

Southwater Parish Council



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

- **Record Number of Local Groups Present at The Annual Parish Meeting 2025** - Held at Beeson House in May, The Annual Parish Meeting is not a Council meeting, but open to all electors of the Parish, who have the right to attend and also to speak on any matter of local interest. It is a great opportunity to find out what the various groups have achieved in the past year and moving forward their hopes and plans and how the community can get involved. This year there were presentations by more than 20 groups (who knew we had that many operating in Southwater).



**RARE DORMICE IN
SOUTHWATER**

- 1.The Chairman of Southwater Parish Council shared a report including the Annual Budget and Precept for 2025-26; highways, street lighting and grants given to organisations within the Parish, along with the Climate Action Plan for Southwater.
- 2.Southwater Community Partnership highlighted the projects they had worked on which included the very successful Christmas Festival. They are currently looking at some new initiatives which include Walks/cycle routes, computer club and Green Gym.
- 3.Southwater Village Hall has had many refurbishments over the last year and will be in fine shape to celebrate its Centenary in 2025. To see what the Hall looked like years ago, the full report and images are on the Village Hall's website. <https://www.southwatervillagehall.org.uk/centenary>
- 4.The WI had an action packed 2024 and 2025 sees an interesting and varied programme with something for everyone.
- 5.As there are too many groups to mention in this Newsletter, and to read what's been going on in your village, head over to SWPC's website and read the full reports (with images) at: www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/annual-parish-meetings

- **Celebrations in Southwater** - We have a few big anniversaries this year in Southwater which include: 175 Years Holy Innocents Church; 100 Years Village Hall; 25 Years Millenium Wood (by Ben's Field Skatepark); 25 Years Easted Allotments (They will be holding their 25th Anniversary Day on Sunday June 29th 11am-3pm. Look out for more details on the memorable occasions on our wesbite.

Monthly Eco Tips:

See For Yourself - did you know you can visit the Ford Materials Recycling Facility to see first-hand how your household recycling is processed? To book a visit go to: westsussex.gov.uk and search Book a visit to Ford MRF

Sustainable Southwater

- Why not visit their stall on Saturday 12th July in Lintot Square between the Co-op and Dominos. Find out how you can be more environmentally friendly, get refills and purchase sustainable items.

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SPC Team x

Let's connect:



More News

- **Hazel Dormice Take Up Residency in Southwater** - In a small woodland in our village Hazel Dormice have taken up residency. As Dormice are thought to be declining partly due to woodland management, and it is great news that they are here. A licensed ecologist has been carrying out a National Dormouse Monitoring Programme for which the local community group Men's In Sheds, Horsham have kindly agreed to make some boxes. the Dormice feed on shrub flowers in spring, insects over summer and fruit and nuts in autumn - they then hibernate in winter.
- **Southwater Parish Councillor Vacancies** - Do you want to help your community, have expertise that could benefit Southwater residents and you would like to become the voice of local people? Become a Parish Councillor! For more information and how to apply, please see details on "Who Can Be A Councillor" on our website www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/becoming-a-councillor.
- **Have Your Say - Safer Sussex Survey** - seeks feedback from residents. The survey is open now and will close at 23:00 on 20th October 2025. To complete the survey go to: www.sussex-pc.gov.uk
- **Unwanted Doorstep Callers** - Recently our Neighbourhood Wardens responded to a few calls from residents who were suspicious of cold calling individuals. They were immediately on hand to deal with the incidents. Should you ever need to contact them on a matter like this call either 07789 943193 or 07789 943156. You can also put a notice on your front door stating: We do Not deal with cold callers; sales people; door step sellers. Uninvited callers will be reported to Trading Standards and the Police.

Volunteer Opportunity



Jubilee Scout & Guides

The Jubilee Scout & Guide HQ in Church Lane has been serving Southwater since 1977.

It is home to 2nd Southwater Scout Group and Southwater Guiding all run by uniformed volunteers.

They are always looking for volunteers for the Scouts and Guides to enable more opportunities for young people to join and volunteers to join the HQ Committee.

The building is managed by a group of volunteers for the benefit and support of Scouting and Guiding in Southwater.

They are in need of a volunteer Premise Manager and a volunteer maintenance person/s to ensure the building continues to be safe and well-maintained for the young people.

So if you are interested please contact: Irene Orford at flame08@btinternet.com

Event News



4th July Wellbeing Walk Southwater - Meet in car park of the Country Park at 11am. Bridleways and country lanes return via the Downs Link. Not stiles but can be muddy dependent on weather.

5th July Southwater Academies Summer Fair - With over 700 children set to attend. Raffle/top attraction prizes, stalls and performers.

5th July SPC Councillor Surgery - 10AM-11AM, first Saturday of every month held at Beeson House with your local, district and county councillors.

11-13th July Outdoor Cinema Adventure - Stansted Park. To find out what's showing go to: <https://www.stanstedpark.co.uk>

Up to 13th July Moomins at Nymans - Take a magical wander inspired by Moominvalley, with family trails meeting characters from the Moomin stories.

12-13th July Carry On Crafting Festival - South of England Showground. Engage in a variety of craft lessons and workshops.