

Northern Rother District Councillors' Report September 2024

Although August was a quiet month for councils with no meetings to go to, we were quite busy helping residents with queries regarding planning and enforcement issues. Quite a few are still ongoing.

Reports from our PCSO's will be given verbally as they are not with us yet.

We have been asked to find out what is happening regarding the closure of Newenden Bridge on The A28. Councillor Paul Redstone will be addressing the parishes about this.

The 29-bus route through Northiam is being changed. It is currently running at a loss of 180,000 pounds a year. We have been in touch with the company that runs the route and they have explained the reason for change regarding the route. We will talk about this at the parish meetings.

Important Roadworks Information

A28 Horns Cross

Balfour Beatty is working in partnership with East Sussex County Council to manage the highways service across East Sussex. As part of this, we will be carrying out targeted patch repairs on Beckley Road & Hastings Road, Horns Cross.

When do they start?

Work will be carried out on Saturday 14 September 2024 between 8pm and 6am.

We will inform you of any changes to the dates or times via advanced warning signs on site.

What are we doing?

These works involve essential patching repair works to improve the carriageway condition.

How will this impact highway users?

The team will be working from the junction of the B2165 and the A28, to the junction with Pixies Lane.

Access for residents will be restricted during these works,

The below diversion routes will be in place:

Traffic will be diverted via Udimore Road, Ferry Road, A259 Strand Quay, A259 South Undercliffe, A259 Fishmarket Road, A268 Rye Hill, A268 Rye Road, A268 Main Street, Barnets Hill, B2088 Main Street, B2088 Northiam Road, B2088 Rye Road

Traffic will be diverted via Udimore Road, Ferry Road, Station Approach, Cinque Ports Street, Tower Street, Land Gate, Rye Hill, Rye Road, Main Street, White Bread Lane, Station Road, Main Street, and Hastings Road.

If you need vehicle access, please discuss this with the team on site. Please bear in mind there will be delays whilst the area is made safe and your vehicle is escorted by site marshalls. Access for emergency vehicles will be maintained at all times.

Information for residents and businesses

Parking: If required, we will put out 'no parking' signs and cones on the site to advise where parking is restricted. Please avoid parking in these locations as it will delay our works.

Weather: All of these works are subject to favourable weather conditions, for example heavy rain may affect the progress of the works.

Properties close to the carriageway may experience a temporary disturbance as this can be a noisy process and those properties may experience flashing lights and reversing sirens.

A268 Rye Road, Rye Foreign

Balfour Beatty is working in partnership with East Sussex County Council to manage the highways service across East Sussex. As part of this, we will be carrying out site investigation works on A268 Rye Road, Rye Foreign.

The results of these investigations will allow us to determine the condition of the carriageway and the extent of larger works which may be required later in the year.

When do they start?

Work will be carried out from Friday 6 September 2024 to Monday 16 September 2024 between 7am and 7pm.

We will inform you of any changes to the dates or times via advanced warning signs on site.

What are we doing?

The investigation involves trial holes and core holes being drilled at various points into the carriageway surface to allow for testing of the carriageway sub-surface.

How will this impact highway users?

The team will be working from the junction with B2082 to 'VIP Country Spa'. The road will remain open with temporary traffic signals in place.

Information for residents and businesses

Parking: If required, we will put out 'no parking' signs and cones on the site to advise where parking is restricted. Please avoid parking in these locations as it will delay our works.

Weather: All of these works are subject to favourable weather conditions, for example heavy rain may affect the progress of the works.

Properties close to the carriageway may experience a temporary disturbance as this can be a noisy process and those properties may experience flashing lights and reversing sirens.

We would like to take this opportunity to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption this work may cause, however this forms part of our continuing improvement for the East Sussex highway network. Should you have any concerns regarding these works, you can contact us at eshcomms@balfourbeatty.com.

Local Home Energy Assessments

In order to help households in rural Rother improve energy efficiency and reduce energy bills, Citizens Advice 1066 have launched their LEAD (Local Energy Advice Demonstrator) scheme. If you live in a rural part of Rother District and are a homeowner, landlord or private tenant then you may be eligible to participate in this project. While they are focusing on vulnerable households and those at risk of fuel poverty, anyone who is in a 'hard to reach' demographic or a 'hard to treat' home, such as older buildings and those not on mains gas, can be included. The programme runs until early 2025, and will provide over 200 retrofit assessments.

For further information on the scheme and eligibility requirements, please visit the Citizens Advice 1066 website by clicking the link below, or phone [0800 1456879](tel:08001456879)

[Citizens Advice LEAD Scheme Information](#)

CAR PARKING IN ROTHER

The plans for relocating the cash payment option for parking in Rother District Council car parks from the existing pay and display machines to local PayPoints from 01 September 2024 are underway.

We will be promoting the new cash payment locations by directing customers choosing to pay with cash to the nearest PayPoints. Signage will shortly be installed in each car park advising customers of their nearest PayPoints. There is also updated information on our website giving instructions on how to pay via each payment method.

Updated software will be rolled out to our pay and display machines, removing the cash payment option from 01 September 2024.

We have contacted all of the local PayPoints to advise them that customers may choose to pay for their parking in this way.

We anticipate that in most cases customers should be able to complete this process within a ten-minute grace period however we will keep this under review and extend the grace period on a location basis if required.

Approximately 20% of our visitors currently choose to pay by cash but it is likely that a significant number of these will make the switch to RingGo or card payment at the pay and display machines, and only a small number of customers will choose the PayPoint option.

Rother District Councillors Tony Biggs and Tony Ganly.

