardens for Storrington & Sullington, Chris Poore and Steve Christian, recently helped Sussex Police to catch thieves in Storrington.

Whilst on foot patrol in Storrington village, Steve noticed a car parked adjacent to another and a man was lying on the road holding a mechanical saw. It became clear that a theft of a catalytic converter was in progress.

Their quick thinking resulted in two arrests, after the men were intercepted by the police near Chichester.



[Read more](#)

Celebrating the Great Big Green Week in Horsham

A national week of events highlighting action on climate change took place from 18 to 26 September this year. The Great Big Green Week was one of the largest events for climate and nature ever seen in the UK. To celebrate the week in Horsham a special event took place in the Bishopric on Saturday 25 September.

Horsham District Council hosted a stand at the Horsham based event, named 'Horsham's Great Green Day', to showcase its numerous environmental initiatives and the support it is giving to residents and businesses to help combat the negative aspects of climate change locally.



[Find out more](#)

Jobs and Skills Fair a great success

The 2021 Horsham District Jobs and Skills Fair was held on Saturday 2 October at Drill Hall Horsham.

Hundreds of visitors attended to meet employers at more than 30 stands. There were 500 vacancies available on the day!

The employer and vacancy information is still available to view on the dedicated [Jobs and Skills Fair website](#).



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**Email dated 04.10.2021 from HDC
Monthly Planning Compliance Team statistics**

Dear Parish Councils

As you will be aware, in 2019 a review of the Planning Compliance service at Horsham District Council was undertaken by the Planning Advisory Service (PAS). The Review Team were asked to give a view on the effectiveness of the Planning Compliance service in terms of meeting the needs of stakeholders, and whether those stakeholders' expectations are being managed effectively. The Review Team were generally satisfied that the Council was taking a reasonable approach in terms of what is enforced and what is not, and no evidence was found that cases were not being pursued that justified enforcement action.

However as all planning compliance matters are delegated to officers, the Review Team found that Councillors and Parish Councils do not appear to be fully aware of the workloads officers face or of key issues that arise. Whilst training for both Councillors and Parish Councils has been provided, which the Review Team felt was a good start in terms of providing a wider understanding of the pressures the service has to encounter, it is acknowledged that this needs to be built upon.

As a result, for the past year weekly lists of the Planning Compliance investigation cases received the previous week have been sent out to all Councillors and Parish Councils, and it

has now been agreed that information will be sent out monthly to indicate the number of cases received and closed, together with details of the formal action taken in the preceding month in order to illustrate the workload of the Planning Compliance Team.

- During September, 45 new Planning Compliance investigations have been opened outside of the South Downs National Park Authority boundaries, and 3 cases within the SDNPA boundaries.
- Please find below the closure statistics for September 2021. In addition I can confirm that one case in the SDNPA was closed.

EN Closure Statistics for 01/09/21 to 30/09/21

Year	Month	Complaints Closed	Reasons Closed				Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	% Closed within 90 days
			No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient			
2021	September	58	28	11	14	7	46	12	79.31

- Whilst no Enforcement Notices have been issued this month, the Legal department are in the process of drafting four enforcement notices, which will be issued in October, and will be reported on next month.
- In addition, four prosecution cases for non-compliance with enforcement notices are with the Legal department awaiting Court dates.
- In terms of appeals against enforcement notices issued, please note the following:
 - A two day Public Inquiry was held on 14th & 15th September 2021 in the Drill Hall in connection with the appeal lodged against the Enforcement Notices issued in September 2020 at Pear Tree Farm, Furners Lane, Woodmancote. The outcome of this appeal will be reported once it is received.
 - The written representations appeal lodged against the enforcement notice issued in October 2020 on Plot 10 land east of Dukes Hill, Thakeham, West Sussex, RH20 2LT was dismissed on 6th September 2021 in connection with the unauthorised excavation of the Land and consolidation of imported material to form a hardstanding. As such the Notice was upheld by the Planning Inspector.
 - We are currently awaiting decisions on 8 x written representation appeals lodged against enforcement notices, and the date for an Informal Hearing to be heard on a further enforcement notice appeal. The outcome of these appeals will be reported once they are received.

I hope that this is helpful.

Kind regards, Madeleine

**Email dated 04.10.2021 from Sussex Police
Neighbourhood Watch Newsletter**

In the know
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Neighbourhood Watch October Our News Newsletter is Here

OUR NEWS – The newsletter for Neighbourhood Watch supporters across England and Wales

The October edition of OUR NEWS is out and can be read [here](#).

In this edition we are thrilled to announce that Hannah Ingram-Moore, daughter of Captain Sir Tom Moore and Co-founder of The Captain Tom Foundation, is working with Neighbourhood Watch and Co-op Insurance to find the nation's most remarkable neighbours in the 2021 Neighbour of the Year Awards.

This edition also features articles on **hate crime, ASB, fraud trends, our new safety initiative for students termed Student Watch, and more.**

**Email dated 04.10.21 from Rural Services Network
Rural Bulletin**



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FEATURE ITEM



The Rural Services Network has highlighted the importance of the Government Releasing Opportunity and Removing Barriers for rural areas in its submission to the Spending Review 2021.

This is the process where the Government welcomes responses from interested parties to HM Treasury with the aim of commenting on Government policy and suggesting new policy ideas to be considered in the upcoming Budget or Spending Review.

The RSN response demonstrates the case for support and investment into the rural areas of England to release opportunity, strengthen the UK's economic recovery from COVID-19 and level up economic opportunity across England.

[Read more...](#)

LATEST RURAL NEWS & ANALYSIS



Levelling up is failing to solve the rural housing and planning crisis



Young and Low Paid Face Being Priced Out of Rural Areas



New planning laws will stop countryside being ruined by 'ugly development'

Destination Management Review – Any Thoughts?



The Rural Start-Up Fund



Fuel shortages Expected to Lead to Rise in Pump Prices



Labour Promises Rural Ministers for Every Government Department



Rural Related Politics - An RSN weekly review



A good news story from rural Somerset

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

At the RSN, we've always got an eye to what's happening in Government, you can read our response to the [Spending Review](#) in the feature article this week.

In the last week the **Government has also published the responses it received to it's Future of Transport : Rural Strategy call for evidence.** [These can be viewed at this link](#)

Public Health England have published a **Consensus Statement along with the Centre for Ageing Better** which sets out their shared vision for making England the best place in the world to grow old. [It can be viewed at this link](#)

It will be interesting to see how the commitments in this Statement are fulfilled, especially in rural areas where there is a greater proportion of older residents.

We've had a request to share with you all from an MSc Planning Student at the University of Plymouth who is exploring the issue ***"Can rural fuel poverty be tackled by planning policy? A comparative study of energy priorities in community-led and developer-led housing provision in Devon and Cornwall"***. If you are interested in participating in the study, please contact emily.godwin@postgrad.plymouth.ac.uk for more information.



An article by Councillor Cecilia Motley, Chair of the Rural Services Network, has been published by Local Government First magazine

The article calls attention to key findings from research commissioned by the Rural Services Network (RSN) highlighting that rural areas face a triple whammy of lower funding, higher costs and greater need, which is seriously hampering efforts to grow local economies and maximise economic growth and service delivery to their often sparse populations.

[Read the full Local Government First article here](#)

ANALYSIS



Economy Insight on the RSN website has now been updated with an analysis examining employment landscape at the local authority level. The analysis shows proportions of employees in broad industrial sectors over the years 2015 to 2019, and allows selection of authority or class and classification averages. Points of note from the analysis include:

- In 2019 both Predominantly Rural and Predominantly Urban areas shared Health as the number one sector for employment.
- Manufacturing was the key sector for employment of full-time workers in Predominantly Rural areas in 2019.

- Retail, Health and Accommodation and Food Services were key sectors for the employment of part-time staff for both Predominantly Rural and Predominantly Urban areas.n

- [Access this analysis here](#)



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



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

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