

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. Details of the surgery will be placed on Southwater Parish Council's website and social media pages.

What's New

- **Climate Change Working Party** – Did you know that worldwide September was the hottest since records began? The Parish is looking for local business and residents who would be interested in providing their views and input. In the first instance why not come along on Saturday 4th November to our monthly Councillor Surgery at 10am at Beeson House to find out more and how you can get involved.
- **Provision of New Benches** – The Parish plan to install four new benches for its residents to sit and enjoy in Southwater surroundings. Two will be situated in Nutham Lane, one in Larkspur Way and a fourth in Charlock Way. Should any resident wish to sponsor one of these benches which could include a plaque please get in touch with the Parish offices on 01403 733202.
- **Success at the Southwater Skate Jam** – held on Saturday 30 September, it was an epic afternoon which included live demonstrations by professionals hosted by Team Extreme and a competition for users of all ages. It was great to see so many attending the event, both local residents and those from further afield. It really establishes the popularity of the new facility at Ben's Field, Stakers Lane.
- **Tree Maintenance Works Update** – The Parish Council has undertaken essential tree maintenance activities based on a recent independent tree survey. The works began on 9 October and will be carried out across the Parish expected to last 10-weeks. Sussex Tree Specialists will be responsible for conducting the works and nesting bird checks will be performed before the areas are treated.
- **Annual Vegetation Cut of Downslink** – this will take place along the Downs Link during October and November by WSCC. This cut helps keep the path open as well as promoting fresh growth of ground flora in the Spring. During this time please follow instruction signs and be vigilant.

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- **Have Your Say on the Future of Active Travel in West Sussex** – Public consultation has begun on the future of active travel in West Sussex. The proposals being put forward set out how WSCC can deliver improved walking, wheeling and cycling facilities across the county. To find out more go to <https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/active-travel-strategy> The survey closes on Wednesday 15 November.

Did you know?

- **West Sussex Recycling** – You can view four new videos as part of its Think Before You Throw Campaign. To view this go to <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk> and search for Think Before You Throw.
- **Autumn/Winter Opening Hours** – From 1 October until 31 March 2024 opening times for all local recycling centres will be 9am-4pm. Remember online pre-booking is in place for many of the sites. To find out more go to <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk> Book to recycle.
- **Halloween Spooky Pumpkin Recipes** – Every year millions of pumpkins are wasted but they are not just for carving. Why not check out some top pumpkin recipes from <https://bbcgoodfood.com> and please dispose of responsibly. Whilst a lot of our wildlife would benefit from eating pumpkins, did you know that they are NOT suitable and can be very damaging even fatal for our hedgehogs.
- **Good news on Bus Fare Saving for 2024** – Although the current £2 fare cap ends on 31 October, the Gov scheme will continue to offer a bus fare cap of £2.50 on all single journeys from participating bus operators until the end of November 2024.

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