

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

- **Annual Parish Meeting** – This was held in the Lardner Hall at The Ghyll, Southwater on Tuesday, 30 May 2023. This was well attended by various organisations in the Parish who presented their reports and residents. The Chairman of Southwater Parish Council (SPC) presented his report which outlined the achievements of the Parish over the past 12 months. Highlights included: the Queen's Green Canopy and Jubilee Events; advancing the construction of the new Southwater Skate & BMX Park; future planned upgrades to areas of street lighting and alterations to the internal structure to Beeson House to better accommodate Southwater Youth Project CIO. Meetings with HDC and WSCC regarding highway improvements are ongoing. Full report here: <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/post/annual-parish-meeting-2023-reports>
- **Southwater Ghyll CIO** – The Ghyll is home to many local clubs and businesses. Maintenance works had been conducted in the last year to improve the facilities and are ongoing. The Ghyll also has four areas for hire which are: the Lardner Hall; Laurie Apted Building; Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and a meeting room. Bookings continue to grow both for regular and one-time hirers. To book any of these facilities or find out more go to <https://www.thegyhl.org>
- **Southwater Youth Project CIO** - Also present were members of SYP where they are back at Beeson House having agreed a licence with SPC. They provide a great breadth of activities and services to our young members of the community and to find out more visit: <https://southwater-youthproject.co.uk>. We also offer our congratulations to one amazing young leader, Harry, who received Horsham District Council's young volunteer of the year award, with a very deserving Kath Jones, who is Chair of the trustee board, for being voted Trustee of the Year.
- **Southwater Village Hall** also benefitted from a grant from SPC to help towards the new play area shelter/classroom which had its opening ceremony on 12th May 23.

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- **Southwater's Neighbourhood Wardens** gave a comprehensive report, and they are making a positive impact on the village with youth engagement up, community outreach, and drugs litter down. For full details visit their web page: <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-wardens>
- **Southwater Bowls Club** now has a playing membership of 85 members and they are always keen to increase their numbers. The game is open to residents of all ages, and they encourage you to bring your friends along to this traditional English pastime. You will find details for all Southwater's local clubs and organisations in the printed version of the Southwater News as well as online.

Did you know?

- **You could Win A Family Ticket** to Loxwood Joust which takes place over several dates in August (5th, 6th, 12th and 13th). To enter go to the following website and search for Loxwood Joust. www.sussexlocal.net/features/competitions
- **£2 bus fare cap** – This has now been further extended until 30 October 2023. A single bus journey will cost no more than £2 on most routes.
- **Sussex Police** has hired an additional 429 police officers as part of the government's initiative to recruit 20,000 officers across England and Wales. In addition, 250 extra officers were recruited, funded by an increase in the police portion of local council tax, bringing the total number of additional officers to 679 to improve neighbourhood and response teams.
- **It's Tick Season** – At this time of year more of us get out and about and enjoy the countryside, so be aware of ticks. Tips to stay safe can be found here: <https://bds.org.uk/information-advice/out-about/lyme-disease-ticks/what-are-ticks/>

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