



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2022 EDITION

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### REQUEST FOR HELP TO PROTECT A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY IN THE VILLAGE CENTRE

The Parish Council are still hoping to make an application to Kent County Council to protect a valuable public right of way in the village centre. This footpath extends from the Maidstone Road (next to the Kings Head) around the back of the chemist and out onto the Brenchley Road.

In order to start the application, the Parish Council need to be able to provide evidence that this path has been used by parishioners for the last ten years or more, on a regular basis.

We still require more evidence regarding this so if you have regularly used this path and are willing to sign a statement to say so, please contact the Clerk who will be able to provide you with further details.

### ROADWORKS – SHARING INFORMATION

The village and surrounding area are experiencing a lot of disruption due to Kent County Council roadworks. We are advised of them often very close to the date they are taking place. The details are published on the Parish Council website and Facebook page as soon as they are received so please regularly check these for information. You can sign up on our website for all the news to allow you to stay up to date with what is happening in the Parish.

You can also look at the Kent County Council roadworks website from which you can find details of planned roadworks in our area:

<https://kent.roadworks.org/>

### PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS – FUNDING AVAILABLE

The Parish Council has a small amount of funds set aside each year to help local projects and charities which will benefit Horsmonden Parishioners. Some of this provision remains unspent for the year ending 31 March 2022, so if you have a worthwhile local project please consider making an application.

For further information about who is eligible for this and how to apply please visit our website page (under Council /Booking forms and Grant Applications)

<https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Forms%20and%20Grants/Grants%20Policy%20Jan%202020%20Accessible.pdf>

### LORRY WATCH

If you regularly notice lorries that are using unsuitable roads or not sticking to the limits and restrictions on our local roads, you may wish to consider joining 'Lorry Watch'. This is a scheme run by Kent County Council where information on lorries that are thought to be using unsuitable roads can be collated and passed on to Kent Police for further investigation. Kent Police can find the vehicle's registered keeper and if the vehicle is ignoring the legal limits and restrictions, the police will contact the company and warn them that if they continue it may result in formal action.

Anyone can be a member of Lorry Watch, you simply email [freight@kent.gov.uk](mailto:freight@kent.gov.uk) or use KCC's online reporting tool.

For further information please click on the link below  
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/lorries-and-hgv/lorry-watch>

### ALLOTMENTS

The Council continues the search for a suitable site for allotments and would like to hear from anyone who may have land or ideas of space which could be made available for this worthwhile amenity. Please contact the Clerk who will be pleased to answer any questions.

### THE QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY

The Parish Council are delighted to announce that a new tree has now been planted on Fromandez Drive to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee which will take place in June 2022.

The tree is a Hawthorn specimen which fits nicely into the space available and will not grow too large. It will provide blossom and berries to attract and assist wildlife. The tree was provided by TWBC as part of the Queens Green Canopy scheme, where by the Parish Council only pays a 50% of the cost of the tree. The tree will be listed in the official register of the Queen's Green canopy trees and the Parish Council will be adding an official plaque near to the tree to commemorate it's planting. The photo shows Councillor March assisting with the planting of the tree, just prior to Christmas.



UK Power Networks – Power cut: 0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)

### **LASTING IMPRESSIONS – TUNBRIDGE WELLS PANDEMIC QUILTED MEMORY TREE**

The Lasting Impressions project is community run by Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, in partnership with Tunbridge Wells Hospital. They are creating a quilted tree wall hanging, with leaves made by members of the local community depicting their memories, reflections, and experiences of living through the Covid-19 pandemic. Everyone in the borough and surrounding area is invited to create and send in their own memory leaf so that it can be included as part of the tree. The quilted memory tree will be displayed at The Amelia when it opens in Spring 2022, before taking up permanent residence at Tunbridge Wells Hospital.

For further information and instructions on how to take part please visit our website page [www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk](http://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk) (under News & Events).

### **2022 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES**

The Parish Council noticeboard and website has now been updated with the new Council meeting dates for 2022. The agendas for each meeting will be published on the Parish Council website and are displayed on both noticeboards.

We always encourage members of the public to attend these meetings so that you can raise important issues affecting you and the Parish. If you would like attend an upcoming meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk.

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](mailto: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