

# 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

- **Southwater Skate Park Now Open** – The official opening ceremony took place at Ben's Field, Stakers Lane on 31 July and despite the inclement weather local residents turned out to support it. Throughout the rebuilding process (after an unfortunate fire incident in August 2020) Southwater Parish Council actively engaged with the skate park users and a dedicated user consultation group to ensure the new park's design resonated with the community's needs and preferences. The hybrid structure of galvanised steel and timber promises an exciting riding experience and we hope that it will thrive as a place of friendship encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle.
- **Recent Planning Applications**
  - DC/21/2180** – Erection of up to 73 new dwellings (with affordable housing) at Woodfords, Shipley Road was approved by Horsham District Council Planning Committee North on 1<sup>st</sup> August where SPC made representation in objection to the proposed development.
  - DC/22/2077** – Demolition of existing building and erection of buildings to provide flexible industrial, storage and distribution at RSPCA Headquarters, Oakhurst Business Park has been approved by HDC. 24-hour access was applied for which SPC had made representation in objection to and the development will now have conditions to restrict heavy goods vehicle movements.
- **Southwater Summer Fest 2023** - Southwater Summer Fest was a resounding success. It was very well attended and enjoyed by residents of all ages. Furthermore, Sussex Police and West Sussex Fire and Rescue were also in attendance. The idea was originally proposed by the Neighbourhood Wardens and actioned in partnership with Southwater Youth Project CIO and Southwater Community Partnership. Activities included a climbing wall, a live DJ, arts and crafts and gymnastics. Following the success, the aim is to host this event again next year.

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- **Celebrate 50 Years of CPRE Sussex** – They will be hosting a countryside day out at Knepp Estate, Dial Post on 2<sup>nd</sup> September celebrating the Sussex countryside. There is a packed programme of talks and tours, meet charity volunteers and sample the delights of Knepp’s new Wilding Café and Shop.

## Did you know?

- **Reporting Pot Holes** – The Parish Council has been receiving a high number of calls concerning the road conditions around the Lintot Square traffic lights. These have been elevated to West Sussex County Council repeatedly over the past few months. It is the responsibility of WSCC so please help to highlight these by reporting to: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>
- **Your Digital Assets** - When you make a will, you arrange to leave our physical assets and money, but most people also leave behind various online assets. If you want to protect the assets and your successors from the stress of losing valuable information you should make provision by leaving a digital legacy. There are several ways of doing this and Get Safe Online has an article for information on this. Go to <https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/articles/digital-assets>
- **Resolve to Waste Less** - What you can recycle and where is constantly evolving. To find out what you can recycle at home, Recycling Centres, or elsewhere go to: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk> and search for A to Z or recycling.

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