



Warnham Parish Council Newsletter

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Welcome to Warnham Parish Council Newsletter

The parish of Warnham is a thriving community incorporating the parish of Warnham as well as hamlets and small rural communities of Kingsfold, Winterfold, Northlands, Durfold, Station Road, Goosegreen and part of Rowhook which are all

surrounded by open countryside.



The Parish council is committed in providing, the community, to the best of it's ability, an excellent service that supports and nurtures it's surroundings.



Please do keep an eye on your neighbours by doing regular welfare checks. Especially during periods of uncertain weather ie. Heat and stormy weather.

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Christmas Newsletter

The Festive season is now upon us and it is important to navigating the Christmas Season with Joy and Balance

The Christmas season, with its twinkling lights and festive cheer, can be both magical and demanding. As we immerse ourselves in the joy of giving, it's crucial not to forget the gift of self-care. Amidst the hustle and bustle, taking a moment to prioritise your well-being ensures that the season remains merry and bright.

While it's tempting to dive headfirst into the whirlwind of holiday activities, remember that the magic often lies in simplicity. Enjoy quiet moments with a cup of cocoa, savour the aroma of holiday spices, and relish the company of loved ones. Embrace the beauty in slowing down.

Amid invitations, events, and obligations, be mindful of your energy levels. Set realistic expectations for yourself, and don't hesitate to decline invitations if it means preserving your well-being. Quality over quantity is the key to a joyful season.

Amidst the festive feasts, don't forget to nourish your body. Balance indulgent treats with wholesome meals, stay hydrated, and consider incorporating walks or light exercises into your routine. A well-nourished body contributes to a more energized and resilient you.

The holiday season can be a whirlwind, but it's essential to create moments of stillness. Whether it's through meditation, a quiet walk in nature, or simply a few minutes of deep breathing, these moments can provide a sense of calm amidst the holiday chaos.

In the quest to make every moment special, sleep is often sacrificed. Remember that a well-rested mind and body are essential for navigating the holiday season with grace. Prioritise sleep, and allow yourself the gift of rejuvenation.

While the season may be bustling, make time for genuine connections. Share laughter, stories, and warmth with loved ones. These moments of connection contribute significantly to the joy of the season.

In essence, the Christmas season is not just about giving to others but also about giving to yourself. By weaving self-care into the fabric of your holiday festivities, you ensure that the season is not only joyful for those around you but also for the most important person—you. May your holidays be filled with love, laughter, and a generous sprinkle of self-care magic.

And with that—

Warnham Parish Council would like to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

During the Festive Time



Parish Council Office

During the festive time of 21st December 23 to 2nd January the parish office will be closed. In the event of an emergency please contact 07546 087603 in the first instance. Or email clerk@warnham.org.uk.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Speed Watch in the community

Our community Speed Watch team are looking for willing volunteers to help monitor the traffic throughout the parish. Please contact the clerk on email if you would like to be added to the team. Speed Watch is now branching out to Kingsfold. The Kingsfold Residents Association is also looking for volunteers to help monitor the traffic. Please do get in touch if you are able to help.



Warnham Parish Council would like to conduct a survey about your Warnham. There are many different ways you can complete it if you would like too. You can contact the Clerk, who will send you a copy via email, which you can complete and send back. Or you can click on the link here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MVT6TY3> or scanning the QR code here.



Fire and Smoke Alarms

Does anyone know of someone classed vulnerable? Do they need a new Smoke Alarm? Or benefit from having a Safe & Well visit? West Sussex Fire & Rescue have funds to supply new Smoke Alarms. Fire & Visit <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/> for more information or contact the Parish Clerk.



West Sussex Fire & Rescue

[Don't forget to sign up to our newsletter](#)

What else is going

Defibrillators

Did you know that the parish has two defibrillators? If you didn't, you do now. Did you also know the location of them? Well, if you didn't you will now. One is located on the Village Hall wall and the other is located just outside the Parish Rooms, at St Margaret's Church. The Parish Council holds two free defibrillator training sessions a year. If anyone is interested in joining the waiting list for a space, please let our Clerk know.



Flooding

We are heading in to that time again, when our roads and pathways fill with water. Now, more than ever, is the perfect time to keep gullies cleared from debris. If you are walking out late at night, please be mindful that we live amongst rural lanes, please remember to wear hi-vis clothes and to reduce speeds. With the amount of trees that overhang the roads, the wet weather along with fallen leaves, making it ideal conditions for slippery roads. Please travel carefully.

NO HGV's

The Parish Council works tirelessly behind the scenes trying to get action on many items or issues that we face around the parish. Not least of all, highways. We know that highways are very important to the community and we are delighted to inform the community, that WSCC Highways have given the go ahead for another NO HGV, sign to be placed at the mini roundabout to Bell Road from School Hill and Church Lane. It is one small footstep towards the bigger aim.



The Parish Council are aware of the increasing poor state of our roads around the parish. Unfortunately, any highways issues falls under the responsibility of WSCC Highways. The Parish Council is unable to add any extra pressure to WSCC Highways but we would encourage residents to report and keep reporting any highways issues online at : <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/.../make-an-enquiry-or.../>. Issues that can be reported are, potholes, damaged signs, fading road markings, footpath issues such as overgrowth, obstructions, street lights out, broken bollards. Please help us keep our community safe by reporting any issues.

What else is going

Access Council services
whilst on the move!



Waste Collection App

HDC is launching a new Recycling and Waste App so that residents will be able to access their recycling and waste services from their smartphones, wherever they are, whenever they need it. It is freely available on both Apple and android devices and launching just in time for residents to receive personalised notification of the changes in collections over the Christmas and new year holidays.

What's on offer:

[Receive personal notifications of which bin to put out and when](#)

- Be personally notified of any changes to your recycling and waste services
- Report fly tipping or overflowing bins when out and about
- Find out quickly if an item can be recycled
- Book a special collection service
- Find your nearest Council service, restaurant or café
- Read the latest news and receive our social media feed straight to your phone.

To find out more and download the free app to your phone, visit:

www.horsham.gov.uk/mobileapp

Bin Collections over Christmas and New Year

There will be no bin collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Year's Day.

Our Waste Collection team will be working on Saturday 30 December, in addition to working additional Saturdays on 6 January and 13 January to catch up. Collections will be back to the normal schedule on the week commencing 15 January.

Garden waste collections will be suspended over the festive period from week commencing 25 December and will resume on Tuesday 9 January.

Your collections calendar

Householders can view and download their own personalised collections calendar on our website 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 via our Customer Contact Centre by calling 01403 733144.

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

And on the note of community and vulnerable. The wintertime can be a lonely and daunting world for our elderly as well as other members within our community. Now is a great time to check in on friends, neighbours or anyone you know who is on their own or without means to get about freely. Even just popping in for a quick chat and cuppa can mean the world to people. Don't forget the Church organise a Warm Welcome Space Café, for more information please click here <https://www.warnhamchurch.co.uk/>

What else is going on....

Bell Road—Temporary Traffic Regulation Order

Following a report in from our County Councillor Christian Mitchell at the last full council meeting he advises the following:

“HGVs on Bell Road, Warnham

Mr Adam Bazley, a local resident and myself met for over one hour on Tuesday, 12 December 2023 at 10:00am concerning HGVs on Bell Road, Warnham.

Mr Bazley has had the opportunity to speak with the WSCC tree team and it is understood that the local Arboriculturist with a local resident has found a suitable planting site for a replacement tree on School Hill. The existing tree is dead and it is blocking the ability of the HGV's to right onto School Hill.

The works to remove the existing tree had been held back/delayed due to lack of cooperation from UK Power Network - there are cables are running within the tree. The removal of the existing tree is scheduled for January 2024 so it is imminent.

It was suggested that residents may wish to consider apply for a Traffic Regulation Order (“TRO”) for Bell Road to prohibit HGVs using that road to use it as a short cut when they erroneously follow their non-HGV based satellite navigation and ignore the existing blue advisory signs: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/> “

With this in mind—we would like to have as many as possible—Bell Road residents attend the next council meeting on the 9th January 2024 to address this and move forward with an application. Please do let the Clerk know if you are able to attend.

Local Plan

Last week Horsham District Council met and approved the Local Plan, which will now proceed into a formal period of representation, during which an independent planning inspector will examine the plan.

The Local Plan Regulation 19 document will be published for a formal period of representation between 19th January 2024 and 1st March 2024. In accordance with legislative requirements, any comments submitted during this period will be passed on to an independent planning inspector who will take account of these representations as part of his or her examination of the plan.

We are unable to log any comments we receive as formal representations to the plan until the start of the consultation period. I would therefore strongly encourage you to respond as part of this process in due course. Further information about the Representation period and how to respond will be published on the Council's webpage

<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan>

Civility & Respect for everyone.
Let's all be kind to one another..

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT STATEMENT

We treat everyone with courtesy and respect and ask for the same in return. We ask that you treat your councillors

and council staff courteously without violence, abuse, or harassment.

Councillors and council staff have the right to carry out their civic duties and work without fear of being attacked or abused. Any behaviour whether that be verbal, physical or in writing, which causes either councillors or council staff to feel uncomfortable, embarrassed, or threatened, is totally unacceptable.

The zero-tolerance policy includes abuse, aggression or threats made in person, over the telephone or in written communication, including on social media. The council considers threatening behaviour to be:

Attempted or actual aggressive, or physical actions made towards any councillor or member of staff.

The use of aggressive, or abusive language, (including raising of the voice, swearing, shouting or in writing) which threatens or intimidates councillors or council staff".

This policy applies throughout all Council Meetings, but it also applies to any Councillor or Council Staff away from Council Meetings



STOP BULLYING



**Civility &
Respect**

IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, GWA, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS



Dates of Next Meeting

The parish council works as a team seeking to help all residents. We very much welcome you to attend our meetings or getting in touch via the clerk's email address so that matters can be discussed at open meetings. All meetings are in the Parish Rooms, St Margaret's Church.

9th January

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Finance Committee Meeting— 7.30pm

23rd January 2024

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Full Council Meeting— 7.45pm

6th February

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Finance Committee Meeting— 7.30pm

20th February 2024

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Full Council Meeting— 7.45pm

Councillor Vacancies

With the elections now behind us, Warnham Parish Council finds that we are uncontested, however, we are now down to seven councillors. We are treading water. For a council to run we have to be quorate which means One third of the total number of councillor allocations. Warnham Parish Council has 11 seats to fill in total. We are 4 councillors short. So, now would be a perfect time for anyone wishing to stand and serve on council to come forward and be co-opted on. The process is much simpler than election papers. If anyone is interested in picking up this mantle please do speak with a

Useful Information

District and County Councillors Information—

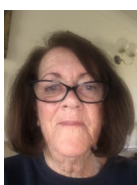
WSCC County Councillor



Christian Mitchell

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Horsham District Councillors



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Kasia Greenwood

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Useful Numbers

St Margaret's Church	07754 481737
Warnham C of E Primary	01403 265230
Village Hall	07717 247430
Parish Rooms	07787 543255
Allotments	01403 265031
PSCO Steven Evans	01273 404535

Warnham Social Club	01403 211747
Horsham District	01403 215100
West Sussex CC	01243 777100
Horsham Library	01403 224353
Seniors	01403 267513