

Rother District Council October 2026 report

This last month has seen our two PCSO's for Northern Rother moved on to a new location, they both are not happy with this decision as they feel all the contacts that they have built up over the years is going to be lost. The replacement for Beckley and Northiam is Samantha Kemp she works Part time her days being Tuesday, Wednesday some Thursdays, and some weekends. I have asked her who will be covering the villages on Mondays and Fridays. She is not back to work till the 6th of October so we will have to wait for the monthly meetings, and I will give you a verbal report if we receive one. I am waiting to see who the officer for Ewhurst and Bodiam will be. It looks like the next round of the police meeting the public in their parishes is about to commence, we had trouble last time this took place and we had discussions with the inspector regarding these visits, saying that they should contact the parish councils to see when the best time for these visits. Unfortunately, they do not appear to have listen again with the chair of Beckley Council having to liaise with the PCSO because they put a date down which was not convenient.

This month has seen some changes at Rother, one of the vice chairs of cabinet has left that post and a new councillor appointed, some councillors have moved to new parties within the council so there are some changes to committees. Councillor Ganly has stepped down and is no longer on the planning committee. We have attended various members zoom meetings, Audit committee, and licencing Panel meetings as well as the full council meeting this month.

Rother Council Tax Scam Warning

It appears some residents in Rother have received fraudulent emails or text messages about council tax. The message may use the council logo or name and include a link to a fake website. designed to obtain a payment or steal personal and banking information.

If you receive one of these messages:

Do not click any links or open attachments

Do not reply or provide personal, council tax, payment or banking details.

Do not make a payment using the link or contact details in the message.

Check your council tax account or contact the council using details on your bill or the official website.

Report the message through the appropriate official reporting service, then delete it.

If you have already clicked a link, made a payment, or shared personal or banking details, contact your bank immediately using the number on the back of your card or

another trusted source. Change any password you disclosure and report the incident to the relevant authorities.

Residents across Rother are being urged to check their electoral registration details or risk missing out on the opportunity to vote in future elections.

With elections due to take place in Rother in May 2027, the annual canvass is an important opportunity for residents to ensure they remain registered and able to have their say on decisions that affect their community. The annual canvass helps Rother District Council keep the electoral register accurate and up to date, identify residents who may no longer be registered, and encourage anyone who is eligible to register before it is too late.

If you think you might not be on the register, you can contact the Electoral service team via email at : **canvas@rother.gov.uk**

You can also get more information about registering to vote at **www.electoralcommission.org.uk**

Rother Community Grant Scheme is now open.

The Rother District Council Community Grants scheme supports grassroots projects that strengthen communities in Rother, promote a thriving local economy , improve wellbeing, and protect the environment. Grants are managed by Sussex Community Foundation on behalf of Rother District Council.

Kind Regards,

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