



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL- ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR APRIL 2026 EDITION

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### 2026 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Monday, 18<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. There will also be guest speakers talking about interesting topics related to our parish and community. If you have any particular issues which you would like to discuss and have added to the agenda, please contact the Clerk.

### COMMUNITY LITTER PICK – SATURDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026

The Parish Council are organising a Community Litter Pick on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May** to help keep our village clean and tidy. We are asking volunteers to meet at the Social Club at 10.30am. All equipment will be provided and refreshments will be kindly organised and served by the WI. Everyone is welcome but please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please do come along, lend a hand, and help make a difference in our community!

### PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANTS

Funding for the 2026/27 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](https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Booking_Forms_and_Grant_Applications_30901.aspx)

### HORSMONDEN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Horsmonden Parish Council are starting the process of updating their Emergency Plan and are inviting local residents to join the Village Response Team - a group of volunteers ready to support the community during emergencies.

In situations such as severe weather, flooding, power cuts, or other major incidents, team members help with:

- Local communication and information sharing

- Practical assistance to residents
- Supporting vulnerable members of the community

If you would like to be part of this important initiative and help your neighbours in times of need, the Parish Council would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office on 01892 724989 or via email [deputyclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk).

### NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STRATEGY 2026-2030

The Neighbourhood Watch Network has launched its new 2026–2030 Strategy, setting out a positive and forward-looking plan to support safer, stronger communities over the next five years. The strategy highlights practical steps to help existing schemes thrive while encouraging the creation of new groups. At present, Horsmonden do not have an active Neighbourhood Watch group. If any residents would be interested in volunteering and helping to establish a local scheme, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

### 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

**HoVECs Fun Dog Show:** The Horsmonden Fun Dog Show returns on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April on the village green, organised by HoVEC and run in partnership with Arundawn Dog Rescue. For full details please visit: <https://www.hovec.co.uk/fun-dog-show>

### 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>

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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)