

Southwater Parish Council

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



- **Going Bats In Southwater** - In August our Neighbourhood Wardens, Bettina and Dom with colleagues from Horsham District Council's Parks and Countryside Team organised a Bat Walk in Southwater Country Park. Participants were able to see and hear a number of species including Soprano, Common and Nathusius' Pipistrelles as well as Noctule and Daubentons. How encouraging is to know these creatures are living in our country park? Following the successful event another bat walk has been arranged for 30 October which was quickly fully booked. Look out for more events like this in future Newsletters and on the Parish Council website and social media channels.



GOING BATS IN SOUTHWATER

- **New Opening Times for Recycling Centres** - As the days grow shorter, Recycling Centres across West Sussex will switch to autumn and winter opening hours from Tuesday 1 October 2024 through to Monday 31 March 2025. Each centre will be open from 9am to 4pm. Horsham Recycling Centre is open on the following days: Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday.
- **On-street Parking Charges Frozen** - On-street parking charges are to be frozen at current levels in West Sussex to help residents and visitors to the county. A decision was announced last month which prevented increases being implement at the beginning of October.
- **Christmas in Southwater** - The annual Christmas festival will be held in Lintot Square on the 30th of November. It is a family event aimed at all generations in the Community. Local schools will be singing, and dance troupes showcasing the talents of young people, one of the groups will be those with disabilities, Father Christmas will arrive in an Audi with flashing blue lights and will later in the day assist a local celebrity to switch on the Christmas Lights in the square. There will be a small fun fair for children, free events such as pony ride, and a refreshment tent for the older generation. We are hiring two actors to appear as Anna and Elsa from the movie Frozen which should delight the Children. This will be followed on the 22nd of December with the 5K village Santa Run.

Monthly Eco Tips:

Swap a full inbox for an empty one. Unsubscribe to newsletters and emails you don't need any more. Every email has a carbon emissions of 0.03g, going up to 0.5g if there is an attachment, so ununsubscribe!

Energy efficient cooking appliances - which are more efficient. Energy Savings Trust has compiled comparisons to save costs as well as CO2. Find out at <https://energysavingstrust.org>

Let's connect:



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More News

- **Don't let Halloween become a waste nightmare** - Pumpkins aren't just for carving. 15.8 million pumpkins will have gone to waste this Halloween, that's enough for 95 million meals. Pumpkins are tasty and super nutritious, so check out the video at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk> and search pumpkins .
- **Have your Say on Proposals for Council Tax Support Scheme 2025-26** - Horsham District Council (HDC) is asking for feedback on proposed changes it is making to its Council Tax Support Scheme.. The consultation runs from 27 September to midnight on 10 November. This scheme has been in place since April 2013 and provides financial support to many residents, helping them to pay their Council Tax. There are two separate schemes, a national scheme for pensioners and a local scheme operated by the Council for working age residents. HDC is asking all residents to review the proposed changes and feedback their views. To do this go to: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/council-democracy-and-elections/consultations>
- **QR Codes Are Everywhere** - from posters and leaflets, to menus in pubs and restaurants, but when you are out and about in public spaces it is hard to know what you can and can't trust. Thankfully, in the UK QR-enabled fraud is relatively small when compared to other types of cyber fraud, but when it does occur it usually happens in more open spaces, such as train stations or car parks. The National cyber Security Centre (NCSC) advises people to always act with caution particularly when receiving QR codes by email, and to use the QR scanner that comes with your phone rather than using an app downloaded from an app store. Visit the NCSC's website for more on this at <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/blog-post/qr-codes-whats-the-risk>

Volunteer Opportunity



Southern Sighthound Rescue

is a charity based in Barns Green, rescuing and rehoming retired greyhounds, lurchers, whippets and other sighthounds. It is 100% supported by volunteers and they are always looking for people who love dogs, have some spare time and like walking to join their friendly team. They also raise funds by holding events and making items to sell, both at events and online auctions on Facebook. They will have a stall at the Christmas Fair in Lintot Square and would welcome anyone to have a chat to find out more about the charity. If you can spare an hour or two it is a very rewarding experience as well as meeting a great bunch of people and dogs! To find out more email suewales@southernsighthoundrescue.org.uk

Event News



Christmas Festivities

30 November - **Southwater Christmas Fair.** Join the fun and entertainment for all the family in Lintot Square.

22 Nov-30 Dec - **Leonardslee Lights.** Discover the magical gardens away with light sound and colour.
<https://www.leonardsleegardens.co.uk/lights>

23-24 November - **Winter Fair at South of England Showground.** Food, beverages and gifts from independent and local vendors. Visits Santa's Grotto, funfair and elf workshops.

SPC Councillor Surgery - First Saturday of every month. Next: 2nd November