

Horsham Forest Neighbourhood Council (Horsham FNC) is one of the three neighbourhood councils that represent the unparished area of Horsham. Our enthusiastic, elected volunteer councillors, who don't take political positions, all share a deep commitment to understanding our neighbourhood

and its community. Meetings take place on the third Monday of each month at the Salvation Army Hall, Booth Way, RH13 5PZ, at 7:30 PM. Members of the public are always welcome, and we currently have councillor vacancies. Email [fnchorsham@sky.com](mailto:fnchorsham@sky.com) to attend or just turn up - we'd love to meet you!

### Queen's Green Canopy



As part of the late Queen's Green Canopy Jubilee project, Horsham FNC, along with the Friends of Bennetts Field group, met and planted an oak tree in Bennett's Field on Sunday 27 November 2022, near to where a diseased Ash had to be felled. Please enjoy watching this tree grow!

### Hedge trimming letters

We have started writing to residents with hedges overhanging pavements and the public highway to prompt them to cut back. If you see a dangerous or overhanging hedge send us a message at [fnchorsham@sky.com](mailto:fnchorsham@sky.com) and we will help.



### Voter ID now required

Following a change in the law, anyone voting at a polling station now needs to show photographic ID. We urge our residents to be ready for local elections on 4 May 2023, by checking that you have an acceptable form of ID. Scan above or visit: [www.horsham.gov.uk/news/2023/01/horsham-district-residents-need-photo-id-to-vote-at-elections-in-may](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/news/2023/01/horsham-district-residents-need-photo-id-to-vote-at-elections-in-may).



## Meet some of our Councillors and consider joining us!

### Could you spend a few hours each month representing your neighbourhood?

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. Please come to our of our

meetings if you are interested in finding out more. For further information about the role please email our clerk at: [fnchorsham@sky.com](mailto:fnchorsham@sky.com).

### Neighbourhood Elections 15 June 2023

Neighbourhood councils elections will be held on Thursday 15 June 2023, only held if the number of nominations exceed the number of seats.

#### Diane Sumpter, Chair

*"I enjoy speaking on behalf of our area in local consultations, champion our green spaces and provide a local voice on matters impacting Horsham."*



#### Graham Sitton

*"I'm particularly interested in our roads and active travel. Also as a member of Speedwatch, I often raise community safety in our decisions, discussions and responses."*



#### Charles Puckle

*"As a professional engineer with children on SEN placement, I give back to the community by devoting time to infrastructure issues."*



# 1m<sup>2</sup> Mini-meadows



## One Square Metre (1m<sup>2</sup>) Wildflower Mini-meadow Challenge with FREE seeds

Create areas of wildflower mini-meadow in your own gardens with free packets of UK-sourced seed suitable for our heavy clay soil.

We will be distributing free seed packs to local primary schools and have 1,000 packets available at local collection points within the Forest Neighbourhood area.

At the end of the growing season, please submit photos of your mini-meadow for the chance to win prizes in several categories.

For more information, or to find out how to get your seeds visit: [www.forestnchorsham.org.uk/1m2](http://www.forestnchorsham.org.uk/1m2), or scan the QR code with your smartphone camera.



### Get started now!

While you wait for your seeds, you can begin by marking out your 1m<sup>2</sup> plot and start prepping the soil by removing current growth. No fertiliser is necessary for these native seeds.



# Our local roads

## Potholes!

While West Sussex Highways maintenance crews have been making repairs. Please continue to report them via [www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online/).

## Queen Street

We are pressing HDC for a solution to pavement parking outside Queens Street shops. Currently HDC is looking at landscaping improvements and is in discussions with WSCC to provide bollards to prevent inconsiderate parking.

## 20 is Plenty in Forest

We previously supported the Horsham 20 is Plenty campaign, [facebook.com/20Horsham](https://facebook.com/20Horsham) and are aware of a new petition. Meanwhile we have been consulting with our local WSCC Councillors on a new scheme for the area.



## Electric vehicle (EV) chargepoints

We recently learned that the proposed on-street EV chargepoints for Clarence Road and St. Leonard's Road have been rejected due to a negative local response. We will be engaging with both HDC and WSCC to propose alternative locations for chargepoints in our area.

## Speedwatch volunteers needed!

Horsham FNC has a mobile speed camera available for use in its area by Community Speedwatch, but we desperately need volunteers. E-mail [fnchorsham@sky.com](mailto:fnchorsham@sky.com) to pass on your interest to our Community Speedwatch contact.



# Planning Matters



Horsham District Council

Horsham FNC reviews and comments on all applications in our area. Residents with concerns are welcome to contact us or come to one of our meetings to discuss a planning application near them.

## YMCA All Weather Football Pitch

Discussed at our recent meeting, we have raised the issue of a potential increase in traffic and parked cars at more frequent matches.

## Brighton Road 5G Mast

We objected to a new 5G mast being erected at Tanyard Close, asking for a more suitable location further from homes. While permission was refused, the applicant has appealed.

# Meetings and contacts

## Next meetings:

Monday, 17 April 2023  
Monday, 15 May 2023  
Monday, 19 June 2023\*  
Monday, 17 July 2023  
\*subject to election

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