

Residents' eNewsletter



Welcome to the August 2023 edition of our Residents' eNewsletter.



Exam results time! We're here to support you

Congratulations to A-Level students who have received their results today (17 August).

West Sussex saw a [provisional pass rate grade of 97.9%](#) (grades A* to E), slightly above the national average (97.2%).

Whilst many will have achieved the results they want, some may not have, and support is available for students who feel upset, stressed or anxious after opening their grades.

There is also support for 16 to 24-year-olds in West Sussex who are no longer in full-time education, training or employment, who can access free career advice.

[More information](#)



Autumn Covid-19 booster announced

Last week, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) announced details of the autumn Covid-19 booster programme.

All adults aged 65 and over will be eligible for the vaccine. View who else is eligible on the link below.

NHS England will confirm details of how and when eligible people can access the autumn booster soon, although the JCVI has advised the programme should aim to be completed by early December 2023.

People who have not had any Covid-19 vaccines will be eligible for a single dose of the vaccine, based on the same criteria as for the autumn 2023 booster.

[More information](#)



Back to school - vaccinations reminder

As the summer break draws to a close and preparations begin for the new school year, this is the perfect time to make sure your child is up to date with their childhood vaccinations.

Ensuring children have their vaccinations at the right time gives them the best protection and it's never too late to catch up on missed vaccinations.

Vaccinations are safe, free of charge and available from your GP practice.

[More information](#)



Still time to enjoy some summer fun

Better weather is predicted as we draw to the end of the school summer holidays and we can look forward to – hopefully – a sunny Bank Holiday weekend at the end of August.

Check out local things to do and see, walks, cycle routes and places to eat and drink on our [tourism website Experience West Sussex](#).

And here's some [tips to stay safe from ticks](#) and the potential risk of [Lyme Disease](#) when you are enjoying the countryside.

Looking ahead to the Bank Holiday weekend from 26 to 28 August, [we are available if you need to get in touch with us](#).



Could you offer a home?

It's Ukraine Independence Day on 24 August, in commemoration of the Declaration of Independence of 1991. With the conflict in Ukraine ongoing, we invite residents to take time to reflect and mark the day.

Across the county there will be some local events taking place - keep an eye on our social media channels for further updates.

We are also appealing for a new set of hosts to open their door to Ukrainian refugees.

As the option to return to Ukraine is some way off, hosted accommodation is needed to allow Ukrainians to fully settle into their new lives in the UK.

If you have a spare room, holiday home or self-contained annexe, and the desire to make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people impacted by war, please get in touch.

As an eligible host, you will also receive £500 per month as a thank you payment.

[More information](#)



Warning after dog accidentally starts fire in house

Our firefighters are urging residents to ensure they have working smoke alarms in their properties following a fire believed to have been started accidentally by a dog.

Crews from Worthing Fire Station responded to a fire at Castle Road in Tarring where smoke alarms had been taken down due to decorating within the property.

The fire is thought to have started after the playful pup jumped up and switched the kitchen hob on, which had flammable items stored on top, while its owners were out. Luckily the dog escaped unharmed.

[More information](#)

More news

Head to our [Newsroom](#) to find all the latest news. Below are some highlights:

- Live fire demonstrations, a behind-the-scenes look at the work of our Technical Rescue Unit and the chance to meet your local firefighters – it's all on offer at [Shoreham Fire Station's open day on Saturday 26 August](#) from 10am until 4pm.
- Funding has been approved to [reduce the carbon emissions of 14 West Sussex County Council buildings](#), including libraries and fire stations.
- New schemes to encourage [pupils and their families to make active and sustainable travel choices for the school run](#) have been given the go ahead.



If you need to know the term dates in West Sussex you can find [all the holiday dates, plus half term breaks, up to 2025 here.](#)

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