



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The New Year certainly came with its challenging weather, which seems to have lasted all month long with the Spring bulbs beginning to show let us hope there is improvement soon. If due to the recent inclement weather you have any issues that have come to light please do let the clerk know so that we can make provisions in our future resilience planning.

Our Neighbourhood Plan survey has now been delivered to you, please take time to fill it in and return it in the envelope provided it is most important that we have your views. There has already been a lot of work done by volunteers within the Parish, now it is your turn to contribute. There is a report within this Newsletter advising you of what has been done so far. The Neighbourhood Plan is for the next twenty years so we need to get all the issues that we face today and for the years ahead!

This years Annual Parish Meeting will be held @ Mannings Heath Village Hall on Wednesday 19th March @ 7.30pm

The following information can be found on

www.nuthurstparishcouncil.net/

- Parish Council meeting Agenda's and Minutes
- Document Archive
- Local Societies & Groups
- Events – where & when
- Local maps
- Local travel
- Weather
- Planning applications
- Neighbourhood Plan

The Website contains many links to organisations a few are mentioned below:

- Age Concern (uk)
- Check-a-trade
- Copsale Hall
- Horsham District Council
- Horsham Responders
- Neighbourhood Watch
- The Nuthurst Society
- The Trainline
- West Sussex Police
- West Sussex Police Community Officer

If you are unable to access the web site, require hard copies or more information please contact the Parish Clerk Mrs S Hall

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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm in the Hall of St. Andrews School, Planning Meetings are held on 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Mannings Heath Village Hall. All meetings are open to residents who are welcome to address Council on any matters in an Open Forum held during the meeting.

Dates of Planning Meetings can be confirmed by contacting the Parish Clerk.

Horsham Town Centre

Anyone with an interest in Horsham Town Centre is invited to join Cllr Helena Croft, drop in surgeries being run at Horsham Museum from January 2013

If anyone has any thoughts and ideas on how the Horsham Experience can be improved, priorities for its management or would like to volunteer to get involved with the Council projects and initiatives in partnership with others then they are invited to go along.

Surgeries are to take place from 11.30am – 1.30pm in the Hurst Room in Horsham Museum & Art Gallery on the following dates

- Thursday 27th March 2013
- Thursday 22nd May 2013
- Thursday 24th July 2013
- Thursday 25th September 2013
- Thursday 27th November 2013

Anyone can drop in to the sessions on the day but ten minute appointments can also be requested by contacting Stacey Dickson at Horsham District Council leisure@horsham.gov.uk or call 01403 215263

West Sussex Mobile Library Service

West Sussex's mobile library service offers a library on your doorstep for those areas of the county without a local library.

They offer a wide range of adult books as well as a request service, so if they don't have the book you're looking for you can order it and collect it on your next visit. Mobile vehicles also carry a range of children's stock.

The vehicle is fully accessible, and stocks large print and audio books for borrowers who require material in those formats.

Joining couldn't be easier – it takes five minutes and all they need to see is something with your name and address on it,

In Nuthurst the mobile library stops at Mannings Heath shop. To find out when the mobile library visits you can check the website at

www.westsussex.gov.uk/libraries of phone 014032 244350

Refuse & Recycling

For full information, householders are encouraged to use the personalised collection calendar on the Horsham District Council website www.horsham.gov.uk If you are unable to find the information you require please email hopoast.depot@horsham.gov.uk or call 01403 733144

Neighbourhood Plan

www.nuthurstplan.wordpress.com

Copsale Village Hall

Bookings
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Mannings Heath Village Hall

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NUTHURST PARISH

Neighbourhood Plan

Shaping the future of our Parish

Our Neighbourhood Plan in gathering pace !

A small army of people in Focus Groups and on the Steering Committee are working very hard to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for all 1.700 people who live in the Parish of Copsale, Mannings Heath, Maplehurst, Monks Gate, Nuthurst and Sedgwick. Their task is to set down a vision for the future of their Parish and how it should develop.

So what have we done? We have held successful “drop-in” events in Nuthurst and Mannings Heath early in November to canvass people’s views. These are some of the things that they said. The main concern seems to be that major housing development would “swamp” the Parish leading to: overflowing schools; a greater shortage of hospital services; too much traffic along narrow lanes; more big lorries delivering oil; and LPG gas and taking away household rubbish; more power cuts; struggling sewage systems; and loss of fields, woods and wildlife, some of it in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Instead, people seem to want: a limited number of small, less expensive homes so that the elderly can downsize, farmers can attract labour to work for them and the young can stay in the Parish. However, there was also a view that realistically, most youngsters want to live in the “buss” of nearby cities. Visitors to the “drop-ins” said strongly that they want these smaller homes to be built on derelict, disused brown-field sites, near to main roads and not on fields along our country lanes.

We are now analysing everything said and written down, and are using it to inform our “State of the Parish Report” and our Neighbourhood Plan.

What are we doing next? We will be delivering two surveys to everyone in mid January, which you can fill in anonymously. The first is a general survey – tell us what you think about housing, environment and countryside, facilities for children's and the elderly, services such as electricity and sewage, traffic and transport issues. The second is a housing needs survey in two parts; the first will ask you for details about your current house such as number of bedrooms, whether detached or semi and the number of people who live in it, and will ask you what kind of house you or your family will need in the future. The results will be analysed by our consultants, Action in rural Sussex (AirS). Please take the time to fill in the surveys to help with our Neighbourhood Plan.

What else are we doing? We are arranging in the New Year events for young people to tell us what is important for them now and as they grow up. We are also arranging an event for businesses in the Parish to find out what concerns they have and what they need in the future.

Owen Hydes, Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee.

Rights and responsibilities of living by a watercourse.

LANDOWNERS, RESIDENTS AND HOME OWNERS, ARE YOU AWARE OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES YOU HAVE WITH REGARD TO DITCHES AND WATER

An invaluable leaflet has been produced with information under these sub-headings

- Roadside Ditches
- Critical Ordinary Watercourses
- Riparian Owner Responsibilities
- Riparian Owner and The Law
- Legislation
- Enforcement
- What is Watercourse
- Ordinary Water Courses
- Main Rivers
- Additional Sources of information
- Who is a Riparian Owner

A full cope of this leaflet can be downloaded from Horsham District Council's Website, see Flood information – Rights and Responsibilities of living by a watercourse

BE DEER AWARE – Road Safety.

As winter is upon us, the Highways Agency and partners in the Deer initiative are reminding drivers to watch out for Deer, particularly at dusk & dawn

Every year, people are killed or injured in road collisions with wild deer; The Highways Agency has recorded over 2,000 deer-vehicle collisions in and around England since January 2009, on motorways & A-roads alone

A key to reducing the number of these incidents is to get drivers to be 'Deer Aware' to slow down and watch out when they see warning signs, check your speed and stay alert.

- If your headlights are on, use full beams when you can, but dip your headlights if you see deer as they may 'freeze'. More deer may follow the first one you see.
- If you have to stop, use your hazard lights
- Do not approach an injured deer, it could be dangerous.
- If you collide with a deer (or witness a collision) someone may be injured, or if vehicles or deer in the road are a risk to road safety, then you should treat this as an emergency and ring 999 for the police or ambulance.
- To report any injured deer please ring the RSPCA 24-hour line on 0300 1234 999

Get Ready for Winter Guide

Topics that the guide covers includes

- Being prepared in severe winter weather
- Clearing snow – the snow code
- Keeping warm at homes
- Financial assistance to help warm homes
- Keeping safe at home – advice on burst and frozen pipes
- The Community Link Alarm Services
- Keeping safe on the roads
- Health and well-being advise

This guide can be downloaded for www.horsham.gov.uk - alternatively hard copies can also be picked up from Horsham District Councils reception area @ Park North and Horsham, Police Station

Keep your outbuildings safe

Brand new children's bicycles and handy power tools are popular Christmas presents but can be costly to replace if they are stolen. Some tips from Sussex Police to increase security include

- Securely lock away tools and ladders

- Consider movement operated lights at the front and rear of your property
- Lock side and rear gates
- Consider prickly planting to provide nature's own barrier to stop intruders, but keep it pruned to prevent concealment.