



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR MAY 2023 EDITION

THE KINGS CORONATION WEEKEND

The Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III takes place on Saturday 6th May 2023 and Monday 8th May has been declared a bank holiday to mark the occasion. As part of the celebrations, Horsmonden Social Club will be hosting a Beer Festival on Saturday 6th May and HoVEC have organised a Dog Show on the Village Green on Sunday 7th May.

For more details regarding these events you can visit the Social Clubs website

(<http://www.horsmondenclub.org.uk/>) and HoVEC's website (<https://www.hovec.co.uk/fun-dog-show>).

2023 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Monday, 15 May at 7:30pm**. This is an opportunity for parishioners to raise any issues they may have concerning the parish as well as a chance to come along and hear about what the Parish Council has been doing over the past year. If you have any particular issues which you would like to discuss and have added to the Agenda, please contact the Clerk.

HORSMONDEN PUBLIC TOILETS

Following two acts of attempted arson and malicious damage to property in the last month the Parish Council made the difficult decision to close the disabled toilet until further notice. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to parishioners.

The men's and ladies' toilets will remain open but are checked regularly and locked at 5pm.

The Parish Council have been continuously monitoring the damages at the public toilets and will be considering options for the future, bearing in mind the costs incurred by parishioners to keep these facilities open and in good repair.

There will be more information regarding this at our Annual Parish Meeting on the 15th May.

HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIP)

The Parish Council has a Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) which they are pursuing with Kent Highways regarding areas of highway in the parish where they would like to see improved or made safer. This is effectively a 'wish list' and each item has to be considered by Kent Highways.

The HIP is updated regularly but you can view the latest version here:

[https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic and Highways 33877.aspx](https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic%20and%20Highways%2033877.aspx).

HORSMONDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood Plan has now reached its final stages and is ready for your vote at the Referendum on 8th June.

The Parish Council would like to thank the steering group for all of their hard work during the drafting of the plan .

The Clerk is also available to help either by email and phone:

Lucy Noakes (Clerk)

Clerk to Horsmonden Parish Council

Telephone: 01892 724989 (to leave a message)

Mobile: 07484 904765

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SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

NHS: 111

Kent Highways Service: 03000 418181

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: 01892 526121

Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:

08459 881188

Emergencies only: 999

Non-emergency Police Line: 101

UK Power Networks – Power cut: 0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)