



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL- ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2025 / JANUARY 2026 EDITION

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### **IMPROVED SECURITY MEASURES**

#### **AT THE PUBLIC TOILETS**

The Parish Council are pleased to announce the installation of a new security gate at the public toilets, designed to restrict access around the back of the building and improve safety for all users. In addition, a CCTV system has now been fitted to help deter vandalism and anti-social behaviour.

These improvements are part of the Council's ongoing commitment to keeping the facilities open, clean, and problem-free for residents and visitors alike. Over the past few years, the Parish Council has invested a significant amount of money in repairs, cleaning, and maintenance due to repeated vandalism and misuse. This latest investment aims to protect that expenditure and ensure the toilets remain a valued community asset.

The Parish Council would like to thank everyone for their understanding and continued support as we work to maintain safe and welcoming public facilities for all.

### **PARISH SALT BINS**

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 [deputyclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk](mailto:deputyclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk).

### **HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIPS)**

The Parish Council are pleased to announce that they have now submitted their bid through the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) Rural Parish Grant Scheme to carry out important improvements at the village crossroads. These improvements represent an important step in the Council's ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance the parish environment, ensuring it remains safe, attractive, and functional for all.

For more details please view our latest HIP document on our website: [https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic\\_and\\_Highways\\_33877.aspx](https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic_and_Highways_33877.aspx)

### **STREET LIGHTS**

The Parish owns more than 40 street lights around the village which require regular checks and repair. Please contact us if you notice a street light that is not working and we will report it to our maintenance engineers for investigation.

### **MAYOR OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS**

#### **CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL 2025**

The Mayor's Toy Appeal helps to bring joy to children and teenagers in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells, who are in need or whose families find Christmas an especially difficult time of year.

The toy appeal will run until the 17<sup>th</sup> December and you can find more details here <https://www.twmta.co.uk/>



### **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.

### **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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NEWS AND EVENTS FROM  
HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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**2026 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
DATES**

Keep a look out on the Parish Council noticeboard or the website for the new Council meeting dates for 2026. These will be agreed and published shortly.

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2025**

By the time you read this, the Village Green should be glowing with festive cheer, as our Christmas lights have been switched on from the 1<sup>st</sup> December.

The Parish Council hopes everyone enjoys the display and that it brings a little extra sparkle to the village throughout the festive period.

**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)