

## Rudgwick Parish Council

### Weekly Clerk's Update: 18 October 2021 (Agenda November 2021)

**To:** Parish Councillors

c.c: Christian Mitchell (West Sussex County Councillor)  
Richard Landeryou (Horsham District Councillor)

**From:** Anna Clayton

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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).

- **Little Street reported a fallen tree blocking the access road, tree has been moved. Clerk to arrange removal of fallen tree;**
- **MOT placed in the gateway entrance from Summerfold to Churchmans Meadow**
- **New water heater installed in toilet at Jubilee Hall**
- **Work has commenced on graveyard footpath extension**

### New Applications (Delegated Decision)

New Planning Applications for consideration by Delegated Decision and noting at the Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 November 2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Response Date
<a href="#">DC/21/2286</a> 07.10.2021	The Bramble House, Loxwood Road, Rudgwick	Conversion of loft incorporating creation of a rear dormer and installation of 2no rooflights to front (Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed).		04.11.2021

### New Applications

For discussion at Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 November 2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	Recommendation	Response Date

### Decisions

HDC Council Decisions – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 November 2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	HDC Decision
<a href="#">DC/21/0949</a>	Rudgwick Food & Wine, Church Street, Rudgwick	<b>Non Material Amendment to previously approved application DC/19/2404 (Change of use of ground floor (A1) to 2.No two bedroom flats and 1.No one bedroom flat (C3) together with associated alterations and car parking) to allow for alterations to fenestration and the installation of new and repositioned entrance doors to provide access to approved flats.</b>	No objection	<b>Permitted</b>
<a href="#">DC/21/1971</a>	Swallows Barn, Loxwood Road, Rudgwick	<b>Erection of a detached garden outbuilding with basement (Householder application)</b>	No objection with comments	<b>Permitted</b>

### Applications going to Committee

Applications going to Committee – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 November 2021
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Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Planning Committee Date

**Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided**

Appeals Lodged / Appeals Decided – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 November 2021				
Application No	Applicant	Reason for Application	RPC Recommendation	Public Inquiry/Written Representation

**Enforcement Numbers**

Enforcement Numbers – Rudgwick Parish Council Meeting 8 November 2021		

**Correspondence from HDC Planning**

**20.10.2021 Email from Emma Parkes  
Water neutrality and planning decisions in Horsham District**

Dear all

Following my email below we have now established how we can continue to consider planning applications, and I hope this note will assist you in understanding the decision making process. Please note this note relates to the process for water neutrality only.

I can confirm that we can continue to determine most planning applications for householder development, some very minor schemes and certificates of lawful development under Parts 1 and 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended) as we have previously done, as they will not have a significant effect either individually or cumulatively on the Arun Valley sites.

All other types of permitted development, including prior approvals, will likely need to be screened to consider whether they have a significant effect. The applicant may though need to seek approval under Section 77 of the Habitats Regulations to seek to demonstrate the proposal does not have a significant effect. This is because Regulation 75 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 imposes a condition on any permission granted by the General Permitted Development Order that is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site, that development must not commence until a developer has received written notification of the approval of the local planning authority under Regulation 77.

We will therefore likely receive a new type of Section 77 application. This will not be subject to public consultation as the key consideration will be any response from Natural England and the Council's ecologist, to ascertain whether the development has a significant effect. These will though be available to view through the Councils weekly list.

We can continue to determine non material amendments and condition discharge applications as we have previously. Amendments to permissions already granted will need to be assessed on a case by case basis depending on the likelihood of implementation of the extant permission and what the changes are.

In the case of all other development, where an increase in water consumption is likely (including reserved matters), we will require the application to be accompanied by a water neutrality statement setting out the strategy for achieving water neutrality within the development. Water neutrality can be achieved by developers building significant water efficiency measures into new development and by providing offsetting measures to reduce water consumption from existing development, so the development becomes water neutral. The statement will need to calculate the water balance and we will be providing some further guidance on what should be included in a water neutrality statement. It is not just a case of providing water efficiencies measures onsite as this will not make the development water neutral.

This also applies to any applications which have a resolution to grant but have yet to be granted. Any applications which have been to committee will need to return to committee if we are able to continue to recommend approval, after consideration of the water neutrality matter.

If an application cannot demonstrate water neutrality is reasonably achievable this will mean the development will not meet the requirements of Section 63 of the Habitats Regulations, and the application could not be determined positively.

As this is a recent and very significant matter, we will allow time for water neutrality strategies to be produced and submitted where the issue of water neutrality is the only outstanding matter preventing the grant, or recommendation of grant, of planning permission. If a water neutrality statement is received on a current application we will allow for a period of re-consultation for Parish, Neighbourhood Councils and any neighbours to comment. Going forward we will be updating our local list and water neutrality statements will be provided at the point of validation.

At this stage there is no known mitigation for the potential impacts on the Arun Valley sites other than demonstrating water neutrality.

There are some useful background documents on the Waterwise website including 'A Review of Water Neutrality in the UK.' Any proposal in Horsham District will though need to provide locally sourced information.

I do hope this information is of assistance. If you have any questions please do let me know, although please note I am on leave next week.

Kind regards,

**Emma Parkes**

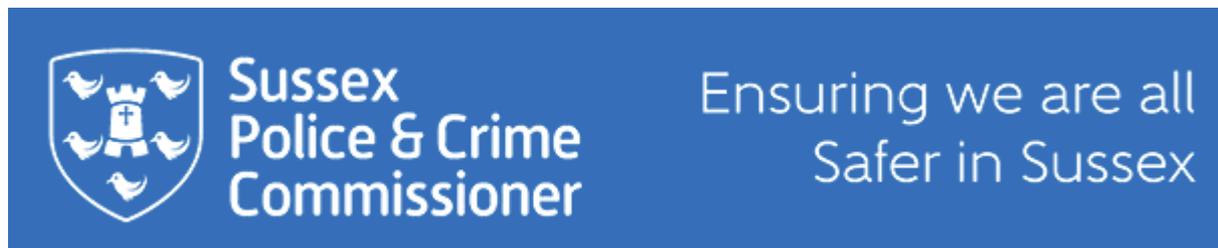
Head of Development and Building Control



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## Correspondence/communications from parishioners / to the Council

### 22.10.2021 Email from Sussex Police Welcoming more rural crime officers



This week I was delighted to join the Sussex Police Rural Crime Team on the Downs near Falmer as they welcomed an additional four police officers, making it the largest dedicated rural crime police taskforce in the south east with 20 officers and PCSOs.



The new members of the team were joined by ACC Jayne Dando, Romy Jackson from the National Farmers Union and local farmer Ben Taylor.

With hubs for the team across the county, Inspector Oli Fisher said his officers were able to provide both a visible presence in more remote areas and reassurance to the farming and rural communities that Sussex Police have the capacity and commitment to tackle rural crime.

With the latest drone technology and more trained drone pilots, the Force can quickly access areas of the countryside that are not easy to reach on foot or in vehicles to support investigations into stolen equipment and locate missing and vulnerable people.

Inspector Fisher said the two new drone pilots were able to increase the aerial surveillance capability to “acres and acres” so that when they are “targeting poaching activity which is hard to spot with the naked eye” the drones allow the team to locate suspects “and the team can vector in resources as necessary.”

Local farmer Ben Taylor said the Rural Crime team had made a real difference with "really proactive policing and many more visits to farms by police officers who are out and about looking for those causing trouble."

Romy Jackson from the NFU said the Rural Crime team officers were really passionate about their tasks and that was something I heard first-hand from the new members of the team who couldn't wait to start. There's more information in this short video from my visit.

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### EVERY RESIDENT DESERVES TO FEEL SAFE

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In today's webcast Performance and Accountability Meeting I asked Chief Constable (CC) Jo Shiner about the force's approach to rebuilding and retaining public trust in policing. CC Shiner said that she and her officers absolutely recognised that recent events had made some people feel far less engaged with their police force which is why she was leading an ongoing listening programme with the public. She said the force would always go the extra mile during the vetting process for new officers and staff and she reassured me that her officers were regularly encouraged to call out inappropriate behaviour by colleagues and to report any suspicion of abuse of authority.

I asked how the force was reacting to reports of needle attacks in nightclubs across the UK. Sussex police already works closely with pubs, clubs and universities to highlight the dangers of drinks being spiked with ongoing campaigns particularly during fresher's weeks. The Chief Constable said spiking drinks was often the precursor to other crimes such as sexual assault and she said the force would treat any needle attacks anywhere as a serious criminal offence.

Predictive or hotspots policing has been much talked about and has been carried out in Sussex before. The current hotspots operation covers identified locations across Sussex where serious crimes ranging have been recorded in a 150square metre area. Teams of officers target these areas on a regular basis and with a combination of telematics and GPS tracking the force data analysts can see where officers are over a given period and what impact their presence is having.

The feedback from local people and businesses around these hotspots is so far very positive, and the force is also monitoring and addressing the areas where displaced crime is sometimes pushed to.

This is part of a continuing drive to make our streets safer that was supported by the £100m Serious Violence fund which allows forces to take an aggressive and consistent approach to deter and identify criminals.



Katy Bourne OBE, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner



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## 22.10.2021 Email from NALC Chief Executives Bulletin

### Meeting with the minister for levelling up

NALC's chair, Cllr Sue Baxter, had an introductory meeting with the new minister for Levelling Up, The Union and Constitution, Neil O'Brien MP, this week. The new minister's [responsibilities](#) were finally officially confirmed earlier in the week and include the levelling up white paper, Shared Prosperity Fund, county deals and devolution and high streets, towns and community assets in England. Their meeting was particularly timely given the white paper is due to be published within the next few weeks and provided an opportunity to highlight the role of local (parish and town) councils in their communities and the levelling up agenda. Other issues discussed included creating new local councils, funding and direct access to dedicated government funding, innovative examples of work by councils in areas such as housing and community safety and community governance in the other devolved nations.

### NALC publishes new guide on website accessibility

I was pleased this week to publish a new guide on website accessibility and publishing guidelines. The guide aims to help local councils ensure their websites meet the needs of all users — especially those with disabilities or impairments that use assistive technology. I'm really grateful to our colleagues at [Aubergine](#), an award-winning website and design agency and web accessibility experts, who we worked with to co-write the guide. You can [find out more and read the guide](#) on our website.

### Climate science expert to give a keynote speech at NALC AGM

I'm delighted to announce that Professor of climate science, Chris Rapley OBE, will deliver a keynote speech on the climate crisis at next week's NALC annual general meeting (AGM).

Taking place just days ahead of the start of COP26 in Glasgow, the speech is one of a series of NALC events next week. You can read more in our [news story here](#) and the speech will take place at 11.00 on 26 October and will be live-streamed on [NALC's Facebook page](#).

### **Pay claim update**

Further to our recent bulletin update, the National Employers wrote to us to confirm they met on 19 October and agreed by a majority to [reaffirm as full and final the pay offers](#) made previously in respect of local government services (Green Book). We will continue to keep you updated.

### **More in Common report on Democratic Repair**

More in Common, an international initiative set up in 2017 to build societies and communities that are stronger, more united, and more resilient, have published a research report, [Democratic Repair: What Britons want from their democracy](#). Their conclusions are interesting and relevant to our sector and NALC's campaign to get more people involved to make a change and include:

- Getting involved locally provides a pathway to greater trust and confidence for many less-engaged Britons
- When Britons think of becoming more involved in democracy and decision-making, many are likely to start with the community where they live.
- Most Britons want more of a say in decisions made about their local community.
- By a margin of 68 to 32 per cent, Britons believe that people in their area can find ways to improve society when they want to.
- Britons express a greater sense of agency over action and initiatives rooted in their local community – feeling it is a sphere where they can make a real difference and solve meaningful issues for themselves and their families in the day-to-day, unlike national debates feel distant from their lives.

All good reasons to get involved in the work of local councils!

### **Information exchange on local government reform**

An important part of our work is to bring people from across together to share good practices and information. So I was pleased we held an online meeting on 19 October for county officers and members of our National Assembly to update each other on what happening in their areas on local government reorganisation, devolution and county deals. Feedback was really positive, and we'll be organising a further session in the New Year.

### **Meeting of SAAA**

The Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Limited (SAAA) held its latest meeting on 20 October. As you know, SAAA is the company set up by NALC and the Society of Local Council Clerks to procure external audit services for the sector and oversee the annual governance and accountability returns (AGAR) week. The Board noted good progress with procuring audit firms to provide the external limited assurance regime from 2023, and further details will follow later in the year.

### Rural Coalition

Also taking place on 20 October was the Rural Coalition, which brings a range of stakeholders together, including NALC, who have an interest in rural communities. Subjects covered included affordable housing, young people, the spending review and future priorities. With young people one of NALC's current big themes, it was a timely opportunity to hear more about CPRE's recent [research on young people](#) and its challenging findings of why young people are being pushed out of the countryside.

### Remote meetings survey

NALC and the Local Government Association call for the Government to allow councils to use virtual and hybrid council meetings options again. To support our efforts, we have launched a [survey](#) looking at the impacts of returning exclusively to in-person meetings since May 2021. The survey is designed to capture the reflections of those responsible for or running statutory and decision-making meetings in councils over the past six months. The survey is intended for an officer to complete and is also open to local councils. Please only submit one survey per council. Duplicates may result in all submissions from the same council being removed from the data set. The deadline for submissions is 12 November 2021.

**In/out and about** Sue was physically in Cheshire on 20 October to speak at the county association's hybrid AGM – you can watch her speech and the whole event again [here](#).

- Our head of policy and communications, Justin Griggs, attended the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils AGM on 19 October and spoke about our work on young people at a panel session on promoting youth engagement.

### And finally...

As you will have read previously in my bulletin and *LCR* magazine, we have identified the youngest councillor in the country. Well, our colleagues at the Northumberland Association of Local Councils were celebrating their 75th anniversary. They unearthed who they believe to be the first woman chair – Cllr Elizabeth Lamb of Embleton Parish Council, in 1896. Do any local historians out there know of any earlier appointments?

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**22.10.2021 Email from HDC**

**Minutes published: Meeting of Wednesday, 13th October, 2021 6.00 pm, Council.**



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# Council and cabinet meetings

Agendas, minutes and publications

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[Friday, 22nd October, 2021, 1.54 pm - Minutes published: Meeting of Wednesday, 13th October, 2021 6.00 pm, Council.](#)

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**22.10.2021 Email from HDC**

**Election news: Forest by-election results**



## Election news and results

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# Forest ward by-election results

A Horsham District Council by-election for Forest ward took place on Thursday 21 October 2021.

Liberal Democrat councillor Jonathan Carl Olson has been duly elected.

View the full results on our [Elections results page](#).

[Forest ward by-election results \(PDF\)](#)



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## 20.10.2021 Email from ERTA News and ERTA Events and Opportunities

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Elected Representatives,

### **Bad News on Guildford-Horsham:**

On the week of 11<sup>th</sup> October the Waverley District Council met and decided by one vote after over 2 hours deliberation, to support a canal over the old railway formation. This will scupper the rail hope. ERTA worked tirelessly to alert the public within our means and limited resources. Locally, we felt some sympathy for the railway idea, but the competing interests, the longevity of the closure and the fact the councils seemed at sixes and sevens on what the case was for such a rail link, shows the area had moved on and like so many other places, car is king now with roads as the main transport option, locked-in but loved even as a mirage of freedom and iconic individualism statement. ERTA had pencilled a date for a Horsham Meeting post-pandemic in 2022, but now we need our members to tell us whether to proceed or not. It will be a case of water, water everywhere! The canal is not a panacea and their motors do make noise. However, experience elsewhere has taught us that many applications get passed off, then cost, timescales and delivery dates slip for a host of reasons. Obviously we wish the rail was being put first than a canal/other interests, but we are not giving up as the corridor lends itself to expansion and new interpretation and so accommodating a railway, a canal and cycleway/walkway means expansion is to be played for surely? This is a strategic missing link and deserves more strategic support and recognition. It should not be down to us to realise that or the general public, rather this is where leadership,

apprehension and direction/action commensurate to filling gaps in the existing rail network comes into its own. Climate Emergency, better links and access, relief to existing lines like the jam packed Brighton Main Line should all indicate a relief link to Reading, Heathrow and Brighton triangulation makes a whole lot of sense if we wish to save land use, cut emissions, reduce traffic congestion and improve greener-cleaner public transport/make it more relevant to more audiences/inform modal shift. Our politics seems very parochial currently with a head-in-sand view of parish pump does it and the rest of the world can go sing a song! We need people with local, regional and nationwide interest and to export best practise and learn from our mistakes to the rest of the world by all means.

ERTA is toying with a meeting committee style in Horsham next year 2022. If you agree with that idea, let us know so we can have some indication of interest. Likewise our events page on our website including our conference this Saturday (23rd) October is free, open to all and all welcome. <https://ertarail.co.uk/events/> and <https://ertarail.co.uk/conference-2021/>

Thanks for your interest and support. Let's pray our nation turns a corner and realises more and better rails can make a positive contribution and that status quo is woefully inadequate. Our website home page has a donations facility now, all contributions welcome to help us fund our activities in the wider public and nationwide interest please. We welcome people to join/affiliate and welcome people to offer to help assist with our work to make it better quality and quantity. We are only as good as our supporters make/enable us. Thank you.

Yours sincerely, Richard Pill  
ERTA Chairman.

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**20.10.2021 Email from WSCC**  
**Government awards 100 per cent of County Council's Active Travel bid**



**news release**

**Government awards 100 per cent of County Council's Active Travel bid**



## Notes to editors

- The Department for Transport's enabling fund is called the [capability fund](#) Funds support staffing and resources to draw up infrastructure plans and behaviour change initiatives.
  - The County Council's new [Council Plan](#) sets a target of providing at least 30km of new cycling infrastructure in West Sussex over the next four years. More than 27km of new cyclable infrastructure has been provided since 2018/19. A further eight schemes are currently at various stages of development.
  - Ambitions for the future are set out in the [West Sussex Walking and Cycling Strategy 2016-2026](#), which contains dozens of routes that were suggested by a range of local stakeholders and forms a pipeline of improvements for further investigation.
  - The Strategy is currently being updated to take account of 40 schemes identified in Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) produced by our district and borough partners and the South Downs National Park Authority.
  - West Sussex County Council has also produced a draft LCWIP that contains six long-distance routes and this document will be the subject of a public consultation in 2022. In addition, the County Council is a statutory consultee in the planning process and works with developers and the Local Planning Authorities to secure improvements associated with local development. One recent example is the 'missing link' on the eastern side of the A29 Shripney Road in Bognor Regis, which was provided by the developer of the new Lidl store.
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**19.10.2021 Email from WSALC**  
**Queen's Green Canopy**



West Sussex Association of Local Councils

**Chairman Douglas Denham St Pinnock**

**CEO Trevor Leggo**

Dear Mayor, Chairman and Clerk

19<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## Queens Green Canopy

By now you may be aware of the intention to mark HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022 with a nationwide programme of tree planting.

I recently attended the launch at Ardingly by Sir Nicholas Soames, the project being led in West Sussex by the Lord Lieutenant.

As Chairman of the West Sussex Association of Local Councils I believe it would be a splendid way to mark the Queen's reign if every town or parish council supported the planting of at least one tree in its community. Details of how to obtain young trees free of charge will be shown on the [WSALC website](#).

In the summer of 2022 we will invite councils to submit a photograph of planting in support of the Queens Green Canopy and I hope West Sussex is at the forefront of participation.

Yours

Douglas Denham St.

Pinnock Chairman

WSALC

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### **18.10.2021 email from HDC Firework Advice**

Dear Sir / Madam

Please be in receipt of the following advice, thank you

**REF: Health & Safety at Work Act 1974**

**The Firework Regulations 2004**

**Firework (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 2004.**

Firework displays should be enjoyable and spectacular occasions and if you are planning your own celebration using fireworks you must make sure it's safe. You need to know your responsibilities so that you do not break the law. The purpose of the letter is to provide you with some straightforward guidance to help you.

If you are holding a local firework display, such as those organised by many sports clubs, schools, or parish councils, you need to carry out a risk assessment or be aware of the risk assessment produced by the company responsible for the display. If your display is not by a professional pyrotechnist please contact me for more advice.

Attached for your information is further authoritative guidance about how to protect people from firework dangers, it is freely available from HSE's website you can obtain these guides from the link below. The RSPCA also offers animal welfare guidance during what can be a stressful time for animals.

<http://www.hse.gov.uk/explosives/fireworks/using.htm>

<http://www.eig2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/WTOFD-Blue-Guide.pdf>

<http://www.eig2.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/GYOFD-Red-Guide.pdf>

[https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeAndCommunity/InYourHome/FireSafety/DG\\_064665](https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/HomeAndCommunity/InYourHome/FireSafety/DG_064665)

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare>

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Other useful web addresses for information on firework safety are as follows:

It is also recommended that you contact your neighbours especially farmers, stables, and dog kennel owners to advise them in advance of your intention to hold a firework display. Older people living alone or in sheltered accommodation may also appreciate advance warning, so the noise does not come as a shock.

Horsham District Council is committed to preserving the historic bonfire tradition and we want your event to be both enjoyable and safe for everyone. In the meantime, should you wish to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me on my above direct line.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. McGale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, circular flourish around the letter 'G'.

Mike McGale, Technical Health & Safety Officer

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**18.10.2021 Email from HDC**

**Warnham's new Discovery Hub is ready to open | Water neutrality and planning implications | Warm Home Discount scheme opens today**



## Latest news and information

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### Exciting adventures this Half Term at Warnham's new Discovery Hub

Horsham District Council is delighted to announce the opening of its 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 school children over the half-term holidays.

Finishing touches are also being put to the Shelley Wildlife Garden ahead of its opening.

[Read more](#)



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### Water neutrality and its planning implications

On 14 September 2021 Horsham District Council received a 'Position Statement' from Natural England on "Mitigation of water usage", which can be [viewed here](#).

This statement sets out concerns that development in Horsham District, parts of Chichester District and Crawley Borough are increasing the demand for water, which is thought to be

harming internationally protected species in the Arun Valley, with the potential threat of extinction of some species.

The advice from Natural England is that in order for development to proceed, it be 'water neutral'. What this means is that new development should not increase the rate of water abstraction from our water supply site in Hardham above existing levels.

This means Horsham District Council is now unable to determine current planning applications positively unless it can be shown that they are water neutral. Whilst this is not expected to impact most smaller scale householder applications, all other proposals will need to be able to demonstrate water neutrality in order to allow the Council to comply with our legal duties.

This is a new and evolving issue for the Council and it will keep its dedicated webpages updated on this subject.

[Read more](#)

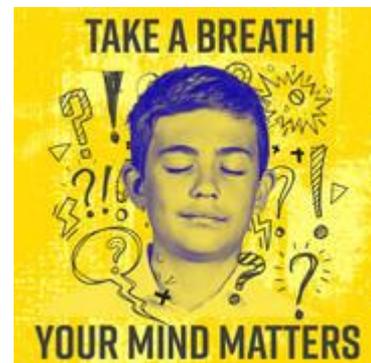
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## Activities for young people this half-term in Horsham District

Throughout the October half-term Horsham District Council and partners have created a programme of events and activities to support young people and parents across Horsham District.

Active partners include Southwater Youth Project, 4theYouth and Sussex Clubs for Young People.

[View the programme](#)



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## Get chatty to improve your mental health

Horsham District Council's Community Services Officers, together with Horsham District Older Persons Forum and West Sussex Brighton and Hove Age UK, are working together to promote a scheme which they hope will get people talking again.

[The Chatty Café scheme](#) is very simple: a 'This is a Chatter and Natter table' card is placed on a designated table in the venue which makes it clear that anyone sitting there is happy to engage in conversation. The aim is to get people of all ages back socialising, chatting, and to reduce loneliness and isolation.



The Council's Community Services team has sent out a letter to the District's cafes looking to encourage as many as possible to sign up to the scheme.

[Read more](#)

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## Keep your home warmer this winter

The Warm Home Discount is a Government scheme giving qualifying households a £140 discount on their electricity bill. The discount is applied to energy accounts between October and March, and launches today, 18 October 2021.

Horsham District Council urges local people concerned about keeping their homes warm this winter or paying energy bills to apply promptly for the Warm Home Discount.



[Read more](#)

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## The sad passing of Cllr Roy Cornell

It was with deep sadness that Horsham District Council received the news that Cllr Roy Cornell passed away on 23 September 2021.

Roy first became a Councillor on 3 May 2007 and served continuously until his death. He was Ward Member for Roffey South.

He was the Cabinet Member for Waste, Recycling & Cleansing from July 2015 to May 2017.

Commenting upon his passing, Leader of Horsham District Council Cllr Paul Clarke said: "Roy was a kind person,



always willing to help new Councillors, myself included. He was an honest man and had a good sense of humour, which was needed because of his love of football.

"He always looked out for his residents in Roffey South. He will be sadly missed by myself and colleagues from all political sides."

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