

Parish Council Report – June

Reduce Food Waste

How composting can reduce food waste

Apart from not producing it in the first place, composting is the next best way to deal with food waste. By composting at home, food waste is diverted from other forms of treatment, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transport. Plus, the resulting compost improves soil health - a win for your garden!



St Marks Church in Horsham took part in our Hot Bin trial in 2022 and are still seeing the benefits of community composting today.

“The vicarage food waste is going down, as by collecting it they are more aware of what they were wasting and I know that this is the experience of others when they start collecting food waste.” [Read more about their project here.](#)

This summer, please dispose of barbecues responsibly

If you're firing up the barbecue this summer, please follow the advice from West Sussex Fire and Rescue and ask 'Has it bin long enough?' before you throw the ash or disposable barbecue in your household refuse bin.



Leave your barbecue to cool down for several hours. If it sizzles, it's still too hot to be binned!

Disposable barbecues have caused fires in our waste collection vehicles.

[Barbecue fire safety](#)

Summer opening hours at the Recycling Centres

All Recycling Centres in West Sussex are on their summer opening hours schedule until 30 September, which means they're open until 6pm rather than 4pm.

Check opening days and book your appointment on the West Sussex County Council website.

[Recycling centres](#)



Energy Saving Plan Builder

HDC have worked with Chichester District Council and Parity Projects to provide a new free-to-use online tool for Horsham District and Chichester District residents.

The tool can help you to:

- make changes to your home to reduce the amount of energy you use
- make your home more comfortable to live in
- reduce your carbon emissions



Simply put in your postcode, choose your address and your goal and suitable energy-saving measures will be suggested for you along with average costs for the works.

Further details on this new online tool can be found [here](#):

Museum Lates return for summer 2025

Horsham Museum and Art Gallery is delighted to announce that it is once again hosting its late evening openings for 2025 giving you the chance to explore its exhibitions out of hours and enjoy live entertainment and refreshments.

The summer schedule will continue as follows:

- Friday 18 July – Sloth in the City – a Brighton Jazz Duo
- Friday 15 August – Lianna does Vintage – celebrating 80th anniversary of VJ Day with 50s and 60s music
- Friday 12 September – Steel Tribe – steel music from Brighton.



Love Parks Week

As part of this year's national 'Love Parks Week' campaign, Horsham District Council is encouraging everyone to get out and about and enjoy all that our local parks and green spaces have to offer.

This year Love Parks Week is being celebrated in Horsham from **Saturday 26 July to Wednesday 30 July** from 9.30am to 4.00pm. The Council will be supporting the national Keep Britain Tidy sponsored campaign by offering a packed programme of activities at several of its most attractive and popular green spaces across the District.

Starting on 26 July children and families will be able to participate in a wide range of free and low-cost activities designed to appeal to all abilities and interests.

The amazing Fabularium live theatre team are back with a selection of shows, telling tales to music and singing. There will be nature themed arts and crafts where you can make a miniature garden, create bird wood cookies, whittle your own plant stake or decorate your own nature inspired wood tile.

Events will take place at the following venues:

Saturday 26 July – Bennetts Field, Horsham

Sunday 27 July – Fletchers Croft, Steyning

Monday 28 July – Leechpool Woods, Horsham

Tuesday 29 July – Henfield Common

Wed 30 July – Southwater Country Park.

This year, please do check our website as for some sessions pre-booking is essential and small charges do apply.

For more information and to book for events and activities please go to:

www.horsham.gov.uk/loveparksweek

