



Volunteers needed



Horsham Forest Neighbourhood Council is non-statutory and non-political, but our Councillors are enthusiastic and interested in local affairs. Our website, www.forestnchorsham.org.uk,

is up-to-date and will show what is being discussed and achieved each month. If you are able to consider volunteering, contact our Clerk via the email address, fncchorsham@sky.com. But importantly, we always welcome members of the public to attend our meetings – the third Monday of each month, 7.30 p.m. at the Salvation Army Hall, Booth Way, Horsham.

Queen Street Improvements

For many years FNC raised concerns about the pavements, parking on the forecourt and general appearance outside the Queen Street parade of shops. Following consultation on various solutions suggested by both HDC and West Sussex, FNC is pleased to



report that, improvements works are now underway, and may even be complete when this newsletter arrives.

St. Leonard's Road Post Box



In 2022, Royal Mail removed the post box outside the

former St. Leonard's Stores at the request of the current owners with no plan to install a replacement. However, after considerable and lengthy correspondence between FNC and Livemore (agents), Royal Mail agreed to install a new box but at their choice of site, by Dickins Way. Perhaps it is not a preferred siting, but we hope it continues to be a valued resource for you.

Thinking Green



Wildflower meadows

As residents will recall, in Spring 2023, FNC purchased wildflower seed packets for local primary schools. Many school-children took the opportunity to create their own little meadows, including wildflowers pictured above.

New Street planters

Horsham District Council recently tidied up the planters outside New Street Butchers. Volunteers are currently being sought for regular weeding. If interested, please email us at fncchorsham@sky.com

Electric vehicle charge points

On-street charging points are being rolled out across Horsham and West Sussex including in the Forest Neighbourhood. Charging sites include;

Brighton Road
Higgins Way (Bennetts Field)

Highways matters

West Sussex Officer visit



Highways matters are one of the most common issues raised with us. Whether it is potholes, digging up roads, speed of traffic or inadequate signage, we take these issues very seriously. The WSCC Highways officer recently attended one of our meetings and we now have a monthly dialogue with him.

Potholes

These appear out of nowhere and get deeper and more dangerous by the day. We continue to spend a lot of time reporting potholes and monitoring the repairs. The address for online reporting to WSCC is www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-pothole-online.

State of roads

FNC also raises concerns about the general state of the roadways. Although there are many that we champion, Comptons Lane roundabout, Comptons Lane, Brighton Road and Harwood Road down to the railway station are important through roads.

Electronic bus stop screens

We know there are many sites where residents would like electronic display screens. FNC has put forward various sites and we understand that a display screen will be installed in McLeod Road. FNC will again apply for further screens when the second tranche of money is available.

Neighbourhood Wardens

You will have seen our Neighbourhood Wardens, Maria Colenso and newly appointed Oscar Johnson either walking or cycling around our Neighbourhood. Maria and Oscar are part of the HDC Community Safety Team and are supporting the needs of Forest Neighbourhood residents through engagement, promotion and support. They describe their role as being an effective eyes and ears service that aims to reduce the fear of crime and improving quality of life. Maria and Oscar welcome interaction with you as they travel around our neighbourhood.

Telephone: 07795 051561 (Maria Colenso)

Email: Horsham.NeighbourhoodWardens@horsham.gov.uk

In an emergency always dial 999.



Is '20 is Plenty' for Forest?

The campaign for 20 mph speed limits is gaining momentum in urban districts and generally speaking, has more central and local government support across England.

We are now asking residents for their general views about introducing 20 mph speed limits within the area bounded by Harwood Road, Comptons Lane, St. Leonard's Road, Brighton Road and the railway lines. Please email comments to fnchorsham@sky.com. We also expect to conduct further consultation later this year.

We are conscious that our previous bid for 20 mph in New Street was unsuccessful, but new guidance from West Sussex Highways means future bids may have a greater chance.



i-Rock Horsham District

Are you or anyone in your household aged 14 - 25 and need to talk? i-Rock Horsham District is a support and advice hub for young people living in West Sussex. i-Rock Horsham District is located on Hurst Road, at Hurst Café (formerly Horsham Youth Centre). Drop in, Telephone 01403 885333, or get in touch by email at irockwestsussex@spft.nhs.uk.

Southern Water priority register

The water failure at Hardham Water Works in May 2023 highlighted a problem where residents with special circumstances or needs were unable to easily access bottles of water. Sign-up to the Priority Services Register online at www.southernwater.co.uk or you can telephone 0800 027 0900, quoting your Southern Water payment reference.