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New games area and playground open at Highwood in Horsham



A brand-new playground and games area is now open at Highwood in Horsham, giving local children, young people and families more opportunities to play, stay active and enjoy the outdoors.

The Highwood Riverside Play Area and Multi-Use Ball Court form part of a wider programme of community improvements at the Highwood site, which will also include a community hall, two football pitches, changing rooms, public toilets and a small car park.

The play park features a large, landscaped play area with a fort, climbing frame, zipwire, basket swing, giant revolving disk and seating. This play area is suitable for children 11 years and under. The Highwood Ball Court is available for everyone to use.

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Changes to parish boundaries set to be discussed as part of Community Governance Review

The Council is putting forward a series of suggested changes to parish boundaries across the District as part of a Community Governance Review.

The Community Governance Review looked at existing parish boundaries and governance arrangements across the District. Residents and stakeholders were encouraged to engage via two, six-week consultations that were carried out earlier this year– the first from May until June 2026 and the second from July to September 2026.

Nearly 2,500 responses were received across the two consultations, helping to shape the proposals now being put forward.

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Better Billingshurst improvements move forward as residents invited to have their say

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Better Billingshurst

Have your say on open space
and play improvements



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Residents of Billingshurst are being invited to help shape new play, recreation and community spaces that will benefit people of all ages in Billingshurst. Proposed improvements that are set to be consulted on include new and more accessible play equipment, a pump track, new paths and seating.

The projects are designed to help create more welcoming places for children and young people to play, give residents more opportunities to be active and make popular recreation spaces easier for everyone to enjoy.

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Social rented homes planned for local people across Horsham District

Underused garage sites could become much-needed social rented homes, giving more local people a secure and genuinely affordable place to live.

Plans to build 22 new social rented homes on underused garage sites across Horsham District, providing much-needed affordable homes for local people, are set to go before the Council's Cabinet.

The development would provide a mix of one, two and three-bedroom homes and would be offered to eligible households on the Council's Housing Register when they are first completed and then each time they become available in the future.

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New upskilling opportunities for Horsham District businesses coming soon



Horsham District Council is pleased to be bringing back our popular Business Training Programme, with bookings opening this December.

Delivered by local experts, the programme invites District businesses to take part in a range of engaging, interactive workshops and 121 sessions, providing valuable knowledge, skills and development opportunities.

Bookings for workshops taking place early next year will open from Friday 4 December 2026, the week of Small Business Saturday. Businesses can also get involved immediately, with some support already available to book or access now.

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Council marks Battle of Britain anniversary in Horsham



The Battle of Britain anniversary was marked with a respectful act of remembrance in Horsham town centre on 15 September at the War Memorial. Horsham District Council's Chairman Cllr Joanne Knowles led a simple wreath laying ceremony with members of the Horsham Branch of the Royal British Legion and the Royal Observer Corps Association 2 Group Horsham. The Battle of Britain flag was raised.

Carers Enjoy Day of Relaxation and Wellbeing at Council Community Event



Carers from across the District were invited to take some well-earned time for themselves at our successful Carers Wellbeing Event last week.

Held at Henfield Leisure Centre on Wednesday, 9 September, the day brought together a range of free activities and support services and was designed to promote relaxation, wellbeing and social connection.

Organised by the Council's Health and Wellbeing team, carers were offered the opportunity to step away from their caring responsibilities and focus on their own physical and mental wellbeing in a welcoming and supportive environment.

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