

# Southwater Parish Council



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

- **The Big Southwater Bin Survey - Community Consultation -** SPC has launched community consultations and is committed to engaging with residents and ensuring that local voices shape the future of its community. Throughout the year, it will be running a series of short online consultations on various topics, allowing residents to share their opinions and help guide decisions on local matters. The first consultation focuses on public bins across Southwater, covering everything from general waste bins to recycling and dog waste bins. They want to hear your thoughts on their locations, types, and whether there are enough to meet the needs of our community. These surveys are designed to be quick and easy to complete, ensuring that everyone has a chance to contribute without taking up too much time. Paper copies are available from SPCs office in Beeson House, Lintot Square or you can scan the QR code or visit their website above to complete online. <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/>
- **Southwater Parish Council (SPC) Budget and Precept for 2025-26** - SPC approved the budget for financial year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 at the Full Council Meeting of 15th January 2025. This represented a total precept requirement of £542,528, resulting in Band D Council Tax of £117.37. This equates to an increase of 46 pence per month to a Band D Household. To view the approved budget please visit [www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/annual-budget](http://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/annual-budget)
- **Upcoming Tree Works in Southwater** - Further to a recent tree survey carried out on behalf of SPC, essential tree works will be actioned in the area by Sussex Tree Specialists and are anticipated to last for approximately two months.
- **The 80th Anniversary of VE Day - 8th May 2025** - This significant day marks eight decades since the end of World War II in Europe, and our community is coming together to honor this historic moment. SPC is looking to take part in bringing this event closer to everyone in collaboration with the Southwater Community Partnership. SPC is currently investigating ways to show the importance of this historic moment to the community. Keep an eye on our website and social media pages and more in this newsletter for the announcements closer to the event.

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## The Big Southwater Bin Survey



THE BIG SOUTHWATER BIN SURVEY!

### Monthly Eco Tips:

#### Recycling Process -

Curious about what happens after your recycling is collected? Want to see how plastic, paper and other materials are sorted and processed? check out the West Sussex Recycling video here: <https://www.youtube.com/@WSRecycles> or book a visit to the facility yourself at <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk> and search Ford Materials Recycling Facility

**Be Energy Efficient -** A fully loaded dishwasher can be more water efficient than washing by hand. Even if you are using a washing-up bowl.

Let's connect:



## More News

- **Millais School Change of Status Decision** - The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, Learning and Skills has approved the publication of formal statutory proposals to change the status of Millais School from a single sex girls school to a co-educational from September 2026. the allocation of £1.5m capital funding from the basic need budget to deliver the necessary works, as detailed in paragraph 2.7 of the report, to enable the school to change status to co-ed provision should it be determined that this should proceed to implementation following conclusion of the statutory proposal period. For more information visit <https://westsussex.moderngov.co.uk> and click on Decisions.
- **Your Views on Pharmacy Services** - West Sussex County Council is seeking residents views on pharmacy services across the county, to help understand how local residents and communities use these services. A public survey is now open until Monday 3 March (midnight) inviting residents to give their views on these services in West Sussex. The survey is anonymous and includes services from your high street pharmacy, online or mail order, dispensing GPs and appliance contractors. To have your say go to [www.westsussex.gov.uk/pharmacy](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/pharmacy)

### Volunteer Opportunity



#### Library Volunteers

West Sussex Library Service is committed to involving volunteers and provides a diverse range of volunteer roles. Involving volunteers helps to achieve their goals and also has a positive impact on the library service, customers, the local community and on individuals. Whatever time or skills you have, there is a role for you. They aim to offer a positive experience for volunteers and library staff and are committed to allocating appropriate resources to recruit, train and support and recognise volunteers. For more information and to search current vacancies, which include children's library services volunteer; digital volunteers and home library direct volunteers to name a few, go to [www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk) and search Library volunteer.

To contact them email [library.volunteers@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:library.volunteers@westsussex.gov.uk)

### Event News



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

**8th March Sustainable Southwater** - will have their stall from 10-12 at Lintot Square, between the Co-op and Domino's. People can get refills, purchase sustainable items and learn about how to be more environmentally friendly.

**15-16th March South of England Mineral Show** - There's gold panning, geode cracking and sculpt your own fossil at the South of England Mineral Show. you can explore a wide variety of vendors offering unique crystal specimens, fossils, jewellery, beads and more. Go to [www.natureunearthed.co.uk](http://www.natureunearthed.co.uk) for all the details

**30th March - Clothes4Clothes by Coco's Foundation**  
The charity is taking donations between 9.30 and 10.30am at Lintot Square. <https://www.cocosfoundation.org.uk/>