



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR APRIL 2025 EDITION

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### 2025 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm (with refreshments beforehand from 7pm)**. 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.

### PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Funding for the 2025/26 period is now open so if you have local project that 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:

<https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Booking Forms and Grant Applications 30901.aspx>

### VE DAY 2025 – 80<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, the Parish Council are pleased to announce the installation of two permanent Tommy Statues at the war memorial in remembrance of this significant occasion. One statue has been purchased by the Parish Council, while the other has been generously donated by Derek and Peggy Read.

In addition, the Parish Council have purchased a commemorative flag to be flown at the Social Club and will also adorn the lamp posts on the village green with poppies as a mark of respect and remembrance.

### UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

There are several events planned for our Village Green this Spring:

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

**What Goes on Here on the 26th April 10am -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/horsmonden-what-goes-here> for more information or to book a stand.

### VE DAY Celebration on the 10<sup>th</sup> May 3.30pm – 7.30pm:

Family picnic with music and drinks. Organised by Horsmonden Social Club

<https://www.horsmondenclub.org.uk/>

### PARK AND RIDE SERVICE FOR MAIDSTONE AND TUNBRIDGE WELLS HOSPITALS

There is a new park and ride service for Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells hospitals. This free service offers a convenient and more sustainable way to visit hospital. The park and ride is already proving popular at both hospitals, and is easy to use:

1. Park your car at one of the free car parks near Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells hospitals.
2. Jump on the bus to the hospital. Buses run Monday to Friday, every half an hour from 6.40am to around 9pm, depending on the hospital. The journey time is approximately 10 minutes, depending on traffic.
3. Get the bus back to your car.

For full details please

visit <https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/car-parking/park-and-ride/>

### SPEEDWATCH – CAN YOU HELP?

Speedwatch is a community-based scheme where volunteers record the speed of passing vehicles in the area where they live. Around 90% of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months.

We already have an active Speedwatch group in Horsmonden, who do a great job, but they are desperately in need of more volunteers.

If you would like to join the group and help reduce speeding vehicles in the area, please contact Martin Drinkwater on 01892 722883 or by email [martindrinkwater3@gmail.com](mailto:martindrinkwater3@gmail.com).

### ROAD WORKS

There have been quite a number of road closures recently. It is great that works are being carried out but we get very little notice to allow us to advertise them. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages and we will share the information as quickly as we can.

### PLANNING

The Parish council hold Planning committee meetings each month specifically for providing comments and feedback to TWBC on planning applications for which

the Parish Council are consultees. These meetings are open for the public to attend without prior notification and the Council always welcomes parishioners to such meetings.

Our next Planning committee meeting is on **Tuesday 15th April** at Horsmonden Village Hall.

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

If you notice any issues such as potholes, drainage problems or overgrown vegetation you can report directly to Kent County Council here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

If you notice any problems on a public right of way such as broken stiles, fallen trees or dangerous path surfaces you can report directly to Kent County Council here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

#### **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)