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Horsham District Council (HDC) are currently co-ordinating a District-wide campaign to share information and messages, to a variety of audiences, to influence behaviours over the summer period. The campaign aims to do this by encouraging residents to respect for one another and think about their actions.

The campaign includes nine themes, each lasting two weeks. Above the themes is the overarching key message: "We all deserve a great summer". The aim is to share this message far and wide to encourage residents to think about others over the summer. The hashtag being used is #SafeSummer21.

There will be contributions from the Parks Department, HDC Community Wardens, Antisocial Behaviour Team, HDC Volunteering, Environmental Health, West Sussex Fire & Rescue, Neighbourhood Watch, Sussex Police and Youth Clubs WSMS has been invited to get involved, also.

First posting started on 17th May with the theme—Taking pride in open spaces/litter/fly tipping.

WSMS will start contributing from 14th June when the subject will be — Enjoy your garden and respect your neighbours.

From 28th June, and repeated w/c 12th July, the messages will revolve around crime.

If you do see any of the posts relating to this campaign, please do share them.



Volunteers' Week

Volunteers' Week falls between **1st -7th June** each year. Following approval by Horsham District Council Park Department we will be setting up our liveried Gazebo in Horsham Park, near to the Kaya Café on **Thursday 3rd June (10am - 3pm)**. It is an invitation to any of our existing volunteers to drop by to say hello, after a long period of hibernation, as well as sharing our volunteering opportunities with the public. We felt that people would feel more comfortable gathering outdoors, due to Covid-19. Let's just hope for good weather and no high winds! We may however have to cancel at short notice if the weather is bad but will try to forewarn people. Perhaps we can get some cakes organised. Do come and see us.



Current volunteering opportunities include fundraisers, IT support, event organisers, admin assistant and marketing assistant. We will also be looking out for volunteers who might like to train as community mediators as we have recently lost a few of our treasured volunteers, due work/home commitments, etc.

Mostly recently, we are sad to say goodbye to Bob and Ginette. Bob trained with WSMS way back in September 2009 and Ginette joined in July 2015. We thank them both for their service with WSMS. Ginette's other half, Nick, remains with us.



Smile Amazon –

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you?

Simply follow the instructions below to select West Sussex Mediation Service as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. Amazon will donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.

How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone.
2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on. "AmazonSmile" within Programmes & Features
3. Select West Sussex Mediation Service as your charity.
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.



Giveasyoulive



Give as you Live®
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Generate donations for us when you shop clothing and accessories online

The advertisement features a central illustration of a man and a woman sitting on a bench, each using a laptop. Above them, various clothing items like a shirt, pants, shoes, and a bag are shown floating. Below the illustration is a grid of 27 brand logos: ASOS, Boden, baahaa, BURTON MENWEAR LONDON, coast, C.R.E.W. CLOTHING CO., ethical superstore.com, FATFACE, GAP, JACAMO, Jack Wills PARADOXICALLY WRITTEN, Joules, J9, KAREN MILLEN, MISSGUIDED, NEW LOOK, OLIVER BONAS, RIVER ISLAND, SELFRIDGES, Superdry®, TKmaxx, MATALAN, very, IDWILLIAMS, White Stuff, La Redoute, and MONSOON.

<https://Giveasyoulive.com/join/wsms>

Jumble Trail

The date for the Jumble Trail (April newsletter) is set. It will take place on **Sunday 4th July** (9.30am & 1.00pm) in and around Billingshurst. To get involved, or to be kept updated on the event, go to the Facebook Group – Billingshurst Community Jumble Trail. (It currently has 206 members).

Nick, our Co-ordinator, has suggested to the organiser that an extra charity fundraising element is added. For an entry fee, people could collect a token from each stall they visit and the person with the most tokens at the end of the day would win a prize, or goes into a draw if there was a tie. This could help encourage people to visit more stalls than they otherwise might have done and hopefully raise a few pounds for charity. Hopefully that could be us, if we help with the organising. To offer items to sell, do get in touch (nick@wsms.org.uk).



Virtual Balloon Race (No.2)



Unfortunately, we have received very poor support (so far) for our 2nd Virtual Balloon Race with Ecoracing, so please spread the word far and wide with all your networks. This one celebrates the coronation of the Queen and starts (virtually) from Westminster Abbey at 12pm on 2nd June. (The Queen was crowned at the Abbey on 2nd June 1953).

To purchase your balloon and to have a bit of fun tracking progress, go to our page:

<http://ecoracing.co/user/page/1668>

You can pick the shape and design of your balloon, its thickness and helium content. You can buy balloons as a gift, or in the name of a loved one.

Prizes include £500 cash, an Apple iPad and book vouchers. One lucky supporter of WSMS will win a £25 Gift Card. The odds of winning that be in your favour. Last time our mediators Nick & Ginette won our lovely hamper.

Balloons are only £3 each and you can buy as many as you like. Why not challenge other family members, friends or colleagues.

All the money raised will help our charity to survive another year and continue to do the valuable work that we do in the community. If you have any other fundraising ideas, do pass them on.