

Rudgwick Parish Council

Weekly Clerk's Update: 21 - 27 December 2020 (Agenda January 2021)

To: Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)

Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

From: Anna Clayton

The weekly update provides information regarding:

- Announcements/delegated decisions by the Clerk
- Planning information
- Correspondence/communications from parishioners
- Correspondence/communications from outside organisations

List of organisations that communicate with the Council on a regular basis.

- AIRS (Action in Rural Sussex)
 - APCAG (Association of Parish Councils Aviation Group)
 - CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emission)
 - CPRE (Campaign to Protect Rural England)
 - HALC (Horsham Association of Local Councils)
 - HDC (Horsham District Council)
 - NALC (National Association of Local Councils)
 - SSALC (Surrey and Sussex Association of Local Councils)
 - WSCC (West Sussex District Council)
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Clerk's announcements/delegated decisions:

GENERAL REMINDER: Please note that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Parish Office staff are working their regular hours but not always in the office. If you wish to speak face to face to a member of staff, please contact the Clerk on 07927 702321 during her office working hours (Monday – Wednesday 9.30 – 15.30).

- Update circulated to confirm that the skatepark and playgrounds are allowed to remain open and can be used by individual households, bubbles or two people from different households. All Rudgwick Parish Council facility buildings will remain closed as part of Tier 4 restrictions until restrictions are lifted;
- Parish office phone line fault fixed;

New Applications (Delegated Decision)

New Planning Applications for consideration by Delegated Decision and noting at the Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11.01.2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Response Date
DC/20/2375 14.12.2020	Chestnuts, Hornshill Farm, Guildford Road, Rudgwick	Conversion of existing barn to ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling. Erection of a porch to front elevation.		05.01.2020

New Applications

For discussion at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11.01.2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Response Date

Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11.01.2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	HDC Decision
DC/20/2130	Cousens, Cox Green, Rudgwick	Outline Application for the erection of 1no dwelling to the rear of the existing site. Alterations to existing access track with all matters reserved except layout and access.	Objection	Application Withdrawn
DC/20/2235	8 Buckhurst Cottages, Church Street, Rudgwick	Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/18/0704 (Erection of detached garden workshop to the rear of the property) Amendments to the roof type, minor alteration of window and door position on existing elevations, change of material to northwest side door and change of supporting roof structure.	No objection	Permitted

Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11.01.2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Planning Committee Date

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11.01.2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Public Inquiry/Written Representation

Enforcement Numbers

Enforcement Numbers – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 11.01.2021		
EN/20/0614	Alleged: building being used as dwelling, and erection of tennis court without permission Godleys, Hermongers Lane, Rudgwick	Pending Consideration

Correspondence from HDC on Planning Issues

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Correspondence/communications from parishioners / to the Council

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Emails/correspondence from external organisations/people

21.12.2020 Email from HDC

Coronavirus (COVID-19) 21 December: Changes to Christmas guidance | West Sussex remains in Tier 2



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information and advice for public and businesses

Timestamp: 21 December 2020

Changes to Christmas guidance

The Prime Minister addressed the nation on Saturday 19 December to announce changes to the coronavirus rules for Christmas.

Below is a summary of the changes for West Sussex:

- Rules allowing up to three households to meet will now be limited to Christmas Day only.
- There is now a new Tier 4 affecting London and certain areas of the South East, however **West Sussex remains in Tier 2**.
- People should not travel into a Tier 4 area, though support bubbles remain unaffected as do the exemptions for separated parents and their children.
- Christmas bubbles for those in Tiers 1, 2 and 3 will not be able include anyone in Tier 4.

[Read the Prime Minister's statement in full](#)

[Read the updated guidance on making a Christmas bubble](#)

West Sussex remains in Tier 2



West Sussex remains in Tier 2: High Alert.

[Find a list of what you can and cannot do on in Tier 2 on the Government website.](#)



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 **Horsham
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22.12.2020 Email from HDC

**Business: West Sussex remains in Tier 2 | Business support grants for pubs and hospitality venues
| Guidance for hospitality businesses | Job Retention Scheme extended | Brexit Transition -
Business Support**

Business support and information

From Horsham District Council

22 December 2020

West Sussex remains in Tier 2

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Business support grants: What can I apply for?

In response to the impact that local and national COVID-19 restrictions have had on the economy, the Government has provided Horsham District Council grant funding to help businesses which have been most affected.

Horsham District Council is currently administering six schemes on behalf of the Government. Further information about each scheme can be found at the links below:

- [Christmas Support payment: Wet-Led Pubs](#)
- [Local Restrictions Support Grant \(Closed\) – businesses affected by Tier restrictions from 2 December](#)
- [Local Restrictions Support Grant \(Open\) - hospitality, accommodation and leisure businesses](#)
- [Local Restrictions Support Grant \(Closed\) – businesses affected by November national restrictions](#)
- [Local Restrictions Support Grant \(sector\) - nightclubs, adult entertainment venues and similar](#)
- [Additional Restrictions Grant](#)

Please read this before applying to check your eligibility and to ensure you apply for the correct scheme.

Applications for any scheme should be online.

[Find out more and apply](#)

Guidance for hospitality businesses on using outdoor seating

As hospitality businesses look for ways to increase customer seating for their guests as a result of the current pandemic, many are deciding to set-up marquees or gazebos in outside areas in order to meet social distancing and household-mixing guidelines.

However, the Council is stressing the importance of making sure that such temporary outside structures don't themselves fall foul of the Covid-secure rules or other legislation.

Ventilation is key to controlling the spread of the virus. In order to be classed as 'outside,' any structure with a roof must have openings in its sides greater than half of its total area; it is the same calculation that prevents 'substantially enclosed' structures from being used as smoking shelters.

It is also vital that businesses do not install potentially dangerous patio heaters into gazebos and marquees without taking steps to ensure that they can be operated safely.

[Find more information on the Horsham District Council website](#) or get in touch with our Environmental health team at publichealth.licensing@horsham.gov.uk.



Job Retention Scheme
extended until 30 April
2021

Coast to Capital

Brexit Transition: Business Support

The UK's transition from the EU is ending on 31 December and there will be no extension.

Your business needs to act now to prepare for the new rules. If you do not take action,

The Government have announced that the coronavirus Job Retention Scheme has been extended until the end of April 2021.

This means that furloughed employees will continue to receive 80% of their usual salary for hours not worked until the end of April.

[Find out more](#)

there is a risk your business operations will be interrupted.

Thankfully, the Coast to Capital Growth Hub have created a support page to help your business navigate the transition and prepare for the future.

[Visit Coast to Capital](#)

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22.12.2020 Email from WSCC

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government - COVID19 Guidance Update on Safe Use of Playgrounds & Multi Purpose Community Facilities

[COVID-19: Guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community facilities](#)

Page summary:

Guidance for those managing community centres, village halls and other community facilities on safely re-opening multi-purpose buildings.

Change made:

Updated to reflect changes to local restriction tiers

Time updated:

2:43pm, 22 December 2020

[COVID-19: Guidance for managing playgrounds and outdoor gyms](#)

Page summary:

Guidance for owners and operators of playgrounds and outdoor gyms to enable their use while minimising the transmission risk of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Change made:

Updated to reflect changes to local restriction tiers

Time updated:

11:53am, 22 December 2020

23.12.2020 Email from HDC

There's still time to check your bin collections for Christmas and New Year

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A quick reminder that despite the changing restrictions due to the pandemic, our hardworking crews will be out collecting your bins over the festive period, however there are some changes to when they are collected.

- There will be no collections on Christmas Day, the Boxing Day Bank Holiday on 28 December or New Year's Day.
- Garden waste collections will be suspended over the festive period and will resume on Wednesday 6 January.
- Any extra resources will be deployed to help with the additional recycling materials generated over the festive period.

Make sure to check when your bins will be collected over Christmas and New Year, by [viewing your bin collection calendar online](#).

[View bin calendar](#)

23.12.2020 Email from HDC

Wednesday, 23rd December, 2020, 12.37 pm - Minutes published: Meeting of Wednesday, 9th December, 2020 7.00 pm, Council.

Council and cabinet meetings

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23.12.2020

news release - West Sussex to move to tier 4 of local outbreak restrictions

People in West Sussex must stay at home and only travel for very limited reasons when tier 4 local outbreak restrictions come into force from Saturday, 26 December.

Household mixing will not be allowed, aside from support bubbles and two people meeting in public outdoor spaces. All non-essential shops and hospitality venues will close, apart from click and collect services and takeaway food and drink.

West Sussex has been moved into tier 4 along with other counties in the South East, due to a significant rise in infection rates across the region.

The latest figures show 184.8 per 100,000 people in West Sussex tested positive for COVID-19 in the seven days up to 17 December. Across the county, rates have almost doubled in the past week, with cases rising even faster than this in some areas.

West Sussex Interim Director of Public Health, Dr Tony Hill, urged residents to follow tier 4 guidelines and consider the safety of friends, family and others at all times.

Dr Hill said: "I am very concerned at the rising number of cases of COVID-19 in West Sussex, as we should all be.

"Everyone has a responsibility to make themselves aware of the rules so that we do all we can to protect ourselves and each other.

"By washing our hands, wearing a face covering, keeping socially distant and abiding by the tier 4 restrictions we can hopefully bring the rates down, stay safe and ease the pressure on our NHS.

"Although tier restrictions are being relaxed on Christmas Day, I would still encourage everyone to keep their gatherings small and keep them local wherever possible."

Councillor Amanda Jupp, the County Council's Cabinet Member for Adults & Health and Chair of the West Sussex Local Outbreak Engagement Board, said: "The restrictions are there to protect us, so it is extremely important that we all play our part and keep our county as safe as possible.

"Nobody wants to be in this situation, and I know we would all like to get back to normal. I urge everyone to follow the rules so that we can return to doing the things we enjoy as quickly as soon as possible."

More information about what tier 4 restrictions mean to you is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home>.

The County Council's [Community Hub](#) will be operating over Christmas and providing help to those who need support or may be experiencing hardship due to COVID-19.

You can contact the Community Hub in confidence by calling 033 022 27980 or by completing the [online form](#).

The Hub will be open seven days a week (including the Christmas Bank Holidays) between 8am-8pm.

*The latest figures relating to West Sussex are available on the data dashboard on the county council website: <https://wsx-c19-mobile.netlify.app/>. The seven-day rate does not include the most recent days of data (this is true of the local dashboard and the national one). This is to allow time for test results to come through. The incomplete days of data can be seen as orange bars on the figure below the table here: https://wsx-c19-mobile.netlify.app/#latest_case_section

23.12.2020 Email from WSCC

West Sussex COVID-19 News – New tier, Christmas, opening hours, and more



TOWN AND PARISH NEWS

Working together on behalf
of our communities





West Sussex moves to Tier 4 Stay At Home restrictions on Boxing Day

Christmas and the holiday season will be different for many of us and the communities we serve this year, with celebrations quite possibly not how we'd planned them.

Coronavirus cases are rising across the South East, and the government recently announced changes to the restrictions on Christmas bubbles.

West Sussex remains on high alert in tier 2 rules from now up until and including Christmas Eve (24 December). [Read the tier 2 rules in full.](#)

On Christmas Day (25 December), the government has said up to three households can get together. This is a maximum (not a target), includes your own household, is for one day only, and MUST not include households already in tier 4.

[Read more on Christmas Day bubbles here.](#)

From Saturday 26 December, West Sussex will move to TIER 4 – STAY AT HOME restrictions, along with most other local authority areas across the South East.

The new rules will mean we MUST not leave or be outside of our home or garden, except where we have a 'reasonable excuse.'

[Tier 4: STAY AT HOME rules](#)

Remember: washing hands for 20 seconds, wearing a face covering, and staying two metres apart remain some of the best ways to keep each other safe.

See the [latest data on coronavirus cases in West Sussex here.](#)

Christmas can be a difficult time of year for many, so it's also really important to look after our mental wellbeing. If you or anyone you know needs support this year, the following links have some useful advice, guidance and tips: [NHS Every Mind Matters](#) and [Mind: Christmas and coronavirus.](#)

A message from Leader Paul Marshall

Leader of West Sussex County Council, Paul Marshall shares his well wishes to residents for Christmas and the New Year.

[Watch the video on our Youtube channel.](#)



Community Hub here for you

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County Council opening hours over Christmas and New Year

Take a look at our [Christmas opening times webpage](#) for information on the opening times for County Council services over the holiday period and share with your residents.

24.12.2020 Email updates from Basecamp

The Tier 4 Stay at Home Government guidance [Tier 4: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/tier-4-stay-at-home) states:

Protecting people more at risk from coronavirus

If you are **clinically vulnerable**, you could be at higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus. You:

- should be especially careful to follow the rules and minimise your contacts with others
- should continue to wash your hands carefully and more frequently than usual and maintain thorough cleaning of frequently touched areas in your home and/or workspace

Clinically vulnerable people are those who are:

- aged 70 or over (regardless of medical conditions)
- under 70 with an underlying health condition listed below (that is, anyone instructed to get a flu jab each year on medical grounds):
 - chronic (long-term) mild to moderate respiratory diseases, such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), emphysema or bronchitis
 - chronic heart disease, such as heart failure
 - chronic kidney disease
 - chronic liver disease, such as hepatitis
 - chronic neurological conditions, such as Parkinson's disease, motor neurone disease, multiple sclerosis (MS) or cerebral palsy
 - diabetes
 - problems with the spleen

- a weakened immune system as the result of certain conditions or medicines they are taking (such as steroid tablets)
- being seriously overweight (a body mass index (BMI) of 40 or above)
- pregnant

There is a further group of people who are defined, also on medical grounds, as [clinically extremely vulnerable](#) to coronavirus – that is, people with specific serious health conditions.

Over this period, we are advising the clinically extremely vulnerable to work from home. If you cannot work from home, you are advised not to go to work and may be eligible for the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS), Statutory Sick Pay (SSP), Employment Support Allowance (ESA) or Universal Credit.

We are advising this group to stay at home as much as possible, **except to go outdoors for exercise** or to attend health appointments. You may wish to meet up with one other person from outside your household or support bubble, for example, to exercise in an outdoor public place. You should always try to do so as safely as possible by maintaining social distancing. [Please follow the guidance set out in the shielding section of the CEV guidance.](#)

The [Tier 4: Stay at Home - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) guidance is also clear on limiting travel and although being in a household/support bubble there are the risks associated with this travelling to and from the venue.

Travelling within a Tier 4 area

If you live in a Tier 4 area, you must not leave your home unless you have a reasonable excuse (e.g. for work or education purposes). If you need to travel you should stay local - meaning avoiding travelling outside of your village, town or the part of a city where you live - and look to reduce the number of journeys you make overall. The list of reasons you can leave your home and area include, but are not limited to:

- work, where you cannot work from home
- accessing education and for caring responsibilities
- visiting those in your support bubble - or your childcare bubble for childcare
- visiting hospital, GP and other medical appointments or visits where you have had an accident or are concerned about your health
- buying goods or services from premises that are open in Tier 4 areas, including essential retail, but these should be within your local area wherever possible
- outdoor recreation or exercise. This should be done locally wherever possible, but you can travel a short distance within your Tier 4 area to do so if necessary (for example, to access an open space)
- attending the care and exercise of an animal, or veterinary services

Clinically Extremely Vulnerable

This is a formal return to Shielding as we saw in phase 1. Those who are Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are advised not to go to the shops, limit interaction with others to a minimum and stay at home as much as possible. They are still remain in their support bubble if they have one.

- Government Guidance – What food support is available for me/ Clinically Extremely Vulnerable?
 - You are advised not to go to the shops. Use online shopping if you can, or ask friends, family or local charities to collect and deliver shopping for you.
- West Sussex County Council Community Hub will continue to provide support for those who need can contact in confidence by calling 033 022 27980 or by completing the [online form](#)
 - Food including shopping organised through a number of different avenues
 - Medication collection organised through a number of different avenues
 - Financial support for those impacted by the Pandemic and recent restrictions

WSCC Community Hub are still here to help if you need it

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/community-hub-covid-19/>

TIER 4 – STAY AT HOME

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[Tier 4: STAY AT HOME rules](#)

Latest Case Data: See the [latest data on coronavirus cases in West Sussex here](#).

24.12.2020 Email from HDC

Coronavirus (COVID-19) 24 December: Sussex will move to Tier 4 restrictions from Boxing Day

Sussex will move to Tier 4 restrictions from Boxing Day

Due to very rapidly rising level of infections, Sussex, including Horsham District, will move to Tier 4 restrictions from 00:01 on Boxing Day 26 December.

This means that tighter restrictions will be in place to curb the rising levels of infections.

Tier 4: Stay at Home

These new restrictions mean:

- all non-essential shops, hair and beauty salons, indoor gyms and leisure facilities will close
- you must work from home if you can and only travel if absolutely necessary for work, education or essential reasons including to get food or attend a medical appointment
- you cannot mix indoors with anyone you do not live with (other than those in your [support bubble](#))
- you can only meet with one other person outdoors, in an open public space
- you should stay at home as much as possible to protect yourself and your family.

[Full details of Tier 4 restrictions can be found on the government's website](#)

Your Council services

The announcement that Sussex will move into Tier 4 coronavirus restrictions from Boxing Day 26 December means that some of our services will be impacted. Below is a brief overview of our services.

[Visit our website for full details about our services](#)

[Leisure venues](#)

- [The Capitol](#) - Closed from Boxing Day 26 December
- [Leisure Centres](#) - Closed from Boxing Day 26 December
- **Horsham Museum** - Closed

[Parks and open spaces](#)

- **Parks and open spaces** - Remain open, including playgrounds, skate parks (except , pump tracks, allotments, ball courts, tennis courts and outdoor gym equipment
- **Warnham Nature Reserve** - Shut on Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Heron's Rest Café will open from Monday 28 December for takeaway drinks and food
- **Southwater Country Park café** - Closed on Christmas Day and open from Boxing Day onwards for takeaway drink and food

[Waste and Recycling](#)

- **Household Waste Collections** - Will continue as normal, subject to the change of days due to the bank holidays. [Check your bin calendar](#) for Christmas and New Year collection times
- **Household Waste Recycling Sites (West Sussex County Council)** - Closed from midday Christmas Eve and will reopen from Sunday 27 December to their regular hours

[Horsham Markets](#)

- Essential stalls only, click & collect and delivery options available

Homelessness and help staying in your home

If you are homeless or facing homelessness please contact us by email housing@horsham.gov.uk. For Homeless Outreach Support contact us 9am-5pm Monday-Friday on 07519 110031.

- [What to do if you are facing homelessness](#)
- [How we can help you if you are facing homelessness](#)
- [Use Streetlink to tell us about a rough sleeper](#)
- [Get help to stay in your home](#)

Remember the basics. Hands. Face. Space

Approximately 1 in 3 people who have coronavirus have no symptoms and could be spreading it without realising it. It's important to remember the basics.

- **hands** – wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds
- **face** – wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet
- **space** – stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings)

[Follow the guidance on meeting others safely](#)

24.12.2020 Email from HDC

atest news: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year | Community Climate Fund's first recipients announced | Christmas recycling tips | Buy Local: it's not just for Christmas | Christmas and New Year opening hours

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

It's safe to say 2020 has been a challenging year, yet you have stood together and supported each other through it all.

Whether you helped deliver shopping, made face coverings, collected prescriptions, bought locally from a small business, made phone calls, or connected with a vulnerable neighbour - thank you for everything that you have done for one another.

As we wave goodbye to what has undoubtedly been a very difficult 2020 for so many of us, we hope for a healthy, safe and prosperous 2021.

Horsham District Community Climate Fund's first recipients announced and new funding launched

We are delighted to announce the initial recipients who have successfully been awarded valuable contributions from our Community Climate Fund.

The Council launched the Horsham District Community Climate Fund in July 2020 to enable voluntary and community groups, as well as Parish and Neighbourhood Councils, to work on projects to reduce carbon levels locally and improve our environment.

Follow the button below to find out who were the first to receive funding.

[Find out more](#)

Pictured: Revd Dr Richard Coldicott, Vicar of St. Mark's, Parish of Holbrook and Karen Park, St. Marks Eco Church Champion, outside St. Marks Church.



Christmas recycling tips

Christmas nearly here! We've pulled together a few top tips on how you can reduce what ends up in the bin this year:

1. Do the [scrunch test](#) on wrapping paper. If it passes, it can go in your recycling bin.

2. Save the leftovers from landfill and check out some festive leftovers recipe ideas. Visit the [Love Food Hate Waste](#) website for more food waste tips

3. Got old electronics to get rid of? Take them to a Household Waste Recycling Site. Check the opening hours on the [West Sussex County Council website](#)



[More recycling ideas](#)

Buy Local: it's not just for Christmas

"I would like to thank all of you that have supported our local businesses in 2020 and urge all our residents to keep 'buying local' in 2021. It keeps so much more money in our communities and helps to secure local employment at a time when the market is so tough.

With you choosing to use your buying power locally, we are keeping our high streets healthier than most and well positioned to take advantage of the post-Covid times ahead of us."

Cabinet Member for the Local Economy, Cllr Paul Clarke



Christmas and New Year opening hours

Below are the opening times of our offices over the festive season. A reminder that the Council's offices remain closed to the public.

- Thursday 24 December: 9am – 3pm
- Friday 25 December: closed
- Monday 28 December: closed
- Tuesday 29 December: 9am – 5pm
- Wednesday 30 December: 9am – 5pm
- Thursday 31 December: 9am – 3pm
- Friday 1 January: closed

You can access a huge range of services and information on our website every hour of every day on www.horsham.gov.uk.

Stay up to date with the Wilder Horsham District project

Wilder Horsham District is a five-year partnership between [Sussex Wildlife Trust](#) and Horsham District Council. The project aims to help wildlife thrive across the Horsham District and cnetworks of land that are protected and enhanced for wildlife.

Stay up to date with this exciting project by signing up to Sussex Wildlife Trust's free email newsletters by following the button below.



[Sign up](#)

27.12.2020 Email from HDC

Recycling and waste news

for the Horsham District

Christmas recycling tips

We'd love for you to recycle as much as possible this Christmas. Here are some top tips to help you save as much as you can from the household waste bin:

- Do the [scrunch test](#) on wrapping paper. If it passes, it can go in your recycling bin.
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Check your bin collection day

Please check your bin collection calendar as collection dates have changed over the festive period.

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Christmas offers extra opportunities for recycling

Christmas, even Christmas during a pandemic, creates waste and waste creates increased opportunities for recycling, writes Councillor Philip Circus, Cabinet Member for the Environment, Recycling and Waste in the West Sussex County Times.



[Read Councillor Circus's article, which includes tips to increase recycling rates this Christmas, on the West Sussex County Times website.](#)

3 ways to recycle your real Christmas tree

It may not be quite time to take the decorations down, but with Twelfth Night approaching, here are three ways you can make sure your real Christmas tree is removed from the house in a sustainable way:

- Donate your tree to the goats at [Brinsbury College](#). Christmas trees provide novel enrichment and a tasty snack for the animals!



- Chop up your tree and put it in the [garden waste bin](#) for collection
- Re-plant your tree in your garden



Do you have a waste reduction or recycling idea that will benefit the environment in your area?

The Community Climate Fund will be accepting new applications from 4 January to the 12 February 2021 for projects that share our vision of becoming a carbon neutral District including ideas to increase recycling or reduce waste. Perhaps you would like to start a community fridge to reduce food waste in your area or have thought about your community group going plastic-free?

Recognising that all residents and businesses have a role to play in tackling climate change and a valuable contribution to make, the Grant is to enable community led groups and climate-minded individuals to start projects that reduce carbon levels locally and protect our environment. Projects should provide long-term tangible climate benefits and positive environmental change.

[Find out more and apply for a grant](#)
