

Memo (Agenda January 2022)

To: Parish Councillors

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

From: Sarah Hall

Date: 10th January 2022 (week commencing 4th January 2022)

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/21/0761 (Water Neutrality Statement)	Demolition of a pool house and storage building and erection of a single dwellinghouse. Creation of a new independent access and construction of a garage for Birchenbridge House. Birchenbridge House, Brighton Road.	20.01.2022	
DC/21/2778 04.12.2022	Erection of part two-storey / part single-storey side extensions to southern elevation. Erection of a single storey side extension to the northern elevation. Replacement of all existing windows with white painted timber framed double glazed units. Alterations to landscaping and reshaping to pool. Hards Farm Cottage, Kerves Lane, Horsham	28.01.2021	

(2) Delegated Decisions (Email Consultations)

Number	Applicant & Reason	Consultation Closes	Councillor

(3) HDC Decisions

Number	Applicant & Reason	Comment to HDC	HDC Decision
DC/21/2231	Surgery to x4 Oak and x1 Yew 29 The Whytings, Mannings Heath	No objection	Permitted

(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
DC/21/1483	Erection of a single storey rear extension (Application Refused) Vaughan Copse, Mannings Heath	

Website Analytical Data

Audience Overview

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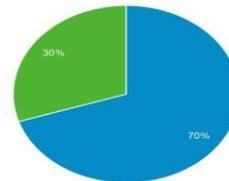
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2. en-us	13	23.64%
3. en-uk	1	1.82%
4. es-es	1	1.82%

Correspondence from HDC

Email dated 05.01.2022 from HDC Enforcement Enforcement Statistics

Dear Parish and Neighbourhood Councils

During December 2021, we received 25 new Planning Compliance investigations outside of the South Downs National Park Authority boundaries, and 5 new cases were opened within the SDNPA boundary.

The closure statistics outside of the SDNPA for December are shown below, and 5 files were closed within the SDNPA.

Month	Complaints Closed	No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient	Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	% Closed within 90 days
December	52	12	15	11	14	33	19	63.46

Four enforcement notices were issued in December 2021 as follows:

EN/20/0560	Land at Stonehouse Farm, Handcross Road, Plummers Plain, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6NZ	Without planning permission, the erection of a building on the Land
EN/21/0534	Land at Stonehouse Farm, Handcross Road, Plummers Plain, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6NZ	Without planning permission, the material change of use of the Land from agricultural to the stationing of a caravan for residential occupation
EN/21/0544	Land at Jacksons Farm, Hammerpond Road, Plummers Plain, Horsham, West Sussex RH13 6PE	Without planning permission, the material change of use of the land from agriculture to the stationing of a caravan for residential occupation
EN/21/0526	Land at Rye Island, Hollands Lane, Henfield, West Sussex, BN5 9QY	Without planning permission, material change of use of the land and buildings from agriculture to B1(c) office use, B2 workshop use and B8 storage use and as a showroom in connection with two events businesses and change of use of the external yard area from the storage of plant and machinery to B8 storage of metal containers used in connection with the events businesses and storage of a caravan

On 13th December 2021 we received the appeal decision on the issue of an enforcement notice on 10th February 2021 on land rear of 33 Millthorpe Road, Horsham, RH12 4ER. This Notice related to the unauthorised change of use of a detached building with nil use to use as a single dwelling. The requirements of the notice were:

- (i) Permanently cease the use of the detached building coloured red on the attached plan as a single dwelling; and
- (ii) Remove all domestic fixtures and fittings from the building which facilitate its use as a self-contained unit of residential accommodation such as the open plan kitchen and segregated bathroom with sink, shower and WC; and
- (iii) Remove all the soft furnishings from the detached building; and
- (iv) Permanently revert the detached building back to its former use.

The appeal was dismissed, and the enforcement notice was upheld with corrections and variations- the Inspector varied requirements (ii), (iii) and (iv) stated above, and instead substituted the following words:

“Permanently remove all food cooking facilities, the bathroom sink, shower and WC”

On 2nd and 9th December 2021, the Courts had four cases listed for non-compliance with effective enforcement notices involving the prosecution of the landowners. Unfortunately in all cases they were adjourned before they were heard. One of the cases has now been re-listed for 20th January 2022; two of the cases were adjourned until 3rd February 2022; and one until 10th February 2022. In addition, we are taking two cases for non-payment of CIL monies due to Court in order to seek CIL Liability Orders.

As well as providing information relating to December 2021, I thought it would be useful to provide a summary of the work undertaken by the Team in 2021 as a whole, in terms of the number of investigations undertaken; the number of investigations closed; and the number of formal notices issued.

- During 2021 we received 535 complaints, and issued 27 x Enforcement Notices, 2 x Breach of Condition Notices and 4 x Temporary Stop Notices (this is compared to 7 x enforcement notices, 1 x Breach of Condition Notice, and 7 x temporary Stop Notices issued in 2020)
- Below is a table showing the closure statistics per month throughout 2021.

Year	Month	Complaints Closed	No Breach	Breach Ceased	Plan App. Received	Not Expedient	Closed within 90 days	Closed over 90 days	% Closed within 90 days
2021	January	59	19	14	15	11	41	18	69.49
	February	39	14	11	10	4	32	7	82.05
	March	38	19	5	7	7	29	9	76.32
	April	45	22	12	6	5	38	7	84.44
	May	54	25	13	7	9	39	15	72.22
	June	55	32	13	6	4	46	9	83.64
	July	57	27	10	11	9	48	9	84.21
	August	43	13	7	16	7	30	13	69.77
	September	59	26	11	15	7	47	12	79.66
	October	51	19	9	13	10	37	14	72.55
	November	25	12	3	7	3	21	4	84
	December	52	12	15	11	14	33	19	63.46
Total for 2021		577	240	123	124	90	441	136	76.43%
Grand Total		577	240	123	124	90	441	136	76.43%

- Appeals were lodged against 12 of the Enforcement Notices issued in 2021, and we expect a further 3 x appeals to be lodged against Notices issued in December 2021.
- Of those 12 x appeals lodged, to date we have only received two decisions from the Planning Inspectorate. In both cases, the appeal was dismissed and the Notice was upheld.

The Legal department are currently in the process of drafting a further 2 x Enforcement Notices, a Breach of Condition Notice, and a S215 (Untidy Site) Notice, which it is hoped will be issued early in the New Year. These will be reported on once they are issued.

I hope this is helpful- as always, should you require further information relating to any of the above, please contact me.

Kind regards, Madeleine

Madeleine Hartley
Planning Compliance Team
Leader

Correspondence

Email dated 07.01.2021 from WSALC
Face to Face Meetings

Dear Clerk

We have just received the following update from Ian Davison, legal advisor to WSALC:

Ministers reject calls for council meetings to be held online

Councils must continue holding meetings in person, the Government has said, as it rejected calls to introduce laws despite the spread of the Omicron variant. Lord Greenhalgh, a minister of state at the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, confirmed the policy in response to a written question. Last month the LGA had called on ministers to urgently bring in emergency legislation to enable councils to return to hybrid meetings.

Have a good weekend.

Kind regards, Anna



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Email dated 07.01.2021 from Sussex Police
Sussex PCC newsletter January 7th 2022



Sussex
Police & Crime
Commissioner

Ensuring we are all
Safer in Sussex

This week, the Government added some new measures to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill. Under current legislation, victims of domestic abuse must report incidents within six months of an offence for police to bring a prosecution.

Experience shows that for a number of reasons - including their personal safety - victims of domestic abuse can take longer to report incidents than victims of other crimes. Under the changes announced this week, victims will have two years to report to police.



Rural communities and farmers in Sussex will be pleased to see that the Government has also acted this week on calls to get tougher on illegal hare coursing which is mainly carried out by organised crime gangs and betting syndicates.

Farmers and landowners have reported how crops have been ruined and fences and gates damaged. An amendment to the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Bill will mean police can seize more of the dogs used in hare coursing and courts will have fine limits removed, with the ability to ban convicted offenders and apply stiffer penalties.

I know that the public want to see more being done to help women and girls in our county to feel safe which is why I bid for £1.3m from the Safer Streets Fund and the Safety of Women at Night Fund.

I am pleased to say that feedback from the police, partners and pubs and clubs is that this funding has already made a positive impact - particularly over the festive period - supporting extra police patrols, street pastors and taxi marshals.

Sussex Police are running a survey which seeks to understand women and girls' experiences of violence and harassment, focused on experiences in public spaces. Alongside structured questions, there is also an open-ended opportunity for people to share wider experiences, for example those crimes which take place in the home or online.

The survey remains open until Friday 14 January and takes up to 15 minutes to complete.

[People want to see neighbourhood policing protected](#)

All of us, including our public services, face rising costs from inflation and the impact of the pandemic. We have now received the provisional Police Grant settlement for the year ahead giving us a clearer picture of our financial position and the potential impact on your police service.

I know that this is a difficult time for everyone but if we want to sustain the capabilities of the force that we have rebuilt over the past few years we may need to consider increasing the precept in April. That's why I am currently asking Sussex residents to have your say on a potential increase to the precept, the policing portion of council tax.

My office has been engaging with communities across the county over the last year to hear what matters to people where they live. The majority of the feedback is that people appreciate the crime demands on our police officers and the challenges from rising costs but they want to see visible neighbourhood policing protected.

The poll closes at midnight this coming Sunday (9th January), so if you haven't had your say yet I'd really like to hear from you in my survey.



Katy Bourne

Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



SHARE WITH A FRIEND

**Email dated 07.01.2021 from FRS Consultations
Fire service public consultation**

Please find below an invitation for your councillors from the Chief Fire Officer of West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, Sabrina Cohen-Hatton, to take part in the service's public consultation.

I know that many of your councillors will already have completed the survey, but with two weeks to go until the consultation closes, could I ask you to circulate this reminder among your councillors for their attention please?

A message from the Chief Fire Officer of West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service, Sabrina Cohen-Hatton:

West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has launched a public consultation around our proposals for our Community Risk Management Plan 2022 – 2026.

This document sets out the direction of the service over the next four years, and as part of this we have six proposals that we are seeking feedback on.

I would like to invite you to view these proposals and take part in our public consultation.

You can find these proposals, along with the survey to take part, on our dedicated Community Risk Management Plan website [here](#).

These are also available on the website in an Easy Read format.

The proposals include:

- Enhancing our retained (on-call) operating model
- Weekend protection, prevention and response improvements
- Improving protection, prevention and response performance in rural areas
- How WSFRS should deal with false alarms from automatic fire systems
- When we should review our Emergency Response Standards
- How WSFRS proposes to undertake a review of our specialist appliance requirements to consider current and future risks to firefighter and public safety

This is a key opportunity for our communities and all partners to have their say on our proposals, and we will assess all of the responses and use to inform our final CRMP which we intend to publish in spring 2022.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to visit the consultation homepage and take part in our consultation.

The closing date for responses is Friday 21 January 2022.

You can find more information on the six proposals and take part in the consultation [here](#).

Warmest regards,

Sabrina Cohen-Hatton
Chief Fire Officer
West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service

Email dated 07.01.2022 from WSALC
Sussex Police: Chief Constable 'Big Data' presentation

Cllr N Bryant will be attending the presentation on behalf of the Parish Council.

Sussex Police are using 'big data' to turn millions of records of phone calls, crimes, investigations and court trials into a tool to drive productivity and make people safer. It will enable officers to predict trends, identify serial offenders, study crime hotspots and devote more time to victims.

In an article recently published in the Times, Chief Constable Jo Shiner stated that whilst people argue that there should be more police officers on the beat, the use of data analytics will help make better decisions on where that visibility should be.

Chief Constable Jo Shiner will be giving a Zoom presentation to member councils across West and East Sussex on the use of 'big data'. The presentation is taking place on **Friday 25th February 2022 at 1.30pm** and you are invited to send one representative from your Council, which may be the Clerk or a Councillor.

Kind regards, Anna Beams



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Email dated 07.01.2022 from WSCC
Covid-19 updates, tips for a healthy 2022, and more



Welcome to 2022 in West Sussex!

There's no doubt the ongoing pandemic has had an impact on every aspect of our lives, not least on our health and wellbeing.

This eNewsletter focuses on practical ways you can look after your mental and physical health as we start a new year and the challenges it may bring.

We also highlight the benefits of getting out and about and enjoying wintertime – and where better than discovering some of the wonderful places that are right here in West Sussex!

Have a happy and healthy 2022.

Local Covid-19 and vaccination update



Current covid rates remain very high across West Sussex.

Face coverings are compulsory in many indoor settings so if you're popping to the shops, wear a face covering. [Click here for a full list of indoor settings where face coverings are required.](#)

Get more info on Covid-19 rates in your area by visiting our [data dashboard](#).

Vaccinations

We are working closely with our local NHS colleagues to support the vaccination programme.

Everyone 12 years of age and older is now eligible to get a Covid-19 vaccination. Details of walk-in and bookable Covid-19 vaccinations centres available across West Sussex [can be found here](#).

Testing

In response to rising Covid-19 cases and the rapid spread of the Omicron variant across the UK, we should all be following public health advice to slow the spread of infection and keep each other safe.

About 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 do not have symptoms but can still infect others. Even if you're vaccinated, you can still catch the virus and pass it on.

Symptom-free lateral flow testing will help to check if you have Covid-19, so that if you get a positive result you can self-isolate.

Take lateral flow tests before you meet others, socialise or go to crowded or enclosed places. Please report all results and if you test positive you must self-isolate and order a PCR test.

Please do not leave your place of isolation to collect a testing kit. We recommend that you order a kit for delivery to your home, or ask a friend, relative, or carer to collect a kit on your behalf.

Demand for testing kits is high so please keep trying if you're unable to get kits first time. [Click here for details on how to pick up or order a free lateral flow test kit.](#)

[More local information on Covid-19](#)

Make your mental health a priority

Put your mental health at the top of your to-do list for 2022.

The NHS's Every Mind Matters campaign has expert advice and practical tips to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.

You'll also find local information and guidance to support young people on our [Your Mind Matters](#) webpages.



[Every Mind Matters](#)

Unwind your mind



You don't have to move very far away from your front door to discover some stunning natural locations where you can relax and unwind your mind.

Walking is a great way of clearing your head and appreciating the natural world around us, like this colourful sunset over Halnaker Mill, pictured last year.

So whether it's crunching through fallen leaves in the woods, feeling the invigorating salty sea air on the beach, or taking a gentle stroll through the park, you'll find lots of inspiration on our [Experience West Sussex](#) website.

[Walking in West Sussex](#)

Have a healthier new year...



Most people who do Dry January (not drinking alcohol for the whole month) see a whole host of benefits that make taking part the perfect start to the New Year. You'll see your skin get brighter, improve your finances and find a calmer mind. Visit the [West Sussex Wellbeing website](#) for more information.

The return of the Better Health campaign is encouraging adults across the nation to lose excess weight, eat more healthily and get active this January. Visit the [West Sussex Wellbeing website](#) for free help and support to get you started.

Thinking of quitting smoking this year? Giving up smoking is good for your health, your finances and your mental health. Experts have found that adults who smoke increase the likelihood of their kids taking up smoking. So, if you want to quit smoking for your family or for your own health this January, visit the [West Sussex Wellbeing website](#) for free help and support.

Our libraries can help your wellbeing

Reading can help lift your mood or give you helpful information, so why not visit your [library](#) or [reserve a book online](#)?

If you can't get to the library, we can deliver to you.

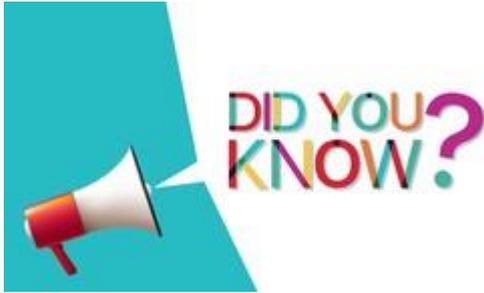
Being active is good for wellbeing too, book a place at one of our [regular activities](#) and meet new people.



Or check our [current offer](#) to see our online activities such as [Rhyme Times](#) and [Melody for the Mind](#), where you will also find our [Wellbeing Resources](#), such as our [Reading Well](#) collections. Not a member? [Join online](#) today!

More news

- [Essential work is ongoing to remove ash trees](#) which could pose a risk to road users because of Ash Dieback infection and the potential for branches to fall into the road.
- [A new plan that outlines support for more than 120,000 unpaid friend and family carers across West Sussex](#) for the next five years has been launched.
- Our West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service [rescued a llama](#) that fell into an underground reservoir after escaping from its enclosure after dark.



Applications for primary, infant and junior school places close on Saturday 15 January 2022.

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

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

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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Email dated 06.01.2022 from WSALC

"Escooters" - response from Sussex Police to concerns raised by member councils

A number of member councils raised concerns during the recent Police Focus Groups about the danger of illegal use of e.scooters on public roads and pavements. Please see the below email and attached leaflet from Sussex Police in response.

Mr Leggo,

I am the staff officer for Assistant Chief Constable Tanya Jones, and she has asked me to provide you with her reply to your email dated 29th December. The reply is from her, however I am sending it to you purely for efficiency purposes.

“Thank you for your email regarding “E-Scooters” and the Police response.

The use of E-scooters has increased recently with them becoming more commercially available and accessible by people across all parts of the county. It appears that there is an assumption amongst the public that as they are being sold commercially that they are legal and do not require any licensing or other documentation. Additionally a number of formal Government trials allowing the use of “E scooters” with specific conditions in other areas of the country have added to this confusion, despite there being no trials taking place within Sussex. Sussex Police initial approach has been to dispel this misunderstanding amongst the public first and foremost rather than move immediately to enforcement.

Whilst there is no specific legislation regarding their use existing legislation around motor vehicles are relevant to them, and are considered “powered transporters”. Therefore for them to be used on public roads lawfully they must meet a number of requirements, including technical standards, payment of vehicle tax, licensing and registration regulations and the use of suitable personal safety equipment. Because of the nature of these devices it is highly unlikely that they will meet these legally required standards and as such the advice we have offered to all users is that they can only be used legally on private land (that is land that is not accessible to the public) and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements. We have found that most owners do not realise this and so proper engagement with them by local Officers and PCSO’s in many cases is an effective way to approaching this. We recognise that these vehicles can travel at some speed, whether on a dedicated pavement or cycle path, or indeed on a road, and then this brings danger to the user themselves, as well as other pedestrians and road users. The same could be said for motorised mobility scooters, and a recent East Sussex IAG provided feedback to us that they felt mobility scooters were more of a hazard than E scooters, but we fully recognise that both carry risks.

The powers Police have to deal with these offences is limited by the fact that fixed penalty notices, which would often be used for similar offences for other more common road vehicles can not be used for “E scooters” as there is no registration mark or similar that can be used in prosecuting those offences in that way. Recognising that the increased use in “E scooters” is relatively new we have encouraged officers and PCSO’s to engage and explain with users to educate them about the law, and the requirements they need to meet. Also, we are conscious that many will be generally law abiding people, and there is a line to be walked between policing by consent, legitimacy and all the other issues and crimes that need addressing. Part of this was distributing a flyer with that information, and I attach a copy.

Beyond this Officers have the power to issue a warning under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act if the vehicle is being used in a manner which causes alarm, distress or annoyance, and if the vehicle is used again in a similar manner it can be seized. This does have practical implications due to the lack of the registration mark, however the warning can be issued to the person, rather than the vehicle. Officers then have all other usual powers to report persons for summons if other Road Traffic Legislation has been broken around insurance and license matters.

In the last 12 months we Sussex Police has taken action in a number of cases. An investigation is currently with the Crown Prosecution Service of dangerous driving whilst on an E Scooter, where the rider has collided with an elderly female causing injuries. There are also two other cases in progress where persons have been reported for summons for no insurance offences, and driving other than in accordance with a driving license.

In November 2021, and in response to concern from communities, we have run a special operation to tackle E scooter use and offences. This was using Roads Policing teams, and Neighbourhood teams to complete dedicated patrols targeting users and enforcing legislation. This resulted in a number of offences being dealt with.

7 traffic offence reports for no insurance
2 summons being issued for no insurance
1 Summons being issued for disqualified driving
1 Section 59 warning issues to a young person
15 E Scooters seized

Moving forward it is our intention for the enforcement of law around the use of these vehicles to become part of the routine work Police undertake to keep our communities safe. To this end we are encouraging all departments, including the coaching unit (divisional units for newly recruited officers), Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Response Units, as well as the Roads Policing Team to focus on this area during their patrols and work.

We would also encourage local communities to engage with the local PCSO's and Neighbourhood Policing Teams to identify hotspots for the use of these vehicles to enable those officers to focus their patrols and attention to reduce the risk of injury to persons. Our first aim is always to keep people safe, and reduce injuries and casualties especially on the roads, we enforce the law where circumstances are appropriate but by working together to can continue to educate users of these vehicles to abide by the law. We will also keep under review any changes in the law around their use, and seek to communicate this as widely as possible at the time."

I am hoping this is useful, if you need anything further please let either myself or ACC Jones know.

Best wishes,
Ed Faulkner
Staff Officer to ACC Tanya Jones



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Email dated 06.01.22 from Sussex Police
Horsham Police Station Front Office

In the know
Surrey and Sussex



Sussex Police



Horsham Police Station Front Office

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Unfortunately due to staff shortages, the front office at Horsham Police Station will be closed at various times throughout January, February and March.

The closures for January are as follows:

Monday 10th January

Wednesday 12th January

Friday 21st January

Thursday 27th January

The closures for February and March will be advised in due course.

We appreciate your patience and apologise for any inconvenience caused during this time.

When the front office is closed please call us on 101 or you can contact us online.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

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.

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Your local teams

[Visit our Website](#) to contact your local team, view local news and follow our social media accounts. Simply type your post code in the '**Find a Local Area**' box located in the top right of the web page.

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)

Email dated 06.01.2022 from Sussex Police

Sussex Police Launches Latest Officer Recruitment Drive

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Sussex Police



Sussex Police Launches Latest Officer Recruitment Drive

Sussex Police has started the new year by opening applications for new police officers, as part of its continued commitment to bolster officer numbers across the county. The force's latest recruitment window opened on Wednesday (5 January) and will remain open for two weeks.

It's part of the national Uplift campaign to recruit 20,000 additional police officers, which has surpassed the halfway stage and resulted in 182 extra officers so far recruited in Sussex.

During this round of recruitment, applications will be sought for cohorts to join the force via the Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship ([PCDA](#)) or the Degree Entry Holder Programme ([DHEP](#)). For further information, check the [full eligibility criteria](#).

Pursuing a career as a police officer provides a wide range of policing including safeguarding, community engagement, investigations and anti-terrorism.

With this vast range of career opportunities to explore and the rewarding challenges policing Sussex brings each day, police leaders are urging people from communities across Sussex and further afield to consider a career dedicated to making a difference to communities in the force area.

T/Assistant Chief Constable Tanya Jones said: "From being there for a victim of crime when they're at their most vulnerable to being a smiling face when it's needed most – police officers make the world of difference.

"Careers don't come more rewarding than this. On the frontline, you'll protect communities, catch criminals and deliver an outstanding service.

"We're looking for individuals who have the judgment to make quick decisions, the compassion to help those in need, and the resilience to serve the community every day. Most importantly, you will have a passion for helping others.

"Join us as a police constable and open the door to a world of opportunities, with the chance to specialise in a wide range of policing areas."

Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner Katy Bourne said: "The feedback from my consultations and conversations with Sussex residents shows that they are seeing increased police visibility in their communities as well as appreciating the often unseen work our officers do to keep us safe.

"This latest round of officer recruitment shows the commitment to build back local policing and bolster the force's wider capabilities. British police officers are rightly respected around the world, because they are ordinary people drawn from the diverse communities they serve but they do an extraordinary job."

Find out more about the various routes you can take into a job that offers a good starting salary, opportunities for progression and the pride that comes from helping others. [Register now](#) for a recruitment webinar on Thursday 6 January at 6pm.

Recruitment will close on Wednesday 19 January and it is expected there will be a high volume of applications. Therefore [apply now](#) and help make a real difference to your community.

Message Sent By

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

**Email dated 04.01.2022 from Sussex Police
Horsham Weekly News and Appeals**

**In the know
Surrey and Sussex**



Horsham Weekly News and Appeals

News and appeals

First responders secure police grant for valuable equipment in Henfield

Sussex Police has donated £2,500 towards the purchase of six new security boxes to store public access defibrillators in Henfield.

The application for the grant was made by Henfield Area Response Team (HART), which is a team of volunteers who provide emergency medical support to the community.

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

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/news/first-responders-secure-police-grant-for-valuable-equipment-in-henfield/>

Witnesses sought to A272 collision

Police are appealing for witnesses after a serious injury collision on the A272 in West Sussex.

At 7.45pm on Sunday 2 January a car and a lorry collided on the A272 in West Sussex between Buck Barn and Cowfold.

The woman driving the car sustained serious and life threatening injuries.

The A272 between Buck Barn and Cowfold will be closed for some hours while the scene is examined and drivers are thanked for their patience and understanding.

Anyone who saw what happened or who has any other information is asked to contact Sussex Police on collision.appeal@sussex.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101, quoting Operation Codnor.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/news/sussex/news/witness-appeals/witnesses-sought-to-a272-collision/>

PC recruitment is open again tomorrow, 5th January.

This is your chance to join your local police force, making a real difference to communities across Sussex.

Find out more about working as a police officer

<https://orlo.uk/d5l8s>

Register now for our recruitment webinar on Thursday 6 January at 6pm

<https://orlo.uk/9CWm3>

Horsham Police Station Front Office

Unfortunately due to staff shortages, the front office at Horsham Police Station will be closed at various times throughout January, February and March.

These closures will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages and also via In The Know.

When the front office is closed please call us on 101 or you can contact us online.

We are sorry for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your patience.

<https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>

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)

Email dated 05.01.2022 rom Sussex Ramblers
Four years to save thousands of Britain's historic paths



This month marks four years until **thousands of Britain's historic paths could be lost forever.**

After 1st January 2026 it will no longer be possible to add rights of way to the legal record (the definitive map) in England and Wales on the basis of historical evidence.

Thanks to your support, Ramblers' Don't Lose Your Way project has made real progress towards protecting some of the 49,000 miles of paths which could be lost forever.

With your help we support volunteers to gather evidence on these historic paths and to submit applications to local authorities to preserve these ways for future generations

New volunteer roles coming soon

We're excited to share that **we'll soon be recruiting for new volunteer roles** to support those building and submitting cases for these lost paths. Look out for more from us in April!

Together, we can protect our paths before it is too late. Thank you.

Best wishes, The Ramblers

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FEATURE ITEM



First Homes Report Published

On 28 December 2021 Government requirements for the provision of First Homes as part of affordable housing contributions came into effect. Apart from some areas where transitional arrangements will apply, the First Homes requirements will create a number of challenges for rural local authorities. Research recently conducted by the Rural Service Network shows local authority members have several concerns.

[Read more...](#)

ANALYSIS



Ageing in place: how can we ensure rural residents have choice, control and support to lead healthy, independent lives?

By 2040, over 40% of the UK population will be aged 50 years and over. Yet we are not ageing evenly – with one in three Local Authorities in rural and coastal Districts already having populations fitting this profile. As part of pandemic recovery and future planning, Government is now paying increasing attention to improving services for older people. This includes the publication of the ‘People at the Heart of Care’ White Paper. What does ageing mean for rural communities – and what can be done to fix social care in rural places? *Jessica Sellick investigates?*

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New Economic Vision for Exmoor



Devon housing association's latest venture 'a gift to the community'



Here's how drones could be used to revolutionise rural living



LocalGov Drupal secures further funding from the DLUHC Local Digital Fund



Local Government Finance: Provisional Settlement 2022/23



Rural Related Politics - An RSN weekly review

WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2022 to all of our readers!

We are starting off our seminar programme with two topics that cross across so many of our priority areas, Older People and Young People. The Seminars are free to access but only to members of the Rural Services Network.

Places are limited at the January Older People event so book your place now if you are a member of the RSN, there are plenty of spaces at the March event for Young People:

- Wed Jan 26th 11am-1pm RSN Seminar on Older People in Rural Areas - [Book Here](#)
- Wed March 2nd 11am-1pm RSN Seminar on Young People in Rural Areas - [Book Here](#)

You can view our whole seminar programme for 2022 [at this link](#)



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](#)

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 This includes our work on the Local Government Finance Settlement

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