

### HORLEY TOWN COUNCIL

The meeting of the Environment Sub-Committee will be held at the Albert Rooms (Edmonds Hall), 92 Albert Road, Horley RH6 7HZ on Tuesday, 17 January 2023, at 6.00 pm

# **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies and Reasons for Absence.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.
- 3. Public Forum

Members of the public are invited to put questions or draw relevant matters to the Council's attention. Each speaker may address the committee once only, for a maximum of five minutes, concerning a business item on the agenda, at the discretion of the Chairman. If the number of speakers is likely to unreasonably delay the disposal of business to be transacted, the Chairman may direct that the individual submits a question or comment in writing which shall be answered in due course.

- **4.** To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 November 2022 and to note any updates.
- 5. Works Perfect: Horley Commercial Hub Proposals To receive any updates.
- 6. Tree Planting Initiatives (Surrey's New Tree Strategy)
  - (i) Cheyne Walk Roundabout To receive any updates after the location was identified as a proposed priority location for tree planting in Horley.
  - (ii) To receive an update on any other matters.
- 7. Future Projects and Priorities
  - (i) Electric Vehicle Charging Points (EVCPs) To note that the RBBC Environmental Health Officer has been invited to provide HTC with a private briefing before a future Full Council meeting subject to confirmation.
  - (ii) Wildflower Planting Proposals To receive any updates on permissions to be sought for planting on the shortlisted sites along with any quotations received. [The Gatwick Greenspace Partnership Project Officer Trust has been invited to the meeting to provide advice and guidance on Wildflower planting, including seeding vs. allowing natural rewilding and the correct use of pesticides].
  - (iii) To receive an update on any other matters.
- 8. Letters Received.
- **9.** Any other business.
- 10. Date of next meeting.

### Joan Walsh

From: Joan Walsh

**Sent:** 10 January 2023 12:24 **To:** Martin Saunders

**Cc:** Mike George; Judy Morgan

**Subject:** FW: South East Rivers Trust - Caring for Crawley's Rivers Project

**Attachments:** Caring for Crawleys Rivers - project overview Dec22.pdf

Hi Martin

The thread of emails below refers ...

Perhaps you could let me have your thoughts when you get a moment? We can raise it as a Letters Received at the ESC next week but we will need to seek volunteers from the Sub-Committee to take it on if it is deemed to be of potential benefit for us to work with this group, as we do not have any staff resources available to allocate to it.

Many thanks.

Kind regards Joan

Joan Walsh, Town Clerk, Horley Town Council

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From: Rachel Botcherby <rachel.botcherby@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 January 2023 11:34

To: Joan Walsh < joan.walsh@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: South East Rivers Trust - Caring for Crawley's Rivers Project

This message originated from within Horley Town Council.

Hi Joan

This might be one to pass to the Environment Sub Committee. I think the area might include the River Mole through Horley (under a catch all Crawley title) and so would be covered by the Gatwick Green Space partnership and Horley Conservation Group work which I believe is fed into the ESC. I know my husband undertakes water monitoring of the Burstow Stream for the conservation group but not sure of the River Mole.

Best regards

#### Rachel

From: Town Clerk <town.clerk@horleytown.com>

Sent: 09 January 2023 13:13

**To:** Rachel Botcherby < <u>rachel.botcherby@horleysurrey-tc.gov.uk</u>> **Subject:** FW: South East Rivers Trust - Caring for Crawley's Rivers Project

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Hi Rachel

I am not entirely sure if we would get any benefit from this – what do you think?

Kind regards Joan

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From: Chris Gardner < <a href="mailto:chris@southeastriverstrust.org">chris@southeastriverstrust.org</a>

Sent: 06 January 2023 12:37

**To:** Town Clerk < <a href="mailto:town.clerk@horleytown.com">town.clerk@horleytown.com</a>>

Subject: Fwd: South East Rivers Trust - Caring for Crawley's Rivers Project

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FAO - Joan Walsh.

Dear Natalie, Joan and Mark,

The South East Rivers Trust is an environmental charity aiming to help river's thrive again for the benefit of local communities and nature <a href="https://www.southeastriverstrust.org/about-us/">https://www.southeastriverstrust.org/about-us/</a>

We are delivering a large multi-year ecological, education and engagement based project in and around Crawley over the next few years, which we believe matches with many of your own objectives, see short summary attached.

It would be great to discuss with you how we can integrate this work with your own work on these themes, to achieve multiple benefits and compliment each other's activities. We'd also like to increase the profile of our project within your own organisations and communities, so your advice and support on this would be most welcome.

Please let me know when we could arrange a call or meeting to discuss. Please note I am on leave next week, but back from Monday 16th January.

Best wishes Chris

# **Dr Chris Gardner CEnv Head of Science and Partnerships**

The South East Rivers Trust

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To find out more about our work and how you can support the next 20 years, visit our improved website: <a href="https://www.southeastriverstrust.org">www.southeastriverstrust.org</a>





# "Caring for Crawley's Rivers" Project



### The River Mole:

- The River Mole flows north, from south of Crawley, through Leatherhead and discharges into the Thames at Molesey;
- The upstream catchment is clay based meaning rainfall quickly runs-off because the ground is impervious.
- At Leatherhead the river is supplemented by high quality groundwater springs coming from the chalk of the North Downs, giving the river a more chalk stream character;
- While the River Mole is a haven for wildlife inc. native brown trout, it has also suffered from being overlooked as a community asset, habitat degradation due to human modification, and poor water quality episodes.

### The Project:

- Starting in 2022 South East Rivers Trust (SERT) are delivering the "Caring for Crawley's Rivers" project, in the upper catchment;
- We're investing £1 million to increase public engagement with their local rivers
  whilst also creating a healthier catchment that is more resilient to future
  pressures through improvement of biodiversity, connectivity and water quality.

## **Key Aspects of the Project:**

- Catchment Planning to evidence and prioritise key actions for the project and to provide a legacy plan for future improvements via the River Mole Catchment Partnership:
  - Ecological Enhancement habitat enhancements, fish passage solutions and backwater creation;
  - Education and Engagement school workshops, guided walks, community talks, family events and volunteering;
  - Water Quality addressing rural and urban diffuse pollution, community engagement projects & campaigns
     e.g. Citizen Science, 'Yellow Fish'.

### **Get Involved:**

• Visit: southeastriverstrust.org





The South East Rivers Trust is an environmental charity dedicated to conserving and restoring rivers and their catchments across the South East of England







