

County Councillor Report June 2025

Mockingbird boosts foster carer support.

Fostering families across East Sussex are now able to join Mockingbird, a scheme offering an additional layer of practical support.

East Sussex County Council received a 12-month grant from the Department for Education to set up the Mockingbird Family Model project which was launched with the support of The Fostering Network.

Tourism

Tourism officials across Sussex are coming together to try and boost revenue in the sector by £2.5bn a year over the next decade.

The East Sussex, Brighton and Hove and West Sussex Local Visitor Economy Partnership (LVEP) has appointed an advisory board to support the growth of the region's visitor economy. The tourism sector contributes £5bn annually to the region and supports more than 74,000 local jobs - which is 14% of all employment.

Local Govt Reorganisation

Residents are being invited to take part in a consultation regarding Local Government Reorganisation in East Sussex and how services will be delivered in the future.

The consultation is available to complete online.

at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/EastSussexLGR until 23 June.

Highways Update:

A RECORD number of East Sussex roads will be given a new lease of life with this year's programme of pothole-preventing work. More than 40 miles of roads have been included in East Sussex Highways' surface dressing programme which begins in June, more than double previous years.

It follows a significant investment in the county's road patching last year to ensure those most in need of repair were ready for surface dressing.

The process, which sees roads coated with a thin layer of tar and stone chippings, protects the carriageway from water and frost which can lead to potholes forming.

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