

Southwater Parish Council



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

- **Horsham District Council Local Plan** - On 26 July HDC formally submitted the Horsham District Local Plan and supporting documents to the Secretary of State of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government for independent examination. To view the notice go to <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan/local-plan-examination>.
- **World Bee Day** - Following world bee day in May, Sussex Green Living installed a pollination education station in Castlewood School with the help of a donation from Southwater Parish Council. Another station has been installed at Southwater Junior School. To find out more about the great work Sussex Green Living are doing go to <https://www.sussexgreenliving.org.uk>
- **Help Keep Southwater Skatepark Rolling** - Maintaining such a dynamic facility comes with significant costs and Southwater Parish Council has launched a fundraising campaign on Crowdfunder. Donations to ensure this vital resource thrives for our young (and older) residents please go to <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/help-keep-southwater-skatepark-rolling>
- **Southwater Community Fridge** - which is held in the Church Hall in Southwater on the second Saturday of the month saw a record number of visitors in August totalling 97. It is part of Horsham Community Fridge which is based at the Methodist Church, London Road and offers excess food including fresh food, bread, rolls and pastries from local supermarkets which would otherwise be wasted and is available to everyone in the community. There are also pop up sessions in various locations. In the months of April to June, serving 50 customers per session, an average of 3.4 tonnes of food per month was saved from landfill. Donations by those attending the sessions has enabled HCF to pay contributions toward the electricity used by the fridges and freezers. See more on their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/horshamcommunityfridge/>



SCHOOL BEE POLINATOR STATION

Monthly Eco Tips:

A water butt can hold up to 200 litres of water which can be used in your garden. Rainwater is rich in nutrients, so your plants will prefer it to tap water too.

Passionate about waste prevention and recycling? Sign up for West Sussex Recycles Newsletter at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/email-alerts-and- newsletters/>

Compost food scraps, organic and biodegradable items

Let's connect:



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More News

- **Local Nature Recovery Strategies** - are a new initiative being developed for Sussex. The Sussex Nature Recovery team are inviting young people aged 5-17 to show what nature means to them by taking a photo, drawing a picture or writing a poem in response to four statements about nature. Each entry will be entered into a prize draw and the closing date is 30 September. To find out more go to: <https://www.sussexnaturerecovery.org.uk/what-sussex-nature-means-to-you-prize-draw>
- **New Facilities Coming to Bluecoat Sports** - the construction of brand new facilities at Bluecoat Sports at Christ's Hospital School will include four Padel courts, a 400m running track and a unique outdoor "Get Active" exercise adventure trail - the first of its kind in the UK. There will also be a new access road directly to BCS from Christs Hospital Road and a new car park built on the north side of the centre. They hope to open the new facilities by Summer 2025. For more information visit <https://www.bluecoatsports.co.uk/expansion>
- **£2 Bus Fare Extended** - Metrobus is extending their offer on cheaper fares to local residents to December 2024. Capped at £2 on all single fare bus journeys the initiative will help millions of passengers with travel costs for work, education and essential journeys. There is no maximum distance but the cap only covers local buses. To find out a list of the bus companies taking part go to: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/2-bus-far-cap>
- **New Footpath for Southwater** - After much campaigning, work is due to start in September on a new footpath from Wilberforce Way to Hangman's Roundabout on Blakes Farm Road.

Volunteer Opportunity

Southwater's Terracycle collection bins are located in the parish church car park in Church Lane next to the Salvation Army clothes bank. They are run by a few committed volunteers who meet for about an hour each week on Wednesday mornings in the Scout hut to sort and store before being despatched to Sussex Green Living.

They are sent in bulk to TerraCycle to be processed into bollards, park benches and litter bins.

New volunteers are very welcome. If you would like to be involved and stop a few tons of plastic going to landfill please contact them at :

southwaternewsoffice@gmail.com



Event News

7 September (10am-4pm) - **CPRE Sussex Countryside Day** at Knepp Estate. The event is part of a nationwide celebration of everything that is great about the countryside. This year, countryside supporters of all ages are again invited to enjoy talks, tours, stalls and kids activities. You can enjoy Knepp's flourishing wildlife and the Wilding Cafe and Shop. To find out more go to

<https://www.cpresussex.org.uk/news/>



Southwater Parish Church **Summer and Fun Dog Show** - 14th September from 12-3pm. Vicarage Garden, Church Lane. All are welcome.

SPC Councillor Surgery - First Saturday of every month. Next: 7th September.