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| Community Safety & Wellbeing eNewsletter header with West Sussex County Council logo**Welcome to our April 2024 eNewsletter**From left to right: Andy Bliss QPM, High Sheriff for West Sussex, Jim Bartlett and Hannah Dow from WSCC *From left to right: Andy Bliss QPM, High Sheriff for West Sussex 2023/4, Jim Bartlett, Head of Service for Community Safety and Wellbeing, and Hannah Dow, Digital Safety Delivery Officer. Image courtesy of Elaine Hammond at Sussex World.*We've only gone and won ourselves a High Sheriff awardEach year, awards are given out to organisations and services across the county by The High Sheriff of West Sussex in recognition of great and valuable services to the community.  This year, we were selected to receive one of the awards which express appreciation on behalf of The Crown for the positive contributions and impacts we make on the wellbeing and safety of local communities.Our team works with individuals, communities and organisations across the county to reduce exploitation, serious organised crime, domestic and sexual violence and abuse, and serious violence. We also provide support safeguarding children and young people in educational settings and teach residents how to stay safe online.We are really proud of the award, which now takes pride of place in our office, and we will continue to support communities in West Sussex with the great work we do to keep people safe and well.You can watch Jim Bartlett, Head of Service for Community Safety and Wellbeing, and all the other deserving winners in a video on the Sussex World website talking about the work we do - watch Jim's speech from 16 mins 55 secs.

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| [**Hear from all the winners on the Sussex World website**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnN1c3NleGV4cHJlc3MuY28udWsvbmV3cy9wZW9wbGUvaGVhci1mcm9tLXRoZS13aW5uZXJzLW9mLXRoZS1oaWdoLXNoZXJpZmYtb2Ytd2VzdC1zdXNzZXgtcmVjb2duaXRpb24tYXdhcmRzLTIwMjQtNDU2NTk0MyIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA0MjIuOTM2NzQxNjEifQ.d21zq0Ftq0DlGRQAaBhhwn6LahNLYKXDmIfm7IKhGTk/s/842687562/br/241108818528-l) |

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consultationWest Sussex residents have their say about community safety in their local neighbourhood In September, we supported the six district and borough Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) with their Community Safety consultations which asked all residents to give their views on how safe they felt in their local neighbourhood.In total, 1,353 people responded and we’d like to thank all of those residents for taking the time to put down their thoughts and opinions in the consultation.We all agree that the responses may not be representative of all the communities that make up West Sussex, but they did confirm that what the CSPs are working on within their areas already covers the concerns raised in the consultation.As part of the feedback, all of the CSPs put together their local responses which are now available to view on the consultation page - this includes the overall West Sussex feedback from the Safer West Sussex Partnership.

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| [**View your area's local response to the consultation**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8veW91cnZvaWNlLndlc3RzdXNzZXguZ292LnVrL2NvbW11bml0eS1zYWZldHk_dG9vbD1uZXdzX2ZlZWQjdG9vbF90YWIiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNDIyLjkzNjc0MTYxIn0.xtS3cJgidHUl7RmsLVFsv8E7Kf25zCn-IADP3i7Mhz8/s/842687562/br/241108818528-l) |

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Person smoking a jointGive us your views and experience on local issues related to drug useAs part of the Government’s 10-year drug strategy, [From Harm to Hope (2021)](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDIsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3Lmdvdi51ay9nb3Zlcm5tZW50L3B1YmxpY2F0aW9ucy9mcm9tLWhhcm0tdG8taG9wZS1hLTEwLXllYXItZHJ1Z3MtcGxhbi10by1jdXQtY3JpbWUtYW5kLXNhdmUtbGl2ZXMiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNDIyLjkzNjc0MTYxIn0.4DFG3yIb5wGWNXyF43wB8nWL0_p-pmQ2whBbq20h7YM/s/842687562/br/241108818528-l), all local authority areas are required to establish a local Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP). One of the responsibilities for the West Sussex CDP is to develop a local plan of action for each district and borough to reduce drug (and alcohol) related harm.To support this work, the County Council’s Public Health Team is currently offering all residents the opportunity to give their views and experiences regarding drug use in their community through the ‘Understanding Drug Use and Harm in West Sussex’ survey.We know that people using or dealing drugs was the second biggest problem for residents across West Sussex in the Community Safety consultation, so this specific survey will allow you to go into more detail on issues related to drug use in your local area.The survey should take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete and closes at 11.59pm on Sunday 26 May 2024. All responses are completely anonymous.

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| [**Take part in the residents' survey**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDMsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8veW91cnZvaWNlLndlc3RzdXNzZXguZ292LnVrL3VuZGVyc3RhbmRpbmctZHJ1Zy11c2UtYW5kLWhhcm0taW4td2VzdC1zdXNzZXgiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNDIyLjkzNjc0MTYxIn0.6xZujh2NeykxzEdvgz_hVxlBOGjIFmMmHTcFoeE6glQ/s/842687562/br/241108818528-l) |

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A blue background with white text  Description automatically generatedDo you know someone who can't use the internet or needs support getting online?Research by Citizens Online, which was commissioned by West Sussex County Council, has found that 13% of adults in West Sussex don’t have all the [essential digital skills for life](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDQsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vYXNzZXRzLnB1Ymxpc2hpbmcuc2VydmljZS5nb3YudWsvbWVkaWEvNWI5MjQ2ZDRlNTI3NGE0MjM2OTUyMzA5L0Vzc2VudGlhbF9kaWdpdGFsX3NraWxsc19mcmFtZXdvcmsucGRmIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDQyMi45MzY3NDE2MSJ9.h_00QSDyvoAdYICYsU3wUa3cjXiMgJa1ir7P2E6vQSI/s/842687562/br/241108818528-l) (outlined by the UK Government) and 6% are completely offline. With more every day tasks going digital, this may cause problems for a number of our residents.To help individuals on their digital journey, the council has created a Digital Inclusion, Access and Safety website with all the information you need to support you with:* accessing digital support in your local area.
* accessing low-cost devices and data.
* finding free Wi-Fi near you.
* staying safe online.

The website is aimed at anyone who has individuals in their lives who are not comfortable, or unable to get online, as well as professionals and businesses who need to signpost others to help. You can also call West Sussex Libraries Digital Support on 0330 222 3455 to get more information.

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| [**Visit the Digital Inclusion, Access and Safety website**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDUsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3Lndlc3RzdXNzZXguZ292LnVrL2RpZ2l0YWxpbmNsdXNpb24iLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNDIyLjkzNjc0MTYxIn0.u8tUw63R9LK8EBxnXOI76HZkA1g7dwiNie6TAg7vZQ4/s/842687562/br/241108818528-l) |

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VOICES the domestic abuse commissioner's survivor platform. Victims and survivors of domestic abuse can help influence change on new virtual platformThe Domestic Abuse Commissioner has recently launched her virtual platform VOICES. This website has been created so that victims and survivors can help influence change and also improve the lives of others subjected to domestic abuse.Victims and survivors, as well as friends and family bereaved by domestic abuse, can sign up to the platform to receive the VOICES email newsletter, which will include opportunities for people to share their experiences, as well as providing relevant updates on the work of the domestic abuse sector, government and academics.The Commissioner is also inviting victims and survivors to share their views in a survey on their experiences with the police.

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To stop terrorism, iREPORTit. Logos: ACT Action Counters Terrorism / Raven ScienceShare online terrorist content anonymously with the iREPORTit appEveryone is online these days, including people who want to promote terrorism.Online promotion can include users creating articles, images, speeches or videos that promote terrorism or encourage violence, linking to websites made by terrorist or extremist organisations, or even making and promoting videos of terrorist attacks.Counter Terrorism Policing is heavily reliant on receiving intelligence to help protect society from violent attacks and any users who see disturbing content are encouraged to share this anonymously through the free iREPORTit app.The app makes reporting any online terrorist content with a 'share' function quick, easy and secure and it gets passed straight to the Metropolitan Police Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit. The free app is available through the Apple and Android app store.Alternatively, if you're worried that someone in your life is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others, you can find out more on the ACT Early website.

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Training and events

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Free security training available for places of worshipThe Home Office has announced the piloting of the Faith Security Training project which has been developed to equip participants with essential skills to enhance security and safety in their places of worship.Participating in the pilot will give faith communities the chance to contribute their expertise and materially shape the project, ensuring it is effective at helping keep communities safe when the project is rolled out more widely.The invite is open to members of faith communities across the county, particularly people in positions of leadership or responsibility for security at places of worship, to attend and provide feedback on the content and delivery.If you are interested in attending one of the pilot sessions, please complete the expression of interest form, or alternatively, if you would like to speak with someone directly then please contact 03301 756962 or email FaithSecurityBooking@cdsds.uk.

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| [**Faith Security Training - Expression of interest form**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDgsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vZm9ybXMub2ZmaWNlLmNvbS9wYWdlcy9yZXNwb25zZXBhZ2UuYXNweD9pZD1TbjBBR1U4bHYwLU1qY1diYlRLM1puZWdmRHdQU0I5SHAwVXY4QVVwZGpoVU5qWTVNVkpUVjBaU1dVdEVSMVZKTmtzMFFWbE1Ra3RhVmk0dSZvcmlnaW49UVJDb2RlJndkTE9SPWMzMjg1MzVBNS0zMDRELTQwRDctODVFRi1CMzVGODI1RDFGMDEiLCJidWxsZXRpbl9pZCI6IjIwMjQwNDIyLjkzNjc0MTYxIn0.Qtr2cUjQj6DOMW97Kt94HPOb91PrKCX67qoznDaQpz4/s/842687562/br/241108818528-l)  |

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Free sessions available to keep you safe against online scamsOur Digital Safety Team has more of their popular online and in-person 'Are you scam savvy?' events available for residents to attend over the coming months.These free 1.5 hour sessions are available to anyone who wants to keep themselves, or friends and family, from falling victim to different types of scams, including telephone, courier and romance fraud which are all a concern in West Sussex. The dates available for the online sessions are:* Wednesday 22 May: 1pm - 2.30pm
* Friday 5 July: 11am - 12.30pm

In-person ‘Are you scam savvy?’ sessions are also taking place in another two West Sussex Libraries after a very successful first session in Crawley:* Monday 20 May at Bognor Library: 10am - 11.30am
* Monday 17 June at Shoreham Library: 10am - 11.30am

If you can’t attend the library events in person, there is also the opportunity to view these online.Booking is essential to attend any of the in-person or online sessions and free tickets can be ordered through Eventbrite. The team look forward to seeing you all soon.

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| [**Book your free place on Eventbrite now**](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDksInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LmV2ZW50YnJpdGUuY28udWsvby9jb21tdW5pdHktc2FmZXR5LXdlbGxiZWluZy13c2NjLTE3NDU2NzYzOTEyIiwiYnVsbGV0aW5faWQiOiIyMDI0MDQyMi45MzY3NDE2MSJ9.agjPKIVDU82fKnNfZldNE94f0xtmuJYuMNrN5S-Shfk/s/842687562/br/241108818528-l) |

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