

# Southwater Parish Council



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

- **Budget for Financial Year 2025-26** - Southwater Parish Council has produced the draft budget for 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026. It has been worked on with a view to consider for approval at the next full council meeting on 15th January 2025.
- **Worthing Road Bridge, Southwater – Bridge works** - West Sussex County Council needs to carry out works that include the removal of loose concrete from the entire underside of the bridge. The newly exposed concrete area, including the steel beams, will then be protected with new coatings. The works will be undertaken in two stages will start on 06/01/25 for a period of approximately three weeks between 08.30 am and 16.30pm.
- **Neighbourhood Wardens and the Chairman's Discretionary Fund Bring Some Extra Christmas Cheer** - In partnership with Santa and Southwater Parish Council, Neighbourhood Wardens Bettina and Dom have arranged a special delivery of surprise gifts for some well-deserving children from Southwater Junior & Infant Academies and Castlewood Primary School. These gifts come with their warmest holiday wishes. Special thanks are extended to Southwater Parish Council and the Chairman's Discretionary Fund for their generous support in funding this heartwarming project. The Neighbourhood Wardens hope this initiative will add an extra touch of magic to these children's Christmas this December 2024. We sincerely thank the Neighbourhood Wardens for their leadership in spreading festive joy to the children of Southwater.
- **A 1550 sqft area available at Beeson House** - We are excited to announce that there is now 1,550 sqft of available space at Beeson House following the relocation of Southwater Youth Project to The Ghyll. This versatile area is ideal for local organisations looking for a shared-use space. We are looking for expressions of interest and would be open to considering offers/proposals for the use of the area. *Please contact us or visit our website.*
- **Our first "Are you scam savvy?" event in December** - In collaboration with West Sussex County Council and our Neighbourhood Wardens, we held an in-person session providing attendees with the knowledge on how to spot scams and what to do if you or your family become a victim of online fraud. We are planning to organise more events like this in the future, keep an eye on our website, social media and noticeboards.

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*SPC Team x*



HAPPY NEW YEAR, SOUTHWATER!

## Monthly Eco Tips:

**VEGANUARY** - Try **vegan this January**. Veganuary has inspired and supported millions of people to try vegan since 2014. Vegan diets tend to have a lower water usage, ecological and carbon footprint than a diet that includes meat, fish and dairy products, have a bunch of health benefits and save money.  
<https://veganuary.com/>

**Pick up a pre-loved paint pot** - You can now donate or pick-up unwanted, pre-used paint pots for your own DIY at designated Recycling Centres across West Sussex.

Let's connect:



## More News

- **Community Climate Fund** - A new round of HDC's community climate fund is now open. The Community Climate Fund is a grant available to community groups and non-profit organisations that share our vision of becoming a net zero District. Horsham District Council aims to empower these groups and organisations to reduce their carbon emissions and create community value locally. Please visit: <https://orlo.uk/HbCtT>
- **3 pubs in Horsham are recycling sweet tubs** - Greene King is running its Tub2Pub initiative again in the new year, so customers can recycle their empty plastic confectionery and crackers tubs, saving waste from landfill and raising money for charity. Last year alone, around 150,000 plastic tubs were collected in Greene King pubs. People can take their clean and empty Confectionery tubs, Biscuit tubs and Cracker tubs to 1,600 participating Greene King managed pubs nationwide between Wednesday, 1st January and Sunday, 16th February, 2025. Over the last five years, Tub2Pub has collected 26,253kg of plastic, which is around 230,000 tubs, raising £23,908 for Greene King's charity partner, Macmillan Cancer Support. You can find your nearest Greene King establishment taking part here: <https://www.greeneking.co.uk/pubs-near-me>

### Volunteer Opportunity



#### Southwater Youth Project

Southwater Youth Project helps children and young people living in Southwater, to be the best that they can and to believe in themselves, by supporting mental wellbeing and promoting positive self-esteem.

The project has been helping children and young people in Southwater since 2006, and provides indoor and outdoor activities for them between the ages of 8 and 19.

They are always looking for volunteers to help out at their weekly activities, mainly in the afternoons and evenings. The more adults they have there, the more young people are able to attend the events. Every little helps and if you or someone you know has any time to spare and would like to help SYP fulfilling their mission and help young people, please reach out to Angie Choat via the following email:

southwateryouthworker@hotmail.co.uk,  
phone number: +44 7795 835905  
or via their social media pages or website:  
<https://southwateryouthproject.co.uk/>

### Event News

**23rd Jan - Neighbourhood Wardens group for carers and parents of Autistic and SEN children** - <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/post/neighbourhood-wardens-group-for-carers-and-parents-of-autistic-and-sen-children>

#### 28th Jan - Clothes4Clothes by Coco's Foundation

The charity is taking donations between 9:30 -10:30AM at Lintot Square.  
<https://www.cocosfoundation.org.uk/>

**SPC Councillor Surgery** - First Saturday of every month. Next: 1st February.

#### SPC upcoming meeting dates -

Full Parish Council meeting - 15th Jan  
Planning Committee meeting - 5th Feb  
F & GP Committee meeting - 19th Feb  
<https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/forthcoming-meeting-dates>