

# SOUTHWATER PARISH COUNCIL



## Councillor Surgeries

Southwater residents can raise concerns directly with Councillors online. 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of most months except August. Informal, no booking required. Details of the surgery will be placed on Southwater Parish Council's website each month or Contact the Office at [enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiry@southwater-pc.gov.uk) or call and speak to the Officers on 01403 733202.

## Vacancies

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

## In the news

- **Coronavirus (COVID 19) - Keeping up to date** – Although Corona Virus restrictions have been significantly reduced, the Community is reminded of their continued responsibility for following remaining 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.
- **Planning for the 2021 Christmas Festival** – Preparations for the 2021 Christmas Festival in Lintot Square by Southwater Community Partnership and other local groups are in the planning stages. It is hoped the festival will go ahead this year and will not be impacted by COVID as with the cancelled 2020's Festival.
- **Overgrown vegetation obstructing public space** – As the summer continues and our vegetation grows at an incredible rate, landowners are reminded of their responsibility for trees, hedges and all vegetation on their land and are required under the Highways Act 1980 s154, to ensure that the 'public highway' (verge, footway, carriageway, bridleway or footpath) adjacent to a property is not obstructed by vegetation from their property. See <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1980/66/section/154/2014-04-22>
- **Southwater Village Speedwatch Group (SVSG)** – Volunteers of SVSG have now been trained and will soon be consulting or asking residents for sites and locations of concern and regular excessive speed in and around the Southwater Parish. Christ Hospital already have their Speedwatch Group, established a number of years previously.



- **Inconsiderate parking on junctions and bends** – Of late there has been a rise of inconsiderate parking within many locations of Southwater Parish. Parking concerns in particular on bends and opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction. Highway Code Rule 243 – DO NOT stop or park, see <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/parking.html> identifies these two particular concerns along with 10 others where drivers should not stop or park. Residents are requested to observe these Highway Code for the safety and access of all.
- **Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)** – Residents are requested to report ASB such as, verbal abuse, drug taking, irresponsible alcohol use, theft or damage to property to Sussex Police as soon as the incident occurs. Without notification, the police do not know an incident has occurred and so cannot respond. The sooner an incident is reported, the faster the resolution could be. Call 999 in an emergency.
- **Horsham District Council (HDC) Local Plan** – On the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2021, a meeting planned to review, discuss and vote on regulation 19 of the new Local Plan was cancelled due mainly to the Governments issuance of a revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021 on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The revised NPPF included an amended requirement of a 30 year vision, previously a 15 year vision and the basis of HDC's new Local Plan. HDC must now revisit the Local Plan and bring it in line with the NPPF. It is expected that a revised Local Plan will be brought back to HDC within the next 4 months. This is an opportunity for Southwater residents to submit their views and expectations to HDC on the revised Local Plan Regulation 19.

## Did you know?

- Residents can keep up to date with the latest Parish news at the following website: <https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/Latest-News.aspx>
- Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/southwaterpc>
- Southwater Parish Council Forum <https://www.facebook.com/groups/582024346049891/>

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<https://www.southwater-pc.gov.uk/default.aspx>

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– 07789 943193 or Jacquie Cave – 07789  
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email [Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Southwater.Wardens@horsham.gov.uk)  
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