

SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Rd, Southwater, RH13 9LA



Councillor Surgeries

Southwater residents are welcome to raise concerns they may have directly with councillors at the surgeries which take place on the first Saturday of each month (except August) at 10:00am in Beeson House. Details of the surgery will be placed on Southwater Parish Council's website and social media pages.

What's New

- **Horsham District Council (HDC) Local Plan Timetable** – HDC will seek agreement to publish their Regulation 19 document at both cabinet and council meetings on the 11 December. This will be followed by a six- week public consultation in January. Reports will be published the week prior on HDC's website and Southwater Parish Council's (SPC) Planning Committee will discuss the contents relating to Southwater at the planning meeting on 6th December. Members of the public can make representation at both the SPC meeting on the 6th and the HDC meeting on the 11th. Prior notification will be needed should any resident wish to speak.
- **Our Community Police Office: A Legacy of Dedication and Excellence** – In September 1996 our Community Police Office officially opened its doors, with Sky TV in attendance to capture the event. Since its inception the community police office has experienced substantial growth, paralleling the development and expansion of Southwater, and relocated five times in the process. In 2006 the office was awarded the prestigious Queen's Award for Volunteers. On October 12th this year our dedicated volunteers have achieved another accolade being honoured with the Lord Ferrers Award For Police Support: Team Award by the Home Office. To read the full story go to: <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk> and search Our Community Police Office.
- **Southwater Christmas Festival** - Brought to you by Southwater Community Partnership and the Parish Council, this year's festival will be held on Saturday 25th November between 12.30-4.30pm in Lintot Square.
- **Top Tips for Waste Reduction over Christmas** - West Sussex Recycles are sharing their favourite ways to reduce waste over the festive period. Sign up to their Newsletter to find out more at <https://public.govdelivery.com> and search for recycling newsletter. You can also find their festive recycling tips here: <https://www.recyclenow.com> and search Christmas recycling.

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- **Vaping Consultation** –The Government has launched its consultation on creating a smoke free generation and tackling youth vaping. The consultation includes proposal to restrict child friendly flavours and bright coloured packaging as well as considering restricting the sale of disposable vapes. To read more click here: <https://www.gov.uk> and search smokefree generation.

Did you know?

- **Get Safe Online** – As part of the Get Safe Online Week last month, the UK's leading internet safety website looked at the importance of being able to go online both safely and with confidence. Listen to their podcast here: <https://soundcloud.com/get-safe-online-podcast-gso-week-2023>
- **Digital Switchover** - From 2025 the old analogue telephone landline network will be switched to digital, meaning all phone calls will go through the internet, and everyone will require broadband to make landline phone calls. Criminals are already using this change to scam vulnerable people. Remember never provide personal or financial information to a cold caller. AgeUK has a useful webpage where you can read more about the switchover, especially if you need new equipment or support to make the changes. Go to <https://www.ageuk.org.uk> and search for changes to landline telephones.
- **Buying On Line** – There was 117,000 reported cases of people being defrauded whilst buying online in 2022, totalling losses of £67 million. Don't become a victim this festive season. Read top tips on purchasing here: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/onlinebuying>

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