

Covid-19 update

As the number of positive Covid-19 cases continues to rise across the county it remains important that we all continue to follow the Government guidance and help prevent the spread of the virus.

Washing hands, physically distancing, wearing face coverings, letting fresh air in, vaccinations and testing are still relevant in combating coronavirus. You can remind yourself of the current rules and restrictions on the **GOV.UK website**.

Regular testing can identify Covid-19 where symptoms are not present and help protect yourself and others. Visit www.westsussex.gov.uk/communitytesting to order packs of free rapid lateral flow test kits.

Anyone with symptoms should self-isolate immediately and book a free PCR test **here** or call 119.



You can check infection rates in your local area through the postcode tool on <u>our</u> <u>Data Dashboard</u>. Please share the link with others who may not receive this eNewsletter.

Find out more

Latest on vaccinations

As of Tuesday (29 June), **610,663** people in West Sussex have received at least one dose of the Covid-19 vaccination, which is 81.7% of our county's estimated population for those over 18 years. Find out all the latest data on vaccination take up in your area on our **data dashboard**.

Get your vaccination at a walk-in clinic next week

As all adults are now eligible for their vaccination, there are walk-in clinics taking place across West Sussex.

Find your nearest walk-in clinic.

You can attend these without an appointment and you can go with friends or family. Please just bring one form of ID (photo ID not required) and your NHS number, if you know it. Please encourage anyone you know who hasn't yet been vaccinated to get the jab.



As well as attending a walk-in, you can book an appointment for your vaccination. Your GP service may have written to you or texted to offer the chance to book a vaccination slot with them directly. You can book directly with them or you can book a vaccination appointment at any time through the national booking site.

There are vaccination centres in Chichester, Crawley, Haywards Heath and Horsham, amongst others.

Book your appointment **online** or call 119.

Make sure you attend your second vaccination appointment

If you've had your first jab, please make sure you get your second. If you're aged 40 and over, you're now invited to bring forward your second appointment to eight weeks from the first. If you booked your first jab through the national booking system or by calling 119, go <u>online</u> or call the team again to bring your second jab forward.

Thank you for doing what you can to keep you and those around you safe. Please don't forget to follow government guidance around 'hands, face, space and fresh air' once you've had your vaccination.

Find out more

Digital safety help



With children spending more time online than ever before, it can be a huge challenge for parents and carers to keep up to date and know how to implement parental controls and privacy settings to help keep their

children safe.

On hand to give friendly help and support, a team of Library Digital Volunteers are now offering remote support for basic digital safety enquiries and can talk you through how to set up privacy settings and parental controls on a range of apps and devices.

To get in touch with this **free service**, phone **0330 222 3455**, or email your name, phone number and a brief description of the help needed to: **library.digital.support@westsussex.gov.uk**.

Register **here** to get regular information about how to stay safe online.

Find out more

Come and work in our children's homes

Outstanding people are needed to work in our Outstanding children's homes.

We run a number of homes across West Sussex for children who need support to fulfil their potential and we need new staff who share our vision to do this.



The county council's homes near Haywards Heath and Crawley have all just been rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted - and we will shortly be opening newly refurbished

homes in Worthing, Durrington and Shoreham. We have vacancies and are looking for people who have a passion for working with children to join our friendly teams.

A range of jobs are available across our homes, including:

- Childcare staff daytime and night-time positions available
- Premises officer
- Cooks
- Bursar.

Find out more

Make sure you have ReSPECT!



Have you thought about setting out your care and treatment preferences in case you are in an emergency situation and unable to make decisions or express your wishes?

ReSPECT stands for **Re**commended **S**ummary **P**lan for **E**mergency **C**are and **T**reatment and a ReSPECT plan is created through conversations

between you and your health and care professionals and stays with you. As a result, should you need emergency help, your wishes regarding your care and treatment are already known.

Find out more

We're backing the latest THINK! road safety campaign

Research has found that many young men who have been driving for a while are overconfident in their driving ability and believe they can safely take risks when at the wheel.

This includes driving too fast, especially when in a hurry or on roads they think they know well, and using a handheld mobile at the wheel.



However, research also shows that for this group of young men, the mates they prefer to be driven by are those who drive safely.

The campaign hopes to encourage young men to talk about safe driving by encouraging them to see that 'mates respect mates who don't take risks on the road'.

Please help us by visiting their campaign page and sharing the link.

Find out more

Have your say



We want to hear your views on the following consultations:

 Proposals to help ease congestion and make journeys safer and more reliable on the A259 by changing junction layouts between Bognor Regis and

Littlehampton. Closes: Sunday 25 July.

- Plans for a new school as part of the Northern Arc development to support a growing community across Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath and Hassocks. Closes: Monday 26 July.
- Proposed changes to the future of Shaw Healthcare day services for older people at six centres in West Sussex. Closes: Thursday 5 August.

Find out more

In other news:

- Sign up to the Summer Reading Challenge for children and their families
- Construction starts for £8.85million project to help Crawley's economic growth
- <u>'Biker Down' free training workshop for motorcyclists prepares for in-</u> person sessions

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