



Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council

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About HTNC

Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council (HTNC) is a non-political body that aims to represent the interests of the Trafalgar area and its residents. Meetings are open to the public and are held once a month except for August. Elections are held every four years.

The Council aims to represent your opinions about matters which concern your neighbourhood. This may involve trying to find out who is responsible for dealing with a specific problem and then getting something to happen. Examples include:

- the condition of roads and paths
- local bus services, including the lack of covered bus shelters
- the repair / replacement of damaged road signs
- inadequate street lighting
- car parking.

We liaise with Horsham District Councillors and West Sussex County Councillors so as to ensure that both Councils' activities benefit local people as far as possible. We also comment on planning and licensing applications. If we can help you, please contact the HTNC Clerk: trafalgarnc@hotmail.com

Say "hello" to your Neighbourhood Wardens

In the summer of 2018 our new Neighbourhood Wardens, Alison Page and Lucy Hallett, started their patrols in the Trafalgar area.

Their introduction has been very successful, leading to the discovery of some major Antisocial Behaviour involving drugs.

The wardens also launched community initiatives such as check on your neighbour campaign, their Town Bands Together (event based initiative for people with disabilities to get extra consideration by event vendors). The Wardens are also able to give advice for any one with concerns about a vulnerable person.

You may well see them on our streets feel free to speak to them. If you have a problem you think they can help with, call Alison Page on 07795 051555 or Lucy Hallett on 07795 051561.

For a full description of their duties and to read their monthly reports please visit our website: horshamtrafalgarnc.com

Special Charge

Unlike Parish Councils, the Neighbourhood Councils cannot set a precept. As you will have seen from your recent Council Tax bill, this includes a figure for the special charge which only covers the unparished area of Horsham.

This money is allocated to items such as paying for the neighbourhood wardens, contributing towards youth provision, bandstand concerts and Horsham Park. The cost of the special charge is cheaper than if a precept is levied.

Blueprint Neighbourhood Plan – Helping shape the future of Horsham Town

HTNC is part of Horsham Blueprint, which has been set up to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the unparished area of Horsham. It is a Plan that will make a real difference as to how our Town will look and what it will offer residents in the years to come.

It has taken some time, but at long last the Plan is nearly ready. Consultants are now being employed to finalise the Neighbourhood Plan before it is put out to consultation and finally a referendum of residents of Horsham Town.

If you are interested you can find out more by visiting: horshamblueprint.org

Overhanging Hedges

At this time of year hedges and bushes can grow rapidly, overhanging footpaths and making it difficult or impossible for pedestrians to use. Where hedges stand on private land or form part of a boundary, maintenance is up to the property owner. Please be considerate to your neighbours and cut it back. If it causes an obstruction, WSCC can serve notice or seek a contribution from you towards remedial work.



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Armistice Centenary Tree planting in Horsham Park

HTNC was delighted to be part of a joint project with Denne and Trafalgar Neighbourhood Councils and Friends of Horsham Park to plant a tree in Horsham Park to commemorate the centenary of the ending of the First World War. The tree is a flowering cherry with rich autumnal colour – highly appropriate for honouring Remembrance Day each year. When Summer turns to Autumn, look out for the tree in the Poppy Field next to Park House.

Interested in your area? You too can be a Neighbourhood Councillor

Would you like to represent your neighbours in local affairs? You would be very welcome to join us. We currently have a vacancy on the Neighbourhood Council so if you are interested in being co-opted onto the council please contact the HTNC Clerk: trafalgarnc@hotmail.com

Making your home and neighbourhood safer

Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) is the most effective voluntary crime prevention initiative, with studies showing a **79% reduction** in crime where NHW organisation is in place.

So successful is NHW that many insurance companies offer property owners discounts if they belong to recognised schemes.

Membership is free. As a member you will get one email a week from NHW giving you that week's crime report for the District.

If you would like to find out more about NHW and assisting your community in the prevention of crime and anti-social behaviour, please contact your Area Co-ordinator for Trafalgar Ward (and Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Councillor) Marc Bryant via email marc.bryant.nhw@gmail.com or by phone on 01403 330093.

Trafalgar's past – did you know....?

The Neighbourhood Council meets in the Trafalgar Community Infant School in Victory Road – but how did this school come about?

The original Victory Road School opened in 1901. It was in fact three schools in one – Boys, Girls and Infants. Each had its own staff and Head Teacher. All had separate playgrounds!

One night in January 1940 the school burnt down – the cause unknown. All the pupils were dispersed to various sites in Horsham to continue their education.

After the end of the Second World War the school in Victory Road was rebuilt as Trafalgar County Infants' School, opening in 1949 with Greenway County Primary School following in 1950.

New Speedwatch group looking for volunteers

HTNC are joining forces with Forest Neighbourhood Council to run a Community Speedwatch, which will attempt to monitor vehicle speeds on our roads using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds.

The scheme is conducted in association with Surrey and Sussex Police, **but more volunteers are needed**. All equipment is supplied and training is free. Are you interested in lending a hand? Then contact Trafalgar Neighbourhood Councillor Michael Davis via: mdavis41@hotmail.co.uk

Speed Limits

We have many narrow streets in the Trafalgar area. Apart from the recently introduced 20 mph zone at Greenway School all our streets are 30 mph. In some streets 30 mph is impossible but on many 30 mph is feasible but may not be desirable.

Should we consider asking for 20 mph speed limits in some of our streets such as Kempshott, Swindon, Trafalgar and/or Rushams Roads – or indeed any others? Do we want 20mph speed limits in some roads when our children are going to and from school?

Do let us know what you'd like to see done via: trafalgarnc@hotmail.com