

**Beckley PC meeting 12 August 2017**  
**ES County Councillor Ms A Davies - Report to Parishes July 2017**

Roads across East Sussex are being given a summer make over. 24 roads have been included in this summer's surface dressing programme. Surface dressing involves a coat of tar and chippings which improves safety by providing better grip, and can extend the life of the carriageway by 10 years. This involves Robertsbridge and Northiam in Northern Rother.

Cyclists in East Sussex will enjoy a better ride following a programme of grass cutting along some county cycle routes. Only Camber is included in this in our neck of the woods.

Parents are being reminded to sign up in August for their 30 hours free child care. Almost 70% of childcare providers in the county have agreed to offer the additional hours to 3 and 4 year olds. This applies to children born between April 1st 2014 and August 31st 2014. Parents must sign up before September 1st.

SE Business Boost will offer grants of between £1000 and £10,000 to existing small and medium size businesses and start-ups for capital projects to help them grow and expand. This is part of the successful business support programme which is run by the local Growth Hub Business East Sussex.

Companies in East Sussex have been recognised for the role they play in helping young people to develop skills. Two county businesses picked up awards at a skills showcase event organised by SELEP (SE Local Enterprise Partnership). Marshall Tufflex was named best small to medium enterprise in the SE region, while East Sussex Highways won the skills award for East Sussex.

Residents are being warned about parking meter machine theft. Any suspicious activity must be reported to the Police.

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