

# Newsletter

## Broadbridge Heath Parish Council



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### Chair's update *Dear Resident,*

This winter will be undeniably tough, but the community pulled together before to support each other and we know we can all do so again. We are all experiencing change in one form or another and many of us will be experiencing worries or new feelings during this pandemic. I know, across the Parish, that neighbours are helping by looking out for each other, establishing social media links, and ensuring no one is alone or totally isolated. If you can find the time to check on others you could be making a big difference to them. And of course, the added benefit of helping others is that it is good for your own mental health – it can help reduce stress and improve emotional wellbeing. In short, doing good does you good.

I am now delighted to announce that in the coming weeks we will be given the 'keys' to our new Parish Council office. Due to the current COVID19 regulations, however, the office will not initially be opened to the public until those regulations are relaxed. The office is situated in the separate single storey building, on the west side of the New Neighbourhood Centre. Residents visiting the Centre will, in the coming weeks, notice the Christmas tree by the building, kindly sponsored by Countryside Properties PLC.

I am delighted to welcome of our new Assistant Parish Clerk, Olivia Buck, after a rigorous recruitment exercise. She brings with her a wealth of experience and has already been active, supporting Lucinda, our Clerk, in delivering the services of the council. Having grown up in Broadbridge Heath, and now residing here, Olivia is very keen to get more involved in the life of our village.

On behalf of the Council I would like to express my appreciation to Jo Ball who is finally leaving our employment at the end of the year. Jo was our previous Clerk who has stayed on in a handover role to facilitate a smooth transition. The support and guidance we received from her during her time with us has been invaluable.

My personal thanks go to all Members of the Council, who work unceasingly for the benefit of our village by attending many meetings throughout the year and continue to support me personally as Chairman. Secondly, I would like to thank our Clerk, Lucinda, who ensures that the Council's services are delivered professionally and most effectively to an extremely high standard. This diligence and dedication has continued throughout the current crisis by ensuring the continued delivery of the Council's services, wherever possible, at all times. Our Environment Officer, John, has during the pandemic, been a daily friendly face in the village, ensuring that all our play areas remain safe and maintained for use during a period of constantly changing regulations.

The council is planning, in 2021, to continue its agenda of delivering new projects across the Parish. With the successful completion of the Village Centre refurbishment, the new Monster play area will be built in the playing field behind the Centre. Our new allotment sites will also come into operation for the benefit of all Broadbridge Heath residents during the coming year. The council recently set up an Allotment Sub Committee to help in the management and support for the formation of two Allotment Associations. Environmental initiatives will also be coming on stream across the parish including more wildflower planting.

With Christmas approaching, I hope we could all take a moment to reflect and think of others, who for various reasons will be spending Christmas alone. A smile and a 'hello' always goes a long way to let someone know that someone cares.

May I, on behalf of the Parish Council, wish you Christmas greetings and a safe and secure 2021.



*Terry*

**Cllr Terry Oliver,**  
Chairman  
Broadbridge Heath  
Parish Council





# Parish Council update



## Recreation Committee

Despite the current restrictions, the Recreation Committee has held its usual meetings via Zoom and continued to make plans for the village, determined to progress ongoing plans to the best of our ability.

We are awaiting confirmation from WSCC on the access point at the Village Centre, to allow our chosen contractor on site for the building of the new playground planned for there. A permanent access point will also benefit the Village Centre itself and Grasstex, our grass cutting firm.

A contractor has been approved for the works to re-furbish the Triangle, but again we are waiting on final confirmations from WSCC as to the design; we are hopeful that these works will go ahead in the new year.

One project we have been successful with is the biodiversity/wildflower seeding along the C622. We are very grateful for the co-operation of Jackson's in carrying out this as part of their remedial works following the completion of the C622 downgrade, and to David Bridges, our local ecologist and volunteer, for his expertise in seed selection. We are looking forward to these seeds growing and flourishing over the coming years, providing a much-needed nectar and seed source for insects and birds, and a riot of colour for us!

We have formed an Allotments Sub-committee, to undertake the initial planning procedures, as we are hopeful that, after years of waiting, both allotment sites in the village will shortly be added to our portfolio of green spaces. The allotments at Weston Avenue (Solomon's Seal) and Churchill Way (WHG) will offer plots of differing sizes and we hope that all those on the waiting list will finally get the chance to grow some crops!

There are always on-going works happening around the village, and the minutes of our meetings, posted on

our website, give all the details.

*Christine*  
**Clr Christine Knight**  
Chair of Recreation Committee



## Clerk's welcome

I remember signing off the final copy of our Summer newsletter, feeling hopeful that by the time we were publishing our Winter edition life would be a little more normal. We now find ourselves in December with a degree of uncertainty still ahead. Life has changed for us all over the last 9 months and as we continue to adapt and move forwards, we are all aware that there are many struggles facing our community. We have been working to ensure our website is up to date with signposting information to the many organisations offering support to those who may be facing struggles at this time.

BBHPC has been working in collaboration with various local organisations and community groups to find new ways to support residents in need. Throughout our newsletter you will find updates from these groups, demonstrating the many ways they have diversified and adapted to maintain, and in some cases increase, their provision.

A dedicated phonenumber has been setup and we have been running a campaign to support Horsham Matters who continue to provide support to Broadbridge Heath residents and the wider district.

Despite the impact Covid19 has had on our activities, BBHPC has been continuing with its usual functions, adapting to meet guidelines and regulations. Since May, when we held our first online Parish Council meeting, we continue to hold all meetings remotely. All are welcome to attend – details can be found on our website, including the joining instructions on each agenda.

Please see our 'Essential Services' article on page 8 for details on reporting various issues.

We were pleased to be able to re-open our play areas and fitness equipment in July. We are keeping a close eye on guidance and will continue to update you via our website and Facebook page with any changes. Please 'Like' and 'Follow' us to keep yourself updated with our news.

In September I was delighted to welcome our Assistant Clerk, Olivia, who will be working closely with the Recreation Committee delivering some exciting projects over the coming months (restrictions allowing); it is great to have her on board. We sadly say goodbye to Jo, our Finance Officer at the end of the year. Jo clerked for the Parish Council until March this year and I would like to thank her for her service to the community and council.

Our Environment Officer, John, works

hard to keep our village clean, safe, and well maintained. We respectfully remind residents to help us look after our parks and open spaces by keeping them litter free, picking up after your dogs, and reporting any issues.

I would like to personally thank each of our 13 Councillors who continue to serve our community with dedication and compassion. They give up much of their time to support the works of the Parish Council, for the improvement of our village, and this is done voluntarily.

We are celebrating our Community Champions – those who have gone the extra mile to support neighbours, friends or wider community; or maybe have a particular success worthy of sharing. On reflection over 2020, we extend thanks to the many volunteers in the village who continue to offer their time to the benefit of our residents and environment. Our community is a better place because you are part of it!

We were delighted with the response to our photography competition, we have some very talented photographers in the village! Well done to everyone who took part.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition and that you feel encouraged by the solidarity shown by our community. As always, we invite you to get in touch if you have any concerns, or equally any ideas, on how we can improve our village.

Sending warm Christmas greetings to all our residents; may we look forward to a brighter and more hopeful 2021.

*Lucinda*

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## Allotments

We have recently been in touch with everyone held on our allotments waiting list ensuring our contact details are up to date. If you have previously registered an interest but have not received an email correspondence from us in the last few weeks, please get in touch with us by emailing [asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk](mailto:asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk)

# BBH Community Support Hub

BBHPC is working together with your local community organisations to help signpost those in crisis to where they can find support.



Horsham District Council have introduced a new triaging system for Covid related support signposting.

**01403 215100**

[www.horsham.gov.uk/community/coronavirus-find-help](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/community/coronavirus-find-help)

## Horsham Matters

This organisation provides crisis support: If a resident is struggling financially, maybe due to problems with benefits or recently been housed, support with emergency food parcels, help with your fuel meter, or with essential household items can be provided.

**0300 124 0204**

[info@horsham-matters.org.uk](mailto:info@horsham-matters.org.uk)

## Employment Support:

### Horsham District Council Economic Development

Working in partnership with Jobcentre Plus, the councils Journey to Work scheme helps unemployed people through the challenges they may be facing in their lives, and support them on their Journey to Work. There are also WISH clubs which provide this type of support in a social group setting, anyone from 18 and above can drop in (currently provided remotely).

Journey to Work **01403 215262** or  
[Journey2Work@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:Journey2Work@horsham.gov.uk)

WISH Club: **07783 222956** or  
[wish@setas.org.uk](mailto:wish@setas.org.uk)

### CAP Job Clubs (Christians Against Poverty)

Your local CAP Job Club is a friendly place where you will get practical help as you seek employment. It's a relaxed environment with the chance to meet other jobseekers, get support and gain the tools you need to find work.

**0800 328 0006**

## Financial Support & Advice Citizens Advice

This service provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. Citizens advice provide information and advice on benefits, debt & money, housing, legal issues, employment, settlement, utilities costs, as well as issues related to Covid-19.

**0344 477 1171**

(Monday-Friday, 9am-4.30pm)

[www.advicewestsussex.org.uk/  
contact-us/email/](http://www.advicewestsussex.org.uk/contact-us/email/)

## Horsham Debt Advice Service

HDAS seeks to come alongside those in financial difficulty, to provide practical support and expert advice. Trained volunteers from Horsham churches offer guidance and free advice and assist individuals to resolve their difficulties by suggesting ways to organise their finances, negotiating with creditors where necessary, and by giving clients the confidence and skills to manage their own finances in the future.

**01403 258040**

[hdas@btconnect.com](mailto:hdas@btconnect.com)

[www.hdass.co.uk](http://www.hdass.co.uk)

## Mental Health & Emotional Support

Contacting your GP as a first point of contact acts as a gateway to numerous other services. Residents can also self-refer to a number of services.

Mental Health Services within the district:

### Sussex Mental Health Line

- Urgent crisis support
- Support specific and in relation to coronavirus (COVID-19)
- Call 0300 5000 101 (for coronavirus support, press 1)

## Samaritans

- Phone support
- Call 0330 094 5717 (local call charges apply)
- Call 116 123 (free from any phone)

## West Sussex Mind

West Sussex Mind is a local mental health charity providing support to local people and their families. They offer help to people on their road to recovery and support them to lead a fulfilling life within their community.

If you are struggling with things, whether Covid related or not, and need someone to talk to please

Call 01903 268107 or email [info@westsussexmind.org](mailto:info@westsussexmind.org)

## Chit Chat

An organisation creating a casual, inclusive and non-judgmental space for anyone to communicate about anything. If someone has a more complex need or worry, they are signposted to relevant charities and agencies for specific help.

**0333 002 0333**

[www.chitchatbritain.org](http://www.chitchatbritain.org)

*If you require further signposting advice please get in touch with us at Broadbridge Heath Parish Council on our dedicated Community Support Hub number 01403 858 875.*

## Volunteering

Horsham District Council can help with finding new volunteer opportunities, help get new groups started, offer peer support, deliver training courses and generally keep you up to date with all things to do with volunteering and running voluntary organisations through our bi-weekly newsletter. [www.horsham.gov.uk/voluntary-sector-support](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/voluntary-sector-support) for more information.

# Your community

## Community Champions

At the beginning of the first lockdown, our community came together with volunteers signing up to support our residents during a time of crisis. Led by 2 coordinators, Shilo Beare and Sarah Quinn, these teams set about identifying those in need and assisting by collecting and delivering groceries and prescriptions, as well as assisting with hospital visits. Shilo continues to coordinate the volunteers for the hub, and she is now joined by Gemma Parker.

Pearl is a 91 year old resident the Hub has been supporting. Pearl comments:

"What a good idea the Hub is! That is how I met a lovely young woman Shilo, she is so kind and helpful"

We would like to extend a special recognition of Shilo. Shilo was nominated by a neighbour for a High Sheriff Special Recognition Volunteer Award for outstanding activity and contribution to the



community, which she was awarded with in October. This is her story:

"I love being a part of the Broadbridge Heath Volunteer Group and helping in whatever capacity I can. One positive thing that this pandemic has highlighted is that there are so many lovely people in our village who are willing to step up and volunteer their time to help others. I was blown away by the number of people who offered to help...it really emphasised that feeling of "community" that makes our village so special. When Shaun messaged me to say he would like to nominate me for an award I was so humbled, I didn't believe I was doing anything more than so many other volunteers and front line workers, ALL of whom deserve recognition for the incredible work they do. It's nice to feel appreciated and to know that you are helping and making a difference to the people around you."

From Shaun when asked why he nominated Shilo:

"I nominated Shilo because I was going to kill myself. I was on the edge and then she messaged me to see if I was ok and did I need anything and that she was there if I did. I felt so alone and lost but she made me think again and stopped me feeling so down and lost. This was why I nominated her, for a complete stranger to care for me when I had given up, to let me know I am not alone. The "Hello, how are you? Can I help?" at that time was the most precious words I needed to take me away from loneliness and giving up. Thank you for your kindness Shilo, it meant more than you know!"

deliveries; emergency welfare and safety support; home from hospital support; information and advice; wellbeing support

We're rapidly heading towards the festive season and know that this year is going to be very different and much harder for many people, so please get in touch so I can help by bringing some seasonal joy! Do also continue to look out for older friends, family and neighbours, as I know so many of you have been doing. Between us, we'll get through this again.

Hayley

Hayley, Village Agent, Age UK  
0800 019 1310  
information@ageukwsbh.org.uk



I do hope you are all keeping well in these strange times. As your village agent, I have really enjoyed keeping in contact with a number of you through telephone calls, socially distanced walks and door step visits. It's been lovely to connect with you and share some laughter and smiles!

We wanted you to know that Age UK West Sussex, Brighton & Hove (WSBH) is here for anyone over 50 in Horsham and we can support you or your loved ones in many different ways, such as telephone befriending; help at home & doorstep

## 4 The Youth

Since the start of the pandemic we've had to suspend our regular indoor youth clubs, but have been working hard on alternative provision throughout the area including additional Snack Wagon sessions and virtual clubs. We very much hope to be able to open our youth clubs again as normal soon, but in the meantime 4 The Youth are still here to support young people locally.

4 The Youth can offer 1-2-1 support to young people with issues they are currently facing with one of our experienced youth workers. This may be anxiety, friendship issues, worries around school or just everyday worries they may have. At present this support can take place virtually or in a safe space. Young people can make contact directly or parents can contact us to discuss their concerns and we can make an appointment.

We also continue to support young people and families who may be struggling with access to laptops and internet at home to stay on top of school work and stay in touch with family and friends during lockdown. If you feel you would benefit from our chromebook loan scheme or need help with Wifi access please get in touch.

**To get in touch call or whatsapp on 01403566445 or email clubs@4theyouth.org.uk**



Now that the summer has gone, our socially distanced meetings in gardens are a thing of the past, but that doesn't mean we can't still meet. Thank goodness for technology!

We are so lucky to be able to get together for a chat without even having to brave the stormy weather. We're still finding lots of ways to have some fun – a few weeks ago we were sketching in the park and meeting for walks in small groups. Now we're back indoors, there's a poetry writing competition, a craft workshop, recipe sharing, virtual quizzes, and our next event is a virtual play reading. We've chosen a comedy, but I suspect it would be just as chaotic and hilarious if we were doing Macbeth!

The WI has always been at its best in adversity. When times are difficult, it's even more important to keep in touch and find things to laugh at and enjoy. Stay safe.

Maureen and Wendy  
Broadbridge Heath WI

email: BBHWI@uwclub.net  
Maureen: 01403 268963  
Wendy: 01403 217152





**St John's**  
Broadbridge Heath

St John's will be offering a number of ways of celebrating Christmas to the community over the coming weeks:

**9 lessons & Carols Service  
Sunday 13th December**

We will be pre-recording our Carol service this year in order that as many people as possible will be able to access it by watching it online. We are delighted that a number of local community groups have offered to take part including BBH Football Club, Shelley and Tanbridge Schools, One Stop, Tesco and the local councillors. Simply go to our Facebook page to find the link and enjoy spotting familiar faces from BBH!

**Advent Calendar Trail – throughout  
December**

Each day during December join us around the village as the Christmas Nativity story will be revealed in a new window from the 1st-24th. Positioned in different homes around Broadbridge Heath will be 24 different advent calendar-style window displays. See if you can spot them all! Maps will be available on our Facebook page, St. John's church website and the church notice board.

**Christingle – Monday 21st and Tuesday  
22nd December**

We would like to offer the opportunity to either make a Christingle at home, or to use the space in our church hall to build your own. On Monday and Tuesday 21st and 22nd December from 10am until 12 we will be handing out Christingle kits from the church building to either take away or to make in church where we will have Christmas carols and hopefully mince pies! – provided restrictions are lifted by then.

I want to wish you and your family all the best for a joy-filled Christmas and a hopeful New Year. From all at St John's,

*Rev. Dr Mark Lavender*

Vicar, Broadbridge Heath



**1st Broadbridge Heath  
Scouts**

The Scout Hall has recently had some much-needed improvements, thanks to a grant from the new estate developers. The wooden floor has been replaced and the garden revamped. A donation from Broadbridge Heath Magazine has also enabled us to buy modern maps and compasses.

This term Scouting resumed – Beavers and Cubs with online meetings and Scouts meeting outside.

The Beavers have enjoyed a “Journey Through Time”, creating their own 2020 Time Capsules whilst learning about some of the changes that have been seen in the village and applying practical skills.

The Cubs have had a busy half-term, working hard on their badges. They are looking forward to starting the “Great Indoor” badge in the second half of term.

The Scouts have managed to socially distance for outdoors meetings and have been hiking and taking advantage of the fire pits.

At the end of term we will be saying farewell to our Beaver leader. If there is anyone in the area who would be interested in becoming a Beaver Leader please drop a line to our Group Scout Leader (gsl1bbh@horshamscounts.com) – on-going support will be provided and we have a willing rota of parent helpers.

*James Seden Smith*

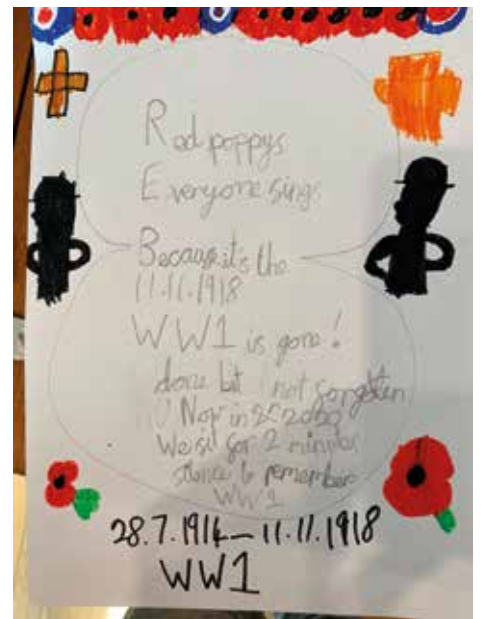
GSL, 1ST Broadbridge Heath Scout Group

**2nd Broadbridge  
Heath Brownies**

We have been continuing with our online meetings this term, focusing on Remembrance Day and completing a badge. We weren't able to join in with the church service due to COVID restrictions but the Brownies enjoyed learning about WW2 rationing, made poppies with various craft supplies, decorated our windows with poppies and had a singsong with wartime songs. We talked to the girls about both the wars and then had a brilliant mind mapping session which resulted in the girls writing some beautiful poems.

*Sharon Carver*

Leader in Charge



Traditionally, this would be the time for reflecting on all of the village events that the Broadbridge Heath Gala Association had hosted throughout the year. But as we all know, this year has been a bit different for everyone.

Although we were unable to hold the bigger events like the Village Fete, and the Craft Fair, we hope that the Easter Egg, and Scarecrow trails brought some welcome distraction for you.

All being well, Santa has confirmed that his annual Santa Sleigh parade will pass through the village on the 13th December, bringing some well-deserved festive cheer to as many villagers as

possible. Santa's little helpers, will once again escort him through the streets, and any donations of coins and notes (because who uses cash anymore?) would be gratefully received.

We already have plans in place for some exciting events in 2021, so please keep an eye on Facebook and the Village Magazine for upcoming dates, and come along and join in the fun.

We are always looking for new ideas, and new members, so if you have a suggestion, or fancy getting involved, please get in touch. Email: bbhgalateam@gmail.com

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas, and we'll see you soon in the New Year.

*The BBH Gala Team*

bbhgalateam@gmail.com



# Sports clubs

## Broadbridge Heath Cricket & Stoolball

In the last edition, I said how hard we had worked to recover the Top Common after the end of the cricket and stoolball season and how much we were looking forward to the 2020 season for both clubs. Little did we know what was around the corner and what an impact the virus would have on our health, economy, and well-being.

At least August and September gave us a chance to play some competitive cricket in the quickly arranged county-wide August Cup which went well for our first team. Although we won just two of our five games, there were standout performances from new skipper, James Round, and Dany Kochikkat with the bat, and Doni James and Alex Round with the ball.

The 2nd's played competitive friendlies, visiting some new grounds in the area, giving opportunities for the many new players who have joined us this season. As a result, well over 30 members attended an inter-club match on the 6th September after which we had a fabulous curry provided by some of the players – all under Covid arrangements!

For the ladies stoolball, the lifting of restrictions came too late to organise any matches so they will be hoping for the go-ahead next year; Stoolball England's AGM in late November may give us better news.

After much work done by our volunteers, the ground has now been repaired and reseeded for next year.

The cricket club have been successful in obtaining grants from Sport England and the ECB who are supporting grass-roots cricket. Further improvements to the ground are planned, and we have already purchased a new sightscreen and batting cage; sadly, the latter has been vandalised already! The continuing vandalism, and the rabbit infestation, which is fast making the outfield unsuitable for play, have been disappointments this summer. We just about coped with the issue for the short season and are in discussion with the Parish Council about finding a solution to enable us (and perhaps the Junior Football Club) to play there in safety in the future.

We should now be making plans for the indoor league in Crawley and indoor net practice at the Country Ground, Hove, but obviously such plans are now on-hold. I hope to have better news on those soon in the village monthly magazine.

*Colin Case*

[broadbridgeheath.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp](http://broadbridgeheath.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp)

[www.stoolball.org.uk/broadbridgeheath](http://www.stoolball.org.uk/broadbridgeheath)

## Broadbridge Heath Football Club

It was a great step forward to take ownership of our new facilities last August, but this year has seen us face several setbacks. Within 6 months, the two outside pitches became unusable, due to a leatherjacket infestation which gradually ate away the turf leaving large areas barren of any grass, so our season came to a premature end. A few weeks later the entire club was shut down because of the pandemic as was every level of football throughout the country eventually leading to the entire season for our seniors and juniors becoming null and void.

Our landlords, the District Council, were most supportive with regards to the pitches; they contracted a professional agronomist to inspect them and take soil samples, with the verdict that they were of poor quality and should be completely re-laid. The contractor, responsible for laying the pitches, brought in their own experts, and unsurprisingly, their findings were the opposite to those employed by the council. They also claimed the Football Club were at fault for not maintaining the pitches properly. The District Council allowed us to use our old pitch in the athletic stadium for both our seniors to train on and the juniors to play matches, and that has been a real help. After a long wait, the contractors have now been working on the outside pitches; progress seems slow but at least they are doing something.

The club remained closed until the 18th July and even then, as we do now, we had to follow strict Government and FA guidelines for football training in small groups of six people. We could open the Social Club and bar to customers and over the next few weeks as the restrictions eased, we gradually got back to playing football with pre-season friendlies starting

behind closed doors on 5th August.

The season started the first week in September with the 1st team beating Raynes Park Vale 3-1 in front of over 200 supporters (adhering to FA and Government COVID Guidelines) in the FA Cup. In the next round, we had a prestigious home draw against Isthmian League side, Haywards Heath Town, but sadly two of our players testing positive for COVID, which meant a 14-day isolation period for all the senior teams, the pavilion was closed and deep cleaned, but worst of all we had to withdraw from the FA Cup.

League matches at The Countryside Stadium have been well attended this year, although results have not always gone as well as hoped. We currently sit in the bottom half but with games in hand on the teams above and our Under 23s sit mid-table. The Under 18s are playing some great football this season, although the majority are first year players, six have already played in the Under 23s and one has also played in the first team. With 13 junior teams this season, the future certainly does look good for the club.

Hopefully, in the New Year we can all benefit from a COVID vaccine and life and football can start to get back to some normality. Meanwhile, if Licensed Premises can reopen this year, then why not come on down and join us for a drink in our social club; you will have to follow the latest Government Covid Guidelines, but you will be in good surroundings with SKY Sports, BT Sport, 3 large screen TVs, pool tables and nice people – what more can you ask for?

Wishing you all a very happy Christmas and prosperous New Year. Stay safe and don't forget to Follow the Bears.

*Andy Crisp*

*Broadbridge Heath Football Club*  
[www.pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheathfc](http://www.pitchero.com/clubs/broadbridgeheathfc)





# Your local Councillors

## County Councillor

### Covid-19

West Sussex County Council (WSCC) continues to focus on monitoring and managing Covid-19 throughout the county. WSCC works closely with the NHS and HDC as well as the community sector to ensure that by working together we can prevent the spread of the virus.

### Pollinator Action Plan

WSCC have been working to support pollinators following the adoption of WSCC's Pollinator Action Plan last year. Butterflies, bumblebees and beetles play

an important role in maintaining habitats and ecosystems that many animals and humans rely on for food.

WSCC are working with communities, Parish Councils, schools and colleges to raise awareness about the importance of pollinators. I hope, like me, you noticed a welcome increase in butterflies and moths in the summer.

### £9m boost for pothole prevention and other improvements

The Government has given WSCC an extra £9.8m for improving the road network.

£7.8m will be used for pothole prevention initiatives. This is on top of

£8,000,000 worth of road resurfacing and pothole prevention works already planned for the current financial year. The other £2m will go towards safety related improvements e.g. new signs and road markings. To report a pothole or highway issue email [love.westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:love.westsussex.gov.uk) or use the 'Love West Sussex' app.



*Christian*  
**Christian Mitchell**  
County Councillor  
for Broadbridge  
Heath

## District Councillors

As we remain in difficult times, there is a range of support available to both individuals and businesses. If you need help getting access to food or medication, then the community hubs are open to provide help. The council also has methods of providing financial support, from the council tax reduction schemes to help finding employment. If you are a business owner, you may also be eligible for a support grant. Details of all the aforementioned support is available at [Horsham.gov.uk](http://Horsham.gov.uk) or by contacting us directly.

We're pleased that progress has been made on a range of problems residents have been experiencing since we last wrote to you. Two examples that stand out to us are the completion of the roads in Wickhurst Green, and the setting up of a new reliable postal route in the Solomon's Seal area of the village. We're not complacent to the fact that a lot of outstanding work needs to be completed and we're working tirelessly to see residents' problems resolved.

If there's anything we can do for you please get in touch with us, we'd love to hear from you, even if it's just to say hi.

We wish you all a happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

*Matt and Louise*

**Councillor Matt Allen**  
[matthew.allen@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:matthew.allen@horsham.gov.uk)



**Councillor Louise Potter**  
[louise.potter@horsham.gov.uk](mailto:louise.potter@horsham.gov.uk)

## Photography Competition

Congratulations to the 3 winners of our Summer photography competition and a huge thanks to everyone that got involved and shared their beautiful images! It was a difficult decision, but the 3 winning entries were as follows:

**Manasvi Praveen** – Winner of the Junior Category (see the front cover of our newsletter!). A beautiful photo taken from her home in the Wickhurst Green development.

**Craig Murton** – Winner of the Adult Category. A stunning photo taken of the Church using a long exposure capturing the light on the Church and showcasing the sky and stars. (right)

**Steve Fielder** – Highly Commended in the Adult Category. A photo capturing the landscape behind Mill House by Broadbridge Farm. (below)



# Your Parish Council



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## Assistant clerk welcome



Hi, my name is Olivia, and I am delighted to be the new Assistant Clerk. My 20-year career in Aviation came to an end this summer but I was very fortunate and

excited to be given this new opportunity to join the BBHPC team. I live in the village with my family and I am passionate about ensuring a safe, happy environment for all the community to enjoy. I love community engagement and trying to get the best out of everything, and I am excited to be a part of future village projects and developments. It's been a very challenging year, but I feel very proud to be in a village that has supported each other, embraced change and I'm very keen for this community spirit to evolve and support this in my new role.

## Environment Officer

Mr John Pilkington (pictured below with our PCSO). If you are concerned about an area in the village that needs John's attention, please contact the Clerk.  
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## Essential Services

### Horsham District Council

Spotted a problem? Whether it is an abandoned car, dog fouling, fly tipping, or litter and graffiti, you can report it online. It is fast and easy and can be reported at any time, day or night.

Find the problem you need to report on this link: [www.horsham.gov.uk/report](http://www.horsham.gov.uk/report)

**Love West Sussex** a cloud-based service run by West Sussex County Council (WSCC) for reporting environmental crime such as graffiti, or potholes in the road through their mobile phones; WSCC can manage and respond through their integrated services.  
[love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home](http://love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home)

**Operation Crackdown** is a joint initiative run by the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership and Sussex Police which gives

the Sussex community an opportunity to report specific instances of anti-social driving/riding as well as any abandoned vehicles left on the roads.

[www.operationcrackdown.org/](http://www.operationcrackdown.org/)

**Your Policing questions answered**  
[www.askthe.police.uk/content/@1.htm](http://www.askthe.police.uk/content/@1.htm)

### How to contact Sussex Police:

For emergencies always call 999.

For non-urgent matters report online through the Sussex Police website [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) when you don't need to talk but want to tell us about something.

Call 101 when you need to talk to someone but don't require an urgent response. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired, you can use TypeTalk on 18000 or send a text to 65999.

Please note that due to the nature of SMS texts, we may not receive your message immediately.

## Community Speed Watch

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police, to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Although local CSW teams were permitted to operate during the second lockdown period, a decision was made to temporarily suspend local activity, however, we anticipate that "normal service" will resume once the restrictions have passed.

The second lockdown has seen another increase in activity on our village roads, as cyclists, walkers, and runners take their daily exercise, and as local children go to and from school each day. With the shorter days, and gloomier weather that winter can bring, it is important that we all take extra care on the roads, and that motorists drive to the conditions and speed limits.

If you would like to get involved in our village scheme, please visit the website [communityspeedwatch.org](http://communityspeedwatch.org) where you can sign up, and complete the online training.

You can email the local scheme at [bbhspeedwatch@gmail.com](mailto:bbhspeedwatch@gmail.com)