



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2023 EDITION

HORSMONDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (HNDP)

The Horsmonden Neighbourhood Development Plan was 'made' by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council at Full Council on 5 July 2023. This means that the HNDP now carries full weight in the determination of planning applications within the Horsmonden Parish.

HORSMONDEN WILDFLOWER PLANTING PROJECT

You may have seen the signs around the grass and tree area at Fromandez Drive and wondered what was going on.

The Parish Council are actively involved in making this area Bee Friendly and more attractive to other pollinators. There are now three fenced areas in which Yellow Rattle and other wildflower seedlings are being nurtured. The grass area will be mowed off at the end of August and in the autumn wildflower bulbs will be planted.



Thank you to the members of Bee Friendly in Horsmonden WhatsApp Group.

Further volunteers to help with this project would be most welcome. If you are interested in joining please contact the Parish Office on 01892 724989 or via email at assistantclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Residents are always encouraged to attend the monthly meetings of the Parish Council.

Please note that there is no full council meeting in August so the next meeting will be Monday 4th September. However, the next Planning Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 15th August at 7.30pm at Horsmonden Village Hall.

HORSMONDEN HORSE FAIR

The annual Horse Fair is due to take place on Sunday 10th September on the village green.

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. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages and we will share the information as quickly as we can.

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 they would like to see improved or made safer. This is effectively a 'wish list' and each item has to be considered individually by Kent Highways.

We have recently been successful in securing funding for bend warning signage and SLOW road markings on the carriageway near to properties in Yew Tree Green Road. We hope that residents will agree that this is a worthwhile safety measure.

Our HIP is updated regularly but you can view the latest version here: https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic_and_Highways_33877.aspx.

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 always in need of more volunteers.

If you would like to join the group and help reduce speeding vehicles in the area, please let us know by contacting the Parish Office on 01892 724989 or via email assistantclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

ROAD SAFETY PRESENTATION FOR MATURE DRIVERS AND PASSENGERS.

The Morning WI Group and Parish Council have worked together to arrange a free presentation on road safety for mature drivers on Tuesday 19th September at 2.30pm in Horsmonden Village Hall.

The presentation encompasses general road safety for all drivers, passengers and road users and is predominantly aimed at drivers over 60 years old, however please feel free to come along if you are under 60 and feel an informal refresher would help! Topics covered will be common crash causation, impairment, including driver fatigue, driving whilst taking prescribed medication, smart motorways and eco driving tips.

The session will run for approximately one and a half hours – so will end around 4pm.

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

E-mail: clerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk

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)