

Southwater Parish Council



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

- **70 Bed Care Home Development at The Copse Planning App DC/24/0622** - SPC is aware many residents were upset, and disappointed that Horsham District Council approved this application. SPC wants to reassure residents it strongly objected to the application (submitting a 10 page detailed objection) and made representation at the meeting due to its non-compliance with various policies in the Horsham District Planning Framework and Southwater Neighbourhood Plan and strongly urged the HDC Committee to refuse the application. Unfortunately approval was voted ten for and 5 against. SPC is currently considering initiating a judicial review as it stands ready to ensure that development in Southwater aligns with the principles of sustainable growth, Community interest and Neighbourhood Plan Compliance.
- **Vote for Southwater Youth Project (SYP)** - It's time to vote on the People's Budget. Horsham District Council is making some £100,000 of funding available to local charity groups and community organisations wanting to focus on activities and initiatives that support children and young people under 25. SYP are one of the groups you can vote for here <https://www.horsham.gov.uk> and search for Vote for the People's Budget.
- **Vehicle Damage in Southwater** - Police are appealing for information and footage following a spree of damage to vehicles. On 12 October, a total of 16 cars were damaged in York Close, Windsor Close, Corfe Close, Blakes Farm Road, Little Bridges Close, Castlewood Road, Easteds Lane, Winnet Way and Crockhurst. It is reported the incidents took place overnight and vehicles had their tyres slashed, panels damaged and windscreen smashed. Police are investigating the linked incidents and are following a number of lines of enquiry to locate any potential suspects. Police Sergeant Glyn Knight said: "I would like to assure residents of Southwater that this is being thoroughly investigated and officers will have an increased presence in the area. "We need those who live in the area, or were in the area across those days to contact us with any CCTV, ring door bell or dashcam footage you have of anyone suspicious." Anyone with any information or footage is asked to contact police online or call 101.

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XMAS CAN BE RECYCLED

Monthly Eco Tips:

If It Crunches Recycle It

Not all wrapping paper can be recycled. If you crunch it in a ball and it stays then it can go in your recycling. If not, then it can still be recycled along with bags at supermarkets.

Scrape the glitter off your cards and they too can be recycled at home.

Host a party without waste

- Ditch the disposables, use reusable cups, plates and cutlery. An easy way to cut down on unnecessary waste

Let's connect:



More News

- **Online Safety Act** - Social media companies will be facing fines from early 2025 if they do not comply with the Online Safety Act. Under the Act, companies that operate online services are legally responsible for ensuring their users, especially children, are kept safe online. More specifically, these companies must adhere to Ofcom's risk assessments to protect children from harmful content such as: self-harm material, pornography and violent content. Learn more about the Online Safety Bill and its impact via Ofcom: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/online-safety/illegal-and-harmful-content/roadmap-to-regulation/>
- By the end of November 2024, all teenagers using Instagram will automatically be placed into 'Instagram Teen Accounts'; including, under 16s automatically having their account defaulted to private, regardless of whether they are an existing user or a new user. This new account type has built-in protections to limit who can contact them, and the content they see. Teenagers under 16 will need parental permission to change these settings. It also aims to promote a healthier attitude to screen time, with helpful reminders, and limit exposure to online harms.

Volunteer Opportunity



Southwater Community First Responders (CFR)

CFRs are volunteers from the community who are trained and supported by our local ambulance service - SECamb - to respond to some emergency calls. Because CFRs respond in their local area they are often able to attend the scene of an emergency within a few minutes, and provide life-saving support ahead of the ambulance service arriving.

To be a responder you should be: Able to volunteer a minimum of 20 hours per month, At least 18 years old, and, A holder of a valid, full UK driving licence held for at least one year with no more than 3 penalty points and have access to a B class vehicle with current tax, MOT and insurance. No previous medical experience is required as training is given followed by a
If you would like to know more about being a responder you can look at the SECamb CFR webpage or get in touch with the Southwater CFR team via their Facebook page.

Event News



22 Nov-30 Dec - **Leonardslee Lights.**
Discover the magical gardens with light and sound and colour.
<https://www.leonardsleegardens.co.uk/lights>

23 Nov-5 Jan - **Christmas at Nymans.** the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Step through the wardrobe into Narnia at Nymans this Christmas. To find out more go to:
<https://www.lovehorsham.co.uk/whats-on>

5 Dec **Christmas Wreath Making.** The Pavilions in the Park 7-9pm. More info at
<https://www.visithorsham/co.uk/event/>

7 Dec - **Carry on Crafting Festival Christmas Workshop.** South of England Showground. Two sessions per day. More info at
<https://www.visithorsham/co.uk/event/>

20 Dec - **Christmas Workshops.** A fun-filled 75 minutes of Christmas themed LEGO activities. Details at:
<https://www.visithorsham/co.uk/event/>

SPC Councillor Surgery - First Saturday of every month. Next: 7th December. Please note no surgery in January 2025.