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Help shape leisure services in Horsham District

Horsham District Council is looking at how it provides leisure services for the future and wants to hear from residents to help it shape the future delivery of sport, leisure and physical activity facilities locally.

Residents, community groups and local businesses have a vital role to play in any plans to reshape the future of leisure services and the Council is welcoming their views in a new engagement survey. The survey will form part of an overall community and partner engagement programme.

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Council's judicial review challenge to Planning Inspectorate rejected

Horsham District Council launched a judicial review on 15 August 2025 of the Planning Inspectorate's decision in July 2025 to grant outline planning permission for 800 homes at the Horsham Golf and Fitness site near Southwater, West Sussex.

The High Court has refused permission for the challenge to proceed to a full hearing.

While the Court agreed with the Council that the Planning Inspector had erred in law by failing to properly consider the Southwater Neighbourhood Plan, it concluded that this error would not have altered the Inspector's ultimate decision, given his assessment of the planning balance in favour of the development.

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October Half Term activities



Enjoy spooky arts and crafts, Halloween-themed trails, den building in the woods, sports and activities and a very special Hocus Pocus Friday Late this Half Term in Horsham town centre!

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Local jobseekers turn out in force for Horsham Jobs and Skills Fair



Hundreds of local jobseekers packed Horsham's Drill Hall on Saturday 27 September 2025 for the annual Horsham District Jobs and Skills Fair — a vibrant showcase of employment, training, and volunteering opportunities across the region.

Organised by Horsham District Council, the event brought together some 30 employers, training providers, colleges and voluntary organisations, all eager to connect with potential recruits and apprentices.

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Council response to Government's new homes announcement

We are pleased to confirm that a managed exit from water neutrality restrictions has been jointly developed through the new Sussex North Water Certification Scheme (SNWCS), which is now ready to launch.

However, we delayed the public launch of this scheme due to formal advice that a DEFRA announcement on Water Neutrality was expected on Friday 10 October. The Government's announcement regarding new homes development and water neutrality that was issued last night (8 October 2025) will have implications for the long-term strategic solution and the roll-out of our new scheme.

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Free Winter Warm Up events - calling all over 50s



Horsham District Council is inviting residents to get active, social and winter-ready at two free Winter Warm Up events this October. Everyone's welcome – but if you're over 50, these free events are especially for you.

The events will take place from 10.30am to 3.30pm on Tuesday 21 October at The Bridge Leisure Centre, Broadbridge Heath and Thursday 23 October at Chanctonbury Leisure Centre, Storrington. There will be free entry and parking, and free transport options are also available.

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Bramber Brooks Nature Reserve - key enhancements completed

An area of Bramber Brooks Nature Reserve has now been re-opened after habitat re-creation works have been completed by the Environment Agency working in collaboration with Horsham District Council.

The work has created a number of wetland ponds and shallow pools to provide varied wetland habitat for birds such as snipe and green sandpiper, as well as dragonflies and fish.

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[Enter your business into our Christmas Magic Displays Competition](#)



Businesses and charities from across Horsham District are being invited to express their interest to enter Horsham District Council's Christmas Magic Displays Competition, as part of its 'Buy Local Gift Happy' campaign this year.

The competition will celebrate the creativity and charm of festive windows and internal displays which help to make our towns and villages magical places to visit over the festive period.

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