



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025 EDITION

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### KALC COMMUNITY AWARD

On the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025, the Parish Council were delighted to present Jane March with a KALC Community Award in recognition of her exceptional service to the community.

Jane served on Horsmonden Parish Council for 20 years, including 14 years as Chairman, and she also represented the community as a Borough Councillor for 13 years. This award celebrates her outstanding commitment and lasting contribution to local life. Thank you Jane!



### VISIT TO BOCKINGFOLD SOLAR FARM

On the 9<sup>th</sup> July, Parish and Borough Councillors visited Bockingfold Solar Farm to see how the project is progressing and to learn more about the installation process. The site visit included a guided tour, where Councillors were shown how the solar panels are installed, connected, and maintained.

Councillors found the visit informative and valuable, gaining insights that will help inform future discussions around energy and environmental initiatives in the area.



### WILD FLOWER GARDEN AT FROMANDEZ DRIVE

As you may have already noticed, a new sign has been placed at Fromandez Drive to share our plans for the space – which will be developed into a wildflower garden over time.

The garden will support local wildlife, encourage biodiversity, and offer a more natural, welcoming green space for everyone to enjoy. We're grateful for residents' patience while the area is being prepared and developed, as these things do take time to establish.

We hope the sign helps give a clearer picture of what's to come, and we look forward to watching the area flourish.



### MAINTENANCE AT HORSMONDEN PUBLIC TOILETS

Improvement works have recently been carried out at the public toilets, including external painting and internal ceiling repairs.

While the exterior painting is part of routine maintenance to enhance the appearance of the facility, the internal ceiling works are being carried out in response to recent vandalism.

The Parish Council have acted promptly to repair the damage and ensure the toilets remain safe, clean, and welcoming for public use.

### 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.

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#### **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)