



FUND TO SUPPORT LOCAL RESIDENTS

Parish & District Councillor online surgeries

Southwater residents can raise concerns directly with Councillors online. 1st Saturday of each month except August. Informal, no booking required. 10am to 11am via online connection. Details 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; 2 x volunteer Parish Councillors and 1 x Litter Warden. For further details, please contact the Clerk at clerk@southwater-pc.gov.uk or call and speak to the Clerk 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>
- **Chairman Discretionary Fund** – As there was no Christmas Fair due to Government restrictions because of COVID 19, National and Local Businesses of Southwater have contributed to a special fund overseen by the Chairman of Southwater Parish. This fund is being used to support local residents only. Further details of how to access this fund will be available on the Parish Website. Southwater Parish Council would like to thank those businesses for their thoughtful donations and gestures of goodwill.
- **Flooding on Cripplegate Lane** – West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and Horsham District Council (HDC) are investigating the continuous flooding issue on Cripplegate Lane. At the end of November, the drainage system under Cripplegate Lane was jetted and cleared of the usual autumn leaf fall. Once the

investigation is complete, WSCC and HDC will be able to advise a way to fix the issue.

- **Parish 2021/22 Budget and Precept preparation** – SPC is making progress with the preparation of the 2021/22 Budget and Precept. These two important official estimates must be presented to Full Parish Council for acceptance before 31 January 2021. With current financial uncertainty continuing into subsequent years, the budget will be looked at closely. COVID 19 has impacted over local government tiers particularly with impacts on income streams.
- **Neighbourhood Wardens Working Party** – A working party has been set up to look at the current and any future service provision of Neighbourhood Wardens in Southwater.
- **The Horse is back** – The old Church Lane play park Rocking Horse is getting a new home, all-be-it without the "rock" due to safety requirements. The static Horse will be installed, at one of SPC's existing play parks.

Did you know?

- Residents sometimes ask why HDC and the police do not evict Gypsies and Travellers as soon as they arrive on a public open space. HDC has published a FAQ document to assist residents with these and other queries. See HDC website <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/gypsies-and-travellers>
- Without the appropriate Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), example double yellow lines or zigzags or a specific offence being committed, Neighbourhood Wardens cannot implement an enforcement action against inconsiderate and unlawful parking by owner/drivers. To request a TRO, visit WSCC website <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/about-tros/apply-for-a-tro/>

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Neighbourhood (Community) Wardens - Dominic Woodhead – 07789 943193 or Jacquie Cave – 07789 943156, Tweet them on @HorshamWardens, or email Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk and see web page www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Neighbourhood-Wardens.aspx
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