



Welcome to the July 2026 edition of our Residents' eNewsletter.



At the AGM - Back row: Cllr Sam Raby, Cllr Jacob Taylor, Cllr Pete Morley. Front row: Cllr Andy Woolley, Cllr Nicholas Russell, Cllr Bella Sankey

£117m unlocked for Sussex

The Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority has unlocked a £117m funding boost for the region.

The money is secured over the next four years, with leaders set to focus on growing the economy, as reported at [the authority's first annual general meeting \(pictured\)](#).

The authority is currently run as a partnership between the three upper-tier councils (including West Sussex County Council) before a mayor is elected next year.

On the future of local councils in West Sussex, we were expecting a decision on reorganisation this month [but ministers have announced this is now deferred](#).

[Tune in to a meeting of Full Council tomorrow](#) (Friday 17 July) to hear more about West Sussex County Council business.

Future of local government



Summer of fun

Get ready for a whole summer of fun in West Sussex.

[Stroll upgraded footpaths across the county](#), now safer and more accessible.

[Explore by bus](#) with fare savings, free travel for children, and Book-a-Bus services.

[Visit a fire station open day](#) and find your local station on Facebook for more.

[Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge](#) and much more in our libraries.

[Enjoy the football World Cup finals](#) this weekend.

[See Experience Sussex](#) for things to do and what's on.

Stay safe in hot weather



Remembering Richard

Tributes are being paid to former West Sussex County Councillor Richard Burrett, who has died aged 57.

Richard devoted many years to public service including as Conservative member for Pound Hill electoral division in Crawley from 2009 to 2026.

Council Chair Cllr Donna Johnson remembered him as hard-working and much-loved.

Leader of the Conservative Group Cllr Paul Marshall said he will be greatly missed.

Tributes to Richard



Supporting unpaid carers

Our new strategy with the NHS for supporting unpaid carers has just been published.

Shaped by local carers themselves, it outlines the commitment we are making to better identify, involve and support carers and their health and wellbeing.

[See Carers Support West Sussex](#), email info@carerssupport.org.uk, or call 0300 028 8888 to find out more, access support, and get involved.

[Read more about the strategy](#)



Action on illegal trading

Our Trading Standards team is continuing to take action to protect West Sussex from rogue businesses.

[A shop in Crawley had its alcohol licence suspended](#) after officers found evidence of underage alcohol sales, unsafe travel adapters, and illegal disposable vapes.

[In Worthing, two men were sentenced for selling illegal tobacco products](#) that were found during an inspection concealed inside a fridge in the stockroom.

If you have concerns about illegal or undesirable trading activity, speak to us.

[Report to Trading Standards](#)



MenB vaccine for young people at risk

A MenB vaccine is on offer to Year 13 students and those under 25 due to start university or move into residential further education for the first time this autumn.

Appointments can be booked online, and walk-ins at local pharmacies will be available for a limited time from 20 July.

Eligible young people will need two doses for full protection, with a second in August. [Check eligibility.](#)

[Find out more and book online](#)

More news



[EPIC Awards](#): Young people, carers and community members celebrated achievements at our Exceptional People in Care Awards last month.

[Cygnet hatch!](#) A member of our Highways team played a key role in protecting a nesting pair of swans and their young near Arundel Castle.

[Connect to Work](#) is here to help you build confidence and find and keep a job that's right for you. See what's possible and watch the video.

[There's a greater risk of wildfires during hotter weather](#) and West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service has advice to prevent accidental fires, including [using BBQs safely](#).

[Float to live](#) is the RNLI advice for dealing with cold water shock. It's tempting to jump into rivers or the sea to escape the heat, but that can cause serious problems.

[Let's Save Water](#) is a national campaign to encourage us to use less water. It's backed by regulators and water companies. See how you can play your part.

Did you know?



There's still time to have your say on two schemes to improve walking and cycling routes in Horsham and Crawley.

[The proposals for Horsham](#) aim to address safety and congestion concerns along Comptons Lane and Bennetts Road close to The Forest School.

[The routes proposed between Crawley town centre and Manor Royal Business Park](#) are developed in response to growing pressure on the town's transport network.

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