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COMMUNITY UPDATES

Local Government Reorganisation - Latest Update

On 29th October, the government announced they had concluded their review of those authorities who are part of local government reorganisation. They announced they had remade five decisions on exactly the same basis as before with remaining areas which includes West Sussex - potentially obtaining a decision between now and early 2027.

The decisions that have been remade and those that will follow shortly will see shadow unitary elections in 2028 with vesting day in 2029, thus local District and Borough elections will take place in May 2027.

Mayoral election will not be brought forward and will take place in 2028 alongside shadow unitary elections.

Children and Young People - Safer Survey Sussex Police 2026

Sussex Police want to hear from young people across the County

- How safe do you feel in your local area, online, and when out with friends?
- They are inviting young people aged 13-18 to complete an anonymous survey to help understand their experiences and identify where improvements can be made to better support young people across Sussex.
- Survey open until mid-December
- https://orlo.uk/U3WaU

UP AND COMING BEAT SURGERIES

NOV 04

Wednesday 04 November 2026
10.00am to 11.00am
East Grinstead Library
32-40 West St, East Grinstead RH19 4EQ

NOV 17

Tuesday 17th November 2026
10:00am to 11.00am
Ashurstwood Village Council Office
22 ,Maypole Rd, Ashurst Wood, RH19 3QY

COMMUNITY UPDATES

Glen Vue Community Centre - Update

The newly merged Age UK West Sussex has closed its doors and WSCC are now in the midst of carrying out an Options Appraisal to determine the way forward once the Age UK lease officially ends next summer. Meanwhile a community group is in discussions with Age UK to occupy the building for the remainder of their lease term and has also registered an interest in the buildling with WSCC. This gives no commitment by the County Council but they will form part of a list of parties to engage with when the time comes.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

On Remembrance Sunday, East Grinstead will come together to remember those who gave us their todays so that we could have our tomorrows.

- Commemorations will begin at 10.00am at the War Memorial at East Court.
- At 10.30am the parade will assemble in King St and walk up London Rd to the War Memorial
- At 11am the service will begin to include 2 minutes silence
- Following the service the parade will continue along Church Lane
- Road Closures will be in place 10am to 12 noon

The Big Reveal & Christmas Lights Switch-on - 21st November

Celebrations will be underway from 4.30pm with the Christmas Tree and Lights switch on at 5pm. After this the Big Reveal will commence. Don't forget to vote for your favourite display on the town council website

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meet your Town Councillors

Meet your East Grinstead Town Councillors on the 19th September 2026, in Queens Walk from 10am

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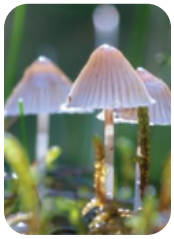
Armed Forces Community Project with Alliance for Better Care

Citizens Advice in West Sussex have recently started a referrals based service for those serving in the Armed Forces, Regulars and Reserves, Military Veterans and their immediate family. The advice will focus on Welfare and Benefits, debt and support with housing, mental health and employment. With Remembrance Sunday Services next week, it is important we recognise their contribution to the protection of this country and its citizens and are able to provide the support our Armed Forces and Veterans need.

Please email me at the email address on this Newsletter if you would like to be referred for this service, and I will put you in touch

Finding Fungi in East Grinstead's parks, lawns, churchyards and grass verges - the Waxcap Survey

Plantlife are encouraging all of us to spot Waxcap Fungi from now until late November and record your sightings using their free survey app. No specialist knowledge is needed. Please follow the link for more details: **https://www.plantlife.org.uk/waxcapwatch/**



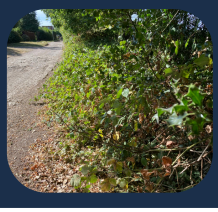
Windmill Lane Drainage and Road Surface Improvements - next steps

I have made enquiries at WSCC on the best approach we can take in getting the improvements, Windmill Lane so desperately needs, but there is a long list (over 100) other projects that all have merit and are vying for the limited resources available.

I am very keen to progress with this project and would like to hear from residents who would be interested in forming a committee with the task of:

- Putting together a proposal to WSCC
- Undertaking surveys of users of the lane
- Liaising with the local Schools and Nurseries

If anyone is interested, please email me and we can start to work towards improving Windmill Lane for everyone.



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Have Your Say: Proposals to amend the Traffic Regulation Order Bourg de Peage Avenue and Warburton Close

West Sussex Highways have now opened the public consultation with respect to the proposed amendments to the traffic regulation order concerning the School Keep Clear Lines, the new lengths of double yellow lines, a zebra crossing, and raised table.

The proposed amendments are part of a wider traffic calming scheme within the Warburton Close, Bourg de Peage Avenue area. The consultation will run from 29th October until **19th November**. To view the live document on the WSCC website, please click on the link below:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/traffic-regulation-orders/live-consultations-for-permanent-tros/mid-sussex-live-tro-consultations/

I would encourage any residents to submit their comments to **tro.consultation@westsussex.gov.uk** on or before 19th November 2026

East Grinstead Recycling Centre to close 2nd to 8th November

the Household Waste Recycling Site will close temporarily from Monday 2nd November to Sunday 8th November, reopening Monday 9th November to allow essential maintenance works to be carried out on the floor within the site's transfer station.

Surrey residents who normally access the East Grinstead site will need to source an alternative within Surrey such as the Earlswood Community Recycling Centre.

During the closure it will not be possible to book any appointments at the East Grinstead Recycling Centre until such time as the centre re-opens. To book at an alternative West Sussex site please click on the link below:

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/land-waste-and-housing/waste-and-recycling/recycling-and-waste-prevention/recycling-centres/book-to-recycle-booking-system