

# SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

Beeson House, 26 Lintot Square, Fairbank Rd, Southwater, RH13 9LA



## Councillor Surgeries

Southwater residents are welcome to raise concerns they may have directly with councillors at the surgeries which take place on the first Saturday of each month (except August) at 10:00am in Beeson House. There will not be one in February due to the Local Plan meeting, details below.

## What's New

- **Come Along and Have Your Say** – Horsham District Council (HDC) has now published its draft Local Plan (Regulation 19) document. <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan>. Southwater Parish Council will be holding a meeting for residents at **10:00am, Saturday 3rd February 2024** in Lardner Hall, The Ghyll, Pevensey Road, Southwater. In attendance will be the District Councillors for Southwater who will be there to answer questions on the details of the Local Plan. Whilst questions will be taken on the day, please send any specific questions you may have in advance to SPC at [enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk)
- **Horsham District Local Plan Consultation Period** – This is a great opportunity for residents to have their say on the submission draft of the Local Plan (Regulation 19). The consultation period is open from Friday 19 January to Friday 1 March 2024. This is part of the statutory process to allow representation to be made on the Local Plan before it is submitted to the Secretary of State. Go to <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan/have-your-say>
- **Climate Change Working Party** - Following the announcement in the November Newsletter of the working party we are looking for residents and local business owners to join us. Our first meeting will be after the Parish Council's March surgery which is held at Beeson House from 10-11am on Saturday March 2nd. Please respond to the Parish Office on 01403 733202 or [enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk) if you are interested in finding out what we are planning, and how you can join us and contribute to tackling climate change in Southwater.
- **Bus Discounts For Young People** – Young people across the county now qualify for discounted bus fares with the new '16 to 20 Bus Saver' Scheme. Whether they are in education or not, they can benefit from reduced child fare rates. To find out more go to <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk> and search 16 to 20 Bus Saver

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## Did you know?

- **What 3 Words** – This is a very useful mapping App called What3Words which provides excellent mapping services, particularly in rural areas. Three unique words are automatically allocated to a specific GPS location so you can be found by the emergency services even in the middle of woods or fields. Check it out at <https://what3words.com/ways-to-use>
- **AI and You** – De-mystifying artificial intelligence. With AI on everybody’s lips these days and causing concern for many, Neighbourhood Watch decided to produce a brief beginners guide to the technology and its impact on all of us. To find out more go to: <https://www.getsafeonline.org/ai>
- **Electric Vehicle Chargepoints** – West Sussex County Council is asking residents what they think about proposed locations for more EV chargepoints in West Sussex. To have you say go to <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk> and search electric vehicle chargepoints
- **Book To Recycle Scheme** – From Monday 12 February you will need to pre-book time slots to visit any of the West Sussex Recycling Centres. This scheme was rolled out in several towns in 2021 and will now cover the whole of West Sussex. More information can be found here: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk> and search book to recycle
- **Energy Efficient Home** – The Government has launched a new public Energy Efficient Home campaign. It provides information on heat pumps, including how to apply for a £7,500 grant for the Boiler Upgrade Scheme. You can try their checker tool to find out which of these actions might be suitable for your home, and to discover more to <https://energy-efficient-home.campaign.gov.uk>

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