



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2024 / JANUARY 2025 EDITION

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After 20 years of dedicated service to our community, we are very sad to announce that Councillor Jane March has decided to step down from her position on the Parish Council with effect from the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024. Jane has been a tireless advocate for our community and her leadership and commitment will be sorely missed. We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Jane and wish her all the best for the future.

### A MESSAGE FROM CLLR JANE MARCH

After twenty years as a member of Horsmonden Parish Council, fourteen of those as chair, I am stepping down from the role. It has been a privilege to serve our parish alongside committed colleagues and residents, working together to support initiatives that have strengthened our sense of community.

I am proud of what we have accomplished and want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who has supported me over the years. I look forward to seeing the Parish Council continue its good work under new leadership and I remain committed to supporting Horsmonden in other ways in the future.



### CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2024

By the time you read this, the Village Green will be lit up with our new Christmas lights. We hope that you enjoy them!

### PARISH SALT BINS

As Winter approaches, the Parish Council are starting to think about our salt bins in the village.

If you have a salt bin located near your home and you notice that it is empty please contact us at the Parish Office on 01892 724989 and we will arrange for KCC to fill it up. Alternatively, you can let us know by email at [assistantclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk).

### 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 16th December** 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>

## **2025 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

Keep a look out on the Parish Council noticeboard or the website for the new Council meeting dates for 2025. These will be agreed and published shortly.

**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## **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)