
Your Town and Parish Council News for September

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Have you checked out our Budget 2020/21 animation?

An animation outlining the financial pressures West Sussex County Council is facing is now live on the county council website.

You can find it on the [Budget 2020/21](#) web page, together with lots of information on the budget setting process for 2020/21. This includes the budget challenge we are facing, the national and local picture and the next steps for the county council.

Budget saving options currently being developed will go before the council's four scrutiny committees this autumn and then to a formal meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday 26 November. All these meetings will be [webcast](#) live.

Keep checking the [Budget 2020/21](#) web page for the latest information.



Have your say on electric vehicle infrastructure in West Sussex

Last year we conducted a survey asking residents, businesses and commuters what would help them make the switch to electric vehicles.

It showed lack of public charging points as a significant factor discouraging in residents not making the switch.

We've now produced a draft Electric Vehicle strategy taking into account those results and are consulting to seek additional views before it's formally adopted.

The consultation is open from **Tuesday 27 August – Tuesday 1 October** and anyone can take part by visiting the [Have Your Say consultation hub](#).

Feel free to share the consultation link with your residents and anyone else you believe may be interested in responding.

For further information on the consultation, please email Ruth O'Brien at sustainability@westsussex.gov.uk.



Countdown to deadline for your Community Winter Salt Audit submissions

This is a final reminder that the date to receive completed audits is Monday **16 September 2019** which is less than a month away.

For any audits received after 16 September, we will be unable to organise refilling or topping up your salt supplies.

The relevant documentation and completed audits need to be emailed to active.communities@westsussex.gov.uk.



Mia recycles in West Sussex

Mia recycles is a series of short videos to help West Sussex residents cut the confusion of recycling.

The videos will follow Mia around the home as she educates her family on which items can and cannot be recycled in the bathroom, the kitchen and on a takeaway night. Mia will be ending the series by visiting the Ford Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) to show what happens to recycling once it has been collected.

Starting from Sunday 1 September the videos can be watched from the @WSRecycles [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) accounts with a new video added every Sunday until 6 October.

You can find the videos and information on recycling in West Sussex by visiting the [Mia recycles webpage](#). Please share with your residents to help share the messages.



Could you be a West Sussex County Councillor?

Ahead of the next election in May 2021 the County Council is planning a series of events for people to find out more about the role of a County Councillor.

The first event has been arranged for **23 October 2019, 6pm to 8pm at County Hall North in Horsham**. This is for people who are thinking of standing for election to find out more about the role and hear from the Local Government Association (LGA), current County Councillors and officers.

Numbers for the event are limited to 65 so those wishing to attend will need to register in advance via this [link](#). To find out more you can watch a video of the Chairman of the County Council talking about her role via this [link](#) or you can find out more from our 'Be a Councillor' website.

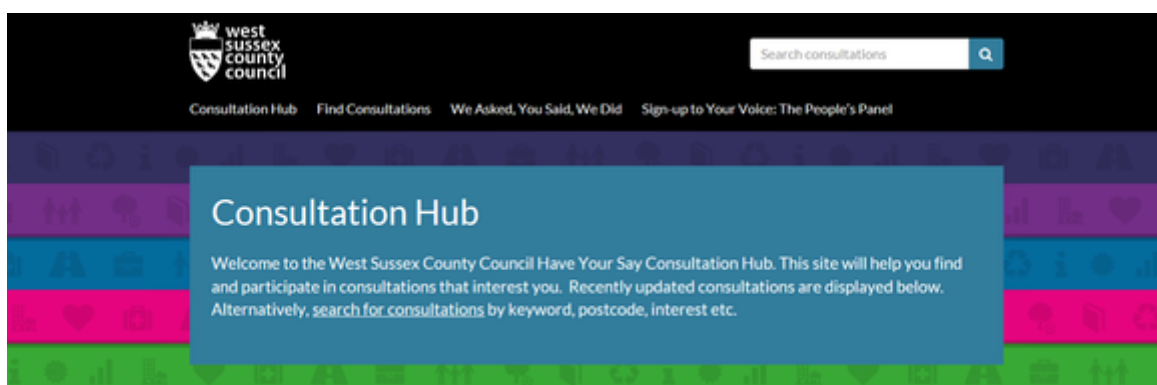
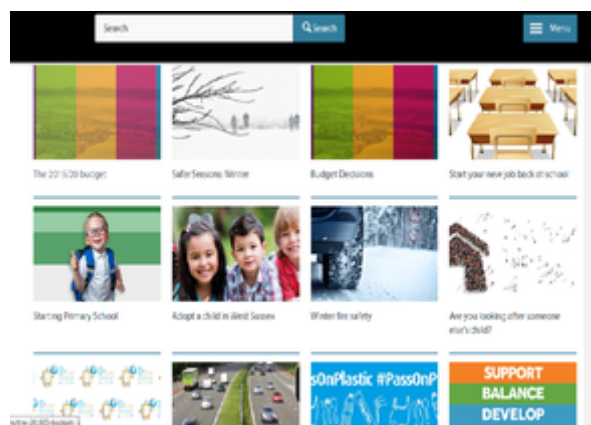
If you have any questions regarding this event please contact Amanda Drinkwater in Democratic Services: amanda.drinkwater@westsussex.gov.uk.

Our latest communication campaigns

Take a look at three of our latest communication campaigns:

- [Budget 2020/21](#)
- [Brexit](#)
- [Home Fire Safety](#)

Feel free to share these links, and the information contained within, to help keep your residents updated and informed.



Have your say on local issues that affect you

Have your say on matters that affect you and your local communities - and get your residents to do the same - by visiting our **Have Your Say Consultation Hub**. From major road schemes and Joint Area Action Plans, to premises licence applications and safeguarding in our schools; we want to hear your residents' views to help shape future policy and decisions.

Our current consultations are:

- [Proposed changes to care and support at home](#)

[Go to the Have Your Say Consultation Hub](#) for details of all of our current consultations.

Your Voice: The People's Panel

Alternatively, encourage your residents to join **Your Voice: The People's Panel** where they'll be regularly consulted about a number of important local issues. Once registered they'll receive links to surveys, reports and outcomes and occasionally links to other public surveys.



[Find out more information and subscribe here.](#)



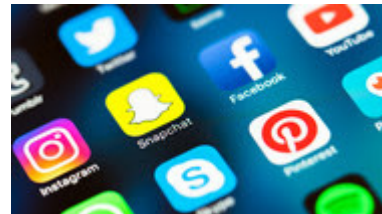
Get in touch!

If you have any questions about what you've read, or you'd like to share some of the work your town or parish council is doing for us to highlight in future newsletters, email us at:

townandparishcouncilnews@westsussex.gov.uk

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Do you have an event coming up?



If you would like to promote an event in your area you can use the [events calendar](#) on our website.

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