



Parish Council Business Plan – Your views wanted!

We're updating our Business Plan for 2026-2031 and need the views of Aldwick businesses and residents to help shape our work and the service we provide over the next 5 years. Please complete the short questionnaire by no later than 1st October. You can use this QR code, click this link: [Aldwick Parish Council Survey 2026 – Fill out form](#) or find the link on our website – remember to scroll down the form. Online completion is best but if you'd prefer a hard copy, you can collect the form from us and return when completed. Your views do count and will make a difference!



Trees need our help!

With the severe drought this summer, many trees are stressed by lack of water and at risk of dying or succumbing to disease. Trees provide many benefits and the Parish Council has again arranged for purchase / planting of 10 new trees this winter. Please can you help these and previous public amenity trees survive? Any watering would be much appreciated – a few washing up bowls or buckets regularly for trees near you could make all the difference!



Support for Armed Forces Veterans

Many veterans transition successfully into civilian life, sadly some don't. For a small number this can lead to homelessness. Without an address it's difficult to access many other essential services needed to rebuild a life. Squaddie Box is a new veteran-led organisation dedicated to supporting homeless and vulnerable veterans. The Squaddie Box Pod provides practical support for up to four homeless veterans by providing a secure postal address. Find out more at squaddiebox.org.uk. Also recently launched is the Forcer Protocol, adopted by Sussex Police. An initiative designed to improve support for vulnerable veterans and help keep them safe, it enables families and carers to share important information about a loved one in advance, so police officers can respond more effectively should a vulnerable veteran go missing.

Could you or a loved one be at risk of a fire at home?

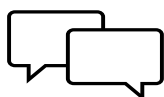
West Sussex Fire & Rescue offers free Safe and Well Visits to anyone at higher risk of a fire at home or less able to escape in an emergency. Find out more and request a visit at westsussex.gov.uk/safeandwellvisit. Also free, by appointment, electric blanket testing on Wednesday 30th September and Thursday 1st October, Bognor Fire Station, West Meads Drive. Register by calling 0345 8729719.

Noddy Fest 2026!

A family fun day with your four legged friends – Mount Noddy Animal Centre's Fun Dog Show on Saturday 5th September, 10.30am-4pm, at Blackmill Lane, Eartham, PO18 1LL. Entry £2 children, dogs and parking free – food, stalls, activities.

Dementia Advice Bus

The Community Wayfinder Advice Bus is at Pryors Lane car park on Thursdays 3rd September and 8th October, 10am-12pm, offering professional support and advice.



Council Meetings: Please check our website for details in case of changes. Public are welcome to attend, and there's an item for public questions on agenda items. **Planning Committee, Tuesdays, 7pm** - 1st September, 6th October. **Full Council, Tuesdays, 7pm** - 22nd September, 20th October.