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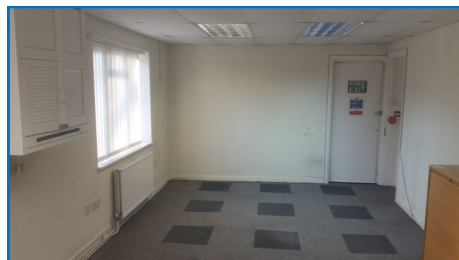
We are pleased to report that we are safely ensconced in our new offices in Park House. If anyone holds our address details in their records, we would appreciate you updating your systems so that any correspondences arrive at the correct destination. Just as a reminder, our address is **Park House, North Street, Horsham, West Sussex, RH12 1RN.**



We had a couple of days of disruption due to some issues with the internal IT cabling in the building, but this has now been resolved. We can be contacted on all our previous telephone numbers which have been ported over. We have a very useful meeting room, available for hire at low cost.

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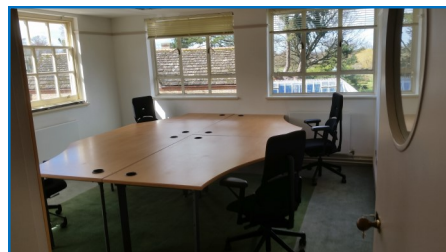
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(looking big now!)

Stage 2—empty new office ----- >



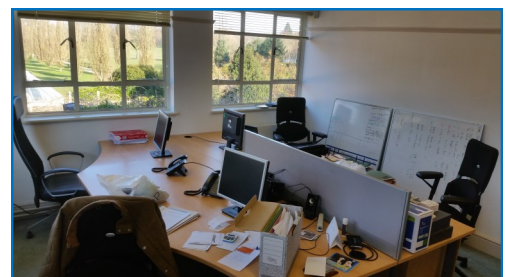
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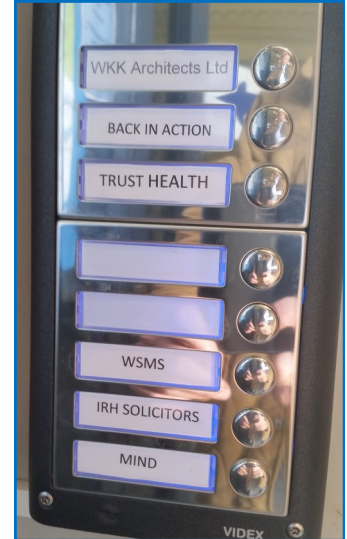
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Taking shape ----- >



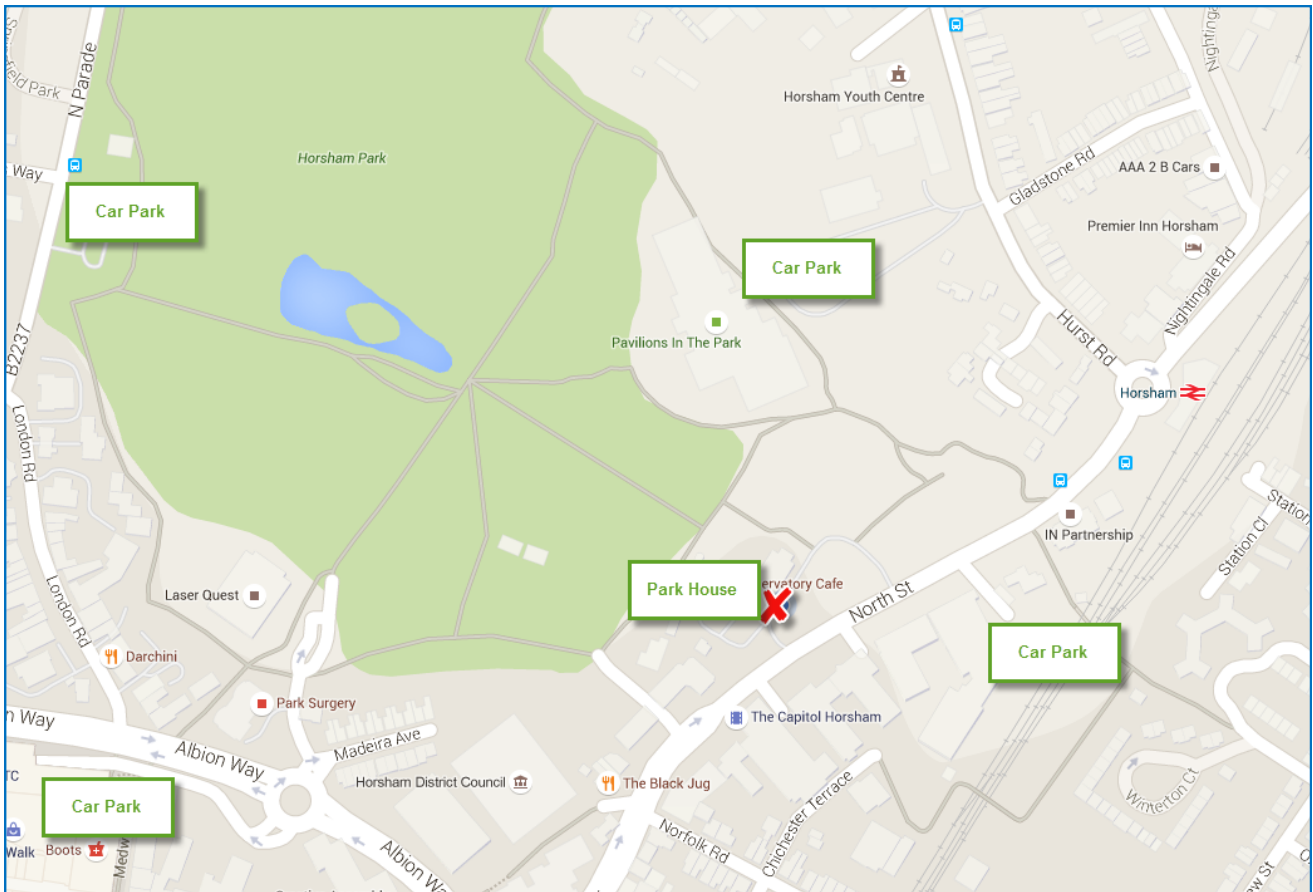
How to find us

If you wish to visit us at our offices, come to the front door of Park House and inside the main door, to the right hand side, is the intercom. We are listed as 'WSMS'. Give it a buzz and we will come down to greet you ----->



We have no allocated parking on site. There is Pay & Display parking, but it can get busy around the building. Alternative parking can be found behind the BT Exchange on the opposite side of North Street, at the Pavilions (Swimming Pool complex) and off North Parade at the far side of the Park, plus town centre spots.

Our offices are on the 1st floor and unfortunately there is no lift so we are not disabled friendly. However, we do have periodic access to the rather grand Wicker Room on the ground floor, which we can use. It is in this room that our **Launch Event** is being used on **Thursday 28th April**. We hope to see many of you there. Please **RSVP**, if you haven't done so already, so that we can sort out catering (see **Page 5**).



Meet Anna

Some of you may have been introduced to our new member of staff, over the phone, so here is a proper introduction. Here is Anna Kittle (right).

Luckily Anna's mum reads the WSMS Newsletters, as she works for one of the Parish Councils on our mailing list. She saw our advert for a part time Admin Assistant in our New Year Edition and Anna introduced herself to us. We are pleased to say that Anna has joined our team of paid staff and has settled into the role very quickly.

Anna, who lives in Storrington, graduated from the University of West of England, Bristol in July 2015 with a BSc (Hons) in Education, Learning and Development. We will get Anna to do a bio on herself in a future newsletter.



Meet Dave

Very kindly, we were recently contacted by Dave Owen (right) who has offered his services as a volunteer fundraiser for WSMS, on a part time basis. Dave, who has retired from his day job, already offers one day a week to St Catherine's Hospice to organise their Golf Days.

Dave is a Horsham resident and will be able to drop into our offices at Park House to help us start organising some events to help raise vital funds. Watch this space for some of the fun events we hope to hold in 2016.



Mediation Conference

Mediation Week falls between the 8th and 14th October 2016. Sometime during that period we hope to hold a Mediation Conference, together with our Sussex Mediation Alliance partners. An idea is to hold it in Brighton, which is central for East and West Sussex and has a good selection of possible Conference venues. We hope to attract some prominent speakers from the world of Mediation and have some fun workshops going on throughout the day. A possible date to pencil in your diary is Monday 10th October, but this is yet to be confirmed.

Best selling author, Peter James, who lives in Brighton, has made an offer of his time to speak at the event.

Community Event

Following an invitation from Saxon Weald we attended a Community Event in Stane Street Close, Pulborough on Saturday 9th April. Our thanks go to our volunteers, Uschi, Peter, Suzanne and Ginette who staffed our stand. Other agencies alongside Saxon Weald and WSMS were Horsham District Council's Street Scene Co-ordinator, The Children & Family Centre, and Pulborough Local Action Team.

The idea was to bring the local community together at a fund event. There was an opportunity to make up hanging baskets that resident could then take home and display them. Materials were supplied by Burleys, who are contracted to Saxon Weald to maintain their gardens and green spaces.

The weather was OK, in the main, with some brighter spells. Heavier rain arrived as the event was being dismantled.

If our diary permit, and we have volunteers to assist, we are always happy to attend local events, to increase awareness of our services and hopefully carry out some fundraising at the same time.



RSVP—it's not too late (yet!)

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You are cordially invited to a Launch Event

for our new offices in

Park House, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RN

6.00pm to 8.30pm

Thursday 28th April 2016

(to be held in The Wicker Room at Park House
with an optional tour of our offices)

Drinks & Nibbles

RSVP to Nick Handley

E: info@wsms.org.uk

T: 01403 257800

Fundraising — please sign up!

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Help

PREVENT TERRORISM

by doing your bit

FREE workshop to raise awareness



The aim of this two hour workshop is to raise understanding of the Prevent Strategy, helping to stop people becoming involved in or supporting violent extremism or terrorism.

Explore the factors that can lead to extremism by identifying the links between vulnerability and radicalisation, providing context of risks and threats in Sussex and sources of support. The workshop aims to better equip you to support people who might be susceptible to radicalisation.

Choice of two dates: 22 April at 2pm - 4pm / 9 June at 10am - 12pm

Location: Drill Hall, Denne Road, Horsham, RH12 1JF

Please call Debra Young on 01403 215642 or email community.development@horsham.gov.uk

