Sussex investment

A summary of our investment plans for 2020–25

from Southern Water

£473m improvements

Our overall investments planned in Sussex.

We're planning £473 million of investment across Sussex, including upgrades at our wastewater treatment works that discharge into Chichester and Pagham Harbours to enhance water quality, while a project in Wincheslea reduces stormwater releases by preventing non-sewage entering our network.

£77k community grants

How much we've awarded charities and community groups.

Our panel of young people, customers and employees chose nine causes across Sussex to receive grants totalling **£77,000**: 4 Sight Vision, B+H Food Partnership, Chestnut Tree House, CPRE Sussex, Equine Partners CIC, FareShare Sussex, Spear Brighton, Sustainable Sussex, and The Wave Project.

50k new homes

Housing growth forecast in the area by 2025.

We're investing to create the capacity and infrastructure necessary to support the **50,584** new homes in East and West Sussex, which are forecast to be connected to our network by 2025.

£72m for harbours

How much we're investing in improving water quality.

We led a summit with key partners to address the declining health of Chichester, Langstone and Pagham harbours and agree steps to restore these habitats. We're taking action by investing **£72 million** by 2025 to improve the local water quality.

£37m of upgrades

Our investment in protecting drinking water quality.

We're investing **£37 million** in our water supply sites in East Brighton and Weirwood. This will be used to upgrade our sites and treatment processes, so we can continue to provide a reliable supply of high-quality drinking water.

£30m for habitats

Investment to reduce our impact on local habitats.

Following **£30 million** of upgrades at our wastewater treatment works in Hailsham, less phosphorous will be discharged into the Pevensey Levels (a Special Area of Conservation and Site of Special Scientific Interest). This will prevent excess nutrients from stifling biodiversity.

Produced January 2022

5717