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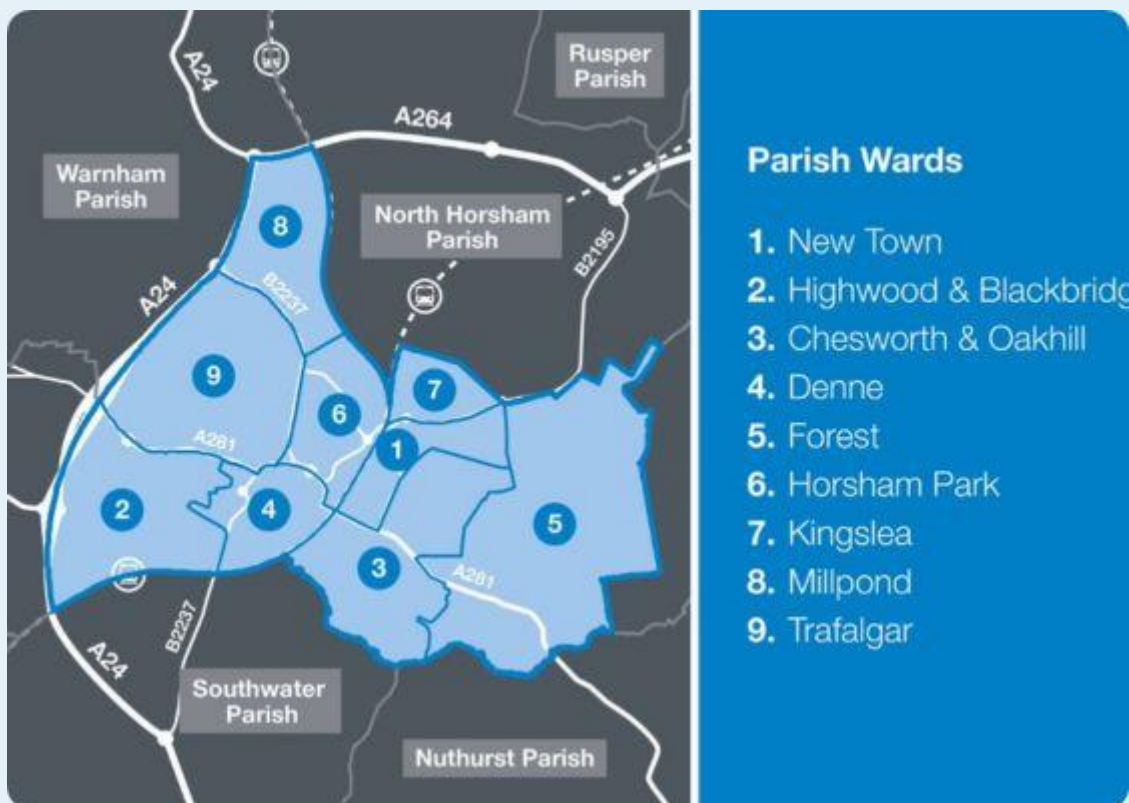


Residents of Horsham District are being reminded to register to vote in the run up to the West Sussex County Council and Horsham Parish Council elections on Thursday 7 May. There will also be a Horsham District by-election in the Itchingfield, Slinfold and Warnham ward.

Election results will be posted at the Horsham District Council offices and will be available online via the West Sussex County Council website and the Horsham District Council website, as they are declared on Friday 8 May.

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Introducing a new Parish Council for Horsham



At meetings during November 2025, Horsham councillors approved the creation of a new Horsham Parish Council. This new Parish Council will come into being on 1 April 2026, with elections for the 18 new parish councillors taking place on 7 May 2026.

It is then expected the new councillors will name the council Horsham Town Council. The new council has operated in a 'shadow' capacity from January until March 2026. During this period, the Shadow Council has begun to set up the structures, policies, and priorities that will allow the new Council to begin its work effectively once the new councillors take office.

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Council's innovative podcast series wins major community award



Horsham District Council is celebrating national recognition after winning bronze in the Tourism and Leisure Award at the 21st Community Rail Awards, for its 'Arun Valley Line: Beyond the Rails' project – a series of podcasts and short films which highlight the unique character of the local area, showcasing attractions, walks and community activities that visitors can easily reach by train.

The award-winning project was delivered collaboratively by Horsham District Council, Southeast Communities Rail Partnership and Whistlestop Arts, the creative expertise behind the initiative.

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Calling all market traders in Horsham District



The search is on for the Young Market Trader of the Year 2026, with the local heat of the national Young Traders Market competition set to return to Horsham town centre for another year on Sunday 28 June. Whether you are new to market trading or are an existing trader aged 16-30 years, you can apply now for this exciting competition. It is just £10 to enter with a gazebo and table provided.

Traders must be under the age of 31 on 26 August 2026 to be eligible to enter. Horsham's Young Traders Market will take place on West Street, organised by local market operator Coden Events in association with the National Market Traders Federation (NMTF) and supported by Horsham District Council.

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