



**HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS
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**NEW BOROUGH COUNCILLORS FOR RURAL
TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

The Parish Council have been pleased to welcome our new Borough Councillors Cllr Lynne Darrah, Cllr Thomas Mobbs and Cllr David Knight to some of their recent meetings. Councillors are looking forward to working together and with the Borough Councillors on matters relating to the ward of Rural Tunbridge Wells.

**BOCKINGFOLD SOLAR FARM – COMMUNITY BENEFIT
FUND**

Volitalia have recently launched the Bockingfold Solar Farm Community Benefit Fund where non-profit making groups and voluntary organisations local to the project can apply for grants to deliver environmental and sustainable initiatives.

For further information and details how to apply please visit: <https://bockingfold-solar.co.uk/>

PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall car park is a private car park for use by hirers of the hall only. Unfortunately, there are often vehicles that are parked in the car park that are not involved with any groups hiring the hall and are therefore taking up valuable spaces.

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.

HORSMONDEN HORSE FAIR

The annual Horse Fair is due to take place on Sunday 8th September on the village green.

**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>

WEST KENT RURAL GRANT SCHEME

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council are working with Sevenoaks District Council & Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to distribute £1.28 million of capital funding from Government to projects across our rural towns and countryside.

Grant awards of £2,000-£24,999 are available for projects in the 2024/25 financial year and applications are encouraged from businesses, cultural/heritage and community organisations, and visitor destinations.

This time-limited funding must be spent by **1 March 2025**, so please raise awareness about the grants and encourage anyone interested to contact ruralgrants@sevenoaks.gov.uk who are administering the scheme.

For more information, please visit Sevenoaks District Council's website: <https://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/westkentruralgrants>

KCC FOOD AND ENERGY SUPPORT SCHEME

This scheme offers energy and/or food support, with applicants able to choose between energy, food, or a 60/40 combination of both energy and food support. The scheme will open for online applications until **12pm Wed 4 September 2024** (but may close earlier if all the available funds are allocated).

Please note that there is a limited amount of funding available for this scheme and funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, with only one award per household.

For full details please visit: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/social-care-and-health/adult-social-care/paying-for-care/benefits/household-support-fund>

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)