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Latest news

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Have your say on Your Southwater Country Park

This summer we'll be conducting one of our largest community research programmes - Your Southwater Country Park.

The Park, which is owned and managed by Horsham District Council, is a major attraction for all ages and abilities and we want to hear from as many park users as possible about what they like about the Park currently, and what, if any, improvements they would like to see in the future.

Find out more and complete the survey on our website.



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Recycling tips shared following Council vehicle fire

We are reminding residents what can and cannot be put into their household recycling bins following a fire caused by a mobile phone recently in one of our waste collection vehicles.

Mobile phones and e-cigarettes should not be put into household recycling because they have lithium ion batteries. They must be disposed of responsibly, which can be done through our free [electricals recycling service](#).



On Friday 8 July a Council waste collection vehicle caught fire in Southwater: thankfully no one was hurt. More than five tonnes of recycling had to be emptied onto the road to be properly extinguished, and once cleared up it could no longer be recycled.

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Celebrating Shelley with poetry readings and a new cycle path

Warnham-born poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was celebrated this month with two special events.

Time for tea

The bicentenary of the poet's death was marked on 8 July with a commemorative tea and poetry readings.

Morag Warrack, Chair of Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council recited Shelley's 'The Cloud' and Simon Packham from the Shelley Memorial Project read 'To a Skylark'.



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New cycle path declared open

Horsham District Council's Chairman was on hand to officially declare the Shelley Cycle Path open as some 20 cyclists completed a special cycle ride in memory of Shelley.

The cycle ride, which wound its way through the District's countryside, stopping off at Shelley's favourite haunts along the way, started at Poets' Corner in Horsham Park and finished in Warnham village.



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Free summer children's adventures

Horsham District Council's free outdoor Mystery Trail experiences have just been boosted by a special Summer Side Quest especially for children over the summer holidays.

The Summer Side Quest is available for younger adventurers in Billingshurst, Henfield, Horsham, Pulborough, Southwater, Steyning and Storrington.



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Plus, crack the code at Swan Walk, Horsham

Keep your youngsters entertained this summer with Swan Walk's free Crack the Code trail running until 31 August in partnership with **Major Mindgames** and **Horsham Museum**.

Visit The Living Room to pick up a trail booklet and start hunting the hidden letters around the centre to reveal the secret passcode. Once you've completed the trail hand in your card to Toy Barnhaus for a mini prize!

Council to review parking facilities in Horsham Town Centre

After reviewing parking data, we are taking a strategic approach to their parking assets, by proposing to decommission the surface car park at London Road.

This car park has been closed since 2020, as the site was used as an NHS testing centre.

We will be engaging with users of the car parks and consulting with businesses and the public over the next few weeks before any firm decisions are taken on the London Road Car Park at the end of September.



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