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Wakehurst in Ardingly, Haywards Heath - home to the Millennium Seed Bank  
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## Welcome to the latest edition of Mid Sussex Matters.

In Mid Sussex, 41% of household waste by weight is food waste and this has a hugely negative environmental impact, creating greenhouse gases when it breaks down. To address this, we will become the first District in West Sussex to trial weekly food waste collections as part of an enhanced rubbish and recycling service. Around 3,000 households across three collection areas will be asked to take part in this trial from April.

The evidence from other areas of the country is that food waste collections can dramatically increase recycling and reduce waste. Mid Sussex residents work extremely hard to recycle their waste and are keen to recycle more. 55% of respondents to a resident consultation in 2018 asked to be able to recycle food waste and this trial is a direct response to that feedback. If the trial is successful, we hope to be able to roll the service out to the whole District in 2021.

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area and one of the ways in which the Council seeks to play its part is to maintain quality green parks and open spaces for residents and visitors alike. We have identified funding to improve four of the larger parks in the District and landscape architects have been appointed to create plans.

We are also fortunate to have huge numbers of residents who go out of their way to help others and run community projects. This edition contains an overview of the grants we awarded last year but that is only part of the story. While we are very proud to help, we recognise that they would never happen without the time, enthusiasm and commitment of the residents involved. Thank you!

**Jonathan Ash-Edwards**  
Leader of Mid Sussex District Council



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# TAKE THE LEAD ON HEALTHY WALKING

Join our friendly team of walks leaders!

Mid Sussex District Council organises a range of free healthy walks in locations right across the district which are part of the national Walking for Health scheme. The walks are co-ordinated by the Council's Park Rangers but the majority of walks are actually led by a team of volunteers. Volunteers allow the Council to provide even more free Healthy Walks that cater to a wider range of abilities.

Healthy Walks offer participants a great way to stay in shape and enjoy the beautiful Mid Sussex countryside. Medical studies show that regular walkers have a lower incidence of cancer, heart disease, diabetes and many other killer diseases. In addition, walkers live longer and enjoy a better standard of mental health.



We are particularly keen to recruit walk leaders for our lower level walks. These include Level 1 walks from Age UK centres in Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath, plus Level 1 & 2 walks in Lindfield and East Grinstead. These shorter walks are for less than an hour, so there would not be a huge time commitment. Of course, we would welcome volunteers to lead our longer walks too if that's where your interest lies.

**Join us for a free training course which will take place in Haywards Heath on Wednesday 13th May and will cover the health benefits of walking, and all the skills that are needed to plan a route and lead a Healthy Walk.**



## Can you help our PlayDays?

Each year since 2009 thousands of parents, carers and children have enjoyed our free Play Day events in Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath. Our 2020 theme, Love your Planet, will inspire activities including

- woodland puppet shows and wildwood tales
- conservation and recycling activities
- green art activities.

All alongside the fun of bouncy castles, slides, sport activities and the Sensory bus.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Are you a local company or business who could help? All extra funds go directly to more fun and activities for the Play Days.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?

Please contact [Sally.blackmore@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:Sally.blackmore@midsussex.gov.uk) or call 01444 477057

**This year's Play Days take place on 28, 29 and 30 July.**

For more information about the training course or to book a place please contact the Park Rangers on 01444 477561 or email [rangers@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rangers@midsussex.gov.uk).

More information about our Mid Sussex Healthy Walks scheme and the current walks programme can be found at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/healthywalks](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/healthywalks)

# Your Council Tax

Your Council Tax goes to fund a huge range of vital services in your area. Each Council Tax bill lists the different organisations which provide your services and details their element of the bill.

Recently published rates for 2020/2021 give the expected increase and an idea of what this means for a Band D (average rated) property.

**Sussex Police, 5.3% increase, £10 for the year**

**West Sussex County Council, 4.0% increase, £55.17 for the year**

**Mid Sussex District Council 3%, £4.95 for the year**

**With an additional section from your particular Town or Parish Council.**

For each £1 of Council Tax this means a Band D property pays to each authority

**Mid Sussex District Council – 9p in each £1**

**Sussex Police – 11p in each £1**

**Town / Parish Council – 4p in each £1 (on average)**

**West Sussex County Council – 76p in each £1**

Council tax funds  
**16p for every £1** which  
MSDC spends or invests.

Full details at  
[www.midsussex.gov.uk/about-us/our-finances](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/about-us/our-finances)



## Open 4 Business

Join us at this year's Open4Business Expo event which brings the entire business community together, from sole traders to SMEs, consultants to corporates and business associations to Government Depts.

Designed to support and connect companies, this event will ensure you have the right tools, knowledge and support to get ahead in 2020.

**Visitor tickets are FREE. Book your exhibition slot for just £75 & VAT**

Thu, 26 March 2020 3-6.30pm  
South of England Showground, Ardingly

## Keeping you informed

We want to keep you up to date with all the projects and activities in your community.

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Please email [msm@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:msm@midsussex.gov.uk) to receive the specification when it is issued.



# Join the GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

Why not join one of the local #CommunityCleanups in our district and be part of the nationwide Great British Spring Clean?

Mid Sussex District Council is supporting this year's 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign and have increased our stock of litter picking equipment which is free to loan including smaller fun 'Graptor pickers' for children to make litter picking fun.

## Find an Event

You can find a Spring Clean event near you by visiting the 'Keep Britain Tidy' website, following the Great British Spring Clean tab and entering your postcode. Alternatively contact your local town/parish council for details of litter-picking events.

## Arrange an Event

Whether you are a community group, school or a few local residents who would like to clear up your local street, verge, park, hedgerow or woodland please get in touch to borrow our equipment at [wastematters@midsex.gov.uk](mailto:wastematters@midsex.gov.uk) or call 01444 447700. You can do this at any time, but if you are taking part in the Spring Clean event visit the Keep Britain Tidy website [www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved](http://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved) and register it!

Year 3 of St Wilfrid's C of E Primary School in Haywards Heath helped clear up Scrase Valley Nature Reserve as part of World Environment Day 2019. Here they are 17 bin bags full of rubbish later, here they are!

**Elizabeth Neil, Year 3 Teacher, said:** *'The children were able to identify common types of rubbish dropped and we discussed the effects this would have on our environment. Working with MSDC and Serco not only helped to bring our discussions about litter and plastic pollution to life, but also allowed the children to understand what we can all do in order to help make our planet cleaner and more sustainable.'*

The problem of litter is huge, and growing, with an estimated 30 million tonnes of litter dropped every year. According to Keep Britain Tidy it is estimated to cost the taxpayer over £1 billion a year to clear away.

Scrase Valley Nature Reserve is home to a wonderful diversity of wildlife living in the woodland, grassland and marshland. If you are lucky you may see woodpeckers, nuthatches, tree creepers or even the occasional flash of blue from a kingfisher along the Scrase Stream.

### Apply for Equipment



If your group would like to arrange regular litterpicks you can apply for your own equipment including litterpickers, gloves and high visibility waistcoats (subject to availability). Please email [wastematters@midsex.gov.uk](mailto:wastematters@midsex.gov.uk) or call 01444 477440 for details.



# New '1-2-3' Recycling and Rubbish Collection Trial

Over 41% of the average black wheelie bin is made up of food waste and for some time now, Mid Sussex residents have been telling us that they would like to have food waste collections. In response, the Council is looking at ways to help our residents recycle food and reduce the amount of rubbish going to landfill.

Mid Sussex District Council are working with West Sussex County Council to trial a '1-2-3' enhanced recycling and rubbish collection and disposal service.

Approximately 3,000 homes across our district will be taking part in the trial which will comprise of a '1-2-3' collection system as follows:

- 1 Introducing weekly food waste collections and a free opt-in subscription service of absorbent hygiene product collections e.g. nappies and incontinence waste
- 2 Retaining existing fortnightly recycling collections and the garden waste subscription service
- 3 Three-weekly general rubbish collections

With weekly food waste and absorbent hygiene product collections, the general rubbish bin will be much less full enabling us to change to the three weekly rubbish (black bin) collection.

Under the trial there will be no change to the existing two weekly collections of recycling provided to all residents or the garden waste subscription service.

Residents participating in the trial area have already been contacted and the six-month trial will be commencing from the end of April 2020. If you have not been contacted then your collections remain unchanged.

Further information can be found on our website [www.midsussex.gov.uk/123collections](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/123collections)

## Textiles and Small Electrical Collections

Starting by summer 2020...

Keep an eye out for details being delivered to your home of our new kerbside collection service for old textiles and small electricals.

## Proof of residency at Household Waste and Recycling Sites (HWRS)

From 1 December 2019 residents are now required to show ID when they visit a West Sussex HWRS for proof of residency. Access to sites will be denied if you do not have proof of address and are not a West Sussex council taxpayer. Acceptable forms of ID include a current driving licence, Council Tax Bill or recent utility bill.

More info and a full list of acceptable ID can be found at [www.westsussex.gov.uk/waste](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/waste)

Your new  
**Recycling and Rubbish  
Collection Service**  
Introducing Weekly Food Waste

Coming this April

It's as easy as 1,2,3!

Mid Sussex recycles

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west sussex county council

# Ask the Council Leader

In a previous edition of Mid Sussex Matters, Councillor Jonathan Ash-Edwards, Leader of Mid Sussex District Council invited questions from residents. Here is a selection of the questions he received...



Question from Mrs A from East Grinstead:

*“Mid Sussex is taking lots of new development but there doesn’t seem to always be the infrastructure to support it – what is the Council doing about this?”*

Jonathan said: “Mid Sussex is an area of very high housing demand and the Planning Inspector’s decision to increase the housing numbers required in the District Plan in 2018 demonstrated this. It’s crucial that infrastructure comes alongside new development to support the growth of the area and the Council collects the maximum possible amount of infrastructure contributions from developers.

“Recently, these contributions have funded upgrades such as new community centres, road improvement projects and extensions to GP surgeries in communities across the district. Planned strategic developments in the district will provide new schools and a Centre for Outdoor Sport paid for by developers.

“In addition, the Council is being proactive in lobbying with the Government to win investment in infrastructure, resulting in over £60 million being secured to deliver the biggest upgrade of local infrastructure in a generation. This money will help dual the A2300, fund sustainable transport improvements, upgrade sewage treatment work and support the roll out full fibre digital connectivity. Working with our MP and the Government, we have also secured the opening of Haywards Heath College in 2020, bringing this much needed post-16 education facility back into use”.

Question from Mr G from Haywards Heath:

*“Rules on pet ownership for council housing vary from place to place, with many Councils forcing people to give up their pets if they become homeless. Does our Council provide emergency housing for people with pets?”*

Jonathan said “No one chooses to be homeless. At Mid Sussex we aim to prevent homelessness wherever possible and we look to support residents who are at risk of becoming homeless. Our housing staff always try and find emergency accommodation which allows pets, recognising the impact on the household’s wellbeing.”



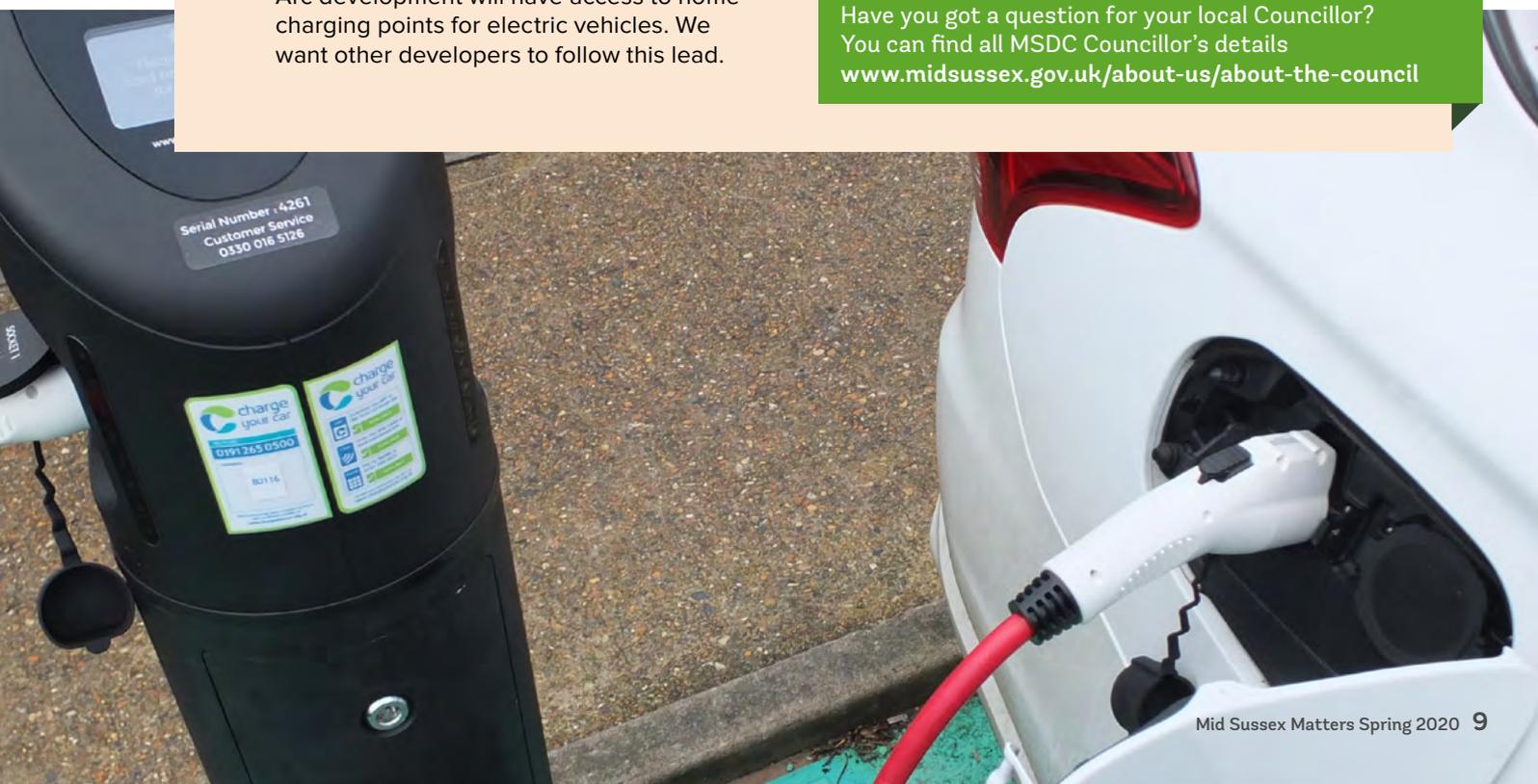
Question from Mrs K of Hassocks:

*“I am very concerned about climate change. Experts regularly report that we have a very small amount of time to stop climate change and every part of Government must be acting. I would like to know what Mid Sussex Council is doing to prevent climate change?”*

Jonathan said: “Councillors take climate change and protecting our environment very seriously and adopted a Sustainability Strategy last year to ensure the Council is taking action. We have made significant progress including:

- Cutting the Council’s own annual electricity use by 16% and installing PV panels on the Council office roof.
- Securing funding for more electric vehicle charging points, with 26 new fast chargers to be installed in public car parks.
- Boosting recycling, by introducing a district-wide collection of textiles and small electricals, and piloting a food waste service.
- Reaching agreement with Homes England that all new homes in the Burgess Hill Northern Arc development will have access to home charging points for electric vehicles. We want other developers to follow this lead.
- Launching the Refill campaign with over 50 businesses in Mid Sussex signed up to provide free water bottle refills, to cut single use plastics.
- Supporting Terracycle collection points for hard to recycle waste such as crisp packets.
- Including sustainability and climate change requirements in planning policies.
- Launching the Mid Sussex Cycle Forum to promote cycling activities and infrastructure.

Have you got a question for your local Councillor?  
You can find all MSDC Councillor’s details  
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## Are you a first-time buyer trying to get on the property ladder?

If so have you considered a shared ownership property?

Shared ownership is an affordable way of getting on the property ladder, allowing you to initially purchase a percentage of the property and pay rent on the remaining share. You can always increase your percentage of ownership when you can afford to do so.

During 2019/20 there will be 85 new shared ownership properties in the district.

MSDC are working closely with housing providers to deliver approximately 50 more in 2020/21.

Resale shared ownership properties are also available. To see if you are eligible and for further information, please visit [www.midsussex.gov.uk/housing-council-tax/help-to-buy](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/housing-council-tax/help-to-buy)

For any additional information please contact [nicholas.royle@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:nicholas.royle@midsussex.gov.uk) or 01444 447309.

## Do you have property available in Mid Sussex?

Why not lease your property to the Council for peace of mind and a guaranteed income?

Mid Sussex District Council are increasing housing for eligible local families by leasing properties in the district. For the property owner, the benefits include:

- ✓ No letting agent fees
- ✓ No housing management for you, including repairs and maintenance – MSDC take care of it
- ✓ Guaranteed rent for the period of the lease

The property to be returned vacant in the same condition at the end of the lease.

Tenancy Agreements are between the Council and Tenant, reducing the risk involved for you, the property owner and means you are not responsible for regaining possession of your property when the lease ends.

To find out more contact Denise or Becky on 01444 477248/477268  
 Email: [denise.nicholson@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:denise.nicholson@midsussex.gov.uk) or [rebecca.whitehouse@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.whitehouse@midsussex.gov.uk)  
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# 2019

## OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

### Democracy

**116,169**

electors on the Register and entitled to vote at local elections

**97%**

response rate to the electoral canvass

**67%**

responding digitally (online, text and phone)

### Outdoors

**3,777,925**

bin collections in the year from

**63,500**

households

**86%**

satisfaction with our household waste collection and recycling services

**42%**

of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting

Collected:

**25,237**

tonnes of general waste

**13,294**

tonnes of dry recycling

**6,556**

tonnes of garden waste

**161**

tonnes of dog waste from

**414**

dog waste bins

Manage and maintain:

**20**

pavilions

**67**

football pitches

**5**

rugby pitches

**15**

tennis/multi-use courts

**5,000**

participants in

**495**

Healthy Walks

**397**

public open spaces

**120**

playgrounds

**6**

skate parks

**1**

BMX track

**19,037**

subscriptions to the garden waste service

**100%**

of fly tipping removed in three working days service

### Business and Finance

**£103m**

in Council Tax collected, with a

**98.6%**

in year collection rate

**£45.8m**

of Non-Domestic Rates collected, with a

**97.8%**

in year collection rate

**752**

new Housing Benefit claims processed in an average of 23 days

**17,997**

changes in circumstances recalculations

**4,737**

invoices paid

**98%**

within 10 days of receipt

**44**

small businesses looking to expand or take on an apprentice have been assisted through the micro-business grant scheme

**£71,428**

funding awarded by Micro Business Grants Scheme.

### Responding

**85,733**

calls taken by the Customer Service Centre

**96%**

of calls answered within 40 seconds

Average time to answer

**21 seconds**

**35,091**

visitors to reception

**467,325**

unique website visitors

**4133**

Twitter followers

**3906**

Facebook followers (end 2019)

# Safety, Housing and Planning

**873** face-to-face enquiries about housing

**102** households assisted to access the private rented sector

**87%** of plans checked by Building Control were checked within 15 working days

**8,170** Building Control site inspections carried out

**98%** within 24 hours of the date requested

**93%** of Building Control decisions issued within 8 weeks from deposit date

**2,506** planning applications determined

**96%** of major applications

**98%** of minors and

**99%** of other applications determined within the target time

**2,480** Local Authority Searches with

**100%** replied to within five working days

# Community and Leisure

**1.78m** visits to our leisure centres

**14,029** members of our leisure centres

**2,265** local children and families attending 4 free play day events

**2,046** people assisted by our Wellbeing Service to adopt a more healthy lifestyle

**1,887** entrants in the Mid Sussex Marathon and Mid Sussex Miles

**£1.03m** of Economic, Community Development and Facility Grants attracting a further

**£2.03m** of investment into these projects and facilities.

The majority of this is local spend on goods and services as well as employment

**£239,379** Partnership agreements such as with Age UK, the Council for Voluntary Service and Citizens Advice

# LOOKING FORWARD

The Council is finalising its Corporate Plan and Budget for 2020/21 setting out how we will be preparing for the growth of our community and delivering against our four priorities of:

- Effective and responsive services
- Creating strong and resilient communities
- Sustainable economic growth
- Financial independence

**Eight priority projects have been identified to progress in the year ahead.**

## Local Plan Review

- Review of our District Plan, including ensuring that we can maintain a robust 5 year housing land supply and protect against planning appeals

## Household Waste Recycling

- Delivery of a food waste and absorbent hygiene products collection trial, funded by West Sussex County Council

## The Orchards Shopping Centre, Haywards Heath

- A three-year project to modernise and regenerate the Orchards Shopping Centre, including looking at options to diversify the centre

## Enabling Full Fibre Infrastructure

- Provision of digital connectivity through a full fibre network in Burgess Hill, designed to support local business growth in its construction and commercialisation

## Sustainability Action Plan

- Drawing together the Council's sustainability actions, including the delivery of a network of electric vehicle charging points, further reductions in single use plastics and improvements to the energy efficiency of Council buildings.

## Parks Investment

- An investment programme for parks and open spaces, including improvements to 6 key parks in the period 2019-21 and 6 playgrounds by March 2021

## Provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers

- Work to develop options to ensure a supply of gypsy and traveller accommodation to meet the identified needs of this community to 2031

## Temporary Accommodation

- Considering the impact of the Council's work to secure its own temporary accommodation and options to expand the provision of temporary accommodation for homeless households in the district

**You can see the full Corporate Plan and Budget for 2020/21 at [www.midsussex.gov.uk](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk)**

# WELLBEING MATTERS

Are you ready for a *healthier* you?

## Don't wait - join WOW

### Weight Off Workshops

Our 12-week workshops encourage and support you in making changes to a healthier way of eating and increase your activity levels. The Course supports you to take responsibility for your weight and to make small lifestyle changes with the aim of long-term sustainable change.

Don't just take our word for it, here are comments from some previous participants:

*"I have really enjoyed Tuesday lunchtimes. putting some time aside to think about 'me' – something I've not done for years, when work and children take priority! Thank you"*

*"I feel much more informed as a result of doing the course and I feel equipped to lose weight on my own in the future. The discussions with the others in the group were very helpful and I learned a lot from them. Every session was delivered in a manner that was very respectful, empathetic towards every one of us in the room."*

*"If it is not broken don't fix it, and this course is no way broken."*

*"My mind-set is different now and I think more about what I am eating, throughout the day, since the beginning of the course I have lost 4 stone. It was a well-presented course with lots of insight into food management, the tutor was really good at explaining everything and I learnt lots of helpful tools."*



#### Join us for upcoming WOW sessions

East Grinstead Library, starts Tue 28th April, 12.30 – 1.30pm

Haywards Heath Methodist Church, starts Wed 29th April, 5.30 – 6.30pm

Burgess Hill Town Council, starts Wed 29th April, 1.30 – 2.30pm

Court Buses, starts Tue 5th May, 1 – 2pm

Haywards Heath Town Council, starts Tue 5th May, 1.30 – 2.30pm

Burgess Hill, MSVA, starts Thu 7th May, 6 – 7pm

COURSES ONLY

£20

#### Booking is essential

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or [wellbeing@midsussex.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeing@midsussex.gov.uk)

[www.midsussexwellbeing.org.uk](http://www.midsussexwellbeing.org.uk)

## Are you ready to quit smoking for good?

Quitting smoking is one of the best things you can do for your health - but it can be hard.

Stopping smoking is easier with the right support and Mid Sussex Wellbeing can help with a trained Smoking Cessation Advisor to help you kick the habit.

Mid Sussex Wellbeing can offer 121 support, advice, and Nicotine Replacement Therapy .

Contact the Wellbeing Team today on 01444 477191.



# Investing in our GREEN PLACES

Following consultation with park users our two-year investment in the district's parks and playgrounds is delivering a range of projects and improvements.

Over the coming year improvement works will take place at three play areas with designs that are based firmly on feedback from children who use them.



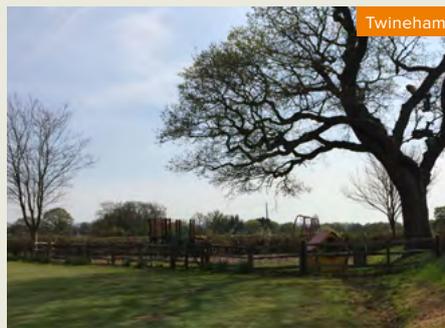
Eden (3) enjoying her favourite park in Burgess Hill



Bolney

## Batchelor's Field Recreation Ground

Providing new climbing equipment offering more opportunities for role play activities. Improving the surfacing of the play area and also creating a separate small space for kids to ride their scooters and bikes.



Twineham

## Twineham Recreation Ground

Play area users in Twineham want a challenging assault-style climbing unit to interest older children and some separate equipment for toddlers. A nice seating area for picnics will also be provided to make the most of the recreation ground.



Ashurstwood

## John Pears Recreation Ground

The most popular suggestions for improvements at John Pears included swings that cater for an increased age range and surfacing that allows the play area to be used all year. Climbing units have also been a popular request.



East Grinstead

## King George's Field, East Grinstead

The public has already voted and the winning design for this site has recently been announced! An exciting new area with loads of opportunities for fun and play was chosen by users. The new playground will take shape over the next few months.

We'll also be making improvements at four of our high-profile parks (St John's in Burgess Hill, Victoria Park in Haywards Heath, Mount Noddy in East Grinstead and Hemsleys Meadow in Pease Pottage). These will again involve asking users for feedback so watch out for further opportunities to help shape these further improvements.

[www.midsussex.gov.uk/parks](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/parks)

# MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

MSDC is proud to support a wide range of community events and projects through the grants programme. A full report on the 18/19 year shows how far and wide they stretch when added to the enthusiasm and commitment of local people!

Total awarded **£134,966.75**

Total financial value of projects **£326,911**

(and that doesn't count the long-term benefits of the projects)



We awarded **£34,247** in support of **community events**, including 12 Silver Sunday and 5 Beacons of Light events, Arts Festivals, Summer Fayre, Science fairs, Town Day, East Court Live event, Wild about Mid Sussex event and a Community Centre Open Day.

**£31,104** went to eight organisations for **equipment** to enhance and improve what they could offer - indoor games tables, a hand washing facility, hand rail, Hi-Viz wear for litter picking, furniture for a community building, air conditioning unit, help with removal costs to a new community building.

Nine projects specifically for **Young People** used grants of **£30,248** to help in activities like – graffiti art workshops, pocket science fairs, youth engagement projects in EG and HH, Music Club, STEM challenge, extracurricular sports activities.

This funding, when partnered with the energy, enthusiasm and volunteer support, made great things happen!  
Thanks to everyone, including:

- 25 volunteers involved with the Age UK East Grinstead move to Glen Vue (grant for moving costs).
- Kangaroos Breakaway club involved 31 volunteers, totalling around 1,000 hours.
- The Hurst Festival graffiti workshop involved 5 volunteers working alongside young people.
- East Grinstead Town Team (grant for hi-viz wear for litter picking) has approximately 20 volunteers involved in their litter picking sessions.
- St Peter & St James hospice have over 440 volunteers at the hospice, donating a total of 43,000 hours keeping the hospice and charity shops running. (grant for air conditioning unit).
- Pericles Theatre company (grant for performances) involved 8 volunteers in their last three performances.



## Gemma

“Our project in Mid Sussex works with 11 volunteers in total. Despite the difficulties we have had with recruiting a dedicated sessional playworker to support our Mid Sussex activities, we have continued to run the weekly drop-in sessions and after-school club with the support of a handful of four wonderful, enthusiastic and reliable volunteers, Julie, Claire, Chris and Jane. We have another two volunteers who work directly with families e.g supporting reading and writing and another five helping with our foodbank and supporting Christmas parties and outings and driving families to events.”

Gemma from the Family Support Work charity  
[www.familysupportwork.org](http://www.familysupportwork.org)

### Vulnerability and Disability

- **£19,571** helped support drop-in sessions for vulnerable families, breakaway club for young people with learning difficulties, respite holidays for disabled people, mental health drop-in facility, outreach low vision assessments, theatre performances by people with learning disabilities, free mediation services.

### £8,300 to sports clubs

– artificial wicket and expanding extracurricular sporting activities.

The Council also awarded **£218,496** for capital projects through the release of s106 contributions from new housing developments. This funding contributed toward the cost of a **new skate park in Hassocks**, improvements to the **Chapelfields play area in Cuckfield**, **Lindfield Cricket Club pavilion** and the **Haven Centre in Crawley Down**.

“Upgrading the CCTV system was key to ensuring that users of the community centre would feel safe and refurbishment has breathed new life into the hall. It’s a much more welcoming environment and is being used even more.”

Jonathan Smith  
Crawley Down Community Centre Association Committee Member



## Anna

“I was nervous when I started volunteering as a mentor to a family as I had no idea what to expect. My role is to help a 6-year old with homework and reading once a week. I have loved it from the start. The challenges were different to what I had expected. This is not predictable, reliably timetabled work for there are often last-minute changes of plan, but it is a privilege to be welcomed into the family home and to start building relationships and then enthusiasm of a child and her mother for the books we share is one of the joys of my week.”

Anna  
Volunteer at Family Support Work

# Your council Calendar of events

Meetings of the Council are open to the public and are held in the Council Chamber, Oaklands, Haywards Heath, RH16 1SS unless stated otherwise. The location of meetings from April 2020 will be subject to change due to renovation works. Please refer to the website at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/council](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/council) for the most up to date information.

**Wed 1 Apr 7pm**  
Council

**Tues 7 Apr 7pm**  
Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance

**Thurs 9 Apr 7pm**  
Planning Committee

**Thurs 16 Apr 2pm**  
District Planning Committee

**Thurs 30 Apr 7pm**  
Planning Committee

**Tues 12 May 4pm**  
Cabinet

**Wed 13 May 7pm**  
Annual Council

**Thu 14 May 2pm**  
District Planning Committee

**Thu 21 May 7pm**  
Planning Committee

**Mon 1 Jun 4pm**  
Cabinet

**Thu 11 Jun 7pm**  
Planning Committee

**Wed 17 Jun 7pm**  
Scrutiny Committee for Leader, Finance and Performance

**Thu 18 Jun 2pm**  
District Planning Committee

**Wed 24 Jun 6.45pm**  
Charity Trustees

**Wed 24 Jun 7pm**  
Council

**Mon 29 Jun 4.30pm**  
Cabinet Grants Panel

**Tue 30 Jun 7pm**  
Licensing Committee

**Wed 1 Jul 7pm**  
Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Economic Growth

The Planning Committee and District Planning Committee can deal with planning applications or other planning matters from across the District.

The Planning Committee is held on a three weekly basis and the District Planning Committee is for larger schemes where an application consists of 50 or more residential units, or more than 2,000 square metres of other development.

Further information can be found at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/council](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/council)

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# Boost your family's fitness in 2020



Many of us began the new decade with the intention of improving our family's health and fitness. But as January and February limped by, how many of us actually stuck to those best laid plans?

NHS UK recommends adults reach a weekly goal of 150 minutes of moderate exercise per week but were you aware that the target for children is at least 60 minutes per

day? According to Public Health England, only 17.5% of children are meeting this daily target and the need for this figure to improve is imperative for the health and mental wellbeing of our kids.

With this in mind, we've put together some tips to get the family off the electronics and up and at 'em! Our Leisure Centres are hubs of family activity, perfect places to bank those all-important active minutes throughout the day.

## TIP 1 - SPLASH TIME

Get up early on a Saturday, avoid the queues and jump in the pool. The Triangle's leisure pool has a fun-packed beach area with shallow waters for little ones as well as fountains, squirters and flumes for the bigger kids (and even bigger grown ups!). It's a great way to get the endorphins flowing and kick off the weekend.



## TIP 2 - MONKEY AROUND

During term time, our fantastic clip and climb walls at High Places are open after school until 6pm for only £6 per session! It's the perfect after school treat and also improves strength, coordination and increases confidence. Plus, it's just so much fun!



## TIP 3 - GAME, SET AND MATCH

We have a huge range of racquet sports on offer so it's a great opportunity to take up a new hobby as a family. Why not give Padel Tennis a try in our brand-new covered court? Even Rafa Nadal and Mo Salah are fans!

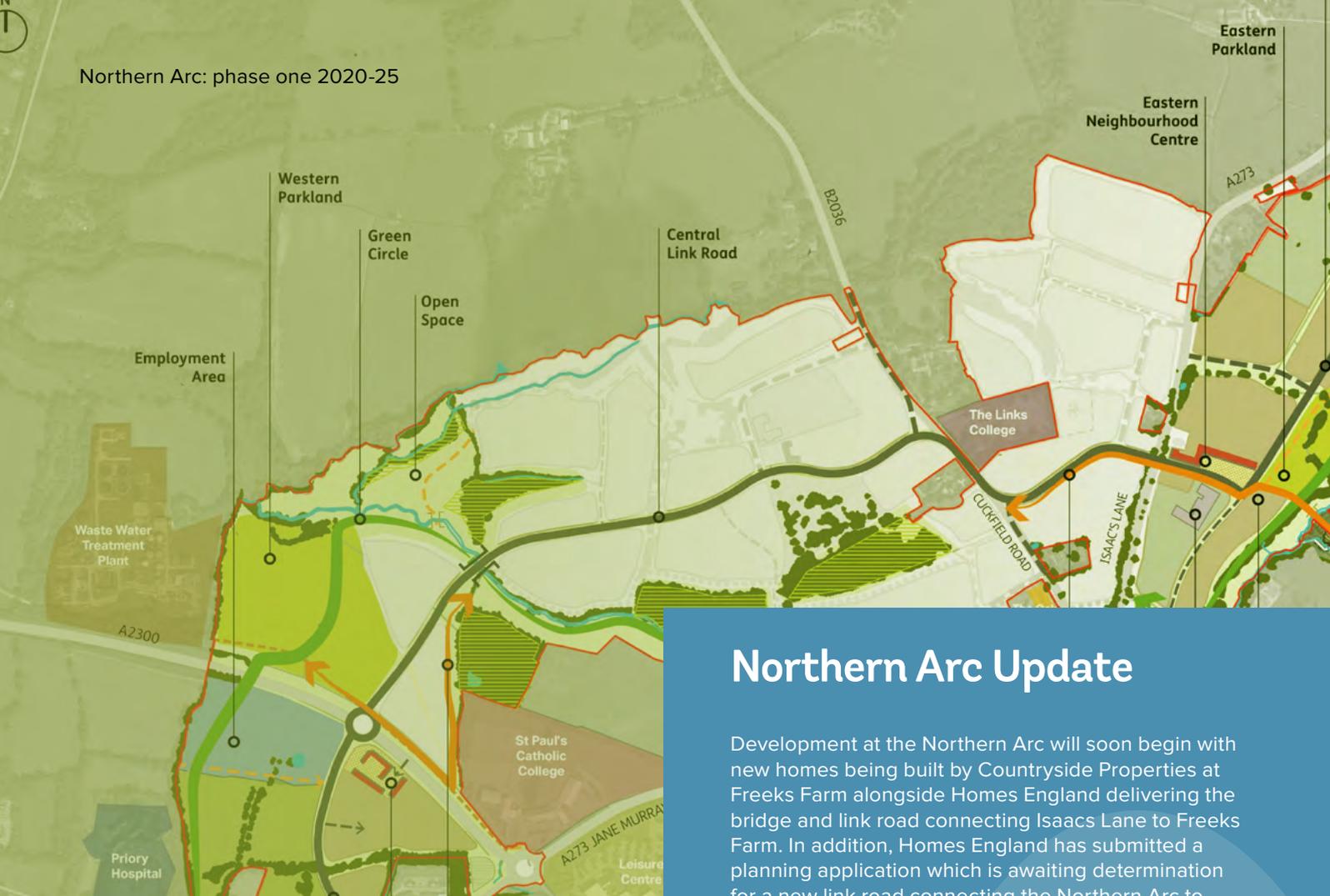


Up to four children can be added to our Premium Memberships, allowing you to get more active as a family without breaking the bank. With swimming, racquet sports, softplay, under 5's children's activities and much more on offer, spending time as a family (and a fitter one at that) just got easier.

The Triangle, Burgess Hill – 01444 876000  
[www.thetriangleleisurecentre.org](http://www.thetriangleleisurecentre.org)

The Dolphin, Haywards Heath – 01444 457337  
[www.thedolphinleisurecentre.org](http://www.thedolphinleisurecentre.org)

Kings Centre, East Grinstead – 01342 328616  
[www.kingsleisurecentre.org](http://www.kingsleisurecentre.org)



## Northern Arc Update

Development at the Northern Arc will soon begin with new homes being built by Countryside Properties at Freeks Farm alongside Homes England delivering the bridge and link road connecting Isaacs Lane to Freeks Farm. In addition, Homes England has submitted a planning application which is awaiting determination for a new link road connecting the Northern Arc to the A2300 Corridor Improvement Scheme being promoted by West Sussex County Council. This will see Homes England construct approximately 530m of new carriageway complete with associated footways and shared surface including two new roundabouts off the junction with the A273 Jane Murray Way and on to the A2300, as part of Phase 1 of the western link road. Subject to planning consent, work on the link road is expected to start this summer.

The Northern Arc has been carefully designed to enable modern living within an environmentally sustainable community. There is a focus on delivering well connected amenities within the site, as well as high quality pedestrian and cycle connections and easy access to public transport to promote car free travel. The design retains valuable habitats, including all ancient woodland which will be protected with a buffer, and new woodland planting. Across the scheme a 10% biodiversity net gain will be delivered, through improving the condition of existing habitats such as around the River Adur and creating new habitats.

### Community drop-in session

The next drop-in session will take place on Tuesday 5 May between 6 and 8pm at The King's Church, 33-35 Victoria Road, Burgess Hill RH15 9LR. This is an opportunity for Homes England to provide an update on progress and answer any questions.

You can get in touch by emailing, [northernarc@aecom.com](mailto:northernarc@aecom.com)  
Progress updates: [www.burgesshill.net](http://www.burgesshill.net)

# BURGESS HILL GROWTH PROGRAMME

Burgess Hill will grow significantly over the next 15 years into a modern, thriving town where local people want to live and work.

### Homes England

Northern Arc plans are beginning to come forward (see above).

### Burgess Hill Town Centre

NewRiver REIT continue to progress their plans for the town centre.

### Place and Connectivity

MSDC and West Sussex County Council are co-ordinating this programme of improvements to help link the development areas and other key destinations, and to provide a safe and reliable alternative to using the car.





# PLACE AND CONNECTIVITY

The Place and Connectivity Programme is made up of a number of projects that each form part of a jigsaw, fitting together and building towards a substantially improved sustainable transport and travel network for the town over the lifetime of the Growth Programme. These include the following priority areas;

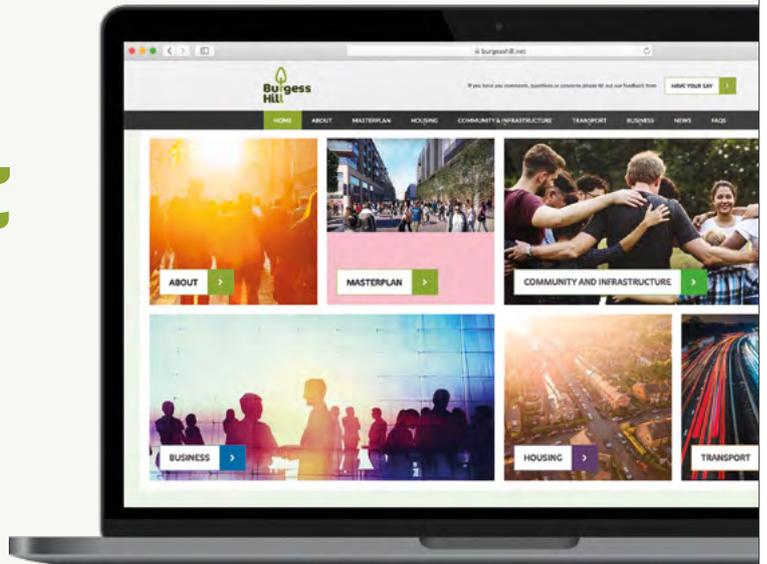
- Burgess Hill and Wivelsfield Railway Stations - Improving the look and sustainable transport accessibility to the stations
- Burgess Hill Town Centre/ Western Gateway - to improve the appearance and function of the Church Road/ Church Walk area of the town centre and western approach to the town centre
- Victoria Business Park and Triangle Leisure Centre - Sustainable transport connectivity improvements to and within these sites
- Townwide Connectivity – walking and cycling improvements to link the priority areas together. An upgraded Green Circle is planned as this is key to linking these areas together
- Burgess Hill/ Haywards Heath multifunctional network – to create sustainable links between Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath

Public engagement on these plans is scheduled for April/May 2020 - giving residents the opportunity to have their say on the proposals.



# Be the first to know

Keep up to date with progress on the wider Burgess Hill programme at [www.burgesshill.net](http://www.burgesshill.net)



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# WHAT'S ON

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## Mid Sussex March for Marsden

Sunday 29th March 2020

Are you a walker and enjoy the great outdoors? Or perhaps fancy a personal challenge to raise funds to support those affected by cancer? Then join our Chairman, Councillor Trumble and start British Summer Time with a circular walk in the picturesque Mid Sussex countryside to raise funds for the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. You can choose between a 3km walk around the lovely woodland surroundings of Hurstpierpoint or a more challenging 9km route which includes the spectacular Wolstonbury Hill. The walk is family friendly and you can even bring your dog, on a lead of course!

Advance registration £8 / £5 (£10 / £6 on the day).

For sponsor forms and to register go to

[www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/mid-sussex-march](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/mid-sussex-march) or call 01444 477227



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## MARCH

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## APRIL

### Seriously Funny Comedy Club

3 April, doors 7.30pm, £10

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 comedy! Catch a laughter-packed comedy  
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### Badger watching evening

From 7 April to 8 September 7pm or  
 7.30pm. The evening is around 2 hours  
 long, £15

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 Steven Robinson, will lead the way to these  
 amazing animals, allowing you to watch  
 as they forage, eat and play, almost within  
 touching distance.



## Win tickets to the South of England Show 2020

11-13 June, 9am – 6.30pm, £19.80 for adults, £18 for senior citizens/students (inc 10% online discount until 10.06.20) - under 16s free.

South of England Showground, Ardingly

Offering every generation the chance to re-connect with the countryside and have a great day out, the South of England Show features a non-stop programme of agricultural and equestrian competitions and displays, live entertainment, rural crafts, and an abundance of food, drink and shopping opportunities.

Children can meet hundreds of animals, take part in the 'roarsome' Dinosaur trail and meet a T-Rex, experience life as a Saxon or Viking. The 2020 show will also feature amazing stunt displays from the Atkinson Action Horses as well as international level show-jumping and lots more - a show set to wow visitors of all ages!

To win one of 6 pairs of day-pass tickets just send your answer to the following question:

**Where does the South of England Show take place?**

Closing date Thu 30 April 2020. Please send your answer to [mms@midsex.gov.uk](mailto:mms@midsex.gov.uk) or post to MSM, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands, Haywards Heath RH16 1SS.

WIN



### Gruffalo Adventures at Wakehurst W

4 – 19 April, prices vary

Explore Wakehurst's deep dark wood as you follow the Gruffalo woodland trail, go on a Gruffalo Easter egg hunt and dissect real owl pellets to find out what they've been eating. Find out more at [www.kew.org/wakehurst](http://www.kew.org/wakehurst)

### The Wizard Of Oz CM

9-10 April £12.50/£15/£13

Come and meet Dorothy as she goes on a magical adventure to the Land Of Oz! Along the way she makes new friends with the Scarecrow who longs for a brain, the Tin Man who really wants a heart and the very cowardly Lion who is desperate to be brave and have some courage.



### Only Fools and Boycie CM

23 April, 7.30pm, £20

Enjoy an intimate evening with one of the nation's greatest comedy actors, John Challis, best known as Boycie in BBC1's Only Fools and Horses.

## MAY & JUNE

### Paws in the Park Spring Show

16 May, 9.30 am -17 May, 5pm  
South of England Showground



### Exciting Science CM

28 May, 2pm, £13

This brand new and exciting show features loads of amazing experiments from the world of Science is coming to Chequer Mead and is not to be missed.

So, join our crazy scientists as they "Create a volcanic eruption, build an Air Missile Launcher, make mini rockets and create some pretty big bangs!"... Live on Stage.



### Mark Steel: Every Little Thing is Gonna Be Alright CM

5 June, 8pm, for age 14+, £16

Lots have changed in the past few years; but Mark says worry not.



### Rich Hall's Hoedown Delux CH

19 June, 8pm, £17

Ever-evolving, ever-changing, Rich's combination of keen acerbic stand-up combined with spit and sawdust alt-country lyricism is a 'win-win' (The Guardian).

### Mid Sussex Apprenticeship and Traineeship Fair

1 April, 4-7pm Haywards Heath College

Access via Harlands Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1LT.

For information contact:

[apprentice.network@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:apprentice.network@westsussex.gov.uk)





On Thursday 7th May polling stations will be open from 7am-10pm in the election of the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner.

[www.midsussex.gov.uk/elections](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/elections)

You can find out further information on the candidates as it becomes available on the Choose My PCC website.  
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