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Newsletter

Broadbridge Heath Parish Council

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Chair's update *Dear Resident,*

I hope you are remaining well during the continued challenges of lockdown and can now start to take advantage of some of the lifted restrictions but don't forget to keep your distance.

So much has happened since I reported in the Winter 2019 Newsletter. We are all trying to adapt to a quite different way of living and there's no doubt that it is challenging, but particularly for those who live alone and those who don't have gardens.

However, the council thought that it is important to ensure that your parish Summer Newsletter was produced as normal, so that you know your Parish Council is still functioning in an albeit (and understandably) restricted service, and is there to provide you with as much information and support as possible during these troubled times.

The government has changed the existing regulations for councils requiring meetings to be held in person. The Regulations enable local councils to hold remote meetings (including by video and telephone conferencing) for a specified period until May next year.

The Parish Council has chosen Zoom to be the video and telephone conferencing application. Meetings will

be held using Zoom and will be open to the public to join and take part in as for meetings previously held in person. If you are interested in participating, do go to our website where you can get more information.

Latest Government guidelines released have relaxed things to a certain extent, but please all heed the advice to 'stay alert!' Details of which are on the Parish Council website. I would encourage residents using our spaces to respect other people and protect the natural environment, remembering your actions can affect people's lives and livelihoods.

As you know Thursday evenings was a time when our community came together in their 'appreciation clapping' for the NHS and carers. The new 'Thursday Phenomenon' certainly brought the community together. Equally, I believe, we were acknowledging those 'forgotten' workers: refuse collectors, delivery persons, utility workers, shop assistants, community volunteers, etc. for their support to our residents during this time. These are the people behind each clap – the people and services that we should never take for granted for it is everyone who is playing their part in their own way that are the heroes of our community.

Moving forward the Parish Council will, at the appropriate time, continue its 2020 agenda of completing and delivering new projects across Broadbridge Heath. These projects include the proposed new play area behind the Village Centre, landscaping works and improvements at The Ducky.

My final thought and message to everyone is that in the days and weeks ahead we look forward to the time when we will be able to return to a sense of normality.



Terry

Clr Terry Oliver, Chairman
Broadbridge Heath Parish Council



Parish Council update

Recreation Committee Your Parish Clerk

We had several exciting plans for 2020 to make improvements to the village environment, but sadly, due to the present circumstances, these have had to be put on hold; however, they will go ahead as soon as we are able to proceed.

There will be a new children's playground at the Village Centre, which will be on a 'monster' theme and almost double the size of the current one. Children from Shelley Primary had the opportunity to enter a competition to design some of the attractions within the playground, and I just hope we get it installed before the winners are too old to enjoy it!

The landscaping around the Triangle (where the Old Guildford Road splits and becomes Billingshurst Road) will be redesigned with new raised beds and planting.

The pond area at the Ducky will have a major overhaul, after consultations with conservationists.

There will be a 'Buddy bench' at the One-Stop shop for residents to sit awhile.

I hope residents realise that as a Parish Council we have limitations as to what we can and cannot do within our parish. The responsibilities of the 3 tiers of local government can be found on our website.

We very much look forward to being able to expand our activities across the whole village when we adopt the



green spaces on the newer developments.

Christine

Cllr Christine Knight

Chair of Recreation Committee

It has been encouraging and heart-warming collating these newsletter articles from our various community organisations and seeing how they are responding to the Covid 19 pandemic. It has, of course, affected us all in so many ways.

Just before lockdown commenced, we held an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to set in place the required delegations to enable the Parish Council to continue with its general activities. In line with new legislation, we have since introduced virtual Parish Council meetings via the Zoom platform. These meetings are open to the public so please do get in touch if you would like to join the meeting from the comfort of your own home!

It has been wonderful to see the village's open spaces being enjoyed during the period of restricted activity. For some, this has been an opportunity to explore parts of the village previously unvisited – in particular I know the Top Common has offered a peaceful retreat for so many. If you haven't already, do pay a visit to spot some beautiful wild flowers and wildlife. Perhaps visiting these open spaces will inspire you to enter our Summer holiday photography competition! Details can be found at the base of this page.

Sadly the lockdown restricted so many planned community events around the nation to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. We will, however be looking at ways to commemorate this historic milestone when we are able to safely do so.

In response to communications from residents regarding anti-social

driving incidents, we have engaged with the police and West Sussex County Council Highways. Our new PCSO is organising regular patrols of the highlighted areas. If you do spot an incident, where possible, make a note of the car details as this is important when reporting via Operation Crackdown.

At the time of this newsletter going to print our play areas and adult fitness equipment remain closed. We will be closely following government guidelines and look forward to re-opening them when it is safe to do so.

If you wish to get in touch to report a concern, for signposting to a relevant service, or to make any suggestions of ways to improve our village, please send me an email. Contact details and some useful information links are included on the back page.

I hope by reading through this newsletter you are encouraged by the wonderful community spirit of our village.

Lucinda



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Our Environment Officer John Pilkington is out and about in the village most week days

Photography competition!

We are launching an exciting photography competition with the theme 'Our Beautiful Village'. Whilst in 'lockdown', you may have been inspired by nature – perhaps in your garden or in our open spaces, maybe you have noticed something interesting on a walk in the village, or perhaps a wonderful view. Please take a photograph* and submit any image that you feel captures the beauty of Broadbridge Heath.

The winning photograph from each category will be printed, framed, and displayed on the walls of our new Parish Office. It will also feature on the Parish Council website, in the Broadbridge Heath magazine and our Winter Parish newsletter.

We welcome submissions in the following categories: Primary (5-11); Secondary (11-18); Adult (18+) and the closing date is Tuesday 1st September 2020.

Please email your photograph, the location it was taken, and your age (for primary and secondary categories – not necessary for adults!) to: asst@broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk

RULES

One entry per person. By entering the competition, you agree to us sharing your entry on social media and our website. It is assumed that all submissions have the permission of any person featured (this is the responsibility of the applicant).

*Please remember to follow current government guidelines and stay safe.



Your local Councillors

District Councillors

The measures that were required to contain the threat of Coronavirus were unprecedented. Yet, when needed, key workers stepped up to the mark to ensure we all could live our lives as best we could. Words cannot do justice to how thankful we are for all that they do every day.

At Horsham District Council there has been an incredible effort to support residents in Broadbridge Heath and the wider district area. This goes from the planners who stepped in to support our waste and recycling teams, to the finance team that worked 7 days a week to provide over £22m worth of support to small businesses and everyone in-between.

Unfortunately, lockdown caused the major downgrading works beside the new neighbourhood centre and the finishing of Wickhurst Green to temporarily stop. It is now expected that the downgrading works and neighbourhood centre will be complete by early July.

We were expecting a review into traffic movement in Broadbridge Heath to begin this summer. Unfortunately, current events mean this will now begin in early 2021 to ensure an accurate picture is picked up. Many residents have already contacted us to discuss the roads, and we thank them for this. If you have any thoughts about traffic through the village then please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

The timetable for completion of the remainder of works in Wickhurst Green is currently being agreed between Countryside and their contractors and once this is confirmed we will circulate on our Facebook page; www.facebook.com/BBHLibDems. This timetable will ensure that both their workforce and residents are kept safe at all times.

As Councillors we have been continuing to work from home. We are back to our normal meeting schedule, albeit over Zoom, which can be watched live on the Council's YouTube page. As always, residents can contact us if they have any issues that they would like our help and support with. We're here to help you, so please get in touch.

Matt and Louise



Councillor Matt Allen
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ROAD SCHEME COMPLETE

The road scheme built as part of Horsham District Council's (HDC) housing masterplan ('West of Horsham') is complete. A Road Safety Audit 3 was undertaken in May 2020. The Audit Team examined the scheme from the point of view of all road users so that any hazards could be identified.

The scheme is subject to review and traffic monitoring is still affected by the national health crisis. Accurate measurement of traffic may mean the traffic survey could possibly be done later this year but more likely next year.

I continue to try and address any issues related to the major highway works raised by residents and the Parish Council. I've been grateful for residents' feedback.

The A24 Robin Hood roundabout improvement is to go to detailed design stage soon with an anticipated date for commencement of works from spring 2021.

Christian

Christian Mitchell
County Councillor for Broadbridge

An update from Countryside

ROADWORKS

Downgrading works to the A281 have re-commenced and are due to be complete in July. WSCC will formally reopen the road once these works have been completed. Countryside's Health and Safety team are working in partnership with Highways and the contractor, Walker Construction, to ensure best practice for completing the surfacing works to Sargent Way east and west whilst maintaining safe access for the residents and keeping the site operatives safe. It is our intention to follow on with the surfacing works once we have completed the works to the A281. We continue to work closely with Southern Water and WSCC Highways to complete the adoption of the remainder of the drainage and estate roads at Wickhurst Green.

NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Construction of the new Neighbourhood Centre is now largely complete with the remaining works to finish the car park due to complete within the next few weeks. Alongside these works, occupiers of the new Neighbourhood Centre have also restarted their fit out works. At present the new occupiers include Southern Co-operative, Harvest Veterinary Clinic, Focal Dental

Surgery and Bright Horizons Day Nursery. Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic we cannot confirm the exact opening dates for each of these new facilities.

ALLOTMENTS

As part of our Wickhurst Green development we are providing twenty six plots and five raised beds of varying sizes to suit a wide range of abilities. These will be handed over to the Broadbridge Heath Parish Council who will be allocating them to residents on their waiting list. Works to construct the new allotments are planned to start in October.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Our landscapers have been working in reduced numbers during the current crisis and have focused on maintaining those areas needed for essential use. Horsham District Council's landscape team requested that we close the play areas during the lockdown. These areas have not been secured as we felt we could rely on the residents to follow government guidelines over their use. Regular maintenance of the play areas will recommence in line with government guidance as to when these areas should reopen.

Should you have any queries or require further information please email Countryside at strategic@cpplc.com

Your community

Age UK

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well during these strange times. It is such a shame that we are still unable to have our cuppa and chats and for me to meet you in one of the Broadbridge Heath community groups but I very much look forward to the day that I can.

We at Age UK Horsham District are still operating right across the District with our wonderful staff and volunteers so if you, or anyone you know could do with our support then give us a call on 01403 260560. In addition, we are producing a twice monthly 'Fun and

Games' newsletter which we can email out to you (or maybe you have a friend or relative who could print a copy off for you and pop it through your door). It can be tricky so you might need to 'phone a friend' for help but this will spread the fun so this is good. Do get in touch if you would like a copy.

Please do get in touch if you could do with some support.

Hayley

www.ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk
info@ageukhorshamdistrict.org.uk
01403 260560.

4 The Youth

Whilst in lockdown local youth charity, 4 The Youth have been finding new ways to support young people in the Horsham area, including members in Broadbridge Heath. With a lot of young people feeling anxious and struggling with feeling isolated, the charity wanted to continue to support them and maintain as much normality as possible.

As youth clubs, school lessons and staying in touch with friends moved online, having an internet connection and a laptop has become vital. 4 The Youth has been able to support young people and families that needed them with the loan of chromebooks and IT Support.

Youth club sessions have also gone online using Google Meet, to join virtual club sessions which have included Bingo, Scavenger Hunts and Quizzes as well as the opportunity to talk to the 4 The Youth team.

4 The Youth staff continue to be available to young people and parents for confidential help and support by

phone or Whatsapp on 01403 566445 or emailing forest@4theyouth.org.uk In the future, 4 The Youth is looking forward to bringing outreach support workers to outdoor spaces and hopes to make use of the snack wagon in Broadbridge Heath and other areas of Horsham throughout the summer months with socially distanced sports and activities on offer. The team look forward to welcoming new and existing members to Toasties Youth Club and our other clubs in Horsham later in the year as it becomes safe again.

Many young people in Year 6 will be particularly anxious about starting a new school in September having missed the summer term. 4 The Youth will be running virtual club sessions specifically for young people due to start Tanbridge, Millais, Forest and Bohunt with the opportunity to meet others joining the school and be supported by youth workers in preparing to start in the Autumn term.

For further details on any of the above services visit www.4theyouth.org.uk or call the team on 01403 566445.

Broadbridge Heath Bombshells WI

The Broadbridge Bombshells WI has always been a place to meet like-minded women bringing together both Old Broadbridge Heath and New (Wickhurst Green) in one cohesive, friendly and supportive group. But, what do you do when you can no longer meet up because of social distancing and lockdown? Well you plan a virtual meeting of course! Armed with wine and our electronic devices we got together to have a face to face Zoom meeting, chatting to each other from across the village. A family quiz was planned with WI members, husbands and children playing and even the odd cat and dog making an appearance. We all had fun trying to answer questions on History, Food & Drink, Netflix and Music which included a 'name that tune' section.

So we have proven that not even Coronavirus can keep the girls down.

Fiona Smithers-Green

Broadbridge Heath WI

Lockdown hasn't stopped Broadbridge Heath WI from having fun. Like lots of people, we're keeping in touch electronically – phoning, emailing, playing games online, we've even enjoyed virtual afternoon tea and weekly quizzes.

We've also kept busy – sewing scrubs and laundry bags from linens donated by our generous members, knitting and crocheting for family, friends and charities, painting and crafting or just doing stuff we've put off. Those with gardens are busy outside, sharing this lovely weather with the wildlife.

The VE Day 75th anniversary reminded us that what we're going through is nothing compared to the sacrifices of so many all those years ago so we showed our gratitude with flags, bunting and virtual 'street parties'. Many wonderful people are still making sacrifices to keep us safe and supplied – supermarkets, shops and businesses, posties, couriers, drivers and transport workers, milkmen, volunteers... Thank you all.

It won't be long before we're able to share hugs and natter over a cuppa. If you'd like to join us, you'll be very welcome.

Maureen and Wendy

Email: BBHWI@uwclub.net or phone
Maureen: 01403 268963 or Wendy:
01403 217152

Join our clubs virtually



Our clubs continue to meet online using google meet each week - join on any laptop, phone or tablet.

Play games, catch up with friends and talk to our youth workers.

Sign up at www.membermoji.co.uk/4theyouth and we'll send a link to join our virtual club session.



Email: forest@4theyouth.org.uk Call/Whatsapp: 01403 566445

News from St John's

The coronavirus outbreak has meant that life is totally different for the majority of us and our usual methods of functioning have had to change.

I began my role as vicar of St John's Broadbridge Heath at precisely the moment at which lockdown was announced at the end of March and had to adapt fairly quickly to the new environment. Thankfully, some of the first people I 'met' (obviously virtually) were those with ICT skills. They have been invaluable in quickly enabling us to hold church services over everybody's new favourite conferencing platform and we had nearly 90 devices and over 140 people log on to our first virtual service on Mother's Day (29th March). Since then we have met 'virtually' every Sunday at 10:30am to listen to teaching, sing along to our favourite worship songs and pray – all from the comfort of our own homes. We have still been able to 'meet' together in smaller groups to support and pray for one another and even have a virtual coffee time after each service. As well as this, we have been able to launch a new bible course using videos and materials online and are planning an Alpha Course for the autumn. Our pastoral team have been magnificent at contacting the more vulnerable members of our congregation, as well as those who are unable to access online services and we have been able to offer the front of the church building for a number of community groups needing a distribution site.

For me personally, lockdown could not have happened at the worst time, 3 days before I was due to be licensed as the vicar at St John's Broadbridge Heath and during the renovation of the vicarage which meant that I could neither have my induction service nor move into the area (from Orpington, where I am still living). I had also trained for the previous 3 months for the London marathon, which was subsequently cancelled and my plans for a big celebration for my 50th birthday were also shelved. But I am grateful. My family have remained healthy, I was not made homeless by Rochester Diocese and my son has had time to finish his school year without moving. I believe in celebrating the good things in life and seeking God to bring redemption and salvation when times are tough.

Rev. Dr Mark Lavender
Vicar, Broadbridge Heath

Broadbridge Heath Scout Group

The Scout Group made a strong start to the year after a successful application for a grant under Section 106 to help us revitalise a derelict area behind our shed – transforming it into a fantastic new garden. At the time of going to print we have also just received confirmation that a further application to fund the replacement of our damaged hall flooring has been successful. We send our thanks to the Parish Council for letting us know about this grant source.

This new garden will provide rewarding experiences to our young people, some of whom do not have a garden of their own.

The grant application was approved by Horsham District Council in March and we planned to have the work completed in time for the summer term. Unfortunately, the lockdown adjusted our timescales slightly, but once our landscape gardeners were confident they could work safely, the project began. The derelict space behind our sheds began to transform into a garden complete with custom-built fire-pits, planters and moveable outside seating.



The work is almost complete with the only thing outstanding being a fence to separate it from the general play area. When face to face scouting can return, our young people will be able to use their new garden to practice both practical skills like fire lighting and gardening but also soft skills like teamwork, communication, time management and responsibility.

In addition to the garden project, during the lockdown, there have been several initiatives to help keep scouting going virtually including 'The Great Indoors', 'Hike to the Moon' and 'Scout Master Challenges'. All these tasks mean that when we return to face to face scouting, we should have a nice amount of badges to award.

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering with the Group or joining the Committee, please do get in touch to see what your options are. You would be able to give as much or as little time as you have, and there's plenty you could do even if you are unable to commit to weekly meetings. Just email gsl1bbh@horshamscouts.com to find out more.

James Seden Smith

GSL, 1ST Broadbridge Heath Scout Group



Broadbridge Heath Gala Association

Hello everyone. From all of us at the Gala Team, we hope that you are keeping safe and well, and have been able to enjoy the beautiful weather.



Perfect weather for village events, some might say!

Unfortunately though, due to the continuing

uncertainty surrounding social gatherings, we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the Village Fete for this year. Our popular Pub Quizzes, and plans for more Nearly New Sales, have all been put on hold as well. We are hopeful that we can bring you

our usual Autumn/Winter events, and we are in regular contact with Santa to make sure he is keeping well, and ready for his visit this Christmas!

We know how you all love the annual BBH Easter Egg Trail, so instead of cancelling it, we have temporarily postponed this until later in the year. Thanks to a generous donation from Tesco's, and the Easter Bunny, we have a whole load of yummy prizes just waiting to be won.

We can't wait to put on some more fun events for all of you, so for now, please stay at home, keep safe and alert, and keep checking our Facebook page for updates.

The BBH Gala Team
bbhgalateam@gmail.com



Top Common and the cricket ground provide quiet places for local residents to sit and get closer to the natural world during the Covid 19 crisis. Wild flowers have brightened the scene for weeks during spring and early summer.”

Top common sports

Broadbridge Heath Cricket & Stoolball

In the last edition of the newsletter we were looking forward to the 2020 season for both clubs but little did we know what was around the corner and what an impact the virus would have on our health, economy and well-being.

So, at the time of writing now, there has been no cricket or stoolball at the Top Common this season. The Sussex Cricket League will make a decision mid June about when and what recreational cricket can be played in Sussex and are hoping that games can be arranged from at least the 1st August but some clubs have already said that they will not be playing any cricket this season at all. Here at Broadbridge Heath we do want to play under whatever arrangements are directed so we await news later this month.

For the ladies stoolball, unfortunately it now looks very unlikely that there will be any league matches this season.

Meanwhile, since March, we have had to maintain both the cricket square, outfield and beyond the boundary to be ready for any of the two sports. That has been tough, not only because our small groundstaff team has been smaller because of the impact of the lockdown but also because of issues with some of our machinery. It's been a battle to stop the Top Common returning to its wild state and whilst parts don't look their usual immaculate best, at least the lack of rain has helped the control. Unfortunately, the reduced maintenance may have contributed to dog-walkers thinking that they don't have to pick-up what their dog deposits. Please clear up behind your dog and place the bag in the bin provided.

On a more pleasant note, Sport England has been very supportive nationally of recreational summer sports clubs during the pandemic. As a result, the cricket club have been successful in obtaining grants which will now enable us to make further improvements to the ground, including new fencing and the installation of outfield drainage plus cover some essential annual costs now that our income stream for the year is severely reduced. In addition, Field Place Estate were very helpful when one of their oak trees fell in the winter storms and crushed our mobile batting cage, leading us to being able to obtain a lovely new one – all we need now is to be able to use it!

Colin Case

broadbridgeheath.play-cricket.com/home/home.asp

www.stoolball.org.uk/broadbridgeheath

Broadbridge Heath Tennis Club

The tennis club had to close the courts at the end of March but were pleased to be able to reopen on Saturday 16th May with measures in place recommended by the LTA.

Following the recent Government announcement regarding further easing of the lockdown members are now able to play doubles. There is however only one court available to preserve social distancing. The committee are constantly monitoring developments and will make further changes as soon as it is possible and considered safe for members that we do so.

At present the courts are only open to current members but as soon as the club can give full access to both courts new membership applications will be considered together with public court hire.

Ann Lines

[Broadbridge Heath Tennis Club](http://BroadbridgeHeathTennisClub)

Broadbridge Heath Football Club

Despite no definitive date at time of press on when football at our level will resume, various grants received from the government and Sport England has certainly helped keep things moving.

Behind the scenes the club has been busy, recruiting new managers and coaches for both the senior and junior sections. Chris Simmons was appointed First Team Manager in January this year; Kristian Sorensen was appointed First Team Assistant Manager/Coach in February; Gaz Newton was appointed Head Coach in February and Mitch Garrett was appointed U23 Manager in early May.

Finally, on appointments we've agreed to run a Vets side that will compete in the West Sussex & District Sunday Vets League managed by Hicham Rhioui. Beyond building for the season ahead and ensuring we remain competitive across all senior teams we're also working through how we further invest in and integrate the Junior and Senior sections of the football club. The club has done a fantastic job in recent years in developing and progressing players through the junior ranks to play senior football.

Andy Crisp

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

Keeping you safe

Covid-19 related scams to be aware of:

ON-THE-SPOT FINES

- Police are warning against fraudsters claiming to be collecting on-the-spot fines for breaches of the government's coronavirus guidelines. Officers were made aware of a teenage man being approached by three men in Brighton who claimed to be undercover police officers and issuing him with an on-the-spot fine for being out during the coronavirus lockdown. The men also had a device which took the payment on-the-spot. Sussex Police will not ask you to hand over money or make a card payment when they issue an on-the-spot fine, and officers will always be able to provide ID.

DOORSTEP CRIME

- Criminals are targeting older people on their doorstep and offering to do their shopping. Thieves take the money and do not return. None of the community hub volunteers in the district will knock on your door unless you have asked for help and they will have ID.
- Doorstep cleansing services are offering to clean drives and doorways

to kill bacteria and help prevent the spread of the virus.

ONLINE SCAMS

- Email scams try to trick people into opening malicious attachments, which put people at risk of identity theft with personal information, passwords, contacts and bank details at risk. Some of these emails have lured people to click on attachments by offering information about people in the local area who are affected by coronavirus.
- Fake online resources, such as false Coronavirus maps, in fact deliver malware such as AZORult Trojan, an information stealing program which can infiltrate a variety of sensitive data. A prominent example that has deployed malware is 'corona-virus-map[dot]com'.

REFUND SCAMS

- People seeking holiday refunds should be wary of fake websites set up to falsely offer holiday refunds. Instead they collect your personal data.

COUNTERFEIT GOODS

- Fake sanitisers, face masks and Covid-19 swabbing kits are being sold online and door-to-door. These products can often be dangerous and unsafe.

There are reports of some potentially harmful hand sanitisers containing glutaral (or glutaraldehyde), which was banned for human use in 2014. Please note that sanitisers bought from a reputable source are safe to use.

TELEPHONE SCAMS

- As people continue to self-isolate at home there is an increasing risk that telephone scams will also rise, including criminals claiming to be your bank, mortgage lender or utility company. If in doubt, end the call and call them back on a number from a recent bill.

DONATION SCAMS

- There have been reports of thieves extorting money from consumers by claiming they are collecting donations for a COVID-19 'vaccine'.

To report fraud online, visit the Action Fraud website: www.actionfraud.police.uk/ or call 0300 123 2040

More information about scams can be found here: www.friendsagainstsca.ms.org.uk/article/505/beware_of_covid_19_scams

You can check if something is a scam here: www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/check-if-something-might-be-a-scam/

Regular scam updates can be found here: www.actionfraud.police.uk/sign-up-for-action-fraud-alert



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.

Since the introduction of the social distancing guidelines, all CSW activity in England has been suspended. However, Sussex Police continue to patrol our roads, conduct speed checks, and will take enforcement action where appropriate.

As a community, we need to continue addressing the issue of speeding, and the anti-social use of vehicles in our village. This behaviour should be reported to Sussex Police via the Operation Crackdown website, as this will assist them in identifying

problem areas and specific vehicles.

A recent issue has been the use of unlicensed and uninsured motorbikes travelling along Billingshurst Road, to be ridden on the fields behind Broadbridge Park, and the Solomon's Seal development.

Vehicles speeding along the new A264 dual carriageway, and skidding around the roundabouts, particularly in the evenings, continues to be an issue for local residents. To report any of these occurrences, please report them through the Operation Crackdown website.

With many people away from work and school, there has been a significant increase in the use of our roads by cyclists, walkers, and runners. As more families with children, spend time exercising along local roads, we all need to take extra care to ensure everyone's safety.

If you would like to get involved in our village scheme, please visit the website communityspeedwatch.org where you can sign up, and complete the online training. You can also email the local scheme at bbhspeedwatch@gmail.com

WSSC road safety

The Road Safety Team at West Sussex County Council would like to offer the following advice to motorists:-

PEDESTRIANS – with increased numbers of people out walking and social distancing, expect to see more pedestrians stepping out onto the road.

CYCLISTS – A minimum distance of 1.5 metres is required by law when passing cyclists – at higher speeds 2 metres is recommended. For all cyclists out there, please carry out regular safety checks on your bike.

CAR SAFETY – please carry out the necessary vehicle safety checks if getting back to driving. Go to www.gov.uk/check-vehicle-safe for further info.

MOTORCYCLE SAFETY – For motorcycle safety checks, please go to www.gov.uk/government/publications/motorcycle-show-me-tell-me-vehicle-safety-questions

For regular road safety advice and updates, please go to 'West Sussex Road Safety' on Facebook.

#takeextracare

Your Parish Council



For further information visit
www.broadbridgeheath-pc.gov.uk

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Responsible Financial Officer: Jo Ball
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Environment Officer: Mr John Pilkington.
If you are concerned about an area in the village that needs John's attention, please contact the Clerk.

Local services

Horsham District Council
01403 215100

See the latest COVID news and service updates from HDC at www.horsham.gov.uk/coronavirus

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 at www.horsham.gov.uk/report

Love West Sussex is an award winning mobile and cloud-based service run by West Sussex County Council (WSCC). Citizens can report environmental crime such as graffiti, or potholes in the road through their mobile phones; WSCC can manage and respond through their integrated services.

You send in your report using the free mobile apps, a text or picture message, or using the link below. Love West Sussex will deal with your report and you can be kept informed of progress using this web site, or you will be sent a message when it's complete.

love.westsussex.gov.uk/reports/home
Alternatively call 01243 777100.

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

Your Policing questions answered
www.askthe.police.uk/content/@1.htm

Sussex Police

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Covid-19 Fundraising Appeal

Thousands of volunteers from across the Horsham District have come together to support those who are self-isolating and have no family or friends to help them with practical shopping, prescription collections or just a friendly phone call.

Over 10,000 requests for help have come into the 27 Community Volunteer Hubs since early March. This is an incredible amount of help that has been given and continues to be given. For more information visit www.horsham.gov.uk/community/coronavirus-community-support

The hub in Broadbridge Heath has 66 volunteers and there are two volunteers heading up the work. There has been a steady flow of requests (on the week before going to print there were 18 requests and 18 in the week before) all of which are being met.

The volunteers can be reached on the following numbers:
Old BBH – 07903 435083;
Wickhurst Green development – 07581 060638.

Please also consider donating to the Covid-19 Fundraising Appeal that raises funds for the work of the volunteers and those impacted by Covid 19 www.horsham.gov.uk/community/coronavirus-community-support/donate-to-the-community-support-appeal

Each Hub receives a proportion of the funds raised based on the number of households in their area.

