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Horsham's Poppy Shop is declared open

Horsham District Council's Chairman Cllr Tony Bevis went along to the Royal British Legion's Poppy Shop on Saturday 25 October to lend a hand.

The Poppy Shop this year is in Swan Walk Shopping Centre in the town centre opposite Hobbs and is open from 10am to 4pm until 11 November.



Free Winter Warm Up events a great success

Aimed primarily at the over 50s, but open to anyone wanting to be more active and winter ready, the two-day events were a great success with some 300 local people attracted by the numerous taster activity sessions, health checks and healthcare advice on offer for free, as well as a delicious free hot lunch.

Packed with many taster sessions, from archery and aerobics to singing, dancing, short mat bowls, ballet and craft workshops, these fun-filled events were designed to appeal to people who wanted to try out something new, get involved in community activities, meet others and boost their health and wellbeing ahead of the winter months.

[Find out more](#)

Council lodges formal complaint to Planning Inspectorate

Horsham District Council has formally submitted a complaint to the Planning Inspectorate identifying a number of failings in the Inspector's decision letter which approved outline planning permission for 800 homes and sports and leisure facilities at the Horsham Golf and Fitness Club near Southwater, West Sussex.

It was due to these failings that the Council felt it necessary to initiate a judicial review challenging the Inspectorate's July 2025 ruling. Whilst 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 these errors 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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Horsham Town Council consultation - the results are in



Horsham District Council recently invited local residents, businesses and community groups to share their views in a two-part consultation on whether Horsham Town Centre should have a Town Council in the future.

The development of a town council would significantly affect how Horsham's Town Centre would be managed in the future.

[Find out more](#)

Top accolades for Horsham's iconic park



Horsham Park has secured three top accolades in the Royal Horticultural Society South and South-East In Bloom Awards for 2025.

Horsham District Council Cabinet Member for Wellbeing, Leisure and Culture Cllr David Skipp commented: "We must give huge thanks to all our Parks and Countryside officers, the Friends volunteers and other volunteering groups for their continued enthusiasm and dedication to the development and maintenance of the park to make it better and better every year.

"Our parks and open spaces are so key to help residents and visitors to maintain a healthy lifestyle and our park really is a jewel in the crown and a star attraction so near the town centre in the heart of our community."

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Thanks for coming to our Halloween Friday Late!



A huge thank you to everyone that braved the October weather and came out to see the fabulous Hocus Pocus Live Experience at our Friday Lates Halloween special. The energy, the music, the fantastic costumes...you brought the magic Horsham!

Special mention to all of you who were so creative with your outfits, you turned the town centre into a runway of spooky brilliance 🧛

We loved celebrating with you. Check out our website for details of the next Friday Lates special later this year.

Friday Lates

Horsham Remembers



A respectful act of remembrance will be marked this year at the War Memorial in Horsham's Carfax on Remembrance Sunday 9 November.

These events are organised in partnership with the Royal British Legion and are an opportunity to remember, commemorate and recognise the sacrifice of serving and civilian individuals who have ensured that the freedoms and way of life we treasure has been preserved.

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