



Tremendous response as one million vaccinated in Sussex



One million people across Sussex have now received their Covid-19 vaccination.

Figures published today (Thursday 27 May) show that 1,028,925 people had had their first vaccination by Sunday 23 May, of whom 677,497 have also had their second.

In West Sussex alone, 534,936 people had had their first dose, of whom 352,280 have also had their second.

West Sussex Director of Public Health Alison Challenger praised the efforts of everyone who's supported the vaccination programme.

"It's fantastic news that now over one million people across Sussex have had their Covid vaccine and West Sussex has seen a tremendous response in people coming forward to be vaccinated," she said, speaking in a video message together with other health leaders from across Sussex. "I want to thank everybody that's been involved in delivering this programme. We should be very proud of the way it's been rolled out locally and the success it's achieved so far."

[Click here to read more and links to the video](#)

Join the one million across Sussex and book your jab today!

You can find full details of who's now eligible, how to book and updates on the Sussex vaccination programme on the [West Sussex County Council Covid-19 vaccination page](#).

If you have no way to get to your appointment, or know someone who can't, you can book free transport for a Covid-safe return journey. You need to book your appointment first, then visit [here](#) to find details of how to book your transport.

It is important to keep on getting tested and follow the guidance, even after you have been vaccinated as you could still pass on the virus to others.

Remember: hands, face, space, and fresh air to #KeepWestSussexSafe.

Symptom-free Covid-19 Testing

Everyone without symptoms is encouraged to test twice a week, and symptom-free Covid-19 testing kits are available in West Sussex.

As we head into the bank holiday weekend, it's especially important to test regularly if you're travelling out to:

- meet with friends
- visit family
- head to work
- pick up the kids
- head to the gym.

www.westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting

Download the [NHS test and Trace App](#).

What do you think about testing?

We'd like to hear your views on symptom-free Covid-19 testing in West Sussex. Are you using the tests or not?

Please complete our short and anonymous survey [here](#).

Your answers will help us develop our efforts as we work to #KeepWestSussexSafe.

Covid-19 data

As of today, Thursday 27 May, the statistics show a decrease in the number of cases of coronavirus across West Sussex.

Together with the ongoing success of the vaccine programme, this is a step in the right direction. But the virus isn't going away yet and so we should continue to take care.

Nationally, the news is reporting on cases of the variant first detected in India, and enhanced testing is underway in parts of Hampshire and Surrey.

Please use the links to our [data dashboard](#) to check the latest case numbers by postcode in your local area.

[Read more](#)

Our Council Plan

West Sussex County Council Leader Paul Marshall has set out his priorities over the next four years after his re-election last Friday, 21 May.

The priorities are captured in [Our Council Plan](#), the corporate plan for 2021 to 2025, and the budget. The plan covers everything from education to highways, community support to the fire service, and provides stability across the organisation.



Within the wide-reaching strategy, the main four priorities are:

- keeping people safe from vulnerable situations
- creating a sustainable and prosperous economy
- helping people and communities to fulfil their potential
- making the best use of resources.

The full list of Cabinet, Chairman and Vice Chairman appointments made at last week's Full Council can be read by clicking on the link below.

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Busy summer ahead for West Sussex tourism



It's English Tourism Week and the past year has been a worrying and uncertain time for many West Sussex tourism providers and businesses. The Week provides the chance to promote them and to encourage residents and visitors to explore West Sussex safely.

The county is anticipating a busy summer season for tourism businesses and attractions as they reopen in line with the government's roadmap and advice.

The Experience West Sussex Partnership is the central voice for tourism in the region and is made up of the county council, the seven West Sussex district and borough councils and the Coastal West Sussex Partnership. It is running a campaign encouraging responsible visits to the county this summer. Core messages to visitors are to 'Protect, Respect, Enjoy'.

If you're looking for a change of scenery this bank holiday weekend or for half-term, West Sussex has a wealth of places to visit and enjoy – for visitors and residents alike.

Click on the link below to see what's on offer.

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Volunteers' Week - a time to say thanks

[Volunteers' Week](#) starts next Tuesday (1 June), recognising the importance of volunteers and the work they do and also giving them a great big 'thank you' for all their efforts.



The county council has more than 900 volunteers who give their time to deliver services and support to people across the county.

In March, we surveyed our volunteers to get their feedback and they told us:

- Nearly 80% have been involved with the council for over three years, with nearly 50% of those having volunteered at the council for five years or more
- 96% were either satisfied or very satisfied with their volunteer experience
- The top two reasons given for volunteering with the county council were 'to make a difference in their local community' and 'for a sense of personal satisfaction and achievement'
- The recognition they valued most was a 'thank you'.

There are many volunteering opportunities available at the county council. Visit our website using the link below or [email](#) to find out more.

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More frequent visits to be allowed at six of our recycling sites



Following the introduction of a trial booking scheme at some of our Household Waste Recycling Sites (HWRS), it's now been confirmed that from 1 June the number of visits available per household will increase.

The main reason for the trial at Bognor Regis, Crawley, Horsham, Littlehampton, Shoreham-by-Sea, and Worthing sites was to reduce queuing at peak times, which had caused problems for local residents and businesses and led to congestion on some major roads.

Although the trial has fully met this objective and has also proved popular with most users and site staff, the restriction of one visit per week has been a drawback for some residents.

Now that social distancing measures are eased the trial will move into a second phase, which will change the current limit of one visit per household per week, to allow for five bookings to be made within any calendar month. This will increase the number of permitted visits per household from 52 to 60 across the year.

All aspects of the trial will be reviewed in the autumn, after it has run for the initial planned six months.

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Do you look after someone? Here's how to get support

Over 100,000 people are thought to be regularly caring for a friend or family member in West Sussex, so this year's Carers' Week, which runs from 7 – 13 June, it's more important than ever to raise awareness and shine a spotlight on the information and services available to family and friend carers across the county.



This year, the Covid-19 pandemic is creating new challenges for family and friend carers, with many taking on more caring responsibilities for their relatives and friends who are disabled, ill or older and who need support.

Click on the link below for details of the support available.

[Read more](#)

Safer Streets survey - have your say



The Home Office recently announced it was committing up to £25 million to ensure that women and girls feel safer in public places. They announced a Safer Streets fund that Police and Crime Commissioners and Local Authorities can bid into that aims to:

- Make public spaces and our streets safer
- Reduce violence against women and girls (VAWG) and increase women and girls' feelings of safety in public spaces
- Build the evidence base for what works on reducing VAWG-related crimes and increase women and girls' feelings of safety in the public domain.

We're seeking your input to help us make sure that our bid accurately reflects the concerns of Sussex residents and identifies appropriate ways to tackle them.

Although everyone's views are welcome, it is important that we capture the first-hand experiences and concerns of women and girls. To help support a Sussex bid, we are therefore asking for your input and suggestions by completing the survey in the link below by Friday 11 June 2021.

[Read more](#)

Support for children and young people's mental health

There's lots of advice and support available to help parents and carers. It may sound obvious, but sometimes just encouraging someone to talk about what's bothering them can help them to identify and process a problem.

Just knowing they have someone to talk to who wants to help them work through an issue can make a big difference.

It might seem like a big problem to a child, but as an adult, it could be something that you can easily resolve together. You can find tips for how to talk to a young person about things like anxiety, low mood, problems at school or home via the link below.



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