

Horsham Forest Neighbourhood Council (Horsham FNC) is one of three Neighbourhood Councils that represent the unparished area of Horsham. Our enthusiastic volunteers are non-political, but we all share a keen commitment to understanding what goes on in our Neighbourhood. Meetings take place on the third Monday evening of each month and members of the public are always welcome to attend. You may be considering becoming a Councillor too! Invitations to join our current remote meetings (Zoom) are sent through our email address fnchorsham@sky.com but please just turn up when we return to Salvation Army Hall. Learn more from our website or follow us on social media.

Neighbourhood Plan Referendum

Your Town, Your Vision, Your Voice

After years of hard work, the Neighbourhood Plan for the unparished area of Horsham (initiated by the Denne, Forest & Trafalgar Neighbourhood Councils) has been agreed by an independent government inspector as sound. The Plan will help to ensure the character of the town is maintained and green spaces are protected while aiming to improve its prosperity and make Horsham a better place for all ages and abilities. To come into effect the Plan has to be approved by the people and businesses of Horsham who are eligible to vote. We expect the referendum to be held in February 2022. For more information visit www.horshamblueprint.org



Horsham Blueprint

Making a plan for Horsham

20's Plenty for Us

We have begun to engage with this international campaign group which helps communities investigate and introduce 20 mph speed limits across their areas. New Street residents will remember that a previous application in 2019 was unsuccessful and not chosen. We are currently considering re-applying in 2022. Please contact us at fnchorsham@sky.com if you have any questions or speed concerns on your street.

20's Plenty



Where people are

20's Plenty for Us campaign for 20mph in the school zone and for other and village streets where people live, work, shop, play and learn.
www.20spleenty.org

Riverside Walk



Horsham FNC is delighted to have been a sponsor for this annual event which raised £2,860.37 for Parkinson's UK Horsham. Those who regularly walk around the Bens Acre area will have seen the newly constructed bridge over the ditch adjacent to Bens Acre paid for by Horsham FNC which replaced the rotten timber planks.

Potholes!

It seems like there's always another pothole causing problems. Currently, the recent inadequate "repair" in Brighton Road is on the agenda. Horsham FNC is hoping that repeated surface dressing will seal any cracks. If you have any areas of concern, please report and provide details: <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/>. Importantly, if a pothole is an immediate risk to public safety, phone 01243 642105. You can report an emergency 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Spotlight on Planning at



Horsham District Local Plan in Forest

Horsham District's Local Plan has been significantly delayed after being asked by Natural England to consider 'water neutrality' and the impact of water usage by all new developments. One of the smaller sites included for development is at Hornbrook Farm. If development goes ahead, HFNC hope to encourage the developer to create a new section of the Riverside Walk along the farm's boundary, filling in an important gap in the walk.

The Role of Horsham FNC in Planning

Horsham FNC is one of a number of organisations consulted on every planning application in its area by HDC. If you would like to discuss yours or another planning application before we respond please contact us.

Horsham Speedwatch

Horsham FNC has a mobile speed camera available for use in its area by Community Speedwatch, but we desperately need volunteers. Please consider if you have time to become involved in this initiative. A Horsham FNC Councillor has accepted the voluntary role to be the Administrator for Sussex Police. Volunteers are sought particularly for the Kerves Lane area. Please contact us at fnchorsham@sky.com to pass on your interest to Community Speedwatch.



Our Neighbourhood Wardens

Two Neighbourhood Wardens cover the whole of the unparished area, although there is a current vacancy. The wardens undertake a number of activities regarding community development, working with the elderly, vulnerable, young people and schools. They carry out high visibility foot patrols in the town and recreational areas to deter crime and anti-social behaviour. The scheme is funded by the Special Charge and they are managed by Horsham District Council, working closely with the Neighbourhood Councils to set priorities. Please look out for their "Talking Tent" initiative. Contact Warden Maria Colenso on 07795051561.



Ayshe Court Lakes:



The new dog bin at Ayshe Court Lakes on Depot Road

Many thanks to all the volunteers who continue to work hard to keep this beautiful haven in good order. It's disappointing that these volunteers are having to dispose of carelessly abandoned "dog black bags". To try to alleviate this unpleasant task, we have arranged for a new dog bin to be placed at Depot Road entrance.

We need you! Can you help?

Are you interested in or concerned about the neighbourhood where you live?

Horsham FNC has vacancies for volunteers who care about where they live and who can contribute time, enthusiasm and experience. Neighbourhood Councillors must be resident in our neighbourhood and of voting age. We shall be pleased to hear from you if you are interested in finding out more. For further information about the role please contact the clerk by email at fnchorsham@sky.com. We suggest that you come along to one of our monthly meetings (held on the third Monday of each month) currently meeting remotely via Zoom and returning soon to the Salvation Army Hall, Horsham.

Next meetings:

Monday, 13, December 2021

Monday, 20, January 2022

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