



Tackling Climate Change in the Horsham District

Special Issue for councillors, parishes and neighbourhood councils

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Join the Big Plastic Count from 16 to 22 May

We're all doing our bit to recycle, but plastic waste is still everywhere. How much plastic are we really throwing away?

Why not join households across the country, as well as schools, community groups and businesses, to count and record your plastic use for one week to help tackle the plastic crisis.

1. From May 16-22, **record all of the plastic packaging you throw away** using the tally sheet provided.
2. At the end of the week, you'll be **shown your own plastic footprint**, revealing what really happens to it once it leaves your home, and evidence of the true scale of the UK's plastic problem.

The Big Plastic Count will also share tips on how you might be able to **reduce plastic in day-to-day life**.

[Learn more and sign up here](#)

New rapid electric vehicle charge points installed in Storrington and Billingshurst

These points allow electric vehicles to be recharged to 80% in about 40 minutes.

The replacement charge points are being installed by Connected Kerb and represent the start of a major project that will improve vehicle charging infrastructure across the Horsham District, supporting the Council's ambition to reduce carbon emissions to address climate change.



Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for the Environment and Rural Affairs, Cllr James Wright pictured here, went to Storrington recently to see the recently installed charge points.



Horsham Park wins national Bees' Needs Champion Award

Horsham District Council, in partnership with the Friends of Horsham Park, have been awarded a national Bees' Needs Champion Award for 2021, recognising the extensive hard work undertaken in Horsham Park to provide food and home for pollinating insects.

The Bees' Needs Awards celebrate examples of exemplary initiatives to support pollinator flowers and plants; in this case the extensive work undertaken in Horsham Park to provide food and home for pollinating insects. The award also recognised how well the team engaged and educated visitors.

[Find out more](#)

Have your say on proposals for walking, cycling and bus improvements in Horsham



Horsham District Council and West Sussex County Council are working together to deliver improvements that will benefit residents, businesses and visitors alike.

By encouraging more walking, cycling and bus use we can help to reduce congestion on the region's already busy road network. It will also help to improve air quality and create safer, more pleasant places in which to live, work and do business.

This public consultation on the proposals is now live, **closing on Monday 6 June.**

[Find out more](#)

Community Climate Fund award supports increased cycling in Horsham

Horsham's Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council has been awarded £2,500 from our Community Climate Fund, and they are urging residents to get on their bikes!

The Neighbourhood Council plan to use the funds to improve basic bike maintenance skills for local residents and to encourage them to cycle more, helping to provide cleaner air and quieter roads for all of us.

[Read more](#)



Community Solar Accelerator grant now available to support small to medium businesses



The next round of the CSA grant is now open, with funding up to £25K available.

The project aims to support the shift towards a low carbon economy in the Coast to Capital region and beyond, by promoting solar PV & electric vehicle charging use in SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises)

The ERDF funded grant will provide 40% (up to £25K) off the costs of solar PV arrays or solar PV arrays & electric vehicle charging points.

See the website link below to submit an Expression of Interest

[Find out more](#)

REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE REPAIR

Sussex Green Living: Diary of Events

18 May, 7 – 8pm

Sussex Green Ideas

Join this Zoom meeting to consider food and liquid bottle refills at a talk by circular economy guru Elle Runcion.

[Book one or multiple months here](#)

28 May, 10am – 4pm

Sussex Green Hub

Activities include the Horsham Repair Cafe (booking required), Horsham Community Fridge (free food), refills, refreshments, recycling, renewable energy, carbon clinic. [Learn more here.](#)

28 May, Steyning Green Festival

Sussex Green Living will be there with their Inspiration Eco Station (retrofitted milk float) sharing climate solutions in our mini pop up environmental festival.

4 – 5 June, 10.30am – 5pm

Floral Fringe Fair at Leonardslee Lakes & Gardens. Sussex Green Living will be there with their Inspiration Eco Station. Join them for a quirky, quality, family-friendly event with a vintage twist.

[Learn more here.](#)

4 June, 2 – 4pm: Station Road Garden Platinum Party, Billingshurst

+ 5 June: Slinfold Village Day

Sussex Green Living will be there with their green stand sharing climate solutions.



Help share the news of our Climate Action work

We'd love to share our Climate Action newsletter with more people so that they can stay up to date with our news and stories.

If you know someone who you think might like to start receiving a copy please do forward them this email and encourage them to sign up. Thank you.



[Sign up here](#)



Useful Links

[Find out about how we are tackling climate change](#)

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[Horsham District Community Climate Fund](#)

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