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Curtain's down but the show will go on for The Capitol in Horsham



The Capitol Horsham has closed its doors on 4 January as it prepares for a major refurbishment – its first for over 20 years.

After the final performance of this year's record-breaking pantomime Robin Hood, The Capitol closed to commence a major refurbishment programme. The refurbishment will mark the start of a new chapter for one of the District's most loved cultural venues.

After the 10-month closure, people from across the Horsham District will be set to enjoy an improved theatre and cinema experience.

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Council announces community grant fund recipients in Billingshurst



Horsham District Council is delighted to announce the successful recipients of community grant funding as part of its Better Billingshurst Community Fund and Investment Programme.

The Programme, which was initiated in 2024 as part of the Council's commitment to pursue infrastructure and community benefits for the Parish of Billingshurst, will eventually see some £2.5 million being spent to deliver improved facilities that serve the residents and businesses of the Parish.

Community grant funding will be awarded to the following groups:

- Billingshurst Bowling Club – for green improvements
- Billingshurst Community Partnership - for its Open Gardens Project
- Billingshurst Primary Academy Bees - for its outdoor play area and learning scheme
- Billingshurst Primary Academy – to improve garden spaces
- Billingshurst Women's Hall – for playground upgrades and benches
- Horsham Matters – for mobile foodbank running costs
- The Weald Community School – to build upon its Greenpower Racing Team.

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Results are in for Council's leisure and wellbeing services survey - check them out!



Horsham District Council has completed a major public engagement initiative to inform the future of Horsham District's leisure and wellbeing facilities.

As part of preparations to renew its Leisure Services contract in 2027- a significant decision made only once every 15 years - the Council launched a district-wide survey and a series of focus groups to gather views from residents, schools, youth forums, community partners, and key stakeholders.

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Council set to recommend balanced budget with lowest Council Tax in Sussex

Senior councillors at Horsham District Council's Cabinet meeting on 21 January 2026 are expected to support proposals for a balanced financial and capital budget for the year ahead which will also deliver the lowest Council Tax charge in Sussex.

The proposed budget not only improves financial stability but also prioritises support for the most vulnerable residents, whilst investing in key capital projects.

Despite ongoing pressures as a result of inflation, the Council is on track to deliver a balanced budget for 2026/27, with a projected £1.6 million surplus which will be invested in an enlarged capital programme.

Thanks to ongoing prudent financial management and healthy reserves, the Council remains well-positioned to protect essential services, support those in need, and invest in projects that enhance the quality of life of residents across the Horsham District.

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Council visit to Mannings Heath Golf Club and Leonardslee Wine Estate



As part of a series of meetings with prominent local businesses, Horsham District Council's Business Charter Group and Cabinet Member for Climate Action and Nature Recovery, Cllr Colette Blackburn, recently visited Mannings Heath Golf Club and Leonardslee Wine Estate.

Located in the village of Mannings Heath, near Horsham, the estate is a diverse destination combining championship golf, English sparkling wine production, and high-quality hospitality and visitor experiences. Their vision is to harmoniously blend the traditions of golf and winemaking with innovative, sustainable practices.

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[Letter from Leader of Horsham District Council](#)

In response to the Government's suggestion on December 18 that local councils may not have the capacity to hold local elections in May 2026, as well as delivering vital reforms as part of the Local Government Reorganisation programme, Leader of Horsham District Council Councillor Martin Boffey has formally written to Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness Alison McGovern.

[Read the letter in full online](#)

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