



The Southwater Neighbourhood Plan (SNP) has arrived

Councillor Surgeries

Southwater residents can raise concerns directly with Councillors online. 1st Saturday of most months except August. Informal, no booking required. Details of the surgery will be placed on Southwater Parish Council's Facebook page and website each month or Contact the Clerk at clerk@southwater-pc.gov.uk or call and speak to the Clerk on 01403 733202.

Vacancies

Southwater Parish Council (SPC) has the following vacancies; 3 x volunteer Parish Councillors. For further details, please contact the Clerk at clerk@southwater-pc.gov.uk or call and speak to the Office on 01403 733202.

In the news

- **Coronavirus (COVID 19) - Keeping up to date** – The Community is reminded of their responsibility for following Government guidelines. Keep up to date with the latest Government information and guidelines at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>. Both West Sussex and the NHS can support residents with food & medication and if possible this should be where they go for support. See <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-and-information/community-hub-covid-19/> and <https://nhsvolunteerresponders.org.uk/>. Residents may also contact the Horsham District Council Hub at 01403 215100.
- **Southwater Neighbourhood Plan (SNP)** – A majority vote in favour of the SNP (2,440 vs 518) was made at the 6th May 2021 local elections. The SNP will now receive the status of 'Made'. Going forward decisions on planning applications will be made using both the local plan and the neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations. Neighbourhood planning provides the opportunity for communities to set out a positive vision for how they want their community to develop over the next 10 to 15 years in ways that meet identified local need and make sense for local people. For more information see the following websites <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Referendum.aspx> and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbourhood-planning--2>.
- **Recruitment of an Assistant Officer for the Parish Office** – Due to an office re-structure, a vacancy has arisen for a full time Assistant Officer to the Council. A full advert and job description will be placed on the website and FB and other sites.
- **NALC update on remote meetings** – All councils are to return to holding physical (face-to-face) meetings from 7 May 2021. All members of the public are entitled to attend. These meetings will result in both a health risk given the current pandemic and significant additional costs incurred by councils in securing suitable venues which allow social distancing and other safety measures. For more information see <https://www.lalc.co.uk/uncategorized/nalc-preparing-for-the-possible-return-of-face-to-face-meetings/>
- **Forthcoming Southwater Parish Council Meetings** – A scheduled list of 2021 Southwater Parish Council meetings can be found at the following <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Forthcoming-Meetings.aspx>.

Did you know?

- The Horsham District wide Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) has been updated and extended for a further three years until 31st March 2024. See website <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/safety-and-emergencies/public-spaces-protection-order-pspo> for more information.
- Neighbourhood Wardens have their own Facebook Page, where updates on Horsham District wide warden activities can be found. See more at <https://www.facebook.com/HDWardens>

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page <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-Wardens.aspx>