

PROMOTING LOCAL VOLUNTARY ACTION



Dear member,
Herewith below information from HDC regarding HDC services during the adverse weather conditions.

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Please note below our new email address for all general communications – all previous email addresses are now obsolete and should no longer be used, thank you.

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**Horsham
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**News
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Horsham District Council's services during the severe weather

HORSHAM District Council is aiming to maintain a skeleton service five days a week (Monday-Friday) during the current and predicted severe weather.

The Council's website (www.horsham.gov.uk) is being promoted as the best place to look for the latest information. Alternatively, call Horsham District Council on 01403 215100. This number is available out of office hours (24 hours) in an emergency.

A summary of what's happening to Horsham District Council services is given below:

Household refuse and recycling collections

Household refuse and recycling collections are still suspended in the Horsham District today (Thursday 7 January) due to the dangerous driving conditions caused by the frozen snow.

This affects residents on both the 'Acorn' Scheme and 'AcornPlus' Scheme. Horsham District Council has taken the decision to protect the safety of its refuse and recycling crews and the public.

Household collections will resume as soon as the weather conditions improve.

Residents due to have their refuse and recycling collected today onwards are asked to make their bins ready for collection; bins will be emptied as soon as possible after the weather improves.

Further information is available by calling 01403 733144 or visiting www.horsham.gov.uk

Other Horsham District Council services

Council services are being maintained as far as possible, although these are being prioritised.

Leisure centres and entertainment venues remain open until further notice.

Help and advice continues to be available for the homeless and others in housing need.

It is regretted that burials at Hills Cemetery in Horsham have had to be temporarily suspended until the weather improves.

Gritting of public areas

Staff at Horsham District Council have been assisting West Sussex County Council in its task of spreading grit in public areas, including access to and from the main supermarket in Storrington.

A number of the Council's four wheel drive vehicles have also been given over to the local emergency services to assist in the current situation.

Help to people affected by power cuts in Warnham and Storrington

Food, blankets and supplies are being made available to people affected by the recent power cuts in Warnham and Storrington. Efforts are also being made to supply emergency heaters where they are needed. Residents affected by the recent power cuts have been advised to stay in their homes.

Horsham District Council is amongst the agencies assisting residents and others during the current power cuts affecting some homes in the Warnham and Storrington areas. The Red Cross and Salvation Army are also assisting whilst the power supply is restored. Priority is being given to the elderly and vulnerable. Horsham District Council's Street Scene Wardens and Neighbourhood Wardens have joined in the effort to help. Further information (24 hours) is available by calling Horsham District Council on 01403 215100 (contact details are given for the duty officer out of office hours).

Council offices

Horsham District Council's offices in Horsham should be open as usual Monday-Friday, although customers intending to visit in person are advised to call first to double check – please call 01403 215100.

Message for staff and Councillors at Horsham District Council

Staff at Horsham District Council who are not able to come in to the offices to work are advised to look for information about what to do online at www.horsham.gov.uk for further information. Alternatively please call the offices.

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