

SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL



Councillor Surgeries

Southwater residents can raise concerns directly with councillors online. 1st Saturday of most months except August. Details of the surgery will be placed on Southwater Parish Council's website and Facebook pages: <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/default.aspx>, <https://www.facebook.com/southwaterpc> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/582024346049891/> each month or contact Executive Officers at enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk or call the Parish Office on 01403 733202.

In the news

- **Councillor Surgery** – The upcoming Councillor Surgery is to be held on the 3rd September 2022. For more details see Southwater Parish Council website.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)** – Residents are requested to report ASB. Without notification, the police do not know an incident has occurred and cannot respond. The sooner an incident is reported, the faster the resolution could be. Report using telephone number 101 or online using <https://www.sussex.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us/>. If it is an emergency, Call 999. For the latest updates on this and other subjects, see Neighbourhood Wardens monthly reports at <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-Wardens.aspx>
- **Love West Sussex** – Have you come across any highways issues, such as potholes, overgrown vegetation, damaged kerbs, footpaths, verges, parking or signage around the Parish? Report them on the Love West Sussex App from your mobile phone or use the website. <https://love.westsussex.gov.uk/account/logon>. When using the App on your mobile phone, take a photo, attach it, complete the report and submit. You can also track the progress of your reports and work being undertaken.
- **Co-opted Councillors** – At the Full Parish Council meeting on the 20th July 2020 three residents were co-opted to Southwater Parish Council. Our new volunteer Councillors, Erica Haddon, Jeff Villis and Steve Lewis, all residents of Southwater Parish, join the existing 12 Parish Councillors and Staff to support the Parish and community within. All Parish Councillor vacancies have now been filled. Congratulations to our new councillors and thanks to all residents who showed an interest in joining the Parish Council.
- **Overgrown vegetation obstructing public space** – As the summer continues and our vegetation grows, landowners are reminded of their responsibility for trees, hedges and all vegetation on their land and are required under the Highways Act 1980 s154, to ensure that the 'public highway' (verge, footway, carriageway, bridleway or footpath) adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. See <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1980/66/section/154/2014-04-22>

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- **Have your say on 'Your Southwater Country Park'** – Horsham District Council (HDC) is running a consultation to help shape priorities for facilities at Southwater Country Park. The Park, which is owned and managed by Horsham District Council, is a major attraction for all ages and abilities and HDC want to hear from as many park users as possible about what they like about the Park currently, and what, if any, improvements they would like to see in the future. The consultation will run until the 30th September 2022. The consultation can be found online at <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/news/2022/07/have-your-say-on-your-southwater-country-park>
- **Berkeley Homes** – It has been reported to Southwater Parish Council, that Berkeley Homes are preparing to submit a planning application with respect of the recent housing proposal for 1,500 homes to the North and West of Southwater. After submission, residents will have 21 days to provide comments on the application. Residents are advised comments are to be “relevant planning material considerations”. For access to the planning application and more details relating to comments, see <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/planning-applications/view-and-comment-on-planning-applications>.
The application will take 16-weeks to be determined by the Local Planning Authority, Horsham District Council.
- **Neighbourhood Plan Review** – A review of the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) is underway in order to extend the protections provided by National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Policy 14, beyond 23rd June 2023. The SNP is a key plan to protect Southwater Parish from speculative, ad hoc development within the Parish area. However, this does not exclude any national strategic development handed down by the Government.

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