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# Latest news

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## Calling all Horsham District good causes - your chance to win £500

Horsham District Community Lottery is now four years old. To celebrate it is giving local charities and good causes the chance to win £500 for their organisations.

For new organisations, if you sign up and go live with the lottery by 8 December, you will be entered into the prize draw for your chance to win. Existing lottery organisations will be automatically entered into the draw.



It's free, quick and easy to register to fundraise through our local lottery.

[Horsham District Community Lottery](#)

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## Lifespring Church and Horsham District Council work to agree future of Drill Hall facility

Lifespring Church has approached Horsham District Council with a proposal to re-invigorate Horsham's Drill Hall. The church submitted a proposal to acquire the building and develop it as a community hub and conference centre, as well as its administrative base and a place of worship.

Their aim is to actively support a broad range of community functions so that the Drill Hall is transformed into becoming a central community hub. Services they are hoping to provide directly or facilitate through partners include use for a family hub and registered contact centre, toddler groups, after school and holiday clubs, youth services and a community café to help ease social isolation.

As well as running courses and providing advice on topics such as life skills, debt advice and budgeting, the church is also keen to see the space used for musical practice and performance, as an art gallery and for conferences, meetings and events. This will be a facility for the whole of Horsham District.



### **Feedback to Lifespring about their proposal for Drill Hall**

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## **Chairman wishes Twinning Association a good visit**

Horsham District Council Chairman Cllr David Skipp gave the Chairman of Horsham Twinning Association Lawrence Long and Acting Vice-Chairman Raymond Welton a letter and set of handmade ceramic mugs by local Menear Ceramics at Horsham Museum last week.

The gifts will be presented to the hosts on an upcoming Twinning Association trip to Saint-Maixent-L'École, Horsham's Twin town in France, on behalf of the people of Horsham District.



As Chairman of Horsham District Council, Cllr Skipp holds the title of President of the Horsham Twinning Association.

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## **Planning Inspectorate invites you to have your say on Gatwick Airport expansion plans**

As part of proposals to expand the capacity of Gatwick Airport, its operators, Gatwick Airport Ltd (GAL) and the Planning Inspectorate are inviting members of the public to have their say on the recently submitted application for Development Consent by **Sunday 29 October**.

The Gatwick Airport Project proposes alterations to the existing northern runway at Gatwick Airport which, along with lifting the current restrictions on its use, would enable dual runway operations. The Project would also include the development of a range of infrastructure and facilities to allow increased airport passenger numbers and aircraft operations.

Further information regarding the NSIP process for members of the public and others can be found on the Planning Inspectorate's website.



**[Have Your Say on the Gatwick Expansion Plans](#)**

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## Council marks Battle of Britain anniversary

Horsham District Council's Chairman Cllr David Skipp laid a wreath at the War Memorial in Horsham's Carfax this morning to mark Battle of Britain Day.

He was accompanied by Zäl Rustom (Chair) and Carol Tester (Vice-Chair) of the Horsham Branch of the Royal British Legion, and Sussex Army Cadet Lance Corporal Jaxon Darley.

Battle of Britain Day commemorates the pivotal air campaign won by the Royal Air Force which was instrumental in stopping the invasion of Great Britain in 1940. It was one of the largest aerial engagements in history, both sides suffered heavy losses.



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## Chairman attends opening of Collyer's new Shelley building

## Council launches new free business skills workshops

A new programme of free business skills training is being launched by Horsham District Council and Horsham District-based independent businesses are being urged to book now for places to avoid disappointment.



Horsham District Council Chairman David Skipp attended the official opening of a new building at Collyer's in Horsham along with Leader of the Council Martin Boffey and Chief Executive Jane Eaton on Friday 8 September.

The new Shelley building comprises of state-of-the-art Early Years Education and Childcare, Criminology, Film Studies, Digital Media, and Sociology classrooms.

A variety of skills and topics are covered in the training sessions, both in person and online, all having been identified by local businesses to be highly valuable.

The Council's business training programme is consistently popular, with topics often being oversubscribed. The training is delivered, for the most part, by locally based independent specialists, further reinforcing the Council's own 'Buy Local' policy.

Over 100 local businesses in the last year have added to their skills and resilience through the programme and continue to benefit from access to an exclusive online training hub.

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