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## From The Rectory

Free speech and its limits have been much discussed in the media of late. Although free speech is an important liberty, the Bible is more concerned with wholesome speech, with what we should say rather than what we can say. We might be worried about governments or tech firms attempting to control speech, but we often find we can't control our own.



The New Testament letter of James, in particular, has lots to say about what we ought to say, or not. A significant part of my life as a clergyman is being a professional talker, and so it is salutary for me to remember that James says, "Everyone should be quick to listen [and] slow to speak" (1:19).

The old assertion "words will never hurt me", is probably wishful thinking.

James eloquently describes the powerful effect words can have. The tongue may be small, but it is like a bit which can turn a horse, or a rudder which redirects a

ship. The tongue is like a spark which can set a whole forest on fire. No one can tame his tongue. Our speech is sometimes more than free: it can run wild. With the same tongue, we might both praise God and curse people, who are made in his likeness. It is as if salt and fresh water flowed from the same spring or figs grew on a grapevine (James 3). We know this is a contradiction that ought not to be.

Our speech often shows us that we're in a mess. We probably all have things which we wish we could unsay, but words can't really be taken back, any more than the toothpaste can be put back in the tube.

Jesus said that "out of the overflow of the heart, the mouth speaks" (Luke 6:45). And there are times when our speech shows that we have a heart problem.

So what are we to say?

The Bible calls Jesus the Word of God, the perfect self-expression of who God is. He spoke as one with absolute authority to forgive and to grant new life. More than that, Jesus offers us new hearts that can overflow with something better. In our noisy world, we would do well to attend to the Word, whose speech alone is free from sin and which sets us free. God the Father Himself said of Jesus: "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" (Matthew 17:5).

The Rev'd Marc Lloyd

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## **Warbleton Parish Church Diary**

## Sanctuary Guild Flower Arrangers and Brass Cleaners

Members continue to arrange flowers by the altar and at the back of the church week by week. On the morning of Saturday, 4th October we will join together for a special effort to decorate the church for Harvest Festival, and he following week we will maintain the arrangements We would love to incorporate any vegetables, fruit, gourds or autumnal foliage into our arrangements if anyone would like to contribute these and bring them to the church on Friday or early on Saturday morning. Sheena Gilmore and Alison Webb will take over for the 18th and 25th.

Help! This is a message for any readers who enjoy sewing. The church is badly in need of new cloths for the communion table and we are wondering if anyone would enjoy making two new ones; to buy them is very expensive. If this interests you please contact me on 07905723963 for further details

Helen Bowern

#### **Good Book Club**

The good book club will meet on the 7th and 21st of October at 7.00 for 7.30pm at White Birch Farm after their summer break. A welcoming atmosphere will be found as the group continues their study of 1Peter. All welcome

#### **Little Warblers Toddlers' Group**

Little Warblers is a group for preschool children with their parents, grandparents or carers which meets in the Church Rooms on Tuesday mornings during term time from 9.30-11.00am. There are toys and activities to suit all age groups. Snacks and drinks are provided for both children & adults. There is a time for singing well known nursery rhymes and songs as well as a Christian song and a short teaching from the bible. There is a suggested voluntary contribution of £1. For further information please contact Sue Holden on 07557142513

#### WarbleArt

We continue to meet on Wednesdays in the Warbleton Church Rooms from 10.00 am to 12 noon. Please contact Gail Welford on 01435 812514 or <a href="mailto:gwelford51@gmail.com">gwelford51@gmail.com</a>

#### **Warbleton Weeders**

We meet (weather permitting) once a month on a Wednesday morning at 9.30am for a couple of hours. Help would be very much appreciated with pruning, sweeping and other light jobs as you feel able. To find out which day we will meet please contact Judith on <a href="mailto:judithmhemsley@btinternet.com">judithmhemsley@btinternet.com</a>. or look in the weekly news bulletin.

#### **Churches' Fellowship Morning and Lunch**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October -** 10.00am for coffee; 10:30am – 1.00pm followed by lunch at White Birch Farm, Warbleton, TN21 9BE..The Revd Spencer Shaw (the recently appointed Director of the Sussex Gospel Partnership) will be our speaker. Further details to be confirmed. Donations towards costs of lunch and speaker expenses etc. welcomed. Booking to Marc at <a href="marc-lloyd@hotmail.com">marc-lloyd@hotmail.com</a>

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Glen spends much of his time speaking at churches, universities and a variety of events around the country, but this is only part of what Speak Life does. The popular 321 course, used by many churches and individuals explains the Christian faith in a simple and helpful way. New Videos, podcasts, articles and books are regularly produced by him and members of the team and of course Speak Life has a presence on YouTube, TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter all of which offer a way to "see the world with Jesus at the centre".

Speak Life operates from 13 Lismore Road, Eastbourne, where there is also a Prayer Centre which anyone can visit to join in prayer or receive counselling. As with all Christian organisations Speak Life recognises that prayer should be the basis of all their work. This month gives us a special opportunity to join with them in this activity of prayer as they proclaim with all the modern means available that "Jesus is the answer".

Helen Bowern

## **Warbleton and District History Group**

Robin Tuppen the owner of The Sussex Truggery gave us a very interesting talk on the history of trug making and the firm from 1829 when Thomas Smith founded the company. It was at the Great Exhibition that Queen Victoria came to his stand and ordered some trugs. Not trusting the Evri etc. of the day he walked to London with a hand-cart and a colleague to deliver them in person. The trug was based on an ancient design. The traditional ones have hazel or ash handles and rim, with willow boards using surplus material from cricket bat making. There is currently a shortage because the growers are sending willow to India, at three times the price, for mass produced cricket bats. The modern trug is made from plywood, although there is a hybrid version which uses the traditional handle and rim with ply boards. Although some don't like the modern ones they have carried the firm through difficult periods. They are still made using traditional methods. His firm is the only one with an apprentice, and he very keen to ensure the future of the industry, there are currently only 10 trug makers.

One person in the audience has had her trug for 46 years. Robin said aids to longevity are don't leave them out in the rain or with wet material in them. Also avoid leaving them in strong sunlight and heat. Lastly – don't let your other half run over them with the car! He had someone into the shop that day, who had that happen.

There are various sizes and designs. Those for general garden use have a deeper basket area, whereas those designed for cut flowers are shallower and have a much higher handle to avoid damage to the blooms.

lan Everest is the speaker at our October meeting, and he will be telling us about The Women's Land Army, which with their Lumber Jills compatriots kept agriculture and forestry going during WW2. It is of particular interest to me as my mother was in the Land Army in Hammer Lane. We meet as usual at 7.30 for 8 pm start on Monday 13th October in the Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green. This is the first of three meetings featuring WW2 on the 80th anniversary of VE and VJ Day. In November we look at those who served and died from this parish, and in January we find out about life on the Home Front..

Jonathan Austin



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Our 3 prize winning teams were:

The Rainbow Followers won the main guiz, scoring 53 / 60

The Lancaster Bombers won the Bonus Sheet guiz, scoring 15 / 20

The Bum Notes won The Best Team Name

A total of £583.51 was raised.



Even our sponsors took part with their team of The Undertakers, led by Lucy Atabey. Thank you for sponsoring to cover our costs of the Roof Appeal and Quiz Night. It means every penny of every donation is allocated to the Roof Fund.

Warbleton Parish Church would like to thank everyone who has donated so far, whether it's direct into the bank, using the QR code, cash or cheque.

We are over half way there, having raised £7,825

## A Reminder Of Why We are Raising Funds:

As a Church, we need to make some essential repairs to our roof, gutters and tower that were highlighted in our recent inspection. The total cost will be £15,000 and we are calling on your generosity to help raise this money.

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It has been 80 years since VE day and VJ day and we owe a great deal to those who gave their lives in all parts of the world for liberty from tyranny and terror. in some place it seems to have been in vain but we must not forget and I hope people can find something to put in the collections to support those who suffered from terrible wounds and memories and those who help them who, with RBL's support provided by generous givers, in these straitened times

Contact details for Paul will be on the Poppy trays and tins

Margaret Harding



We hope you all had a great time at the Summer Show, the weather was as kind as it could be and we'd like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped make it such a successful day.

Our next event is our Winter Fayre on **Sunday 7th December** at Dunn Village Hall from 10am to 3 pm with lashings of stalls eager to get you Christmas ready, refreshments, raffles and fun. We look forward to seeing you there.

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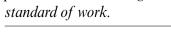
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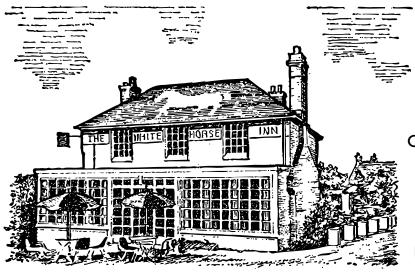
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## The Village Fête

"Put your teeth in, Reggie," whispered Mrs Holman as her husband of 54 years posed to have his photo taken by the rookie reporter from the Mid Sussex Times, or the Middy as it was locally known. For more years than they had been married, Reginald Holman had been a member of the Sussex Rabbit and Guinea Pig Society. Cradled in his arms was the biggest lop-eared Belgian rabbit you have ever seen; it wasn't easy for Reggie to extricate his top plate from the pocket of his well- worn tan stockman's coat. Sweating profusely in the heat of the huge marquee erected by the local Horticultural and Poultry Society, Reggie had once again won best in show for his enormous rabbit.

There had been no realistic competition against the rabbit Tintin in Class 47 (Coneys and Cavies) unlike the fierce and dirty battle that had been waged in Class 105 (6 coloured eggs of any size). Once again, Heather had hoped to win the prize with her hens' distinctive blue half dozen, and indeed her six cobalt blue eggs had won the prize money and coveted Ova cup, sponsored by 3Es Ltd Efficient Effluent Extraction, the local removers of effluent from septic tanks. But skullduggery had been afoot in the marquee; Heather's name label had removed and placed next to a selection more akin to pigeon's eggs. It is a wise woman who knows her own eggs, and to this day most villagers still point to that old reprobate Jacob Harmer as the remover of Heather's label and unworthy recipient of the Ova cup.

Heather had needed comfort from a bottle of Bullace vodka, a lethal brew made annually by Professor Mike Lord, emeritus professor of neuroscience. A very affable small man well known for the erratic playing of his home-made curtal, at the comparatively young age of forty Mike had been awarded the Fellowship of the Royal Society for his work on the attributes of crustaceans' eyeballs. Mike himself had a keen eye for bullaces, preferably those of the White or Golden variety which showed a slight blush often found on the sunward side. Mike's recipe for Bullace vodkas went with him to the grave, which Heather will tell you was just as well.

Outside the overheated marquee, a comfortably sized lady of uncertain years was entertaining the troops with her rendition of a Vera Lynn song about ornithologically impossible bluebirds flying over chalk cliffs. Accompanying her was the local brass band, a source of cornet players for Remembrance Day services and selections from Abba for village fetes.

The sound of a strident top G almost obscured the whoops of delight from the annual Maggot racing sideshow. Six people had placed their 50p bets on half a dozen maggots stained with different dyes. The race master had released the maggots from under the cover of an egg cup placed in the centre of a darts board. At the "off" signal, the maggots made their convoluted ways to the edge of the darts board to a spirited commentary honed over the years by watching Frankie Dettori. The first maggot to reach the outer rim of the board was adjudged the winner and the punter who had chosen it collected his winnings of £3.00. As underage betting was allowed, any child winner was advised not to spend all their winnings at once.

With the sun fading in the west, the villagers made their weary ways home. The following Friday, Mrs Holman was delighted to see that Reggie and Tintin had made page 3 of the Middy.

(In memory of Prof Mike Land FRS. Other names have been changed.)



# SERVICES IN OCTOBER 2025

		Warbleton Parish Church
Sunday 5th	11.00 am	All Age Harvest Thanksgiving Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch in the Dunn Village Hall in Rushlake Green. You are invited to donate items suitable for Hailsham Food Bank. You can find up to date information on what they do and don't need here: https://hailsham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/.
Sunday 12th	11.00 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 19th	11.00 am	Morning Worship
Sunday 26th	11.00 am	Holy Communion
November		
Sunday 2nd	11.00 am	All age Family Service with Shoe Box appeal

	S	st John's, Bodle Street Green
Sunday 5th	11am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 12h	9.30 am.	All Age Family Service for Holy Cross Day
Sunday 19th	9.30 am,	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 26th	9.30 am	Morning Prayer.

		St Giles Dallington
Sunday 5th	11.00 am.	Service of the Word
Sunday 12th	3.00 pm.	Evensong
Sunday 19th	11.00 am.	Harvest Thanksgiving festival service followed by lunch in the church.
Sunday 26th	9.30 am	Holy Communion .

# Three Villages Calendar for October 2025

Wednesday 1st	Prayer First at the Rectory	7.45 pm for 8.00pm
Thursday 2nd	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Monday 6tth	Warbleton & District History Group At The Dunn village Hall	7.00pm for 8.00pm
Thursday 9th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
Thursday 16th	Coffee & Company at Osborne House	10.00am to 12 noon
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#### October.

'Then came October, full of merry glee.' *Edmund Spenser. 1552 to 1599* 

'Calm and deep peace, on this high wold; And on these Dews that drench the furze, And all the silvery gossamers That twinkle into green and gold.

Calm and still light on yon great plain,
That sweeps with all its autumn bowers
And crowded farms and lessening towers,
To mingle with the bounding main.'

Alfred Lord Tennyson.1809 to 1892

Taken from the Country Diary of an Edwardian Lady.

Gillian Slack



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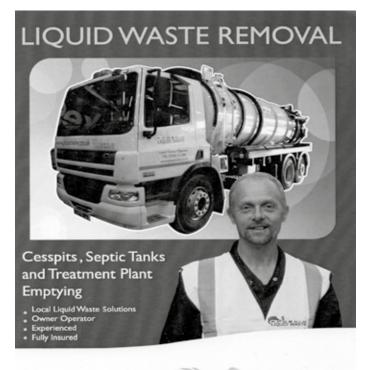
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## Roy Iremonger. Presentation of life in Dallington during World War 2 Sunday. August 31st 2025 St. Giles Church. Dallington.

The sad and measured voice of Neville Chamberlain announced that "consequently this country is now at war with Germany" and this was immediately followed by the harsh wail of an air raid siren. This was the introduction to a talk on how life in Dallington went on during the Second World War which had been researched, prepared and mostly presented by Roy Iremonger.

Roy's interest in local history is well known to those who have had the pleasure of hearing him speak on the subject. His regard for the facts, interspersed with amusing anecdotes makes for interesting listening. His hobby of reading old local newspapers gave him the idea when he read that, on the day that the Prime Minister was going to address the nation, the then Rector took a wireless into the church so that the congregation could hear the statement.

And there was the idea for Roy's talk on how the war impacted on the lives of the inhabitants of Dallington .

We learned that it was a self sufficient village with a number of shops, then, as now, a school and the church and the village hall for entertainment. There was no petrol to drive cars off out so the villagers relied on one another for company.

Roy and Douglas Sewell took turns to cover every aspect of those years, the troops who came and went, battles in the air overhead and the casualties, evacuees and those villagers who had distinguished themselves. There were also a number of cameos read by others, the school, rationing, the diary of a villager, Maud Symonds, and the invaluable propaganda published by the office of Eddie Embleton. "BE LIKE DAD, KEEP MUM, WALLS HAVE EARS and DIG FOR VICTORY". Yes, all from a very self-effacing gentleman from our village.

Then our bellringers swung into action and the audience heard the joyful peal of bells to celebrate our victory at El-Alamein and, at long last, VE Day.

We were fortunate to have in the audience two people who had actually lived in Dallington throughout the war, Angela Keeley and Bill Gadd, and Bill in particular enjoyed prompting Roy if he felt that something of importance had been omitted. All of which added to the occasion.

Jonathan Austin and his skill with microphones and sound reproduction meant that the audience were able to enjoy all that was said.

So our thanks to Jonathan and to Sue Collins for the recorded sounds, to the readers, Simon Allen, John Day, Jane Messer, Judy Jeremy and Bobbie Steel. A grateful thank you to those who made and served a splendid tea and to many more. Most of all thanks to Roy for his excellent presentation. We learned a lot about a number of things: a secret army hidden in tunnels in the forest, the fact that the air raid siren post which was based in Heathfield could produce a noise which could be heard for miles, and more than thirty million gas masks were produced at very short notice. Roy should take part on MASTERMIND.

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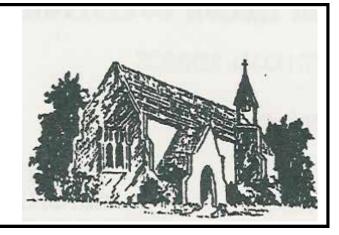
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#### Saint Bartholomew

August 24th is the Feast Day of St. Bartholomew, coinciding this year with a fourth Sunday and Morning Prayer at St. John's. So at Morning Prayer we had to think about Bartholomew. Saint Bartholomew the Apostle, one of the Twelve, named after Philip in the Synoptic Gospels – Matthew, Mark and Luke – and in Acts, but not named in the John's Gospel. Instead John has Philip telling his friend Nathanael about Jesus of Nazareth. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Nathanael retorts. Nathanael then meets Jesus and believes. Most scholars and commonsense readers infer that Nathanael and Bartholomew are the same person.

From Acts we know that, after the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Apostles were persecuted, but continued to preach. "Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news, that Jesus is Christ." Bartholomew is not named again and from the Bible we hear nothing more of him. He does though have a long post-Bible life.

Various Apocryphal writings are attributed to Bartholomew, but we won't dwell on those. The Histories of Eusebius and Jerome both say that Bartholomew preached in India, but it is possible that their "India" was our Ethiopia or even Arabia. A strong tradition then has Bartholomew preaching with Thaddeus in Armenia, hence they are joint patron saints of the Armenian Apostolic Church. Bartholomew was martyred in Armenia, Greater Armenia that is. The two rival sites for his martyrdom are in south eastern Turkey and Azerbaijan, reflecting shifting borders and ethnic changes. Christians are now a minority in both countries.

Bartholomew is said to have been martyred in a particularly gruesome way, by being flayed alive, which is why, by grim association, he is the patron saint of tanners, leatherworkers, bookbinders, farmers, butchers, and glove-makers, among others. In paintings and sculpture the saint holding a knife is Bartholomew. The knife is a flaying-knife for separating skin from muscle. In Michelangelo's Last Judgement in the Sistine Chapel Bartholomew is depicted holding his own skin. His face is supposed to be Michelangelo's own.

During the Renaissance and after painterly interest began to move from grisly martyrdom to anatomy and the science of medicine. To show and illustrate the muscles of the human body the skin had to be removed. The association with the Saint was left aside, only to be reunited in a twenty-first century sculpture of St Bartholomew, gilded and shining bright, holding his own skin and his knife, in the Church of Saint Bartholomew the Great, outside St Barts Hospital in London. The Sculpture is called "Exquisite Pain" and is by Damien Hirst.

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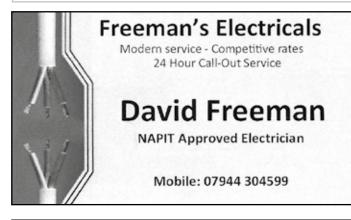
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#### Saint Bartholomew

Saints have an after-life in relics. Relics of St Bartholomew were recorded in Lipari, an island off Sicily. From there they were translated to Benevento in 838, and portions on to Rome in 983, to the Chiesa San Bartolomeo del' Isola, once the site of a temple to Asclepius the Roman god of medicine and healing. A skull went to Frankfurt, and an arm to Canterbury. The latter certainly lost at the Reformation.

Relics were valuable, and the arm was an expensive and splendid gift to Canterbury from Queen Emma, wife of King Cnut or Canute, formerly wife of King Aethelred, and a princess of Normandy. Hers was the blood-line which allowed Richard of Normandy to claim the English throne She died at Winchester and her bones were preserved, along with those of other notable Anglo-Saxon kings and queens, in mortuary chests placed high above the choir. Not high enough to save them from Puritan fanatics in the Civil War who emptied the chests and strewed the contents over the Cathedral floor. The bones were collected up later, as best they could be, but hopelessly jumbled.

There has been an ongoing project at Winchester to un-jumble the bones using DNA and science, and to place them back in the correct mortuary chests in the correct order. A recent article in the papers said that the detailed report should be published next year.

Bartholomew has another connection with Anglo-Saxon England and with a very English saint, Saint Guthlac. Guthlac was a fighter, almost an outlaw, but changed his bad ways, gave away his wealth, and joined a monastery at Repton. Then he went further, he left the monastery to become a hermit, choosing an island in the Lincolnshire fens at Crowland. For his cell he used the burial chamber of a prehistoric barrow, entering it on St Bartholomew's Day 699. No wonder perhaps that he was assailed by demons. These devils are described in the Life of Saint Guthlac, as follows: "they are ferocious in appearance, terrible in shape with great heads, long necks, thin faces, yellow complexions, filthy beards, shaggy ears, wild foreheads, fierce eyes, foul mouths, horrid teeth, throats vomiting flames .." and worst of all they were gibbering and shrieking in British (or Welsh), the language of a defeated people, not in Old English. "For they grew so terrible to hear with their mighty shrieking that they filled almost the whole space between earth and heaven with their discordant bellowings."

How would Guthlac survive? In a vision St Bartholomew handed him a scourge, and with it Guthlac was able to bat away the devils and demons and regain spiritual mastery. Felix describes the vision in his "Life of St Guthlac" and it is illustrated in a manuscript of 1210 known as the Guthlac Roll.

We have travelled far in time and space with St Bartholomew. Lets return to the Bible Bartholomew. Apostle. No more need be said.

Charles Harding

The Annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal starts last weekend in October to November 11th or 12th, but confusingly the Remembrance Sunday Services are on the Sunday 9th of November.!

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It has been 80 years since VE day and VJ day and we owe a great deal to those who gave their lives in all parts of the world for liberty from tyranny and terror. in some place it seems to have been in vain but we must not forget and I hope people can find something to put in the collections to support those who suffered from terrible wounds and memories and those who help them who, with RBL's support provided by generous givers, in these straitened times

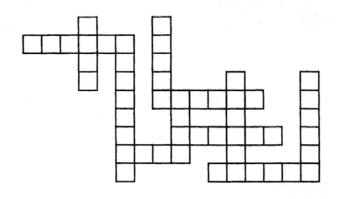
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Margaret Harding

This story is in 2 Kings 19



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## Message from Nusrat Ghani, MP for Sussex Weald

We are extremely lucky that Sussex Weald continues to be a safe place to live with consistently low levels of crime. However, I am aware that incidents of rural crime, shoplifting and anti-social behaviour do occur and remain an area of concern, especially over the autumn and winter months with shorter days and longer periods of darkness.

I have been working with local residents and community groups for years and continue collaborating closely with the Wealden Neighbourhood Policing Team and Rural Crime Team to ensure that our communities continue to feel safe. Over the past year, I have been keeping the pressure up to ensure that we have the appropriate resources to tackle and prevent rural crime, and that Sussex Police have a more visible presence locally.

This year, I have also welcomed the Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner for several meetings in the constituency including in Hailsham, and I was pleased to host a drop-in surgery with her at the Crowborough Police Station in April. Local residents also had the opportunity to raise their concerns with me at a virtual Q&A session, which brought together locals from all corners of the constituency and provided an opportunity to discuss what matters to their communities.

From my inbox and many previous campaigns, I know that rural crime such as the theft of machinery and equipment for the purpose of international resale is of particular concern in the north of the constituency near the Kent border. I continue supporting our communities in Withyham and Blackham and I joined a public meeting held this spring to help put the case forward for a more robust cross-border multi-agency response, after similar operations led to positive results and multiple arrests previously.

Thanks to the fantastic turnout at the recent Farmers' Forum near Mayfield, I am also pleased that we secured further support from Sussex Police on marking farming equipment and better coordination of forces to tackle cross-county crime. I am grateful for all the ongoing work that our police officers are doing to improve response times, increase visibility and secure arrests and convictions, and I will continue working with them as well as the Police and Crime Commissioner on securing additional resources for Sussex Weald.

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