



Hasn't the summer sunshine and warmer weather been lovely, mingled as it was between some heavy downpours! But rain is needed too, and climate change and other environmental issues, are a concern. We can all be mindful of how much water we use but we can also help slow down water run off going out to sea, for example: Help water soak into the ground by planting grass, installing flower beds, depaving a driveway or using permeable slabs on pathways; If building an extension, check that the water coming off the roof doesn't connect directly to the sewer, instead use a drain chain into a flower bed; Collect rainwater or slow it down by adding slow-drain water butts or planters to your garden, which helps slow the flow of rainwater into the sewer. Localised flooding with related rainwater and sewage outfall to the sea is of concern for residents too and we've recently got involved in a new initiative with Southern Water looking at this issue. More about this, plus a roundup of other council activities are below.

### Summer Play Activities and Skateboard Coaching

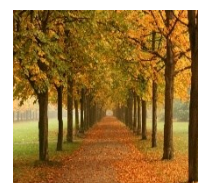


We were pleased to partner with the 39 Youth Club and South Coast Skate Club to bring free activities for young people over the school summer break, at Avisford Park and West Park and free skateboard coaching sessions at Avisford Park. At the time of writing these have got off to a great start, apart from some unavoidable cancellation due to extreme weather. Did your family or someone you know with young people participate? We'd love to hear what you thought: What was good, what could be better? Drop us a line or

email us at [office@aldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:office@aldwickparishcouncil.gov.uk), as all feedback will help us plan for future activities.

### Tree planting

We're once again participating in the Donate a Tree Scheme, and 10 new trees will be planted in the parish from November onwards. Trees do, of course, need lots of water, but provide many environmental and other benefits, so on balance this is seen as positive action.



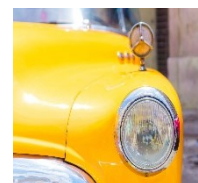
### Bognor and Area Bathing Water Community Group



At the end of July the Council met with Southern Water for the inaugural meeting of a newly formed group. The objective is providing direct local feedback to and from Southern Water on what's being done about storm overflows that impact bathing water quality. It's early days, with the format of the group still evolving, and we'll update on progress as soon as we can.

### Parking at West Meads

Following a public petition last year, we've supported West Meads Residents Association in a bid to make West Meads car park safer for pedestrians. Vehicles straddling the footpath between the car park and recreation ground make it difficult for people with mobility issues or pushchairs to use the footpath. Following discussions, the County Council is considering installing a solid white line along the footpath edge to deter parking there. We ask that everyone is considerate when using the car park and keeps to the allocated parking bays please.



**Council Meeting dates** Please check our website for meeting details in case of changes.  
**Planning Committee, all 7pm** - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Full Council meetings **7pm** if there is no Planning Committee meeting but at **7.15pm** if preceded by a Planning Committee meeting.  
**Full Council** - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.