



County News

News from WSCC for town and parish councils in the Horsham district

What Matters to You? Fill in our survey and let us know

Please encourage all residents, including children and young people, to complete the 2018 survey via your communications channels.

If you live in West Sussex or own a business in the county, please take part in our survey and tell us what matters to you!

Your answers will help shape West Sussex County Council's future priorities and inform how the budget is set for 2019/20.

The survey takes eight to ten minutes to complete. It asks for your views on the West Sussex Plan, as well as your opinion on Council Tax levels.

By taking part you can enter a free prize draw to win a £500 donation for a West Sussex-based registered charity of your choice.

Terms and conditions available [online](#).

Survey link: www.westsussex.gov.uk/whatmatters2018.

Children and young people can participate at this link: www.westsussex.gov.uk/wmt2018.

Closing date: Monday 16 July

You can get a paper copy from your local library, by calling 01243 777100 or by emailing us at haveyoursay@westsussex.gov.uk



Salt Audits: Planning for Winter 2018/19



In the next few days, we will be sending out emails to all parishes requesting that you complete your salt audits earlier than usual. The stock of salt has been severely depleted due to the number of prolonged cold spells that we experienced and to help us understand better what supplies are still available we would appreciate your assistance in returning the audits quickly.

Dementia Action Week 2018

We're encouraging residents to become dementia aware and family and friends of people living with dementia to find support for their loved ones ahead of Dementia Action Week (21-27 May).



We know many of you already support your local communities to become dementia friendly. The awareness week is a great opportunity to highlight the issue again. Please could you consider any actions you can take to promote the importance of recognising individuals living with dementia and how to make a difference to someone's day through a simple act of kindness.

One area you can easily promote is to encourage people living in your area to become a Dementia Friend. People can learn about what it's like to live with dementia and the small ways to make a difference to someone's day-to-day life.

Run by the Alzheimer's Society, anyone of any age can become a Dementia Friend and residents can book onto their next, nearest information session [here](#).

From Monday 21 May, we will be asking all residents about their understanding of what a dementia-friendly community is.

And for family and friends caring for someone with dementia, we want to hear about their loved ones' experiences of support received.

Please share the link to our Dementia Framework West Sussex 2014-19 public survey, as found in next month's newsletter, with your communities.

Please show your support for Dementia Action Week via your communications channels and promote our campaign page offering advice, resources and a list of local events.

For further information visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/DAW18

Communities awash with Operation Watershed funds



2017/18 was another successful year with Operation Watershed Active Communities fund supporting 52 community led projects to reduce the risk of surface and ground water flooding.

February and March 2018 saw a flurry of applications submitted to Operation Watershed Active Communities Fund with 19 grant funds being awarded to 14 Parish & Town Councils and Community Groups.

Groups in Horsham received =£13,199.06

- Warnham Parish Council for phase one of various drainage work in the parish =£13,199.06

A new round of funding of £300k is available from April 2018 for full details.

www.westsussex.gov.uk/watershed or email operation.watershed@westsussex.gov.uk

Council seeks residents' say on fire service plan

We want people to have their say on a plan for West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service.

Please share this message with your communities through your communications channels:

A public consultation has started into the Integrated Risk Management Plan about improving public safety, reducing the number of emergency incidents and saving lives. The fire and rescue service is part of the county council.



It outlines work on:

- Prevention – educating the community on how to reduce risks.
- Protection – providing safer public spaces, fire safety inspections and enforcement.
- Response – sending fire appliances and firefighters to emergency incidents.
- People – how do we make sure we have a highly trained, diverse workforce.
- Value for money – ensuring everything we do is as efficient as possible.
- Partnership and collaboration – how we will work with other organisations.

To read the draft IRMP and to take part in the consultation please go to www.westsussex.gov.uk/IRMP2018

The consultation runs until **Monday 28 May**.

For more information please email yourfireservice@westsussex.gov.uk

Residents' opinions wanted on new bus strategy consultation

We are developing a new bus strategy to explore ways in which we can work with bus companies and other partners to help sustain and improve services.

We would like to hear your communities' opinions on our proposals for the new strategy and if there is anything else you think we should include.



Residents' feedback will inform our approach to and investment in bus services and community transport between 2018 and 2026.

Please promote the [online questionnaire](#) via your communications channels. Residents can also request an information pack by calling 01243 642105.

Any comments or suggestions can also be emailed to buses@westsussex.gov.uk

The closing date for the consultation is **Wednesday 6 June**.

Join the West Sussex Crowd!



[West Sussex Crowd](#) is the new crowdfunding initiative which gives people the opportunity to run crowdfunding campaigns for local projects across West Sussex.

The formal launch of this new initiative will be on Wednesday May 9th 2018, 5.30pm – 7.00pm at St Paul's Worthing. We would love you to join us for a light buffet, to find out more about how crowdfunding works and to hear from successful crowdfunders. Click [here](#) to find out more the launch and to register to attend.

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) has chosen to partner with the crowdfunding platform Spacehive and a £330,000 Community Initiative Fund (CIF) is available for projects running crowdfunding campaigns. This replaces the way that the County Council has allocated its grant funding in previous years.

The [West Sussex Crowd](#) is now live, visit the site [here](#) to find out more about to how to get started, including how groups can access our Community Initiative Fund, and follow the [West Sussex Crowd](#) page to keep up to date with the latest information.

Free events for groups with project ideas who would like to start crowdfunding will run across the County during May. Click below for details of each area event and to book your place:

- [Mid Sussex](#) Community Workshop, Monday 14th May, 10am – 12noon
- [Chichester](#) Community Workshop, Tuesday 15th May, 9.30am – 11.30am
- [Horsham](#) Community Workshop, Thursday 17th May, 10am – 12noon
- [Crawley](#) Community Workshop, Thursday 17th May, 2pm – 4pm
- [Arun](#) Community Workshop, Friday 18th May, 10am – 12noon
- [Adur & Worthing](#) Community Workshop, Friday 18th May, 2pm – 4pm

This is an exciting new development for the whole county. If you have further queries about getting started or would like to discuss your project ideas, please e mail communities@westsussex.gov.uk

It is hoped that you enjoy reading this newsletter and please feel free to share this with your councillors.



The banner features the West Sussex County Council crest on the left. To its right, the text 'FIRE AND PUBLIC SAFETY TRAINING COURSES' is displayed. Below this, the main headline 'BE TRAINED BY THE PROFESSIONALS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath the headline, contact information is provided: 'BOOK ONLINE WWW.WESTSUSSEX.GOV.UK/FRSCT • PHONE 01243 772870 • EMAIL FRSCT@WESTSUSSEX.GOV.UK'. The bottom of the banner is a horizontal strip of six colored squares, each containing a fire safety icon: a fire alarm pull station (orange), a fire extinguisher (pink), a high-visibility vest (green), a fire exit sign (blue), a fire helmet (yellow), and a fire extinguisher (red).

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