



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR APRIL 2022 EDITION

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### PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

We are pleased to confirm that all available community grant funding has now been used for the 2021/22 period and will be helping some very worthwhile local projects and charities within the village.

Funding for the 2022/23 period is now open so if you have local project and you would like to be considered for a Parish Council community grant please do make an application.

For further information about who is eligible for this and how to apply please visit our website page (under Council /Booking forms and Grant Applications)

<https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Forms%20and%20Grants/Grants%20Policy%20Jan%202020%20Accessible.pdf>

### REPORTING A PROBLEM ON A ROAD, PAVEMENT OR A FOOTPATH

Spring has finally sprung and we are feeling very lucky to have such beautiful countryside surrounding us here in Horsmonden with so many lovely walks on our doorstep.

Please bear in mind that if you do notice any problems whilst out walking in the village you can report non-urgent issues including broken stiles, overgrown vegetation, fallen trees or dangerous path surfaces directly to Kent County Council via the following link:  
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

If you notice any problems on a road or pavement such as street light faults, potholes or drainage issues you can report directly to Kent County Council here:  
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

### UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Things are slowly getting back to normality following the pandemic and we are looking forward to several events planned for our Village Green this spring/summer:

**Crosses on the Green:** St Margaret's Church will be positioning the Crosses on the Green over the Easter period

**What Goes on Here on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9am -1pm:** Local groups in the village are able to book a stand allowing them to demonstrate what they do and who they are. This is a great opportunity to join local clubs and

societies or simply find out more. Please visit <https://www.hovec.co.uk/what-goes-here> for more information or to book a stand.

**The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations 1<sup>st</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> June 22:** HoVEC are organising an extravaganza of events on our Green for this celebration – which looks like it will be one to remember! Please visit <https://www.hovec.co.uk/summer-festival-2022> for more details.

### THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE – COMMEMORATIVE BENCH

The Parish Council have recently ordered a new bench for the village green to mark the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, which is being celebrated in June 2022.

This new bench will replace the existing bench located at the front of the green underneath the large Horse Chestnut tree and will feature a circular plaque within each armrest showing the official Platinum Jubilee logo.

We hope to have the new bench installed in time for the Jubilee celebrations in June for everyone to enjoy.

### ROADWORKS

The village and surrounding areas are experiencing a lot of disruption due to Kent County Council roadworks. We are advised of them often very close to the date they are taking place. The details are published on the Parish Council website and Facebook page as soon as they are received so please regularly check these for information. You can sign up on our website for all the news to allow you to stay up to date with what is happening in the Parish.

You can also look at the Kent County Council roadworks website from which you can find details of planned roadworks in our area:

<https://kent.roadworks.org/>

### ALLOTMENTS

The Council continues the search for a suitable site for allotments and would like to hear from anyone who may have land or ideas of space which could be made available for this worthwhile amenity. Please contact the Clerk who will be pleased to answer any questions.

### TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH AND PLANNING

It is a busy time for planning applications at the moment. If you want to know about any local

applications, use this link to find out about them:  
<https://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/planning/applications/search>

### **2022 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Monday, 16 May at 7:30pm**. It will be an opportunity to hear about what the Council is, and 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.

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

Lucy Noakes (Clerk)

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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)