

Just a few points that we have been working on at County Council.

First of all to show our respect for the Ukraine situation we have, at both District Council and County Council, raised the Ukraine flag on our buildings as have many of the Parish and Town Councils. The Chairman has also written to the Prime Minister and the Ukraine Ambassador. I have to just put in a word for the amazing local work for Ukraine in the Petworth area.

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It's almost full time work at the Barns now that the Leconfield Estate allowed us to use as a packing point and nearly every Pub and Youth Centre are acting as collection points for items required. You have to see it to believe the amount of packing and sorting that takes place and lorries as big as removal Vans come to the site to take to the Ports. I am sure everyone has their own stories but I can only report on what I work with.

On the same note there is a dedicated web site on the West Sussex County Council web and the easiest thing to do is put refugees in the search box. That should take you to it especially if you want to offer any accommodation.

On a happier note although waiting for what will hopefully be the last of the current OFSTED visit we have been told by the Secretary of State that West Sussex County Council Childrens Services will not be taken into a Trust and apparently this is very unusual.

We have made such good progress and co-operation on all the items that we had to improve.

This does not mean that we stop now what it means is that we will continue to improve our Service and will never let it get into that position again. I should also along with Staff give a loud clap for the Cabinet member Cllr Jacquie Russell who has done an amazing job working with everyone. She has been tireless.

The only other item of real interest for you is that last week we also passed the draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022 – 2036, this is some document and at Council I did comment that rural Transport especially Public Transport needs looking at,

This may be personal, I don't know but as much as I want some Public Transport in all our villages I am not keep on large Buses pushing down our small Country lanes. I asked if it could be looked at to see if other members of getting small villages in and out of Towns. We shall see.

Lastly Loxwood Clay Pit application is over 2 years on coming to the April 26th meeting of the County Council.