



TRAFALGAR

Newsletter of Horsham Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council (HTNC) Autumn 2022

Your Neighbourhood Council meets on the second Wednesday of the month, and residents are always welcome in the comfortable room at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church.

The next meetings are **Wednesdays 12th October, 9th November and 14th December**. There is currently a vacant seat on the Trafalgar Neighbourhood Council so do come along.

Contact clerk@horshamtrafalgarnc.com for more information. Our website is www.horshamtrafalgarnc.com

About your Neighbourhood Council

What do we do?

We aim to create a vibrant, efficient and prosperous community that feels good about itself, by being:

- open in the way we work with you and local organisations
- open about what's going on via the website, our meetings, Facebook and this newsletter
- open about how we spend our budget
- open to criticism and suggestions
- open to encouraging the growth of employment and education

As councillors with individual views, we work together in the common cause of empowering Horsham Trafalgar residents, protecting and enhancing their environment. Let us know what is important to you and your life here. What are your suggestions and concerns and what is your vision?

Who are we?

We're a non-political body comprising

- Nigel Dennis, our County Councillor
- Christine Costin and Martin Boffey, our District Council members for Trafalgar Ward. Martin is also leader of the Liberal Democrat group at Horsham District Council. Christian Mitchell is our HDC Conservative Cabinet Member for Horsham Town.
- Our Chair Morag Warrack, a member of the Green Party. Our other councillors Olive, Ben, Paula, and new councillor, Adam Key.

We are ably supported by our clerk Rhoda, and Maria and Charlie, our Neighbourhood Wardens.

What's Happening in Trafalgar?

Regular Social Opportunities & Activities

Don't just sit there- do something! It seems that sitting is the new smoking, as it's so unhelpful for our health and wellbeing- so get as active as you can, and WELL DONE if you do!

Trafalgar Community Choir Monday nights at Trafalgar Road Baptist Church. Contact Steve: 07887590052 steveldavies37@tiscali.co.uk

The Pleasure Singers

A ladies' community choir. Wednesdays 2-4pm Holy Trinity Church Hall, Rushams Road. Contact Elaine: 07814636292 northie1529@gmail.com

Trinity Church 'Crafty Thursdays' Contact Jane: 01403 265649

Renew Wellbeing Trafalgar Road Baptist Church – From 10-12am Wednesdays. Gentle making activity and quiet chat. Contact: 01403 240729

Boldings Brook Conservation Group by the Red River. Contact Daphne: 01403 263640

Trinity Ladies

A friendly group of ladies meeting on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays monthly at 7.30pm in The Holy Trinity Church Hall, Rushams Road.

Contact Val: 01403 256652

email valeriej.hardwick@yahoo.com

Ann: 01403 275742

email baz.annturner@gmail.com

6th Oct Harvest Supper

20th Oct Beetle Drive
3rd Nov Speaker to be confirmed
17th Nov Christmas Themed night
1st Dec Christmas meal out
15th Dec Christmas Sing Song live

Look forward to hearing from anyone interested.

The Horsham District Older Peoples Forum invites you to meet **Horsham MP Jeremy Quin** who lives here in Trafalgar. HDOPF will be hosting their annual 'MP Question Time' event on **Friday the 25th of November 10.00am- 12pm**. The meeting is for residents aged 60+ and is open to everyone who is involved in any way with the challenges and issues faced by older people. If you would like to attend, please email hdopforum@gmail.com

Trinity Church Fire Pit Carols on the front lawn Saturday 17th December at 5pm. Mince pies and song. Donations welcome.

[Recycling and the environment](#)

[Trafalgar Recycling](#)

Textiles and electricals can often be fixed at the Horsham Repair Café each month in town. Book your repair via the Sussex Green Living website and hopefully there will be no need for recycling! If items are beyond repair then they can be collected from your door by booking a free collection on the HDC website, though this leads to incineration (a new incinerator is proposed for Warnham) or landfill (and there is no landfill space now in West Sussex).

Sadly, no new volunteer has stepped up to lead the recycling for **Terracycle** at **Greenway & Rushams Rd Church**, so the nearest drop-off point is now the Quaker Meeting Hall by the bus station. Clothes, textiles & shoes can be donated at **Trafalgar Infant School**, the Chinese takeaway in **Spencers Rd**, the **Coot** pub car park, and also at the **Co-op** opposite the Dog & Bacon (also books and all soft plastics at the Co-op). Batteries can be tied onto your blue or green bin in a clear bag.

[The People's Plan](#)

Horsham's "**Blueprint Neighbourhood Plan**" is finally ready and the people of Horsham town are invited to choose whether to accept it or not. The Plan, which was created over many years by local residents, workers and visitors, will designate 23 specific areas within Horsham Town as 'Local Green Spaces' and will also ensure that green corridors (such as the Riverside Walk) are maintained for people and wildlife. The plan does not allocate sites for housing development but includes many important

policies such as providing affordable homes and keeping Horsham a distinctive market town. So make sure you use your vote on 20th October, as local people of all ages and with diverse politics and interests have genuinely worked hard for seven years to produce this, our Blueprint Neighbourhood Plan.

visit: www.horshamblueprint.org or www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/local-plan

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[New Public Defibrillator at Trafalgar Rd Baptist Church](#)



The new defibrillator

Last October, Trafalgar Road Baptist Church was given the opportunity to have a public defibrillator on site, due to a family member of a local resident securing funding after a Community First Responder from Horsham Responders helped to save her sister's life. The church leaders agreed, and the defibrillator is now situated on the side of the cabin next to the church.

Instructions are on the front of the box and show how to easily access it in case of an emergency. During a first aid course, I was told that if you can open a zip and press a button you can operate a defibrillator!

Whilst we hope that it is never needed, we are thankful to have this equipment available for anyone in our local area to use in case of an emergency.

-- From Faith Aldridge, administrator of TRBC

Children's Sunflower Competition Winner

Children had fun planting their seeds at the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and our sunflower winner is little **Rory Bennett**, who will be receiving a book as his prize. Well done and thanks from the birds and bees too!



Rory Bennett with his sunflower. The sunflower was 143cm tall.

Services and Amenities

Youth Provision

The new Café in Hurst Road opened in August and provides a place for young people aged 11+ to meet with friends, have fun and refreshments, and chat to the Youth Workers.

Teens Out and About

A new app, **Safe Space Sussex** is for teens to let parents know their whereabouts; of particular use at night.

Bus Services

Please see the newly launched #WestSussBus - a long-term engagement project, to collect views, suggestions and ideas about local bus services.

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/westsussbus>

The Leonard Crosbie Community Awards

Last year, we launched the **Trafalgar Community Awards** in memory of HDC Councillor Leonard Crosbie who served the Trafalgar area so well for 25 years. His widow, Mary, is delighted to support this initiative, and we are open for nominations in the three categories of **Individual, Group and Business**.

Who makes a difference? Who goes the extra mile to be helpful and kind? Let us know who you feel is really making a difference to our community in any way. Send nominations to clerk@horshamtrafalgarnc.com by 15th November .

Crime and Safety

Cyber Crime is on the rise. A Trafalgar resident recently lost £700 due to an online hacker. He has now changed his password -- a clear demonstration of the value of learning by experience as opposed to just being told!

A friend who works in cyber security says all our passwords should be different, and recommends long passwords which are easy to remember, like AllThingsBrightandBreezy. Writing them down in a book is fine. If in doubt, don't click- Go to the original website.

Dodgy texts -forward to 7726

Dodgy emails-report@phishing.gov.uk

Fraud- www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

'Fake Police'

Real police cars will always have blue lights on. Read their warrant card carefully and even take a photo of it if in doubt.

Police Community Support Officers

We can help make police officers' jobs easier by reporting small things which can help them build up a bigger picture.

www.sussex.police.uk/report-online

101@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Safer Streets

We continue to support the 20s Plenty Scheme, the 'School Streets' initiative round Trafalgar School, and new light-up signs for Rushams Road. Overhanging hedges and parked cars continue to be a problem for Challencourt residents with mobility scooters and families with baby buggies, so please avoid parking on dropped kerbs.

<https://reports.operationcrackdown.org/asdprs/> for reports of speeding and anti social driving

Contacting TNC

Notice boards

We have two community notice boards in the Rec or email the clerk for any community events you'd like to promote.

There is a further **notice board at Cootes Green**. Contact info@cootesfarm.org.uk

Clerk - Rhoda Hatton for initial/general enquiries - clerk@horshamtrafalgarnc.com

Chair - Morag Warrack - chair@horshamtrafalgarnc.com

Councillors (aka Members) - contactable **via the clerk** -

Martin Boffey, Olive Hobbs, Ben Peterson, Paula Dinnage Adam Key and Nigel Dennis (for WSCC) -

Nigel.Dennis@westsussex.gov.uk

Wardens

Horsham.NeighbourhoodWardens@horsham.gov.uk

Maria Colenso – 07795051561 Charlie Nell – 07795051555

Struggling? support@horsham-matters.org.uk 0300 124 0204

Other Services

info@horsham-matters.org.uk for Youth Work teams

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/> to report potholes

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/sussex> - Time to get walking again

Thanks

Huge thanks are due to everyone who stepped up to deliver our last edition of the newsletter. Your help was gratefully received and it was wonderful that so many residents stepped up so willingly at short notice. If there are any residents in blocks of flats in particular who are able to take

responsibility for delivering to their block that would be most helpful as sometimes access is a problem and we don't want anyone to miss out on important local information such as voting on Blueprint.

From the Chair

A FOND FAREWELL FOR OUR GREEN QUEEN

As one of her final decisions, the Queen chose to mark her Platinum Jubilee this year with the *Queen's Green Canopy*, a tree planting initiative which invited people from across the UK to "**Plant a Tree for the Jubilee**". Here in Trafalgar, we joined the first wave of planting with three crab apple trees in the Rec in the spring, and as we mourn her passing, it is fitting that we are planting three more in the autumn planting season, creating a living memorial to a wonderful monarch who embodied dignity and wisdom, and who stayed up to date and informed in her serious passion to serve, right up until two days before her passing.

Her son, Charles, our new king, shares her love of trees and we wish him well in taking up the duties which lie ahead. Less than a year ago, he spoke to the assembled leaders of the world in Glasgow, at CPO 26, saying, "Nature is our best teacher. Accelerating nature-based solutions and leveraging the circular bio-economy will be vital to our efforts. .. The cost of inaction is far greater than the cost of prevention... Climate change and biodiversity loss pose an even greater existential threat than the devastating global cross-border threat of the Covid 19 pandemic."

King Charles III will need all of our help, and we will need his.

The following clip gives an explanation of his concerns as explained to our MPs in July 2022.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXQ46R15e1c>

An online book of condolence has been opened on Buckingham Palace's website: www.royal.uk

Green Film Festival in Trafalgar throughout October

I'm proud to say that in line with this, a solutions-based Green Film Festival for Horsham will be taking place in Trafalgar, kindly hosted by the Baptist Church on Trafalgar Road, every Wednesday at 7:30pm, throughout October. Tickets are on a pay-as-you-feel scale. There will be a seed swap at the first film, (hosted by Transition Horsham) and expert speakers at each Wednesday showing, including Tony Whitbread, president of the Sussex Wildlife Trust, and the local film makers themselves.

For tickets go to:-

www.sussexgreenliving.co.uk/cafes-forums/green-film-festival-for-horsham

I look forward to seeing you there.