

Parish Council Report – May

Meeting with HDC

As requested by the Parish Council, I approached HDC to ask for a meeting with officers about traveller sites in the parish. I am pleased to say that they have agreed to a meeting and have asked for a suitable date. I would of course be happy to be part of the meeting. If you would like me to attend, I don't work on Wednesdays, so any time avoiding school drop off/pick up would be fine.

Abandoned Car

Please be advised that I have reported the abandoned car on Cross Lane to Operation Crackdown. I understand that it can take some time for them to deal with abandoned vehicles but I will keep an eye on the situation and chase up with HDC if nothing happens.

Crackdown on Litter

You may remember that I mentioned last month about problems we have been experiencing with litter and that the Council were looking at ways to tackle it.

Recently, a joint operation to crackdown on illegal trade vehicles took place near the A264 on the outskirts of Horsham, exposing a high number of illegally operating commercial vehicles.



An enforcement day exercise involved Horsham District Council, working in partnership with Sussex Police, the Environment Agency, the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and West Sussex County Council. Several vehicles were stopped and checked for waste carriers licenses, valid driving licenses, insecure loads, defective tyres and general roadworthiness.

In recent years Horsham District Council has worked hard to tackle environmental crime such as fly tipping and general road safety. We will continue to carry out enforcement days in an effort to reduce fly tipping, ensure loads are secure and not littered onto our roads, and generally improve road safety for the benefit of our residents and the local environment.

The Council is asking that if road users or members of the public spot offenders littering or fly tipping they should report incidents to them by going to their website at: <https://www.horsham.gov.uk/waste-recycling-and-bins>

where you can report fly tipping, littering (to include dashcam footage if you have it) and you can also check if a tradesperson has a waste carriers licence.

Consultation: Town Council

Horsham District Council is asking how you would like to see Horsham town centre managed in the future – and it is an important time to share your views.

Moving to a large Unitary Authority means the future of facilities such as the current HDC managed bandstands, the War Memorial, Hills Farm Cemetery, the Museum and Art Gallery, its community halls, Horsham Park, and its allotments would be decided by a large organisation possibly not based in the Horsham area.

Horsham town is unique in Horsham District, in that many services and community facilities that are otherwise managed by parish councils, are managed by HDC. A newly formed Horsham Town Council could however take over running these services.

Click the button below to find out more and share your views.

[Have your say](#)



Housing Pressures

Horsham District Council is set to tackle the pressures on local housing by developing a new housing strategy, Homes for Tomorrow – Shaping the Future Together. As part of this we are holding a Housing Summit, including residents and housing providers, in order to identify and discuss local housing issues and work collaboratively on finding solutions.

The new strategy will focus on providing the right homes for those who need them, increasing the number of affordable homes, and addressing homelessness in the District.

[Read More Online](#)



Friday Lates

Friday Lates are back!

Horsham's popular Friday Lates live music and food entertainment nights are returning for the spring and summer of 2025.

Organised by Horsham District Council and Food Rocks Markets, the events take place every Friday night from 6pm to 8pm throughout June, July and August this year at the Horsham Carfax Bandstand.

This year's line-up is more varied than ever and as always the events are completely free to attend. Friday Lates start on 6 June.



[View Schedule](#)

Horsham FC Celebration

Horsham District Council is delighted to be joining forces with Horsham Football Club to stage a very special evening of live entertainment and celebration in Horsham's Carfax on 30 May to recognise the team's recent victories, winning the Isthmian Premier Division and the Sussex Senior Cup.

The event will be a precursor to the popular Friday Lates, which start on 6 June, and it will take place between 6pm and 8pm with the usual wide range of local food stalls on offer for all to enjoy.

As well as the live entertainment, food and drink, the club's players and officials will be on the Carfax Bandstand with their trophies.

Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy the celebrations sporting their Horsham Football Club kit if possible. Some food vendors will be offering discounts for those wearing the club's football shirt. The club will also have their own stall selling merchandise and promoting season ticket sales.



May Half Term Activities

Horsham Museum & Art Gallery

May Half-Term Children's Crafts

Tuesday 27 May - Friday 30 May

Come and visit the museum this May half-term for another week of crafting. Our theme this May will be Brilliant Bugs - join us as we



make crafts inspired by some of the amazing tiny creatures that live in our museum garden!

Bookworms Children's Trail

Tuesday 20 May - Saturday 28 June

The museum has been taken over by a group of bookworms! Search the museum for bookworms and learn about some of their favourite fun facts in our new children's trail. Taking part in the trail is free.



The Gallery at Horsham Museum

Saturday 5 April - Saturday 5 July

Visit the gallery from 5 April to discover a new collection of paintings from talented local artists. All artworks are available to buy alongside a selection of prints and greetings cards by the featured artists.



[Find out more](#)

Parks & Countryside

Sunset Session at Southwater Country Park

Thursday 29 May, 6pm - 8pm

As the sun sets join us for a relaxed evening in the park including live music from Paul Stanworth, cold drinks and a Pimm's bar, hot and cold food and evening watersports hire.



This is the first of four FREE sessions taking place on the last Thursday of the month from now till August. More details of our next acts will be released soon.

Children's Fun Sessions in Horsham Park

Tuesday 27 May - Thursday 28 August, 2pm and 3.15pm

Our children's fun sessions are free 45-minute children's entertainment shows on Horsham Park Podium.

Shows are every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 2pm and 3.15pm during the May half-term and summer school holidays.

There is no need to book - just turn up and enjoy.



Pond Dipping at Warnham Local Nature Reserve

Wednesday 28 May, 10.15am - 2.45pm

Our ever popular pond dipping event is back for half-term. Sessions will be held throughout the day, starting at 10.15am and finishing with the 2.45pm session.

Children are FREE, adults pay the normal entry fee.

Book in person at the Visitor Centre or call 01403 756238



Pop-Up In The Park at Bennetts Field

Wednesday 28 May, 1pm - 3pm

Pop-Up In The Park is coming to Bennetts Field this May half-term! Simply pop along for an afternoon of hunts, quizzes, arts and crafts and garden games!



Den Building at Leechpool Woods

Friday 30 May, 10am - 12pm

Come join the gang and help create a den in the woods!

In this two hour session, you'll be in a small team tasked with building and decorating the best den of the day. Our leaders from Wonderbugs Forest School, will be there to help, but everyone will be expected to get stuck in.

This session is for children aged 8 and over.

[Book now](#)

