



## West Sussex Mediation Service Special Edition Newsletter

### 2016 AGM

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Our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. This year it is being held in the lovely Wicker Room, in the building where our new offices are located— Park House, North Street, Horsham, RH12 1RN.



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In case you haven't put the date in your diary, it is on:

**THURSDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2016 (6.00pm for 6.30pm)**

It is not too late to notify your attendance but we would appreciate an **RSVP** at your earliest opportunity. Nick, the Service Co-ordinator at WSMS, goes on leave from 7th Sept. but others will be keeping an eye on the email inbox.

Our Guest Speaker will be the Earl of Lytton.

Light refreshments will be provided.

There will be an opportunity for a 'tour' around our 1st floor offices and our meeting room facility.

There will be also be an opportunity to chat to our trustees, staff and some of our volunteer mediators.

If you cannot make this date, or even if you can make both, perhaps you would like to attend the **Sussex Mediation Alliance Conference** to be held in Brighton on -

**Monday 10th October 2016**, during UK Mediation Awareness Week (see page 3 for further details).

Again Nick is keen to secure **RSVP's** as each of the four partners of the Sussex Mediation Alliance has an allocation of 25 places, with any spares having to be relinquished if not used.

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Brief one this time!

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# The great Postcode Puzzle

When Horsham District Council moved out of Park House to join West Sussex County Council in County Hall North, they took the postcode **RH12 1RL** with them. Park House was allocated **RH12 1RN** for new tenants. Unfortunately, Google, Bing and Sat Nav systems have been slow on the uptake. When visitors and deliveries have tried to find us at 1RN they seem to end up in Parkside Mews off Hurst Road! We have done our best to notify the change and our website reflects shows correct information.

See the map below highlighting where we are actually located.

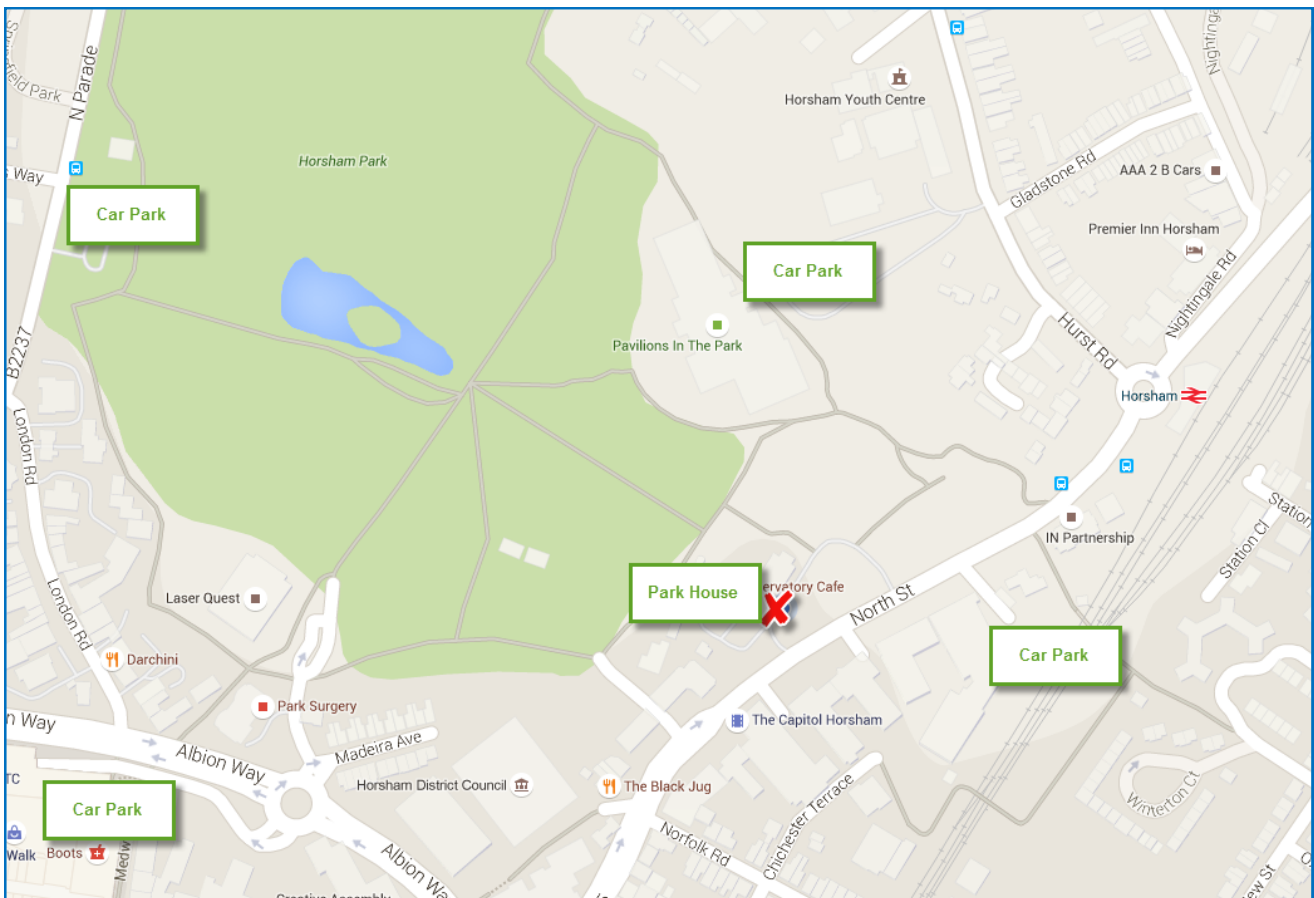
There is parking around the building. This is a Pay & Display and a charge does apply between 6pm and 8m (£1.00).

We are in easy walking distance of Horsham Railway Station.

We also encourage car sharing, if you know anyone else who might be attending from your area.

If you struggle on the day, just give Nick a call on 07768 872676.

Also, if you have any dietary requirements or special needs, do let us know.



## Snippets

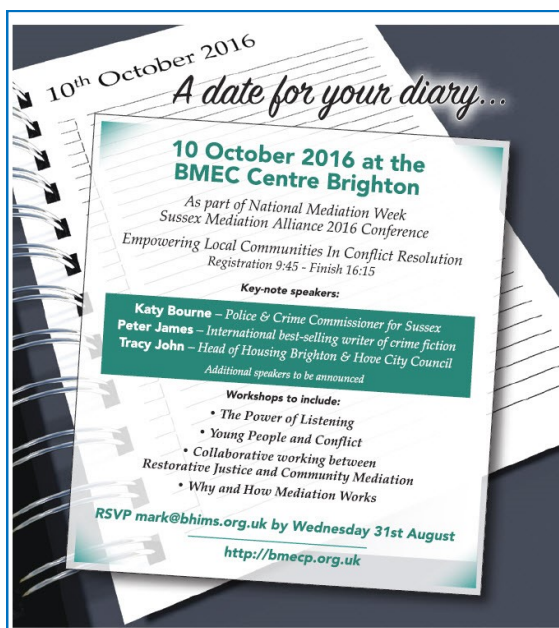
> **Annual Report** — our latest Annual Report is now published, in good time for our forthcoming AGM. Our printer ([www.printmeit.com](http://www.printmeit.com)) is currently producing the hard copies, but you can view it immediately by going to our website or by following this link:

<http://www.wsms.org.uk/mediation-news/annual-report-2/>

We have also submitted our accounts (2015/16) and Annual Return to the Charity Commission and they should be viewable on their website soon, alongside the previous four years. We are very grateful to Irwin Mitchell Solicitors for sponsoring this Year's Annual Report.



> **Conference** — As touched on, on Page 1, a great Mediation Conference is being organised in Sussex. It will be held on **Monday 10th October 2016** at the BMEC Centre in Brighton and is titled 'Empowering Local Communities in Conflict Resolution'..



Keynote Speakers include Katy Bourne, the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner, Peter James, the famous crime novelist and Tracey John who is the Head of Housing at Brighton & Hove City Council.

There will be a number of workshops with one of our mediators, Hazel, co-hosting one of them.

If you can manage a worthwhile day out of the office to learn more about Mediation and

Conflict Resolution, do get in touch.

> **Referrals** — We continue to attract record number of referrals. We have had three consecutive record months over the summer with 125 referrals in June, July and August combined.

> **Holiday** — This is only a brief Newsletter as Nick rushes through tasks, ahead of his leave from 8th Sept to 22nd Sept. For urgent matters, it may be worth sending emails to both [pam@wsms.org.uk](mailto:pam@wsms.org.uk) and [support@wsms.org.uk](mailto:support@wsms.org.uk) although [info@wsms.org.uk](mailto:info@wsms.org.uk) will be monitored as best as possible.