

SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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

February 2023



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

- **New Speed Limit Policy** – Approval has been given for speed limit policy changes in Southwater and West Sussex. This will benefit vulnerable road users and make active travel choices more attractive. The intended use of a road will become a key feature in deciding an appropriate speed limit. This will serve as an option for lower speed limits on rural roads, or those used as walking and cycling routes. Subsequently, this will make it easier for 20mph limits to be introduced outside schools. To read more on this go to: www.westsussex.gov.uk/news/vulnerable-road-users-and-active-travel-at-heart-of-new-speed-limit-policy/
- **On the Buses** – Funding Update: It has been confirmed that West Sussex County Council (WSCC) will receive £17.4 million of funding towards bus service improvements following the Government's new *National Bus Strategy (Bus Back Better)* in March 2021. You may have seen Real Time Passenger Information (RTPI) electronic signs at bus stops. They provide up to date information about the arrival of buses on your chosen route. As part of the bus improvement funding, it is planned to increase these. WSCC is asking residents to decide where they need to go. To have your say visit: <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/westsussbus>
- **Thank you from King Charles III:** Southwater Parish Council has received a card from his majesty the King. He expresses his gratitude to the residents of Southwater for their kind messages and the letter of condolences from SPC during the time of mourning.
- **Budget for Financial Year 2023-24:** Southwater Parish Council has produced the draft budget for 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024. It has been worked on with a view to consider for approval at the next full council meeting on 18th January 2023.
- **Living Legacy Fund available for the Duke of Edinburgh award:** A reminder that young people in Southwater can apply for financial support towards participation and equipment costs. See SPC website for more information.

Did you know?

- **Action against Climate Change** – Sussex Green living runs a hub with the help of many volunteers on the last Saturday of each month in Horsham. This is where people can get: items repaired, recycling advice, free food from the Horsham Community Fridge, and much more.
Find out more at www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/sussex-green-hub
- **Winter Blues - Thinking about booking a holiday online?** – To avoid falling for a scam, read the top tips here: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/holidaybooking/>
Fancy Volunteering in your spare time? –to find out what is in your area enter your post code for a list of local opportunities on <https://doit.life/volunteer>
- **Kickstart your Social Life** – The Group (a club in Sussex) meet in Horsham on the fourth Monday of each month. This is a chance to meet new friends in a welcoming atmosphere. To find out more go to: <https://thegroup.org.uk>
- **Share your ideas on the Resident Climate Action Hub** – A new online space has been launched for residents to share their ideas and view on ways to tackle climate change. For more info go to: <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/resident-and-community-engagement-hub>
- **Cost of Living: Here to Help** – WSCC and its partners are there to offer practical support and advice to anyone who needs it. You can drop into your local library for information and advice. Alternatively, contact one of the community hubs which are open seven days a week.
To find out more go to: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/cost-of-living/>

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