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Would you like to see a Town Council for Horsham town centre?

Horsham District Council is asking how you would like to see Horsham town centre managed in the future – and it is an important time to share your views.

Moving to a large Unitary Authority means the future of facilities such as the current HDC managed bandstands, the War Memorial, Hills Farm Cemetery, the Museum and Art Gallery, its community halls, Horsham Park, and its allotments would be decided by a large organisation possibly not based in the Horsham area.



Horsham town is unique in Horsham District, in that many services and community facilities that are otherwise managed by parish councils, are managed by HDC. A newly formed Horsham Town Council could however take over running these services.

Click the button below to find out more and share your views.

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Join us to commemorate VE Day

We will be marking the Victory in Europe Day (VE Day) 80th anniversary in Horsham town centre on **Thursday 8 May 6.30-9.30pm**.

The evening starts with a Ringing out for Peace at St Mary's Church Horsham. Then from 7-9pm there will be music from Sussex Band of the Royal British Legion on the Carfax bandstand. Some of our local businesses and market operators will be joining us until late to host food and drink too.

The evening closes at the War Memorial, Carfax with a ceremony and beacon lighting between 9.15pm to 9.30pm.



Council takes action on housing pressures across Horsham District

Horsham District Council is set to tackle the pressures on local housing by developing a new housing strategy, Homes for Tomorrow – Shaping the Future Together.

The new strategy will focus on providing the right homes for those who need them, increasing the number of affordable homes, and addressing homelessness in the District.



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Top young traders recognised at Young Market Trader of the Year competition

Horsham town centre's West Street and Bishopric area was the venue for the local heat of this year's national Market Traders Federation (NMTF) Young Market Trader of the Year competition on Sunday 27 April.

The event this year marked the highest ever turnout of young competitors.

Open to all traders under the age of 30, Horsham's competition winner for 2025 was Garden to Jar who make chutneys, jams and preserves (Sarah Griffin).

Those who were highly commended and will also go forward to the regional final were: Redamancy Art (Madison Varney), Simply Beads by Freya (Freya Herrett-Allen), Silver Hollow Jewellery (Daniel Scott), Mspwildlifeart (Megan Smylie-Page).



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Council approves new Enterprising Horsham framework

Horsham District Council has published its new Economic Prospectus and Business Charter documents as part of a new Economic Development Framework (EDF), 'Enterprising Horsham'; the Council's plan for building a thriving local economy and creating sustainable prosperity across the Horsham District.



The EDF was approved at a Council meeting on 2 April and the final documents are now available to access on the Council's website.

In addition to their [fortnightly email newsletter](#), the Enterprising Horsham team has also set up a [dedicated Facebook page](#) to share grants and funding news, business support and advice and networking opportunities.

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