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Welcome to our July edition



As we see some warmer days and longer evenings, there is so much to enjoy this summer.

Take a look at our summer events programme for a great line up of activities with music, crafts and theatre, as well as ideas on getting out and about in our District.

Head to pages 12 and 13 to be inspired by the variety of environmentally positive projects in Storrington and Sullington. If you have young people in your life as I do, don't miss details on our Youth Forum groups, and check out our feature on the new youth activity zone recently opened at Roffey Recreation Ground.

Keep an eye out for various 'Did You Know' snippets throughout the magazine, detailing all sorts of schemes that could help you save money. For those planning projects, you can find details on handy building guides, as well as information on grants you may be entitled to for making energy efficient changes to your home.

In this edition, we've also shone a spotlight on our Street Cleansing team, who work hard daily keeping our spaces looking their best, and we are proud to share an amazing testimonial from one of our Wellbeing Service users.

Councillor Martin Boffey
Leader of the Council



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What's on this summer



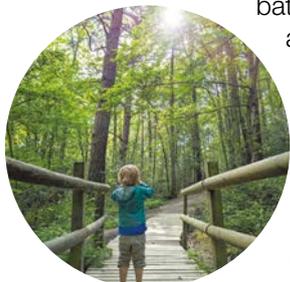
Get ready for a great line up of events over the summer.

Love Parks Week - 29 July to 2 August

We will be bringing back all the fun of Love Parks Week this year, with entertainment and activities right across the District.

Highlights include: Fabularium returning with free open-air theatre, performing their show about Reynard the Fox, fantastic forest school activities with Terri from Wonderbugs, and Wild and Well Yoga with Derry Jayne. Paintbox Arts will be bringing creative crafting and watercolour sessions, and there will be park walks, scavenger hunts, circus skills, forest bathing, sports

and more. With activities all over the District, look out for the full listings at: www.horsham.gov.uk/events.



Music and entertainment in Horsham town

Children's Fun Sessions in Horsham Park

We have free 45-minute children's entertainment shows during the school holidays every **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** at 2pm and 3.15pm at Horsham Park Podium. There is no need to book. Just turn up with your children and enjoy fun performances including magic with Uncle Tony, Robbie the Magician, Paul Abbey, and Tony the Magician, puppetry and magic with Marky Wild, and Punch and Judy with Professor Christopher and Jonathan Cann.



Friday Lates

Join us **every Friday** this summer for fun evenings of themed entertainment, food and drink at the Horsham Carfax Bandstand from 6pm to 8pm. You can enjoy: Bachata and Salsa, A Night of Rock with Giovanni Spano, The Gangsters, Bavarian Boyz, Almost Elvis and more.

Museum Lates

Enjoy the extended evening openings at Horsham Museum with refreshments and live music on **Friday 19 July, 16 August and 13 September** from 6pm to 8pm.

Big Band Saturdays

On Saturdays, head to the Carfax bandstand from 11am to 1pm until 28 September. You can enjoy music from: The Hangleton Band, Happy Days Big Band, Sussex Brass, Riverboat Shuffle, New Venture Concert Band, West Chiltington Band, The Windjammers, The East Grinstead Concert Band, The East Sussex Concert Band, Patcham Silver Band, Crawley Millennium Band, Slinfold Concert Band.

Sussex Sounds

Enjoy live music on our West Street and the Carfax Bandstand stages in Horsham on **Saturday afternoons** throughout the summer. Acts include: Paradise, Jason & Steph, Rhythmic Hat Man, RetroTonic, Saxman Gazz, Ian Roland, Jenna Hall, Paul Wingham, RedEyeZack, William Jones, The Untaken Charlie Shuttleworth, The Jacquie Young Band, Lande, Stephen Leppard, Jukebox 6 and P43. Also look out for our **Sussex Sounds Festival on Sunday 25 August** throughout the town.

Big Band Sundays

On selected Sundays, join us at the Park Podium from 2pm to 4pm until 8 September. The Crawley Millennium Band, The Horsham Borough Band, Slinfold Concert Band, The Windjammers, The Norwood Wind Band and The East Grinstead Concert Band will all be performing. Find all the listings here: www.horsham.gov.uk/events.

Battle of the Bands - Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July

Join us for the finals of the popular Battle of the Bands competition, taking place in the Human Nature Garden in Horsham Park.

Skatejam - Saturday 10 August

Check out professionals from Team Extreme at our free afternoon featuring displays, workshops and music.

Fake Festival - Saturday 17 August

Rocking one of the biggest line-ups of tribute bands yet. This family friendly event is a guaranteed great night out. For more information and tickets, please visit: www.fakefestivals.co.uk/events/2024/Horsham.html.



DID YOU KNOW?

Our Leisure Access Card



The Leisure Access Card is a free discount card that helps residents save money when visiting local attractions, going to the gym, swimming, or at The Capitol in Horsham.

It's completely free and you can apply in just a few minutes. To get a Leisure Access Card you need to live within the Horsham District boundaries and be in receipt of an income-based benefit, or be a full-time student aged 16 or over. Please check your eligibility today at: www.horsham.gov.uk/lac.

Free School Meals



Your child could be eligible for Free School Meals, which also means a grant for your child's school to support their education.

If you receive a benefit, please check if you are eligible at: www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/#how-to-apply or call Horsham's Citizens Advice Outreach team for support on: 01903 252 699.

If you are eligible for free school meals, your child will also be able to access free holiday activities and food (HAF) programmes: www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/support-for-families/holiday-activities-and-food-programme.



Unmissable entertainment at The Capitol

Along with a fantastic programme of **unmissable theatre and great cinema** this summer, we are offering an immersive summer holiday workshop for young people aged 11 to 16. Our **Movie-In-A-Week** workshop from **29 July to 2 August**, is perfect to build confidence, make new friends and improve communication and creative skills.

Participants will have great fun scriptwriting, creating characters, prop sourcing, learning iPhone filming and editing techniques plus the chance to learn acting for camera skills. To cap off the week there will be a red-carpet event where friends and family can watch the play come to life on the big Capitol screen!

Find out more at: www.thecapitolhorsham.com/whats-on.

Play all day

Find our many play areas on our webpage here: www.horsham.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/play-areas/find-a-play-area.



Summer Fun in Storrington

Back this year is the Fun Day in Storrington on **19 August**, hosted at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre by our Neighbourhood Wardens team. With a climbing wall, bouncy castle, sports, dance, various stalls, and a visit from the emergency services with their vehicles, it is set to be a fun free day for all.

There will also be an Autism and SEN Fun Day at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre on **2 August** hosted by the Storrington and Sullington, Billingshurst, Pulborough and Ashington Neighbourhood Warden Schemes.

Look out for more on our Neighbourhood Wardens facebook page at: www.facebook.com/HDWardens.

Explore the great outdoors

With many walking routes there is so much to discover in the District. We have a great selection of walks for all abilities here: www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/walking/walking-routes. You can also discover Horsham District's history with Horsham Museum & Art Gallery's self-guided heritage trails: www.horshammuseum.org/learn/heritage-trails. Or, explore on two wheels on one of our 44 circular cycling routes at: www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/cycling.

Follow us on Facebook @HorshamDC to stay up to date with our events. Discover more activities across the District at: www.experiencewestsussex.com.

Meet our Youth Forum

We are committed to supporting young people in Horsham District in a variety of ways, including offering opportunities for them to have their say, providing places for them to go and improving the availability of information and advice tailored to them.

One of the ways that we try and ensure young people can get their voices heard is via our Youth Forums.

The **Horsham District Youth Forum** meets monthly at Hurst Youth Centre. The group looks at campaigning, gives their views on elements of the Council's work and takes part in consultations.

Hot topics

In recent meetings they spoke about the reputation of young people in the District.

They talked about the actions of a small minority negatively affecting perceptions of them.



They considered the positives about living in the District; including the community feel, good schools and sporting opportunities on offer. They also talked about barriers to getting around and financial issues, including difficulties finding part-time employment.

They discussed pressures around mental health concerns, online issues such as harassment, cyber bullying as well as societal, educational and family expectations.

Expert advice

Following this, they were joined by representatives from Sussex Police who talked to them about the National Crime Agency's recent campaign focussing on the rise of 'sextortion' (a type of online blackmail where victims are targeted by offenders threatening to release explicit photos of them). A large proportion of cases have involved male victims aged between 14 and 18, and cases have contributed to self-harm and suicide making it an important topic for young people to recognise and feel comfortable reporting.

Views from across the District

In order to engage with more young people across the District, we have recently established a new **Storrington and Sullington Youth Forum**. We are also in the process of launching a Billingshurst and Pulborough group following a series of pre-meetings with students at The Weald school as well as at local youth groups.

Both new groups are facilitated by our Neighbourhood Wardens in partnership with the Parish Council. The Storrington and Sullington Youth Forum, which started in March 2024 meets at the football pavilion behind Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. You can read more about their first projects on page 12.

FIND OUT MORE



Our Youth Forum groups welcome secondary school-aged members who live in or go to school in the District. If you are interested in joining, or would like to find out more, please visit: www.horsham.gov.uk/community/children-and-young-people, or contact youth@horsham.gov.uk.



New play zone opens in Roffey



We are pleased to announce that our new youth activity area at Roffey Recreation Ground, off Leith View Road in Horsham opened in May.

Following a project in 2018 to transform the younger children's play area with a Medieval theme, we have now created an area primarily for teens and young people.

We are the first council in the country to install a 'Numuga', an innovative collection of equipment which offers users the chance to play football, rugby, cricket, basketball, netball, hockey and tennis in one compact area.

The new area also includes a 'chill zone' with hammocks, and an outdoor gym, which is perfect for anyone looking to exercise outside of a formal gym setting.

The inclusion of a variety of seating and new planting makes this a welcoming space for everyone. Later in the season, block colour will be added to the tarmac which will zone the playing areas and give an even brighter feel to the new space.

We are delighted to have seen so many people already enjoying the new equipment.



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Summer at Horsham Museum

You are invited to Horsham Museum for an exciting programme of events and activities this summer.

A summer of history

Our popular family craft activities return for the holidays, where there will be a different theme each week relating to Horsham and its past. There will also be an opportunity to add your creation to the 'Our Town' display in the Museum's Discover the District gallery, which will grow bigger as each week of the summer holidays passes.



Museum Lates at Horsham Museum

Museum Lates

We are looking forward to hosting our second year of the Museum Lates where you can enjoy the Museum's galleries and garden until 8pm. In addition to the Museum there will also be live music and a licensed bar in the garden. The Museum Lates will take place on 19 July, 16 August, and 13 September.

Sylvia Standing Garden

The Museum's garden is a beautiful, tranquil oasis in the town centre and perfect to spend a quiet afternoon. Stretching from behind the Museum to Denne Road car park, the walled garden is cared for by our dedicated team of garden volunteers. As entrance to the Museum is free, it is the perfect place to spend some time in one of the town centre's most beautiful settings.

MORE INFORMATION



The Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm and all days across bank holiday weekends.

Check out our events on the webpage here: www.horshammuseum.org.

Could you benefit from an Ownfone?



A simple phone designed with independence in mind.

Embracing simplicity

The Ownfone device from Community Link is ideal for anyone needing to stay connected without fuss or confusion. The interface can be set up so the user can see and call contacts without having to navigate through complicated screens.

For anyone with a sight impairment, audio assistance can be turned on.

Safety and peace of mind

Users will not receive unsolicited calls; we carefully make sure only 'whitelisted' family and friends can dial in to the device. The Ownfone is small enough to be worn around the neck, giving extra security, freedom, and independence whether at home or away.

Easy to use and straightforward to charge

Ownfone is easy to manage with no fuss. Lights remind the user when the device needs charging, as well as letting them know when it is fully recharged. The battery can last up to a week.

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This healthcare provider project is funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

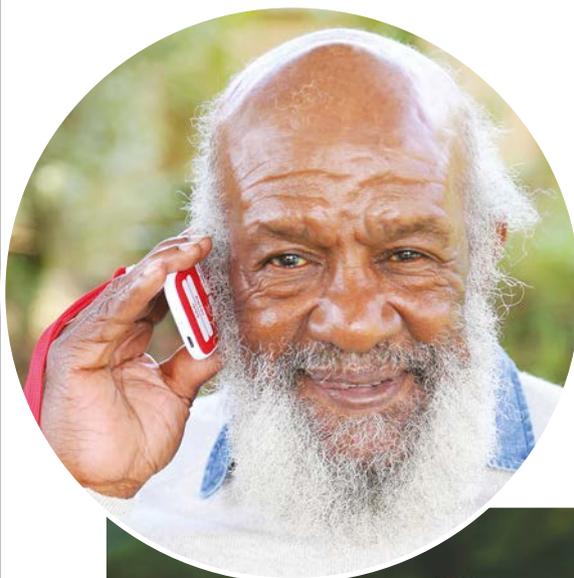
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The Chairman's Charity

Councillor Nigel Emery is our new Chairman for the civic year 2024-25.

The Chairman has several duties, including chairing full Council meetings and acting as the official representative of Horsham District Council on civic and ceremonial occasions, as well as attending community events.

His chosen charity for this civic year is Chanctonbury Community Leisure. The Registered Charity was formed in the wake of the national lockdown and manages Chanctonbury Leisure Centre. Nigel has chosen this charity because they have become a core provider of essential services in the community. From projects tackling

social isolation, food wastage, wellbeing, education and training to hosting a popular chatty café as well as providing excellent sports and health facilities for all, their great impact stretches across the whole of the south of the District and further.

Nigel is supported by Councillor Tony Bevis, Vice-Chairman of the Council.

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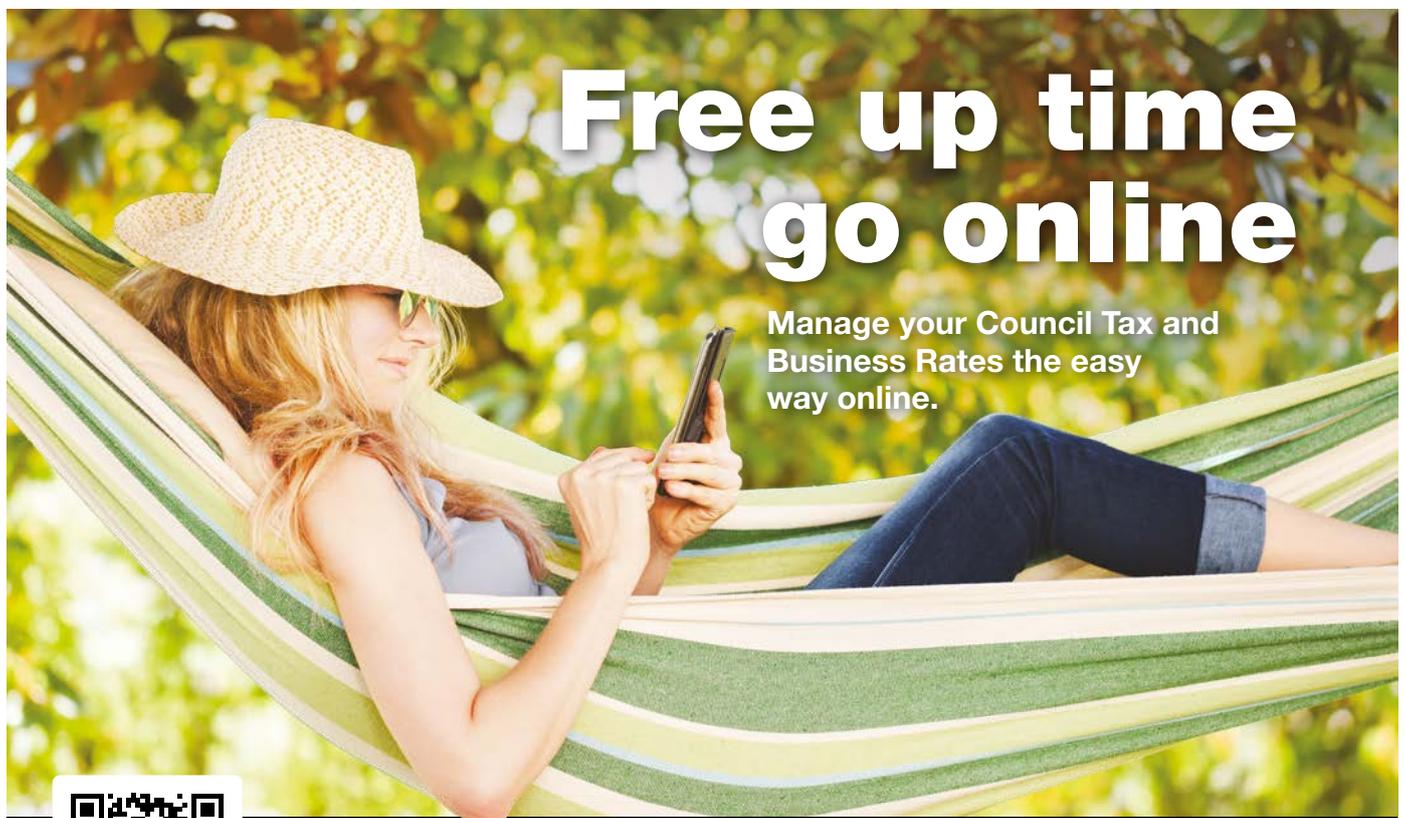


You can find out more about the work of the Chairman at: www.horsham.gov.uk/chairman.

If you want to find out more about Chanctonbury Community Leisure, please visit: www.chanctonburyleisure.co.uk.



Our Chairman attends many local events. If you have a charity, community group, or run a service for the residents of the District and have an event that you would like Nigel to attend, please contact chairman@horsham.gov.uk.



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Discover Electric event

The Parkside building in Horsham played host to our first electric vehicle event on 24 May.

Aimed at individuals and commercial vehicle buyers, the event showcased all aspects of sustainable and cleaner travel. The event allowed visitors to browse, sit in and have test drives of popular models of electric cars, vans and commercial vehicles.

Presentations from industry professionals discussed the benefits of electric vehicles, the charging infrastructure and the practicalities for the individual driver as well as for businesses looking to electrify their fleet.

Expert advice was available from a variety of suppliers of electric vehicles and related electric vehicle charging infrastructure including charge point operators, installers and associated businesses.

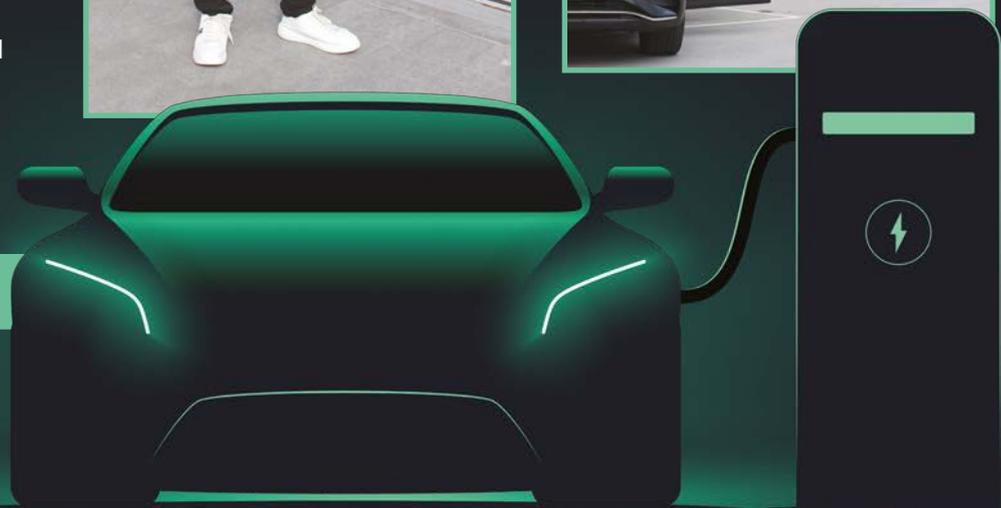
The event was put on in partnership with charging infrastructure company Connected Kerb, event organisers Let's Experience Electric, the Energy Saving Trust and West Sussex County Council to help support carbon neutral goals. The event was funded by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' Air Quality Grant.



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Have you visited our new cost of living webpage?

If you follow us on social media, you will have seen our 'Did You Know?' posts.

These try to let as many people as possible know about initiatives available within the District that help people deal with a wide range of challenges.

As part of this, we have made some changes to our cost of living webpages to help increase self-help opportunities and make it easier for residents to find out about the variety of support and information services available.

New eye-catching icons head each section, picking out the main issues that the rising cost of living has made harder. A click on each will take you through to links where you can find relevant help, making it easier to access the information you need.

Check out the changes

You can take a look at: www.horsham.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support.



A network of support

While a number of these services are offered by the Council, many are also provided by voluntary organisations who do invaluable work to support residents every day.

Our Find a Community Service Directory contains a much wider listing of useful, local organisations and links to further information about what they offer.

The Directory has a simple search tool that enables you to narrow down that listing of what is available by your location or topic, so that you don't have to scroll through the full listing – although you can do that too if you prefer.

FIND OUT MORE



We are always keen to develop this list further, so if you know of a group that you think should be included or would like your group to be added to the Directory, please let us know.

Find the Directory or request an addition here: www.horsham.gov.uk/community/search-community-services.



Check your eligibility for free home energy saving measures

Many more residents can now benefit from a Government Home Upgrade Grant thanks to changes to the eligibility criteria.

If your household income is up to £36,000 and you don't use a gas boiler as your main heating system, you can apply for free energy-saving upgrades for your home. These include insulation, air source heat pumps, solar panels and more.

Up to £38,000 in funding is available per household, depending on the property type and what measures are suitable for the property.

What if I have gas in my home?

You can still apply for this scheme if you have a gas connection provided it's not used for heating, for example if you have a gas cooker, but your home uses electric storage heaters.

Your home will be eligible for this scheme if it is mainly heated by any of the following methods:

- Electricity (storage heaters, electric boiler, panel heaters)
- Oil
- Coal
- Liquid Petroleum Gas (LPG)
- Solid fuel

The scheme will be open to applications until November 2024, with applications dealt with on a first come, first served basis.

FURTHER INFO



To find out if you're eligible, please visit: www.warmerhomes.org.uk. For more information, you can contact the Warmer Homes team by calling **0800 038 5737** or emailing retrofit@warmerhomes.org.uk.



Nurturing an eco-community

We are committed to taking action on climate change. To achieve our ambition, we are reliant on working with partnerships and the community.

In this edition we are celebrating climate action initiatives in Storrington and Sullington.

Local communities, businesses, schools, residents, and third sector organisations are all essential to delivering positive climate action.

In the District it is great to see the collective effect of community projects and initiatives which combined, make a real difference in an area.

Community action

Supported by the Council's Parish and Neighbourhood Climate Action Network, Storrington &

Sullington Parish Council have been championing a number of schemes and initiatives in the Parish, from reducing the energy use in buildings, nature recovery and bird boxes, to community recycling and food hubs. They are committed to leading on climate action themselves and spreading the word throughout the Parish.

The Storrington & Sullington Parish Council Clerk said:

“Active participation in the Council's Climate Action Group has proven invaluable, offering insights from other councils and serving as a source of inspiration. Recently, we have formed a Nature Recovery Working Party, signalling a commitment to environmental stewardship. We eagerly anticipate continued collaboration with the exceptional organisations within our District.”

Repair, don't replace

Another way you can do your bit is considering a visit to a repair café, where knowledgeable volunteers can help with repairing or reusing your broken items, which reduces what goes to landfill, as well as saving you money.

In Storrington, the Repair Café is open on the 3rd Saturday of each month, from 10am to 12pm at Storrington Primary School. For more info, email askstorringtonrepaircafe@outlook.com.

To learn more about how you can live more sustainably by recycling single use plastics and visiting repair cafés, please visit: www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/recycling/community-recycling-schemes.

Engaging our young people

The new Youth Forum in Storrington and Sullington, set up by the Neighbourhood Wardens in partnership with the Parish Council, has made climate action one of its first targets. The young people attending are leading with their ideas and interests, including getting stuck in with a litter pick.

The Storrington & Sullington Parish Council Clerk said of this partnership work:

“These projects, along with other measures to reduce our carbon footprint demonstrate the Parish Council's commitment to addressing climate change.”

We eagerly anticipate continued collaboration with the exceptional organisations within our District



Storrington and Sullington Youth Forum litter pick



GET INVOLVED



If you want to get involved in climate action near you a great place to start is reaching out to your Parish/ Neighbourhood Council or local community groups to see how you can help with their initiatives. You can also find some great tips at: www.horsham.gov.uk/get-involved-in-climate-action.

Community Climate Fund

Three community groups in Storrington and Sullington have received funding from our Community Climate Fund for climate action projects.

The Community Climate Fund is a grant available to groups and organisations for projects which reduce their carbon emissions and create community value locally.

Storrington Community FC

The Football Club replaced their lighting with LED and sensor operated alternatives. This reduces energy use for the community facility which is enjoyed by some 250 regular users. The project team report:

“It has allowed the community to use the building with brighter and more efficient lighting.”

Storrington & Sullington Parish Council

Storrington & Sullington Parish Council replaced five heat pump air conditioner units with more efficient models (as pictured below) to reduce energy consumption on heating by 30%.

Their Clerk commented:

“The new heat pumps are working exceptionally well and we hope to see a marked difference in our energy bills going forward.”



1st Sullington and Storrington Scout Group

1st Sullington and Storrington Scout Group (pictured above) focussed on nature, enhancing their community garden at their base in part of the Trinity Methodist Church Grounds. The ongoing project looks to improve the biodiversity at the site. It also acts as a fantastic positive example both to passers-by and to the young people gaining their Beaver Scout Garden Activity Badges for looking after the site.

Senior Beaver Leader Gloria Gardner described the enthusiasm of the young people helping create the garden:

“The young Beavers are gaining gardening experience and learning more about the bugs and insects around them.”

“ **Gaining gardening experience and learning more about the bugs and insects around them** ”



Have these projects inspired you?

If you would like to learn about how your group could get funding for climate action through the Community Climate Fund, please visit www.horsham.gov.uk/communityclimatefund. We recommend that you discuss your application with a Sustainability Officer before applying. Please email communityclimatefund@horsham.gov.uk or call **01403 215156**.

The Community Climate Fund offers up to £5,000. Your organisation can apply once a year, provided it is for a new project in each application. The next round of funding opens on **1 July** and closes on **11 August**. The following round will open on **7 October** and close on **17 November 2024**.



The Wildways Project

The Wilder Horsham District initiative has been making great strides to create a Nature Recovery Network.

Creating this natural network involves connecting private land, gardens, schools, Parish Council owned land, and highway verges as well as our own sites to develop wildlife corridors which allow species to move freely from place to place.

One of the ways in which we have been collaborating this spring and summer, to add to these wildlife corridors, is through the Wildways Project.

A collaborative approach

Working with large landowners and community partners through Sussex Wildlife Trust, as well as with local groups such as Horsham Green Spaces Forum, BilliGreen, Wild about Warnham, and Greening Steyning, we have allowed the grass to grow in several selected council-owned sites to encourage more native wildflowers, attract bees, butterflies, moths and other pollinators as well as providing food for many birds.



This is in addition to our established meadow areas at our countryside sites including Southwater Country Park, Warnham Local Nature Reserve and Chesworth Farm.

A careful balance

Only selected areas at each of the sites are being managed in this way. We have continued to mow pathways and retain short amenity grass for other uses, be that walking, sport, play, picnicking or simply having somewhere to relax.

The grass in the Wildways areas will be cut later in the summer. This approach enables the wildflowers to out-compete the grass in time as it continues to grow and set seed. As the wildflowers become well established, they will look more abundant.

FURTHER INFO



Our Wildways sites across the District where selected areas have been left to grow longer are marked with Wildways Project signage, they are also listed on our website where you can read more about the project at:

www.horsham.gov.uk/wildways



Horsham Green Spaces



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Homelessness support in our District

process at each step and be clear about what they might expect and the resources we have available.”

Our Housing Officers work incredibly hard with those facing homelessness to resolve the issues they are experiencing and to assist them in finding a solution.

The job varies immensely day-to-day, depending on who makes contact for support and what help they need; everybody has a unique set of circumstances.

People are often curious about what happens when a person facing homelessness contacts us. We spoke to one of our Homelessness Officers to find out more.

The initial call for help

“Someone might make contact through self-referral, or a referral may come from another professional.

“We will discuss whether they qualify for help to secure accommodation, and if their circumstances meet the criteria as a ‘priority need’. This is a category defined in The Housing Act for those considered vulnerable - for instance, if they are the primary carer for a child.

“We will create a tailored plan together and agree a range of steps to help. This may include supporting negotiations with a current landlord, looking at private rental options, specialist housing options for over 55s, and supported housing. We will also seek to maximise household income by ensuring the individual is accessing benefits and other support they are eligible for.

Housing demand outstripping supply

“We aim to help irrespective of whether the household is in priority need, although we would only be able to offer interim accommodation if they are. We are guided by the law and the Homelessness Code of Guidance for local authorities. While we always want to help, we do not own any housing stock and the demand for social housing in the District far exceeds supply, so we work with housing associations and registered social landlords.”

How we partner with other agencies

“We have fantastic partnerships with other agencies who can help support a person at risk of homelessness - including Citizens Advice, Turning Tides, and Horsham Matters. We also link in with partners at the Salvation Army, local church groups, drug and alcohol services and other organisations.”

How it feels to work in the Housing team

“Having an experienced team and a whole network of supportive agencies to refer to means we can often suggest options that someone hasn’t even considered which can make a big difference.

I’d encourage anyone facing homelessness to get in contact as soon as possible. People can feel intimidated about asking for support and might have misconceptions about us having available housing stock, or how our Housing Register works so we try to explain the



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You can find more information at www.horsham.gov.uk/housing. You can contact the team on housing@horsham.gov.uk or call us on **01403 215204**.

Do you have an unoccupied property?



We work with housing associations and registered social landlords to provide properties for applicants on the Housing Register.

If you have an empty property you’d like to rent out, your property could be an alternative option to house a family faster!

Our services

We offer **managed leasing** (where you lease your property to us for three to five years) and a **letting service** (where we find a tenant for your property, and they pay you rent directly).

MORE INFO



To find out more, please visit www.horsham.gov.uk/letwithus. If you have a property that might be suitable call us on **01403 215572** for an informal chat or email us at: horshamPSL@horsham.gov.uk.

Have you seen our home improvement guides?



Are you planning to update, renovate or extend your home? Sussex Building Control is here to help.

Get set to build

A great place to start your project is on our website with our handy step-by-step e-booklets. Our guides take you through extending and renovating your home as well as giving you clear advice to make it more sustainable.

Whilst these guides don't replace professional advice, they should give you a much better understanding of where to start. They cover the main challenges that you are likely

to face and how building regulations will affect the design and construction of your project, as well as taking you through planning and other permissions you might need to consider.

Flick through our great guides online at: www.horsham.gov.uk/building-control/guidance-and-case-studies/building-control-guidance.

Choose us for your project

As you progress with your plans, using Sussex Building Control for your project, means you will benefit from our impartial advice, expert knowledge, and practical local

experience to help your project run smoothly. Our goal is to ensure buildings are safe, accessible and energy efficient.

At the end of your project, we give you the compliance certificate you need to sell your home or building.



CONTACT US



If you are planning a new extension, conversion, or other type of home improvement, then please contact Sussex Building Control. You can find more information and contact details on our website at: www.horsham.gov.uk/building-control.

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Looking for extra support with your day to day living?



The Connect to Support website is for anyone in West Sussex who is looking for additional help or support to maintain their independence.



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Visit our website to:

- **DISCOVER** tips on improving your health and wellbeing
- **VIEW** equipment to help you stay independent
- **FIND** support for carers
- **LEARN** about options for extra care and support

Do you need help to use the website? Email: socialcare@westsussex.gov.uk or phone: 01243 642121

Discover Environmental Health and Licensing

The work of our Environmental Health and Licensing team touches all aspects of daily life.

We are often behind the scenes, keeping you safe at home, in town, at work and during your leisure time. Here are just some of the areas we look after:

Housing health and safety

We carry out risk assessments to ensure homes are safe, in good repair and have adequate amenities.

Noise nuisance

We carry out investigations to assess whether noise is causing a nuisance.

Bonfires

Garden bonfires can be anti-social, polluting and damaging to health.

Taxi and private hire licences

We make sure the vehicles getting you from A to B are insured, safe and that drivers are checked.

Air quality

We monitor air quality across the District.



Health and safety at work

We offer advisory audits to help businesses meet workplace health and safety requirements.

Eating out

We carry out inspections of local food businesses as part of the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme and offer food safety training.

Tattooing, piercing and electrolysis licences

All businesses undertaking treatments which pierce the skin must be licenced to ensure that all procedures, equipment, and facilities are safe.

Premises and alcohol licences

Many of our high street shops, bars and restaurants sell and serve alcohol, our role as licensing authority is to ensure alcohol is sold safely.

Gambling, gaming and lotteries

We issue gambling premises licences for places such as betting shops and bingo clubs as well as licences for small society lotteries.

Events, busking, and street trading

We look after licences for temporary events, entertainers, charity collections and street trading.

Stray dogs

We run a lost and found dog service which handles the recovery and kennelling of stray dogs found within the District.

Animal welfare licences

We look after lots of licences to make sure animals are properly cared for. These include licences for:

- Pet shops
- Animal boarding
- Dog breeding
- Zoos
- Animal training and exhibitions
- Horses and stables



Caravan and campsites

For visitors and holidaymakers, we look after licences for caravan and campsites, as well as sites for residential use.

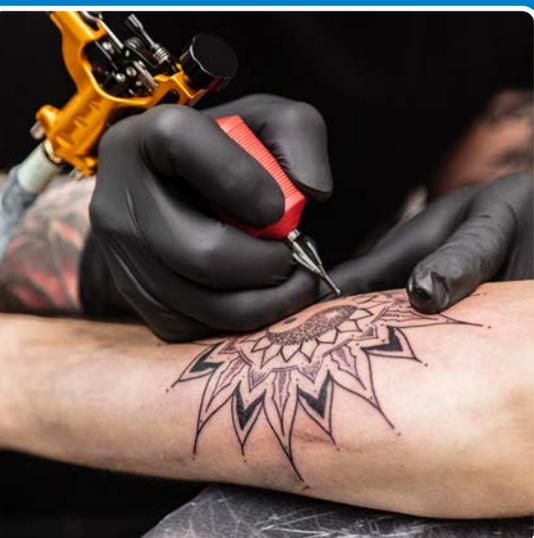
Pleasure boat licence

To make sure you are safe on the water a pleasure boat licence is needed for boats carrying passengers.

FURTHER INFO



For more information please visit: www.horsham.gov.uk/environmental-health.



Creating healthier habits

It's never too late to quit with our free Stop Smoking service from Horsham District Wellbeing.

Stopping smoking is the best thing you can do for your health and it's never too late to quit. Health benefits will start as soon as one hour after your last cigarette and continue happening even after 10 years! No matter how long you have smoked, there is always something to gain from stopping.

How we can help you quit

Horsham Wellbeing has a team of six trained 'Stop Smoking Advisors' ready to support you. Our Advisors are trained to help you navigate your cravings and stop smoking in the most effective way. You will have weekly contact with an allocated advisor who will check in with you and provide the correct Nicotine Replacement Therapy. You will also get to monitor your carbon monoxide reading which will continue to go down the longer you are smoke free; the lower the reading the more oxygen your body is able to carry to your lungs meaning breathing is much easier and pressure on your heart decreases.

Our small friendly team are always available to give you more information on the stop smoking service so that you feel prepared for when you decide you want to quit.

“ Lisa was absolutely brilliant helping me through the tough times of the first few weeks of giving up smoking ”

John, one year on

We spoke to John who successfully gave up smoking with the support of advisor Lisa and the Wellbeing team. He said:

“My whole experience of Horsham Wellbeing has been amazing, and the advice and support was out of this world. I have never been so happy. Lisa was absolutely brilliant helping me through the tough times of the first few weeks of giving up smoking. With her help I am physically and mentally strong. I have also been advising my friends that there is help if they want it.”

John is now one year smoke free. He has taken his wife on two holidays abroad using the money he has saved from not buying cigarettes.

“ I have never been so happy ”



Lisa and John celebrating at the Horsham Wellbeing Hub in Swan Walk

Review your drinking this Alcohol Awareness week

This year, Alcohol Awareness Week took place from 1 to 7 July with the theme of **understanding alcohol harm**, so it's a great opportunity to stop and think about our drinking and how it affects us.

Alcohol is promoted as we watch our favourite sports, advertised as we travel to work and strategically placed in our favourite films and TV shows. It's there when we celebrate, commiserate and when we're just trying to cope. But drinking in excess can harm our health in more than one way. From disrupting sleep, to harming relationships and having long-term effects on health, excessive alcohol intake can cause us harm daily. These 'prompts' or 'cues' are what contribute to forming bad drinking habits which can be hard to break.

Time to break your drinking habits?

None of us are immune to forming bad habits and sometimes we could all do with extra support. If you are ready to make

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some changes to your drinking patterns and want some help getting started, we are here to support you.

Our Free support

Our Alcohol Advice Service is confidential, and judgement-free. Our Alcohol Advisors work with you on a one-to-one basis to uncover your triggers and find ways you can realistically overcome them.

We encourage anyone who feels concerned about the amount they drink to have a chat with us about how we can help. We offer appointments by phone, video call or in person and there is no group work involved.

MORE INFO



Find out more about all our wellbeing services at www.horsham.gov.uk/community/health-and-wellbeing, call the team on 01403 215111 or email us at info@horshamdistrictwellbeing.org.uk.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Broadband and phone packages



Social tariffs are cheaper for broadband and phone packages for people claiming Universal Credit, Pension Credit and some other benefits.

Check if you, or someone you know, might be eligible at: www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs.

Not eligible for a social tariff? It's still worth seeing if you could get a cheaper deal at: www.moneysavingexpert.com/compare-broadband-deals/broadband-and-phone.

Pension Credit



If you are over State Pension age, you may be eligible to claim Pension Credit, even if you own your home or have savings.

People who claim Pension Credit may also be able to get help with heating costs, rent and Council Tax, a free TV licence for those aged 75 or over, and help with the cost of NHS services. Don't miss out. Check your eligibility at: www.gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling 0800 99 1234.

Southern Water



Southern Water offers support such as payment schemes, a hardship fund, and social tariffs for low-income households.

To find out more, visit: www.southernwater.co.uk/help-and-support/what-if-i-cant-pay-my-bill, call 0800 027 0800 or email: payless@southernwater.co.uk.

Home energy support



You can find energy advice and information on home energy support and initiatives available in Horsham District such as heating, insulation, and low-carbon heating grants at: www.westsussexenergy.co.uk or by calling 0800 145 6879.

Keeping our streets clean

Did you know our fantastic crew are out keeping our streets spotless 365 days a year?

While most of us are still tucked up in bed or just starting the day, our team are out working hard across the District making sure it's looking it's best every morning.

We know cleanliness makes a huge difference. A clean and safe environment ensures residents, businesses and visitors all enjoy the area. We are really proud of our clean streets.

We joined some of our hard-working crew

We caught up with the team in Horsham, who begin their day at 5am. They ensure the town centre area is tidied, clean and clear of litter and debris each morning. They work every day, including weekends and holidays, whatever the conditions.

Town centre crews use our fantastic electric sweepers which help them complete their tasks with minimal noise and environmental impact. The compact electric sweepers and our push along 'green machine' get up close to all the difficult-to-reach areas. The crew also use brooms and a jet washer to clear pavements, stonework, benches, leaves, and litter anywhere the machines cannot access.

We also have larger vehicles covering the whole District. These can tackle some of the more stubborn dirt and maintenance jobs, as well as circulating all our town centres weekly. The crew also respond to reported issues and make sure every residential street right across the District is covered at least twice a year, that's over 1,600 miles of streets!

Meet our great team

Rob, who was on duty in Horsham said:

"The job is not always easy, but I do get a lot of satisfaction when I come into town, seeing people enjoying being here and seeing how smart it looks.

"We have a great team. Often the public never see the mess left behind after a busy evening. We make sure it's always safe and clean for everyone to enjoy, usually before anyone has even left home."

High powered gum-busting

Chewing gum is one of the more challenging pieces of litter which gets dropped, sticks to and stains pavements. The team has recently been tackling East Street in Horsham with a high-powered jet washer, working in sections. If you look down the next time you are walking, you'll notice the difference!

Adopt your street

If you want to help keep your road extra clean, look out for our Adopt a Street scheme. This already sees hundreds of volunteers across the District give up their time to keep their road tidy. Volunteers choose the area they want to adopt, and we provide all the equipment they need, as well as collecting any litter that they pick up.

FIND OUT MORE

For more information please visit: www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins/litter-and-street-cleaning.



“ We make sure it's always safe and clean for everyone to enjoy, usually before anyone has even left home ”

Have you tried our mobile app?

- Receive bin calendar reminders, so you know which bin to put out when.
- Search what can or can't be recycled and where.
- Find your nearest place of interest, including recycling centres, car parks, libraries, leisure venues and more!

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Find out more and download the free app to your phone at: www.horsham.gov.uk/mobileapp.



Don't bin them; recycle your electricals

Residents are being reminded how to recycle batteries, small electricals and vapes.

These items pose a fire risk if placed in refuse or recycling bins due to the compaction equipment on our collection lorries.

The compaction can cause them to ignite and set fire to other collected materials, potentially causing thousands of pounds worth of damage to equipment.

How to dispose of these items safely:

- **Batteries** – please place on top of your refuse or recycling bin in a clear bag. Our crews place these into cages on the outside of the collection vehicles to be recycled.
- **Small electricals and vapes** – households can book a free collection for these items. Please bag disposable vapes together for collection. For reusable vapes, please remove the battery and recycle this separately.

Disposable barbecues

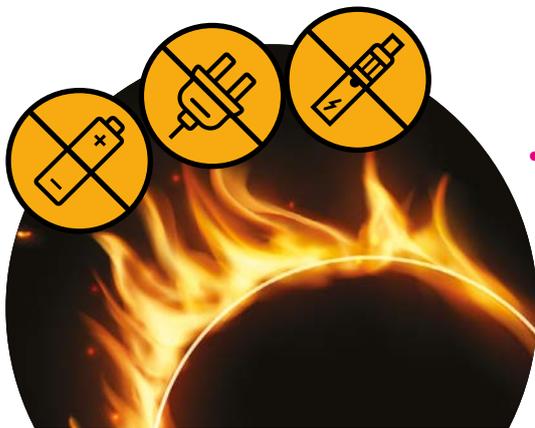
Disposable barbecue waste can also present a fire risk in bins and collection lorries. If you are disposing of barbecue waste, please let everything cool down thoroughly. Smouldering coals and hot ash can set fire to items in your bin.

We have had fires in our collection lorries from battery and barbecue waste, so please dispose of these items carefully to keep our crews and equipment safe and your collections running on time.

MORE INFORMATION



Please visit www.horsham.gov.uk/recycling for more details and to book a free collection.



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Silly Moo Cider, Langham Brewery ale and Cabin Pressure Sloe Gin, at their Medieval Festival on the first three weekends of August in Loxwood Meadow near Billingshurst.

The Sussex Six campaign is organised by Natural Partnerships CIC with support from Horsham District Council and is part-funded by the UK Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Building visitor experiences in the District

We are working on a range of projects to support the visitor economy, part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

60 restaurants and shops join Horsham's Sussex Six campaign

South Lodge Hotel has officially joined the Sussex Six campaign. Sixty quality shops and hospitality businesses are now part of the campaign, which is a pledge to take on at least six new locally-sourced products.

South Lodge has committed to increase the already extensive Sussex seasonal ingredients and local produce used to create the menus in their three award-winning restaurants, Botanica, Camellia and The Pass.

Dan Wait, General Manager of South Lodge, said:

“Sussex Six represents everything that we believe in at South Lodge, and we are delighted to take on the challenge of bringing even more local produce into our restaurants.”

He recently joined a business event held by the Sussex Six team at Firebird Brewing with local food and drink businesses, sharing successes on making businesses more environmentally sustainable.

Other businesses participating in the scheme include farm shops and local high street independent shops, delis, cafés, pubs and restaurants across the Horsham District.

Details of supporting businesses can be found on the Sussex Six pages of sussexfoodanddrink.org - the online directory for Sussex produce. Please support these businesses and your local community.

Another great sign-up for the campaign is its first major event, Loxwood Joust Medieval Festival. They will be serving local food and drink, including Loxwood Mead, Trenchmore's Wagyu Beef burgers,

Experience the best of Sussex winelands with Great British Wine Tours

We are working with Brighton-based Great British Wine Tours to develop and offer six new local food and drink itineraries aimed at business and group travel. Find out more at: www.greatbritishwinetours.co.uk.

Explore drinks producers in Horsham District

The Council has also produced a new illustrated map of local wine, beer, spirit, and cider producers, highlighting Horsham District's strength in this area of interest.

You can access a downloadable and printable copy of the map from our website: www.horsham.gov.uk/business/about-our-towns-and-villages.

There is something for everyone to enjoy exploring our local producers, from walking through picturesque vineyards to learning about artisan production and sampling delicious food and drink.

Support if you need it

If you are feeling like you need some extra support with any alcohol habits, please remember we have a friendly free Alcohol Advice Service. We encourage anyone who feels concerned about the amount they drink to have an informal chat with us about how we can help. Find out more about our Wellbeing Services on page 18.





Above: Winner Silver Hollow Jewellery

Inset: Fork bangles

Right: Fyne Design

Winning young traders

In April, Horsham hosted the local heat of the 2024 UK Young Market Trader of the Year competition for the second time.

Attracting a high number of local entrants, the competition saw Silver Hollow, a locally based jewellery company, beat off tough competition to win first place. Highly commended companies were HM Jones Designs, Fyne Design, and Garden to Jar.

These companies go forward to the South-East Regional Final at Portobello Market in London on Sunday 14 July, with the ultimate goal of reaching the National Final in Stratford-upon-Avon later in the summer.

Take part next year

We are looking to run another Young Traders Market in April 2025.

If you are a young trader interested in setting up a market stall in Horsham District, we are here to support you. Visit our website for information and contact your local market operator: www.horsham.gov.uk/districtmarkets.

The event was organised by the Council in association with the National Market Traders Federation and the District's local market operators.



Left: HM Jones Designs

Below: Garden to Jar



Horsham Business
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Building local connections to reach net zero

We recently launched the Horsham Business Climate Hub. This exclusive virtual space is hosted on the West Sussex Business Hub and is an opportunity for local businesses to share their sustainability and climate experiences, access helpful resources, remain informed of funding opportunities and explore and engage with sustainability events.

Horsham District businesses looking to improve their green credentials, can join the Hub for free here: www.horsham.gov.uk/netzerobusiness.

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Universal Credit Migration

If you've received a Universal Migration Notice, one or more of your benefits will be ending soon and, if you still need financial support, you will have to make a claim for Universal Credit instead.

You should make your claim for Universal Credit before the deadline date on your letter. If your letter does not have a deadline date, you don't need to claim yet unless you want to.

If you need help moving to Universal Credit please use the free Universal Credit Migration Notice helpline on: **0800 169 0328**, or via the Relay UK service for those who cannot hear or speak on the phone using: **18001** then **0800 169 0328**.

British Sign Language users can also access a link to a video relay service here: www.gov.uk/universal-credit.

You can also get free support from the Citizens Advice Help to Claim service at: www.advicewestsussex.org.uk.

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