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Winter in Our District



In the flurry of school nativities and carol concerts it is so important to stop and appreciate all the little things that add a touch of magic to the season.

It is a time when I feel very grateful to live in our beautiful District with its lovely markets and award-winning parks and countryside. In this magazine I'm delighted to share a selection of free events and things to do, as well as highlight extra support that you may be eligible for.

I know that there will be many of you working or volunteering over the festive period, taking care of our community, and supporting others who might not find this time of year easy. Look out for details of our volunteer awards winners, where we celebrate just some of our residents who make a huge positive difference.

Don't miss details on our Community Climate Fund grant scheme, training opportunities for small businesses and details on employment support hubs inside.

If you still have presents to buy, please consider supporting our local retailers. I look forward to spotting the creative businesses on our high streets working hard to impress with their Magic Displays this Christmas.

Councillor Martin Boffey
Leader of the Council



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Enjoy the festive season in Horsham District

With everything from a fantastic array of local food and drink, artisan gifts to festive entertainment and events, the magic of the season is right here in our District.

Make the most of our free festive events

In conjunction with Your Horsham, we have a **Christmas Launch Party on 22 November**. From 4pm to 9pm the town centre will play host to live music, street performances, lights, markets, extended shopping hours, a special Jack and the Beanstalk trail and more. The party will include a choir parade from St Mary's

Church into the town, where the star of this year's Panto, John Partridge,

will help us light up Market Square. Keep an eye out for The Capitol's Box Office team, who'll be handing out exclusive Jack and the Beanstalk goodies.

We will have two further Horsham town centre events in the run up to Christmas.

Horsham Peaks on 16 November will see an Après Ski themed day with food and drink, music and entertainment, including a performance from Christ's Hospital School. There will also be a festive **Friday Late on 20 December** with the return of Beato Burrito.



Marvel at magical displays

Explore the festive windows and displays which help to make our towns and villages so magical. You'll be able to vote for your favourite and have the chance to win a fantastic prize as part of our **Christmas Magic Displays Competition**.



Find out how to get involved on our website at: www.horsham.gov.uk/buylocal. Participating businesses will display a special window sticker or sign to show that they are involved in the competition.

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Experience local festive markets

Join in some festive cheer at a local market event this Christmas, a fantastic opportunity to delight in a magical atmosphere, enjoy delicious local food and drink, and discover unique gifts.

With markets in Billingshurst, Henfield, Horsham, Pulborough, Steyning and Storrington there is always something new to discover.

The best of arts and culture on your doorstep

As always, we have a dazzling Christmas line up at The Capitol including our panto **Jack and the Beanstalk**, as well as **Santa's New Sleigh** for younger theatregoers. Don't forget to check out our New Year shows to kick-start your 2025 in style. Find out about all the shows on offer at: www.thecapitolhorsham.com/whats-on.

Make a visit to Horsham Museum & Art Gallery part of your family's seasonal tradition. Soak up local history and the feel the spirit of Christmas in the heart of Horsham. See the **Christmas decorations from Tuesday 19 November**, take part in the Christmas themed

family trail and don't miss the special **Museum Late on Friday 20 December** with live music and refreshments from 6pm to 8pm.

DON'T MISS A THING



Find details of local markets and all our events at www.horsham.gov.uk/christmas.

Our parks have so much to offer on a crisp wintry day

From woodlands to waterways, sports facilities and play parks, there is so much for all ages to enjoy outdoors whatever the weather. Discover what you can see and do here: www.horsham.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside.

Get back to nature

Warnham Local Nature Reserve is just one of our great green spaces across the District to catch up with wildlife. The Reserve is closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day but open to enjoy the rest of the Christmas holidays. The Friends of Warnham Local Nature Reserve run a number of festive events including wreath making. Find out more at www.horsham.gov.uk/warnhamlnr.

Walk or cycle into the new year

Blow out the cobwebs with our free walking routes: www.horsham.gov.uk/walks, heritage trails: www.horshammuseum.org/heritagetrails and cycle rides for all abilities: www.horsham.gov.uk/bikerides.

Join us for a Wellbeing Walk

Our popular Wellbeing Walks take place across the District and are free, sociable, and family-friendly. Our walk programme is published monthly on our website at: www.horsham.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/walking/wellbeing-walks.

Community activities

Don't forget to look out on our Neighbourhood Wardens Facebook page [@HDWardens](https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens) to find even more fantastic community group events close to you.

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- Free music and entertainment
- Festive food and drink
- Lights and Christmas carol lantern parade
- Launch of Jack and the Beanstalk Trail
- Christmas Magic Displays
- Late night shopping with discounts for one night only*

Friday 22 November

4pm to 9pm
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Free entry to prize draw

when you spend over £50 between 4pm - 8pm*

*at all participating retailers



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The Bridge Leisure Centre, Wickhurst Lane, RH12 3YS

Billingshurst Leisure Centre, Station Road, RH14 9RY

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*Please note, facilities vary at each centre

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Horsham District Council

Discover the past at Horsham Museum

Our Museum is the perfect place to spend time during the colder months, with our shop and gallery providing a fantastic selection of unique gifts from local makers and artists.

Christmas at Horsham Museum

The Museum will be decorated for the festive season from **Tuesday 19 November** including a Christmas themed family trail for visitors.

Our **Museum Lates** will return with a special Christmas event on **Friday 20 December**, where we will remain open until 8pm with live music and refreshments from 6pm.

Cretaceous Horsham: Discovering Dinosaurs

On **18 January**, our 2025 exhibition will open and uncover the story of how dinosaurs came to be discovered, following the story of Sussex physician Gideon Mantell.

Mantell found a fossilised Iguanodon tooth in 1825 and made the realisation that it belonged to a giant animal, sparking a debate on the subject which would contribute to his life descending into tragedy. As well as exploring the events which led to the classification of dinosaurs, the exhibition will also focus on the dinosaurs that would have been found in the District during the early cretaceous period (145 to 100.5 million

years ago) through fossils and artefacts from our own collections and loans from other museums.

MORE INFORMATION



The Museum is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm (closed from 22 December 2024 to 1 January 2025). For full details, and to sign up to our newsletter, please visit: www.horsham-museum.org.



New Revolutions Galleries

Our new Revolutions Galleries will open on **Friday 20 December** detailing industry in the District from the 18th century and the town's past as a rotten borough (an easily influenced parliamentary borough) leading up to the Parliamentary Reform Act of 1832.

Retro Iguanodon © Mark P. Witton 2016



A lifeline at the touch of a button

Community Link is a vital support service from the Council. The service enables residents to live independently by providing affordable access to a range of assistive technology.

Keeping you safe and secure in your own home

One of our most popular products is the SEVEN Digital Lifeline. The unit sits unobtrusively in the home and is paired with a discrete pendant or wrist worn trigger. Users can summon emergency assistance at the touch of a button, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

How it works

The pendant or watch acts as your personal alarm. Simply push the button on either your pendant, wrist worn trigger, or the unit itself, to be connected to our 24 hour alarm receiving centre which is staffed by professionally trained operators.

The SEVEN package

The product features a 300 metre+ range, up to 40 hours of battery backup in the event of mains power outage, a multi-provider network and a secondary SIM to ensure a reliable service. The water-resistant pendant can be worn in the bath or shower.

Pair with a range of products

It can also be paired with other devices in the Community Link suite to suit user needs, such as a fall detector, a property exit sensor or a wearable GPS device offering emergency assistance when you are out and about.

How much does it cost?

The SEVEN Digital Lifeline unit is available to trial for eight weeks at no cost, and then for £22.50 per month. There are no upfront equipment costs, installation fees, or long-term contracts and the price includes maintenance and a replacement backup battery when it runs low.

Extra safety measures

We also combine alarm installation with a free smoke detector from West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service, which we link to the alarm receiving centre.



Our Virtual Reality Service

Ideal for those in care settings, with limited mobility, chronic pain or memory loss, our guided Virtual Reality (VR) experiences can have a profound positive impact on wellbeing.

With the ability to stimulate cognitive skills, reduce anxiety or depression, and provide a welcome distraction from pain, VR has been shown to reduce the need for medication following sessions for some users.

In VR sessions a comfortable headset allows participants to explore beautiful natural landscapes, see historical landmarks, enjoy a concert, visit familiar National Trust properties and much more.

VR gives residents who can't usually get involved with group activities, or those receiving care at home the opportunity to enjoy the outside world again.

We offer individual or group sessions

In a group setting each VR experience is also shown on a screen. This allows everyone to participate throughout, even when they are not wearing the headset. The sessions offer families and carers a way to connect and share experiences.



DID YOU KNOW?

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 the Winter Fuel Payment, help with rent and Council Tax, a free TV licence, and help with the cost of NHS services. Check your eligibility at www.gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling 0800 99 1234.

Priority Services Register



Joining your energy supplier's Priority Services Register means you'll be able to get a range of extra help when you need it, such as priority support in an emergency.

You can ask to join your supplier's Priority Services Register if you have reached state pension age, are pregnant or have young children, if you're living with a disability or a long-term medical condition, as well as a number of other situations.

Find out more at www.thepsr.co.uk or contact your energy supplier.

New devices spark imagination

Interactive pets

Recent additions to our range of technology are interactive pets. They can help combat anxiety and loneliness as they respond to touch with sound and movement in a lifelike way.

A bespoke service

Our Community Link team recently trialled their first robotic pet cat, which they arranged for a client living with dementia who had kept cats in the past.

Designed to bring comfort, these interactive pets are ideal for people living with a number of conditions including dementia as well as autism in some children. They can also be a great alternative to real emotional support animals in group settings such as care homes as the pets are engaging and stimulating as well as calming.



Community Link



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For more information on our full range of assistive technology please visit: www.horsham.gov.uk/communitylink-info.

You can contact our team who will explain our devices and recommend the best products for your current needs on **01403 215230** or at: community.link@horsham.gov.uk.



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Our summer of free fun

We have organised and collaborated on a fantastic array of free and low-cost community events and celebrations over the summer and wanted to share some of our highlights.

For **Love Parks Week** we brought a roadshow of activities to celebrate our green spaces, with sports, theatre, arts, crafts, walks, yoga and more. We loved seeing so many of you joining us around the District.

We ran two very successful **inclusive cycling** sessions at The Bridge Leisure Centre. This was the first time we have brought our term-time sessions into the summer holidays.

Our Neighbourhood Wardens arranged lots of free family fun with the support of local businesses, Parish Councils and our Parks and Countryside, Wellbeing and Sports Development teams. This included our **Autism and SEN Fun Day** at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, **Storrington Funday, Billingshurst Fun Day, Southwater Family Fun Fest** and our first **Bat Walk** at Southwater Country Park. The Storrington and Sullington monthly **Cuppa and a Chat**



Our Horsham town centre free music continued to prove popular with hundreds of attendees.

Events included our **Friday Lates, Big Band Sessions, Saturday Sussex Sounds** performances and our **Sussex Sounds Festival**.

At Horsham Museum & Art Gallery, we continued the party on special **Friday Late** events with music, refreshments, and a chance to check out the galleries after hours, as well as children's summer crafts and trails.



group continued to grow, and participants enjoyed a pottery painting trip.

Summer **Skate Jam** events in Horsham and Billingshurst saw demonstrations, music, competitions, and workshops with professional riders and skaters.

In Horsham Park we continued our regular **Children's Fun Sessions** with traditional entertainers.

Top and inset: Love Parks Week

Middle: Pottery painting in Storrington

Right: Wheels for ALL session

Below: Friday Lates: Elvis Night



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Our **Pop-up in the Park** sessions in partnership with West Sussex County Council, brought more free crafts, garden games and quizzes.

To mark our 50th Anniversary we held a special event at Warnham Local Nature Reserve to celebrate the wonderful **Community Heroes** you nominated for making our District a great place to live.

We also held drop-in **Draw Our District** sessions, where lots of residents came together with the help of a mural artist to illustrate their favourite things about where they live. You can see a gallery of the artwork here: www.horsham.gov.uk/drawourdistrct.



Inset: Skate Jam
Above: Draw Our District
Below: Community Heroes

DON'T MISS OUT

We share our events on our Facebook page, on our website and via our newsletters. Don't miss out in the future by staying in touch via these channels or signing up to our email newsletters at: www.horsham.gov.uk/email-newsletters.



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 Falls Prevention classes aim to reduce the risk of falls for older adults & individuals with mobility challenges. These classes will focus on improving strength, balance, and coordination through a series of instructor-led exercises designed to enhance physical stability.

Who are these classes for?

Older adults & individuals with mobility challenges
 To assess your suitability, our team will invite you for an initial assessment. If the team feel you will benefit from our classes then you will be invited to attend weekly one hour classes.
 These classes are open to both Bluecoat Sports members and non-members.

More ways we can help

Exercise Referral, Chair-Based Classes & Senior Fit
 Our various well-being activities can prevent, improve or manage various health conditions.
 Find out more: www.bluecoatsports.co.uk

Have you visited our Wellbeing Hub?



This July we celebrated the first year for our Hub in its location in Horsham's Swan Walk shopping centre.

A whole host of free services

From our bright and airy Hub we have helped over **1,000** so far. As a service we have run **12** Weight off Workshops, delivered over **340** hours of exercise classes, visited **25** workplaces, helped **34** people to stop smoking, facilitated over **1,500** miles of walks around the District and held **185** outreach appointments in **eight** locations across the District.

Let us be part of your Wellbeing

If you haven't already found us, please do drop in. You can find us in Swan Walk shopping centre, just past Sports Direct.

We are open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am to 4.30pm and Wednesdays from 1pm to 5pm, when one of the team will be on hand to answer all your health and wellbeing questions.

If you can't visit the Hub, you can call us, complete a self-referral form on our website, or email the team.

Workplace Wellbeing

We can also visit workplaces, including voluntary organisations, to offer free support to staff including Wellbeing MOTs, NHS Health Checks, blood pressure checks and wellbeing talks.



Andy hosting a stop smoking session

Free support for your team

At the **Wellbeing MOT** we use body composition scales and offer free one-to-one wellbeing advice. Following on from this, employees often go on to complete one of our free courses.

The **NHS Health Check** is for adults aged 40 to 74. It's designed to spot the early signs of stroke, kidney disease, heart disease, type 2 diabetes or dementia.

We can deliver free **Wellbeing Talks** for your workplace either face to face or online. These include our Wellbeing Service Talk about free services available, our Healthy Eating Talk, Menopause Awareness, Preparing to Stop Smoking and Reducing Alcohol intake.

Prioritise your employees

A proactive approach to the health and wellbeing of employees is key to a happier, healthier, engaged, and more productive workforce.

At a recent visit to Netsoltech in Horsham our adviser Andy was able to talk to employees about stopping smoking. One employee opted for weekly stop smoking sessions at his workplace and has now successfully quit.

MORE INFO



Visit: **www.horshamdistrictwellbeing.org.uk**. Get in touch by email at: **info@horshamdistrictwellbeing.org.uk**, by phone on: **01403 215111**, or drop in and see us in Swan Walk.



Horsham District Local Plan 2023-2040

With a strong economy and great countryside, Horsham District is a popular place to live and work.

This also brings challenges to make sure that people have access to the homes and jobs they need whilst continuing to protect and enhance our environment.

To help ensure that new development comes forward in a way that balances these needs, the Council has prepared a new Local Plan for 2023 to 2040. This document contains planning policies to help decide where development will be located and provides the schools and open space that we need. Other policies in the document also seek to deliver increased biodiversity net

gain, protect the integrity of our highly valued landscapes, and respond to the climate change emergency.

Latest news

A draft of the Council's Local Plan (known as 'Regulation 19') was published in January 2024 for a six week period of feedback. We received around 1,600 responses from individuals, parish councils and other stakeholders.

On Friday 26 July 2024, the draft Local Plan, supporting evidence base documents and all the comments received were formally submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

The Planning Inspectorate has now appointed a Planning Inspector to carry out an independent examination of the plan. They must

consider whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with National Planning Policy, legislation or whether any changes are needed before the plan can be formally 'adopted'.

As part of the examination process there will be public hearings where relevant respondents will be invited to attend to speak and give evidence on a range of matters, as specified by the Inspector. This is expected to take place in late 2024 and early 2025. After the hearings, the Inspector will prepare a report setting out their findings and any next steps for the Council.

We will share more information about these hearings on our website.

FIND OUT MORE

You can find more information including submitted documents, a timeline and Frequently Asked Questions at: www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan.

What is Biodiversity Net Gain?

Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) is a new national legal requirement for development to have a positive impact on nature.

This is done by creating and improving different habitats, leaving the environment in a better state than it was before.

Why has it been introduced?

BNG has been introduced to help reverse the major decline in wildlife and habitats within the UK. Changes in land use due to development is one contributor to our current biodiversity crisis, so developers have a key part to play in nature recovery.

Who does it apply to?

BNG regulations require most new planning applications to show how they will deliver a 10% increase in biodiversity, based on the value of the site prior to development. Smaller applications such as householder, self-build, custom-build and development impacting an area of habitat 25sqm or less (5m or less for hedgerows and watercourses) are currently exempt.

How is it measured?

This is measured by the 'statutory biodiversity metric'. This tool calculates the existing biodiversity value of the site, (as 'biodiversity units') and then the new value of the site after improvements have taken place.

Where does BNG take place?

As far as possible habitat creation and enhancement should be delivered within the development site. The next best solution is creating habitats as close to the development as possible. The biodiversity metric is designed to discourage the delivery of BNG a long way from the site.

What other projects are taking place to help the biodiversity?

Local Nature Recovery Strategies are currently being drafted by County Councils to map areas that offer good opportunity for biodiversity enhancements. The long-term aim is to connect these areas to produce a wildlife corridor throughout Sussex, in which wildlife can roam and thrive.

FIND OUT MORE

For more information, please visit: www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/biodiversity-net-gain.



Our Greenspaces Strategy

Our refreshed Greenspaces Strategy was approved in June this year.

The Strategy sets the priorities for managing all the Parks and Countryside sites owned by the Council. This includes some 400 hectares of land, from formal parks and recreation grounds to cemeteries, allotments, and playgrounds.

What the Strategy covers

The Strategy looks to ensure that these green spaces are maintained to



a high standard, that there are a range of opportunities to use them for all sectors of society and that the role of volunteers is valued, supported, and encouraged. New and rising challenges have been included in the Strategy such as adapting to the changing climate and population increases, as well as the need to enhance biodiversity both at individual sites and on a larger landscape scale.

Community input

To build the Strategy, a consultation process was undertaken with Parish and Neighbourhood Councils, as well as the many community groups associated with green spaces across the District.

What can you see?

One of the ways we manage green spaces is through grazing – if you are visiting our sites look out for our livestock herds.

If you visit Bramber Brooks, you can also look out for habitat enhancement works carried out by the Environment Agency. This activity along the riverbank is to mitigate habitat loss at Shoreham Harbour through the creation of a series of the wetland ponds. This involves removing soil which will be used to build up paths which will make access for visitors easier year-round.

FIND OUT MORE



You can read the full strategy here: www.horsham.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/green-space-strategy.

Do you have an unoccupied property?

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

However, if you have an empty home you'd like to rent out that could make a positive impact for a household in the District, we can help.



Our leasing and lettings services

We offer managed leasing (where you lease your property to us for three to five years) and our 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.



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Horsham Park goes gold!

Horsham Park has won a coveted Gold Award for the Large Park category in the South and South East In Bloom annual competition for 2024.

The award recognises all the work that goes into the planting, development, maintenance, and care of our Green Flag park from our Council officers, the Friends of Horsham Park, Horsham Denne Neighbourhood Council and many other wonderful volunteer groups who make it such a beautiful community asset.

Places to play

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving recreation facilities, we have recently undertaken work on play areas in the Holbrook area of Horsham as well as at Carpenters Meadow play area in Pulborough and Ostlers View in Billingshurst. We have also added to facilities at Bennetts Field.

At Carpenters Meadow, we have selected a nature theme to fit in with the Pulborough Wild Art Trail. This play area is mainly geared towards primary aged children and there is a small scooter and bike track at the lower end of the park for younger children to practice their skills in a safe space.

In Holbrook, Standen Place play area has been refurbished with a selection of play equipment suitable for children under seven.

In the woodland (connecting Bartholomew Way to Lemmington Way), selected pieces of natural play equipment, suitable for children up to 11 years have been installed.

At Bennetts Field we have installed new outdoor gym equipment.

MORE INFORMATION



Keep up to date with all our parks information online here: www.horsham.gov.uk/parks-and-countryside/play-areas.



Fantastic contribution of volunteers recognised



Award winners with Chairman Cllr Nigel Emery

As part of National Volunteers' Week in June, we hosted an awards ceremony to recognise the fantastic volunteers who work hard to make a positive difference to communities locally.

This year our Horsham District Volunteer Awards winners were:

- Long Service Award:** John Bearman, Thakeham Village Hall
- Special Recognition Award:** Roy Bayliss, Rotary Club of Horsham
- Permanent Smile Award:** Ethan Kearl, Springboard
- The Dream Team Award:** Community Larder Volunteers
- Young Volunteer Award:** Aaron Van Der Pijll, 4TheYouth
- Outstanding Contribution:** Nathan Harman, Rangers Lodge Wildlife Hospital
- Biggest Heart Award:** Jacqui Clark, Horsham and Crawley Samaritans
- Trustee of the Year:** Terry O'Leary, St. Catherine's Hospice

A big thank you

As a council we are so grateful for all the amazing work that the voluntary sector does to improve lives for residents and visitors all over the District.

GET INVOLVED



If you think volunteering is something that you would like to do, please get in touch with our Voluntary Sector Support team. We have so many different roles available and your help has never been more needed or appreciated.

To find volunteering opportunities in your area please visit: www.volunteerhorshamdistrict.co.uk.

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Calling Horsham District good causes

Our Horsham District Community Lottery is now five years old. To celebrate, it is giving local charities and good causes the chance to win a special £500 prize for their group in the December draw.

Get your organisation involved

To be in with a chance of scooping the special prize your group just needs to sign up for a Horsham District Community Lottery page.

It's free, quick and easy to register, and once set up you will be able to fundraise through the local lottery. Organisations need to be set up by **25 November** to qualify for the special birthday prize draw.

Existing lottery organisations will be automatically entered into the draw.

More reasons to sign up

As well as the chance of winning the special **£500** prize, our lottery organisations get regular monthly payments from ticket sales. Selling just 20 lottery tickets a week will raise **£1,000** a year!

All groups involved are given marketing support to help them reach supporters and there are no admin or set up costs.

Our lottery good causes

From every £1 ticket, 60p goes to local good causes in Horsham District. Since Horsham District Community Lottery was set up in 2019 it has raised over **£275,400** to support the local community.

This year our causes are on track to raise over **£54,400!**

How do I play?

If you want to play the lottery you can choose which local community group you want to support, and you could win a top prize of **£25,000** in each weekly draw.

There are so many great local organisations already taking part such as Scouts, playgroups, community groups, clubs, youth providers, PTAs, sports teams, charities and more. If you can't pick a favourite you can support the Horsham District Community Lottery good cause fund which is spent on providing vital support to a wide range of local organisations and initiatives.

Play the lottery, support the District - it's that simple!

GET INVOLVED



Sign up your organisation or join in and play at: www.horshamdistrictcommunitylottery.co.uk.





Some of Collyer's work experience student group

Welcoming new talent

As a council, we are always looking for ways to attract new talent, as well as offering training opportunities to our existing workforce. In this edition we are sharing news about a few of our recent schemes.

Our environmental apprentices make a strong start

We are proud of our apprenticeship programme at the Council. Did you know that we have successfully taken on 20 apprentices over the last few years? We currently have two degree apprentices.

Our most recent recruits joined earlier this year as Environmental Apprentices and are working across various areas at the Council dedicated to improving the environment while studying towards a BSc in Environmental Science.

Local Government Graduate Programme brings new talent

This is a two-year programme for graduates looking to start a career in local government. We currently have two graduate trainees under the scheme. We have taken on five graduates in total over the last three years.

Lewis, one of our recent graduate employees, described the scheme:

“The Programme has already exceeded my expectations, offering a blend of challenging projects and supportive mentorship.

I am excited about the opportunities ahead and look forward to continuing to build on the skills and knowledge I've already gained.”



Students experience work at the Council

In May we had 15 students from Collyer's Sixth Form College in Horsham join our teams for a week, to experience what we have to offer as an employer.

Meet some of the students

Scott joined our Communications team and spoke to some of his peers about their time with us.

A variety of options

Ellie (pictured below), who joined the Sustainability team commented:

“I have learnt how the Council operates, about their structure and systems. There are a lot of departments with a large range of options and variety. I enjoyed working on the website, especially the Community Climate Fund. I was surprised by the flexibility of the workforce.”





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Our offer

Our teams deliver services to some 66,000 households. We provide community, health and wellbeing support, look after green spaces, leisure and arts facilities, and manage local democracy and elections. We provide expertise on areas such as environmental health, sustainability, building control and planning, and contribute to the success of local businesses as well as the charitable sector. This all means we have a huge variety of opportunities both in front-facing roles and behind the scenes.

How we support the community

Jude (pictured above) worked with colleagues in our Environmental Health and Licensing team. He described his week:

“My highlight was working with the Community Link team. I learnt about the different ways technologies can help vulnerable people in the District. I was surprised by the large variety of areas the wider Environmental Health team cover, such as licensing, food and pollution.”

Ensuring we are accessible

Elliot experienced a week with our IT team. He tested his technical skills, commenting:

“I have learnt about the design of the Council website and how to ensure that it is accessible for everyone.”

Developing skills

We asked Scott about his week, he said:

“My favourite part was filming at the Museum, because there was a large variety of artefacts, interesting rooms and buildings. Editing the video was a fun task which helped me build my skillset in video production.”

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As an employer, we are inclusive and disability friendly. We offer flexible working, an environment where you are respected and where development opportunities are prioritised.



Never miss an opportunity

If you'd like to be on the list for all our alerts about careers and opportunities, please sign up via the QR code below:



Current Vacancies

To find our current vacancies, please visit:

www.horsham.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers.

Reaffirming our employer commitments

We recently received our updated Armed Forces Covenant Employer Recognition Scheme Silver Award. This award reaffirms our continued commitment to support service personnel and the armed forces community.

We have also been awarded the Disability Confident Employers Award which recognises employers who have made a series of commitments to the recruitment, employment, retention and career development of disabled people.



Deputy Armed Forces Champion Cllr Frankland, with Leigh Thomas, Reserve Forces' & Cadets' Association South East.



New youth provision

We are keen to support parishes in enhancing the activities on offer for local young people.

We caught up with Vicky (pictured), who is the new Lead Youth Worker covering the joint parishes of Steyning, Upper Beeding and Bramber. She told us about her growing plans for the service there.

“We are launching a new youth club for children and young people in the parishes. We have a Friday night drop-in for ages 13 and above at Penfold Hall, and a weekly session for juniors at Upper Beeding Sports Hall on Thursdays.”

A warm welcome

“It is important to me to make the club a safe, nurturing and welcoming place, which responds to and meets the needs of the community. We want to give young people at the cusp of adulthood a space to be valued, heard and to find friendship and their purpose.”

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Space for all interests

“Over the summer we ran a popular trial activity week including a military bootcamp with Places Leisure and street dance amongst other activities. We partnered with Greening Steyning’s Repair Café to run a session on upcycling where budding designers turned old garments into bags. We have also been working with



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the Steyning Downlands Scheme developing construction and conservation skills, creating a stag beetle hotel, which now has a permanent home on the Wiston estate.”

Personal experience

“I have personal experience of attending a youth club. I know first-hand just how important it is. I certainly wouldn’t have taken this path in life had I not attended youth club myself, where I was recognised as an individual and given roles of responsibility within the club, to develop my skills.”

Accessing the service

You can find out more about what’s on offer in Bramber, Steyning and Upper Beeding including session times and locations on their Facebook or Instagram pages, just search for ‘Joint Parish Youth Club’. Vicky would love to see as many young people as possible at the sessions.

Support for parishes

We are always willing to support youth service development across the District. Parish and Neighbourhood Councils can contact our team at: community.development@horsham.gov.uk for more information.



Did You Know?

Free School Meals



If you receive a benefit your child could be eligible for Free School Meals.

Even if they are receiving free lunches in early years, it is still worth registering as it also means a grant for your child's school to support their education and access free Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programmes.

Please check if you are eligible: 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 252699.

Social tariffs



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.

Growing Your Teenager courses

Have you recently applied for your child's Year 7 school place for September 2025? If so, you might be interested in our successful Growing Your Teenager course pilots.

Working with local secondary schools, West Sussex County Council and Sussex Police, the pilot courses over the last two years have helped hundreds of parents of teens. The free course is designed to help parents understand and navigate some of the challenges the teenage years present.

Sessions covered topics such as understanding the teenage brain, self-esteem, online and community safety, and much more. It also provided an opportunity to meet other parents with new starters at the school.

Neil, a parent participant from the 2024 session commented:

"Lots of the topics discussed are common sense, but it is reassuring to hear you are already doing the right things."

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It has been a great opportunity to meet other parents going through the same phase. Navigating the start of secondary school is incredibly daunting for parents as well as for the children. It has been most helpful to learn about some of the strategies we can put in place now that will help mitigate those tricky situations that come up in the future especially around the use of mobile phones."

Look out for communication from your new secondary school about similar courses coming up.

FIND OUT MORE



There is more information about support for young people in the District on our website here: www.horsham.gov.uk/community.



Community Climate Fund

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

Recent success stories

Springboard solar project

The Springboard Project will be reducing their carbon dioxide emissions with 23 solar panels which will eventually cover up to 60% of their energy usage. This furthers the organisation's goal of limiting environmental impact for future generations as well as showing community leadership by switching to renewable energy and reducing their carbon footprint.



Shiple Community Hub Repair Café

Shiple Community Hub

We have funded Shiple Community Hub for services that aim to decrease the amount of waste that ends up in landfill sites and reduces Shiple's carbon footprint.

Improvements have been made to their Repair Café, as well as support to start a 'Re-love Pre-loved station' and 'Borrow Library' to facilitate the sharing of community goods.

Developing the Shiple Repair Café to hosting several repair stations and offering home fixes for bigger items has been incredibly successful. They have repaired 48 items ranging from sewing machines to hoverboards, vacuum cleaners to guitars, food processors to hot tub pumps. An amazing 93% repair rate has already led to carbon savings equivalent to driving 5,600 miles.

FURTHER INFO



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 our 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 is open for the **whole month of January 2025**.



An anniversary for our Climate Action Network

This October marked two years since the launch of the Parish and Neighbourhood Council Climate Action Network.

This network came out of a series of workshops in the autumn of 2022 to help Parish and Neighbourhood Councils formulate and implement climate action plans, and to understand their influence as a council.



The aim of the network is to connect all the Parish and Neighbourhood Councils within Horsham District in their climate action, and we are pleased that it has continued to grow over these past two years, with almost 80% of our Parish and Neighbourhood Councils involved.

Celebrating successes

This year we would like to celebrate the partnership that Steyning, Ashurst, Bramber and Upper

Beeding have developed. These four parishes are geographically close and have developed a joint Climate Action Plan to support each other with delivering climate action, including having quarterly meetings to discuss progress and action.

Their climate actions include updating their websites to include climate information, reducing the emissions from their buildings, engaging with the local green group (Greening Steyning, Bramber and Upper Beeding), and supporting active transport.

GET INVOLVED



If you want to find out more and get involved in climate friendly initiatives near you, a great way to start is by reaching out to your Parish or Neighbourhood Council or local community groups. Find out more at: www.horsham.gov.uk/get-involved-in-climate-action.

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Volunteers help tackle invasive species

A Victorian interest in botany set collectors travelling the world for new and interesting plant species to add to their personal collections.

This created an uncontrolled influx of plant species. Some varieties such as Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam and Rhododendron Ponticum found perfect conditions to thrive and quickly spread into the wider countryside.

Wilder Horsham District in action

The Wilder Horsham District project has been helping landowners deal with the threat of invasive species. The project offers support through volunteers cutting and removing blocks of scrub as well as with the Nature Recovery Award, helping landowners to tackle larger areas.

Rhododendron ponticum - a wolf in sheep's clothing

In the early summer you can see the beautiful mauve flowers of Rhododendron ponticum along the roadsides. You may wonder why this would be a problem. As with many non-native invasive species its success in our climate has seen its expansion onto our fragile habitats such as lowland heath, acidic grasslands and woodlands.

Unlike many cultivated rhododendrons, this evergreen shrub quickly out competes and suppresses everything it grows over. Propagation is through seeds and through layering, branches grow out and root where they touch the ground. They can almost walk through the landscape they dominate.



What can we do?

This plant cannot be grazed out as it is poisonous to livestock. It can only be removed through cutting it down and digging or pulling it out.

Protecting our precious heathland

Our heather rich heathlands have seen a massive decline through the 20th century with a loss of over 85% through development and forestry. Rhododendron ponticum has added to the decline of this fragile fragmented landscape. However, the good news is heather seed can survive in the soil for many decades and the restoration of heathland habitat through the large-scale removal of invasive species can allow it to return and flourish.

GET INVOLVED



Landowners can help by removing and controlling invasive species growing on their land. If you would like advice, you can complete the landowner form on the Sussex Wildlife Trust website here:

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/landownerenquiry.

If you are a community group, Parish Council, local resident, or any other party interested in learning more or getting involved, please get in touch using the contact form here:

www.sussexwildlifetrust.org.uk/get-involved/community-projects/wilder-horsham/get-in-touch.



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Make your home more efficient

‘Retrofitting homes’ means different things to different people, depending on what you want to achieve.

You may be undertaking maintenance such as having your boiler replaced, considering extension, modernisation or refurbishment. Improvements can increase the value of your home, reduce energy costs and make it more comfortable.

In this edition we are looking at some of the changes you may be considering.

Insulation and draught proofing

It can be sensible to focus on ‘fabric’ upgrades first, for example through improving the insulation and draught-proofing. This will help to retain warmth and reduce energy use.

Ventilation

Have you encountered the phrase ‘seal tight, ventilate right’? As construction methods have changed over time homes have become increasingly airtight, retaining warmth, but this does mean we have to manage ventilation to balance moisture levels.

Energy

Solar panels and batteries are a good option for many and are much more popular now than solar thermal systems that heat stored water as they are easier to maintain.



Energy Performance Certificates

If you need inspiration, Energy Performance Certificates provide a relative measure on a home’s performance. These can be a useful starting point as they include some upgrade options and carbon emissions information.

Small changes, big savings

Not everyone is ready to make bigger changes to their home, but there are plenty of smaller things you can do to help cut energy use and reduce costs.

1. Some 40% of household heat is lost through draughts. You can reduce draughts with draught proofing strips and homemade excluders and insulate your windows with PVC film and thermal lined curtains.
2. Switch to low energy LED lightbulbs - these can use up to 90% less electricity than incandescent bulbs.
3. Heating water uses a lot of energy. Try setting a timer to shorten your showers and switch to washing clothes at 30°C.



4. Avoid leaving appliances on standby, turn off chargers when not in use and switch off your heating when you go out.
5. Avoid wasteful half loads in your washing machine or dishwasher by only running it when you have a full load.

FIND OUT MORE



We have even more suggestions, schemes and grants that could help you achieve your energy saving goals at: www.horsham.gov.uk/climate-and-environment/energy-saving.

‘Open house’ events are an opportunity to see homes where owners have retrofitted. The Visit a Heat Pump website:

www.visitaheatpump.com, is a great resource, especially for homes moving away from fossil fuels or those with older electric heating and hot water systems.

DID YOU KNOW?



West Sussex Affordable Energy

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.

Southern Water

Southern Water offers support such as payment schemes, 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.



Hackney carriage vehicles can be found at designated ranks, or can be hailed in the street. They will have a roof sign with the word TAXI displayed. Hackney carriages must display a fare meter in the vehicle, the Council sets the fare rate for journeys within the District.

Private hire vehicles must be pre-booked through a private hire operator.

Look out for the licence

All hackney carriage and private hire vehicles have a licence plate attached to the rear of the vehicle and a smaller version in the windscreen which carries details of the expiry date, licence number and vehicle registration.

Stay safe

Check that your pre-booked private hire vehicle or taxi is licensed. Taxi drivers must wear their badge, and private hire drivers must wear their driver ID while working. When you book a private hire vehicle you can ask for the details of the vehicle and driver, and when they arrive make sure they match your booking.

Travel safely this festive period

We want our residents and visitors to be as safe as possible whilst enjoying food, drink and great company in the District over the festive period.

The Sussex Safer Roads Partnership message is simple: drink or drive - but do not do both. If you plan to drink alcohol, plan to get a lift, get a taxi or take public transport. If you plan to drive, don't drink alcohol.

At the Council we support that message. One way of making sure you get home safely is to use a licensed taxi or private hire vehicle.

Safe travel options

We have responsibility for licensing hackney carriages and private hire drivers, vehicles and operators within the District. As a Licensing Authority, we aim to ensure that the public have reasonable access to safe, comfortable, and properly insured services.

FIND OUT MORE



You can find out more about licensing at: www.horsham.gov.uk/licensing, and the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership Drink or Drive campaign at: www.DrinkOrDrive.co.uk.

Keep our roads safe

Leave space

There have been three serious incidents recently, where drivers have hit our waste collection vehicles on the roads, resulting in life changing injuries for one crew member and considerable injury and stress to others.

Be aware of frequently stopping vehicles.



Road Safety Week 17-23 November
#RoadSafetyWeek

Our Commercial Waste service

Are you a business that struggles with disposing of your waste? Do you need a trusted and reliable provider who will fulfil promises and meet all your needs?

Hassle free, quick and efficient service

We have an in-house commercial waste department. With dedicated crews, we are fully equipped and ready to help businesses of any size with waste requirements.

Is your business food waste ready?

Upcoming legislation change will make recycling and food waste mandatory for businesses from **March 2025**. Businesses will be expected to separate waste streams from **31 March 2025** into separate collections.

Here to help

If you are not ready for this change or don't know where to start, don't panic. Give our friendly team a call and we can



COMMERCIAL Waste

A Horsham District Council service

help you through every step of the way.

CONTACT US



Call our Commercial Waste team on **01403 739391** or email **commercialwaste@horsham.gov.uk**.



Your bin collections over Christmas and New Year



There will be no collections on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Our operatives will be working on **Saturday 28 December**, in addition to working additional **Saturdays on 4 January and 11 January** to catch up.

Waste and recycling collections will be back to the normal schedule week commencing **13 January**.

Garden waste collections will be suspended over the festive period from week commencing **23 December** and will resume on **Tuesday 7 January**.



To stay up to date, scan the QR code to **download our mobile app** for notifications on your next recycling and waste collections. Or view and download your own personalised collections calendar at: **www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins**.

If you require assistance to view the online personalised collections calendar, please ask a family member or you can request a printed version by calling **01403 733144**.

We will continue to empty all dog bins and litter bins throughout the District during Christmas week.



Heath Flower Farm near Ashington

Helping future-proof local businesses

Since its launch in 2016, the Council's LEAP Small Business Grant Scheme has supported nearly 300 businesses

with funding towards projects which will help future-proof their business.

This year, with funding from the UK Government's UK Shared Prosperity Fund, the LEAP scheme was extended. 'Green LEAP' grants of up to £5,000 were available for businesses undertaking climate-friendly projects to help future-proof their business and achieve their climate action ambitions.

Heath Flower Farm, who sell cut flowers to local florists and individuals and run a glamping site on their farm near Ashington, received a Green LEAP grant earlier this year. Co-owner Duncan Heath commented:

"The LEAP grant will help us reach our goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and will also extend the period of the year we can accept guests.

"An extra solar battery and solar panels will provide electricity when solar energy is scarce in winter, and highly efficient infrared heating panels will prevent pipes from freezing in very cold conditions."

"The LEAP grant will help us reach our goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2030"

FIND OUT MORE



Be inspired by more examples of how businesses have been using their LEAP or Green LEAP grants to help future-proof their business on our website at: www.horsham.gov.uk/leap. Scan this QR code



to sign up to our newsletter and keep in the loop for all of our business support schemes.

New business training opportunities launch for Small Business Saturday



Entrepreneurs and business leaders from across Horsham District will be able to access even more training opportunities. An exciting new series of business training workshops have been designed to provide skills development and enhanced opportunities to share and learn from the latest best practice.





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EMPOWER YOUR FUTURE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT HUBS

Delivered by Adam Knight & Associates in collaboration with Horsham District Council and funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Building on the Council's successful Business Training Programme, which launched in 2023 and runs until 2025, this latest round of training will cover an array of topics including social media, first aid, videography, business growth strategies, web content management, product photography and more. Led by locally based independent business experts, the programme is delivered through a multitude of workshops, masterclasses and one-to-one sessions using a blend of online and in-person formats.

RESERVE YOUR SPACE



Bookings open from **Friday 6 December**, the week of Small Business Saturday, in celebration of Horsham District's micro and small enterprises which make up 98.5% of local businesses.

To find out more, visit our website at: www.horsham.gov.uk/btp.

The Horsham District Business Training Programme is part-funded by the UK government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Are you seeking to enhance your career prospects?

Horsham District Council's
Employment Support Hubs
are here for you.

Our hubs are dedicated to equipping you with the skills and resources necessary to succeed in today's competitive job market.

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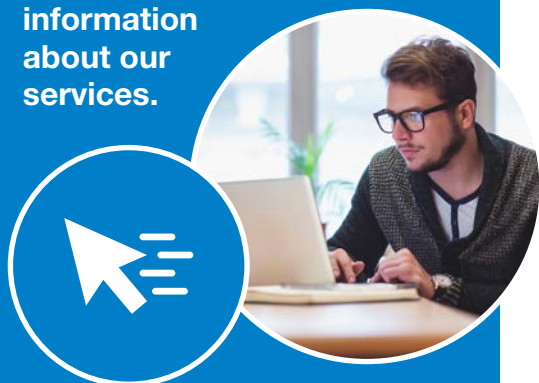
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- **Complete an application** - from a parking permit, to planning permission, accessing grants or to join the housing register, you can apply online.
- **Report** - if you have spotted a problem such as fly tipping or a damaged bin, let us know.

Via our app

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Licensing

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Homeless enquiries
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Housing application enquiries
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Planning Services

Development management and general enquiries
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Building Control

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Billingshurst Leisure Centre
01403 787500

Blackbridge Community Centre
www.horsham.gov.uk/community/rooms-for-hire/blackbridge-community-centre

Steyning Sports and Swimming Centre
01903 879666

The Bridge Leisure Centre
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