

Southwater Parish Council

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



THE LID IS OFF

- **Southwater Big Bin Survey Results** - Thanks to all those that took part in the Big Southwater Bin Survey which was carried out in March. Participants have provided valuable insight into how our litter, recycling and dog waste bins are used throughout the parish. Highlights from the survey are that residents don't think there are enough recycling bins or dog waste bins in public areas and more frequent emptying is needed. Overall the findings indicate a strong demand for improved waste management solutions in Southwater. The full results can be found on the SPC website www.southwater-pc.gov.uk and search for "bin survey".
- **How Can Southwater Parish Council Communicate Better** - Following on from the Big Bin Survey we now want to hear from our residents and are conducting this survey to understand how we can improve the way we communicate with residents, ensuring they stay informed and engaged with local matters. To complete this survey please go to: <https://forms.office.com/e/fXu3Y1PvNf> or scan the QR code below.
- **Improved Bus Service** - The No 23 service that runs through Southwater has received some improved times and more evening routes starting in May. There will be a new evening service between Crawley, Horsham and Southwater. To find out more go to: <https://www.metrobus.co.uk/May>
- **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.
- **New Toilet Block at Southwater Country Park** - When visiting the park you will notice that there is now a new toilet block adjacent to the cafe.

Monthly Eco Tips:

Vape Recycling - Horsham District Council is trialing two new collection points for used disposable vapes and batteries in Horsham and Storrington. The nearest to Southwater is at The Pavillions Leisure Centre, in Horsham. This is to encourage residents to dispose of these items more safely for recycling.

Recycle From Home - You can also recycle your unwanted textiles, vapes and broken small electricals with the Council's free collection service. You can book a slot online, then just leave your items out in a plastic bag on your booked collection day. To find out more and how to book visit www.horsham.gov.uk/ and search for recycling at home.

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Let's connect:



More News

- **Downs Link Summer Cut** - The annual cut on the entire Downs Link will take place between 24 June and 5 July this year. Please look out for signs when the cut takes place on the Southwater sections.
- **Home Library Direct** - If you cannot visit a library because of age, illness, disability, mobility problems, caring responsibilities or other reasons a volunteer can bring books, audiobooks and other resources free of charge. For more information go to: <https://arena.westsussex.gov.uk/-/home-library-direct>
- **Horsham's Local Plan Rejected** - Horsham District Council has been informed by the government appointed planning inspector that he won't allow Horsham's Local Plan to proceed, and recommends withdrawal of the plan. the Inspector's view that Horsham should be seeking to provide significantly more houses, is in contrast to the view of many who objected to the plan, arguing its housing numbers were too high. To read more, go to: www.horsham.gov.uk/news and search "local plan".

Volunteer Opportunity



Re-Engage with a Tea Party

Re-Engage is a National Charity combating loneliness among the elderly. As well as call companions and other activity groups, local volunteers provide monthly tea parties for guests to join in with. It is a wonderfully friendly, really important opportunity for their guests; many of whom have been in the group for years.

The charity would welcome volunteers. and are looking for drivers who collect their guests and take them to the monthly gatherings, join in with the tea (or lunch in winter) and take guests home again. They would also love to hear from any prospective hosts. Both roles are flexible, dates can fit around other commitments. Support is provided by Re Engage and the local coordinator for the Horsham2 Tea Group, which covers a wide areas around Horsham and includes Southwater would love to hear from anyone interested.

<https://reengage.org.uk/volunteer/new-volunteers/become-a-tea-party-volunteer/>

Event News



6-7th June Leonardslee Lates - Live music as the sun sets. Explore the 240 acre estate during its peak flowering season. Open 1800-20.00
www.leonardsleegardens.co.uk/all-events

6-8th June South of England Show Ardingly - Running from 9am to 6.50pm each day there are over 200 things to see and do. Under 16s go free. To find out more go to:
www.seas.org.uk/south-of-england-show

7th June SPC Councillor Surgery - 10AM-11AM, first Saturday of every month held at Beeson House with your local, district and county councillors.

14th June Sustainable Southwater - will have their stall from 10-12AM at Lintot Square, People can get refills, purchase sustainable items and learn about how to be more environmentally friendly.

19th-22nd June Hickstead Show - Along with showjumping you can browse the extensive shopping village, sample delicious food and visit the funfair. Free admission for everyone on Thurs 19th with children under 15 also free on 19-21st. To find out more go to www.hickstead.co.uk.