

Southwater Parish Council



Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

- **Country Park Tree Works** - You may have noticed during September that tree maintenance works were undertaken by Horsham District Council (HDC) to remove trees with Ash Dieback. This was to meet HDC's duty of care to the users of the Country Park, the roads and footpaths and neighbouring residents. The Ash trees requiring works were all in the advanced stages of the disease and in the interests of economy and efficiency HDC decided to remove all the affected trees in one operation. The works were carried out by the Forestry Commission and HDC will be replanting where gaps in the tree canopy were created.
- **Register Your Vote** - Residents are being urged to look out for their voter registration details from Horsham District Council. Don't lose your voice on decisions that affect you and make sure your electoral registration details are up-to-date. The annual canvass ensure that HDC can keep the electoral register up to date and ensuring you can take part in any future elections. If you want to register, the easiest way is online at <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
- **Awarding Grants** - Did you know that Southwater Parish Council can award small grants to organisations? SPC recognises the hard work of many local organisations that help improve and enhance the community and are committed to supporting them. Organisations are eligible to apply for a Community Grant if they meet the criteria, for more information regarding the grants and how to apply, please visit <https://www.southwater-pc-gov.uk/grants>. SPC awarded a grant to Sussex Green Living environmental charity earlier in the year to help and install the pollination education stations at Castlewood School which was reported on in last month's issue.
- **Ask For Angela** - This is a phrase you can use to discreetly seek help if you feel unsafe when on a night out. Ask for Angela at the bar and a trained member of staff will help you and ensure you are safe. Knowing you are not alone and can access help if you need will give you peace of mind. For more information got to: <https://askforangela.co.uk>



NEW TREES FOR SOUTHWATER PARK

Monthly Eco Tips:

Turn the tap off while brushing your teeth and save over 5,000 litres of water per person each year. That's a potential saving of up to £30 annually on your water bill for a household of 4.

By cutting 2 minutes off your daily shower, you could save up to 6,000 litres of water per year. Saving up to £265 per year for a family of 4 on your water and energy bills combined.

Let's connect:



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More News

- **Schools Waste & Climate Action Programme** - West Sussex County Council has announced that the new schools waste and climate education contract has been awarded to Wastebuster for the next four years. As part of the new contract, Wastebuster will provide free educational resources and assemblies to West Sussex schools, focusing on recycling and waste prevention. Schools will also be able to raise money by hosting collection points for certain materials, including batteries and books. Wastebuster also offers a free online Climate Action Planning Tool. If you are a parent or carer and think this would be a great opportunity for your children to learn more about waste prevention and the climate, please share this information with your school. If you are a teacher why not take a look at the link to find all the information you need about how this programme can help you in the classroom. For more information go to: <https://www.wastebuster.co.uk/west-sussex>
- **Fire Safety Advice** - West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has a range of free digital resources aimed at children aged four to 11 to learn about fire safety. Visit their learning zone for fun activities where children can watch a day in the life of a firefighter, cut out and build their own fire engine and lots more interactive activities. For more information go to <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/west-sussex-fire-and-rescue-service/safety-advice-for-young-people/learning-zone/>
- **Keep Your Online Accounts Safe** - As more aspects of our lives move online, data breaches are a fact of modern life. To find out more and how to protect yourself from the impacts on this go to: <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/data-brea>

Volunteer Opportunity



Southwater Neighbour Network is a good neighbour scheme, that offers help to local residents who have difficulty getting out because of mobility problems or are socially isolated, most of whom are older people in their late 80s or 90s. SNN provides transport to the local surgeries and hospital, the dentist, local shops, the library, and social programs in Southwater. Also helps with shopping and collecting prescriptions and offers befriending - with a volunteer keeping in regular contact with home visits and telephone calls. Volunteers use their own cars and mileage expenses can be claimed.

If you are interested please contact SNN on 07766 088967, or email at swaternn@gmail.com or via their website <https://southwaterneighbournetwork.org/contact>.

Event News



Spooktacular Events for October

21-31 October - Halloween Trail at **Leonardslee Gardens**. Discover the story of Merlin the wizard and Adria the wicked witch. to find out more go to: <https://www.leonardsleegarens.co.uk>

Tulleys October Fest - hop over to Tulleys website to find out all the spooky goings on in October. There is pumpkin picking, pumpkin nights and shocktober fest for those wanting a scary thrill. to find out dates Got to: <https://www.tulleysfarm.com>

SPC Councillor Surgery - First Saturday of every month. Next: 5th October