



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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Warnham Parish Council

Spring Newsletter—Message from Cllr Pavey

The parish is looking very wild this Spring and it's all about No Mow May. Experts say we have lost approx 97% of flower-rich meadows since the 1930s and with them gone are vital food needed to by pollinators, like bees and butterflies so this is why Warnham Parish Council do not mow in May.

One plant we are not too happy with its growth in our parish is Hogweed - a non-native invasive plant. The sap of giant hogweed can cause burns as it contains furcoumarin. If the sap gets onto your skin, your skin can blister badly so please familiarise yourself with the plant and avoid brushing through patches. Our environment officers are tackling as much as they can and the parish now keep an annual schedule of where it is, when it was treated, but the main responsibility is to land-owners to treat hogweed, to remove it completely and stop this growing problem throughout our parish.

You may have taken part in the parish survey, if you did thank you. The results were clear to topics we as a council are to focus on and what is important to you.

The saga of Robinhood Lane continues with Horsham District Council cancelling the planning meeting where the reopening of the Old Guildford Road access to Field Place was to be decided. This will not now take place till June. And the council continues to chase highways to repair the lane properly.

Highways continues to be high on the council's agenda with the reoccurring potholes, high volumes of traffic speeding through our parish (we are still awaiting permission from WSCC to put in place speed indicator devices in Kingsfold although we have done all we can as a parish to speed them through the process).

The Gatwick 2nd runway planning application along with the modernisation of the airspace above us all, as I type, continues to be a concern.

Talking of roads, the council commissioned a traffic flow survey of the parish, and the results are in, and they are as we all expected. The traffic has gone up and in some areas the speed is simply unacceptable. Working with residents we are formalising a plan and ask for residents that live in Strood Lane, Northlands Road, Mayes Lane, Robinhood Lane, Bailing Hill, School Hill to contact the clerk as we need one person from each to play a key role.

You may have seen the new planters in the village and thank you to James Coggins for offering to plant and maintain. Not only brightening our village but also, hopeful, preventing vehicles from parking or driving over the verges.

As you may have read Horsham District Council are in the process of deciding the Local Plan. Warnham village is included in the plan for 20 houses. One concern is the potential of an extra 40 cars to our already busy lanes and roads.

Thank you Cllr Pavey

What's going on...

Why did the Hedgehog cross the road...



The village hall was packed on 19 April to hear author and ecologist, Hugh Warwick's talk on Hedgehogs. An audience of over 90 people was entertained and informed by Hugh who shared his passion for Britain's favourite mammal.



The Knit and Natter group from Warnham's wonderful WI knitted some adorable Hedgehogs for the talk and these sold well, raising welcome funds for the Wild About Warnham project.

The talk was organised by Wild About Warnham, with support from the Parish Council, and is part of the group's efforts to raise awareness of what we can all do to help restore the fortunes of this prickly creature. For more information about the Hedgehog Action Plan for Warnham, please contact David Bridges (mobile 078 408 71755).

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.



Giant Hogweed

Giant Hogweed is once again posing a major issue throughout the parish. The Council is working hard to address as many areas as possible, but we do ask that if private landowners find this invasive plant on their property, to take the appropriate action to eradicating it. This is a joint effort and we need the help of the community. The Council has now approached the Environment Agency for further assistance, if you could what3words the locations to the clerk, that would be most helpful.

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

What's going on...

Southern Water Business Partnership fund

The second round of our Business Partnership Fund is still open, and we are looking for new and innovative ideas to help reduce water use in businesses across Sussex.

What is the Business Partnership Fund?

- Water is a precious resource. Every year the population of the South East grows, but the amount of water available stays the same.
- Due to hotter summers and less rainfall, increased pressure is put on our water supplies. If we keep consuming at our current rate, in time, demand will outstrip supply – as there's only so much we can take from our environment.
- That's just one reason why we're on the lookout for new and innovative ideas to help reduce water use in businesses. If local businesses have an idea for a project – whether it's harvesting rain or shower water, fitting flow restrictors to taps, harnessing new technology to save water, education or behavioural change programmes – they really should apply for this fantastic initiative.

What kind of ideas have winning businesses had?

- Henfield Leisure Centre is benefitting from a water efficiency programme which has resulted in new toilets being installed and a flushing water tank which will lower water bills and save more than 700,000 litres of water a year.

More details about this story is available on our website: [Henfield Charity Set to Save More Than 700,000 Litres of Water Per Year \(southernwater.co.uk\)](https://www.southernwater.co.uk/henfield-charity-set-to-save-more-than-700-000-litres-of-water-per-year)

How can you help?

- The deadline for applications closes on [30 June 2024](#)
- Please do share details via your communications channels

Those interested should visit the Business Partnership Fund section on our website, where they can also apply: [Business Partnership Fund – Southern Water](#)

Dog Waste Bins

HDC are currently reviewing the District owner dog waste bins and have asked the council if we there are any areas where the community could do with extra ones. We will be putting forward a new location. However, the Parish Council has now been given the go ahead from Warnham Park Estate to install a bin on the cycle path. This is excellent news and the council is very grateful in being able to supply this. As a gentle reminder, anyone visiting the cycle path from Bell Road end, please do remember to park considerately, it is a residential area and a road. Please do not block the pathways or park your vehicle in an obstructive manner to all road and path users.



[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 and Traffic

The council recent commissioned a new traffic survey to monitor the level of increased traffic throughout the parish. The results were staggering. The council is now working through all the data and will be releasing the findings to the wider community very soon.

With the wetter weather hopefully behind us, now is a great time to carry out some husbandry on landowner gullies and verges. Flooding can be a real issue for Warnham and Kingsfold, any help to reduce this risk is gratefully received.

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 confirm the completion of the Bell Road improvements. The council has new 20mph bin stickers in stock and ask if anyone needs one to contact the clerk or a councillor. The council is also in full support of a recent TRO application which has been presented to WSCC Highways by a resident in Bell Road.



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

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.

Thanks to our residents recycling efforts, the Horsham District has achieved a recycling rate of 53% but we can do more to recycle and reduce waste!

National Children's Gardening Week 27th May—4 June 24

National Children's Gardening Week is a campaign to capture children's enthusiasm to get out into their gardens, fostering environmentally aware children of the future.

Here are three ways that your garden can help children to get involved:

Get composting. Share your composting activities with your children. Composting your leftovers reduces food waste. Visit [our composting page](#) for discounted compost bin offers.

Start growing your own. Growing produce cuts food miles and reduces food packaging too. A great project to get kids involved in!

Make planters and labels. There are lots of items you could re-use in the garden. For example, clear plastic bottles and yoghurt pots can make useful homes for young plants and seedlings.

To get involved in Children's Gardening Week, just have a look at the 'Things to do' section of their



And on the note of community and vulnerable. The summertime 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

More local residents can now access free home energy saving measures

Many more residents in the Horsham District can now benefit from warmer homes that are cheaper to run, following a change to eligibility rules for the Government's Home Upgrade Grant.

The maximum income threshold for the grant has risen to £36,000, increasing the eligible pool of local households who can access free energy saving upgrades by nearly 20%.

The funding is accessible through the Warmer Homes Programme, which is currently open to new applications. If your annual household income is **£36,000 or less** and you don't use a gas boiler as your main heating system, you can apply to receive free energy-saving upgrades for your home. These include insulation, air source heat pumps, solar panels and more.

Eligible households can have these energy-saving installations at no cost through funding secured from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero by a group of 23 local authorities, including Horsham District Council. Up to £38,000 in funding is available per household, depending on the property type and what measures are suitable for the property.

Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing Cllr Sam Raby commented:

"It is great news that even more of our residents can now benefit from the considerable energy cost benefits of the Home Upgrade Grant.

"As the cost of living crisis continues and we depend more on our heating systems, this grant scheme can offer vital improvements which could see many people across our District who are on a low income benefit from measures which could see them being warmer, reducing their bills, and decreasing their home's impact on the environment.

"I would encourage as many local people as possible to check out if they are eligible for the grant."

What if I have gas in my home?

You can still apply for this scheme if you have a gas connection, as long as 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.



If you are unsure whether you might be eligible, please call Warmer Homes for free on 0800 038 5737, and the team will be able to help.

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

To find out if you're eligible, visit www.warmerhomes.org.uk

You can contact the Warmer Homes team by calling 0800 038 5737 or emailing

retrofit@warmerhomes.org.uk

What else is going on....

Friday Lates 2024

Following last year's success, a full programme of Friday Lates have been scheduled for Summer 2024.

The Friday Lates offer a combination of music, fun-filled entertainment and food and drink at the Horsham Town Bandstand throughout June, July and August. Running between 6pm and 8pm the events are suitable for the whole family with each night having a different theme.

Programme for June:

June 7th – celebrating HDC's 50th birthday with a **70's night** with music from West End wonders Emma Lindars and Lockie Chapman.

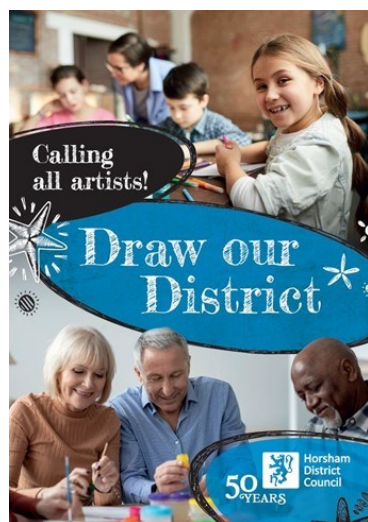
June 14th – marking **Sussex Day** weekend with a performance from local Sussex band The Troubadours with a mix of indie and folk music.

June 21st – to get the into **Summer Solstice** vibe you can enjoy live DJ band Buddhacious

Friday 28th - our first ever **Pride** themed event (in partnership with Crawley LGBT CIC). The night will have a wonderful selection of music and performers along with spaces for local community groups.

For more information and to see the whole programme [click here](#)

Draw Our District



Horsham District Council is celebrating it's 50th anniversary this year and invites children and adults to come along to a venue near them during May half-term to help 'Draw our District'.

Community art group [Paintbox](#) will be on hand to help budding artists draw what's important to them about the place they call home. These mini masterpieces will be combined into a giant digital collage celebrating our District and everything that makes it special. No booking is required at our drop in and draw sessions which are open to all.

Come along and take part on:

Sunday 26 May at Sullington Village Hall from 11am to 3pm

Monday 27 May at Horsham Museum from 10am to 4pm

Tuesday 28 May at The Steyning Centre from 1pm to 5:30pm

Wednesday 29 May at Pulborough Village Hall from 1pm to 5:30pm

Thursday 30 May at Henfield Village Hall from 1pm to 5:30pm

Friday 31 May at The Depot at 83a Billingshurst High Street from 1pm to 5:30pm

Saturday 1 June at the Ghyll in Southwater from 11am to 3pm

Find more information about your opportunity to add to this very special piece of collaborative art here: www.horsham.gov.uk/drawourdistrict, and on our digital flyer: [Draw our District A5 Flyer.pdf](#).

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



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.

4th June 2024

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Finance Committee Meeting— 7.30pm

18th June 2024

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Full Council Meeting— 7.45pm

2nd July 2024

Planning & Highways Committee 7.00pm

Finance Committee Meeting— 7.30pm

16th July 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 current councillor or ex councillor to find out more about the role, or ask the clerk for more information. clerk@warnham.org.uk.

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 Chrissie Symmons 07561 789577

Useful Information

District and County Councillors Information—

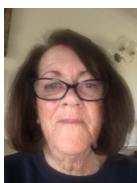
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Office Closure

The Council office will be closed from the 21st June until the 1st July. If you are in need of assistance please contact sallypavey@warnham.org.uk or

iangurling@warnham.org.uk. For non urgent matters, emails will be addressed on the 1st July.