

SAVE WEST  
OF IFIELD  
*Together*

# Newsletter June 2022

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## Save West of Ifield campaign report 2022 to date

In our January newsletter we reported on SWOI's activity during 2021. Since then we've made great inroads into our strategy, so now seems a good time to update you on what we've achieved so far this year.

In summary we've seen our Facebook membership grow to 1,335 members, established a collaboration with Rusper Parish Council, worked with Sussex Wildlife Trust and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, and raised over £21,000 towards our initial target of £50,000. Huge thanks to Rusper Parish Council, The Plough – Rusper, Ifield Cricket Club and YOU for helping to make all this happen.

### Building our case

Our job is to build a detailed and well-argued case against the proposals for another 10,000 houses. We're working with planning consultants to understand the evidence base behind Horsham District Council's decision to allocate the West of Ifield site in the existing draft of their Local Plan. We couldn't have hired the consultants without the generosity of all our donors.

While the publication date for HDC's revised Local Plan is still unknown, once released we will only have 6 weeks to present arguments, so early preparation is key. We also need to be ready for any speculative planning application from Homes England or their partners.

Please continue to read our newsletters and Facebook page so that we can keep you informed about when YOU need to act fast to submit your objections.

### Spreading the word

one South East Today

We've achieved some good media coverage. We've been filmed by the BBC – watch the BBC's South East Today regional news on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June!** – interviewed twice live on BBC Radio Sussex and by the Crawley Observer.



The Bald Explorer's brilliant film highlights the heritage and natural assets of our area and the threats to them:

<https://www.savewestofifield.co.uk/media>.

And we've raised our profile with significant articles across the SussexWorld group, and via the CPRE.

It's been great to meet many of you face to face, at fundraising quiz nights, the Rusper Parish Council Annual meeting, the Ifield May Fayre, Ifest and Rusper Jubilee Celebrations. We also thank you for everything you do to raise awareness of the campaign.



### Keeping up the pressure

We must keep the pressure on those in power - HDC and central Government – and we've written a lot of letters to local newspapers, our MPs, councillors and government departments including of course Homes England. We regularly discuss WOI with our local Horsham councillors and we asked questions at HDC's public 'Big Conversation'. We've met Henry Smith MP several times, and (via RPC) Jeremy Quin MP, and are using them to ask questions of central government.

Believing in 'stronger together', we're now working closely with Rusper Parish Council (who have budgeted up to £15,000 in 22/23 to work on joint projects) and have met with both North Horsham and Colgate Parish Councils. We also work with other local campaigns on areas of mutual benefit.



## Show me the money!

To date we have raised over £21,000 of our initial target of £50,000. This includes the £15,000 budgeted by RPC.

We've had several quiz nights which will continue to run at The Plough in Rusper, and were lucky enough to have been selected as a cause in this year's Ifest and to be invited to attend Rusper's Jubilee celebrations as stallholders. We can also receive



donations via GOFUNDME and directly to our bank account. Most recently we have been exploring opportunities for further fund raising with Ifield Cricket Club. We are now also selling Save West of Ifield tee shirts!!

Other successful campaigns have needed at least £50,000 to win their fight, so if you possibly can, please consider making a donation to us (details below) coming to a quiz night or buying a tee shirt.

That's the whirlwind tour of what Save West of Ifield have been up to so far this year. Thank you for all your support and let's see what the rest of the year brings!

## Dates for your Diary

### June

18<sup>th</sup> – **Walk** Willoughby Fields Local Nature Reserve. 11am the Plough, Ifield

21<sup>st</sup> – **FUNd-raising Quiz** at the Plough **Rusper**. Call the Plough on 01293 871 215 to book, and to dine first. Teams of 4 at £10 a team, additional members are an extra £2 a head up to a team of 6 people. **Prizes for winners!**

25<sup>th</sup> – **Walk** Ifield Brook Meadows Local Green Space. 11am the Plough, Ifield

### July

2<sup>nd</sup> – **Walk** Ifield Millpond and Bewbush Water Garden SNCI. 11am the Plough, Ifield

8<sup>th</sup> – **BINGO!** Ifield Cricket Club, Ifield Green. Details to follow.

For more info on **Walks** contact [info@ifieldsociety.org.uk](mailto:info@ifieldsociety.org.uk)



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To keep up to date and support the campaign, please join our [SWOI Facebook page](#).