



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR JULY 2024 EDITION

THE HOVEC SUMMER FESTIVAL 2024

The Horsmonden Summer Festival was a huge success again this year, with a fantastic jam packed four days of entertainment on the Village Green.

These events would not be possible without the dedicated team of HoVEC volunteers who work tirelessly to bring the community together and make sure everyone has a great time.

Thank you HoVEC for everything you do. What a wonderful village we live in!

WORKS AT THE CLOCK TOWER

The Parish Council are delighted to confirm that they have been successful in securing a grant from the TWBC West Kent Rural Grant Scheme for the replacement roof at the Clock Tower. This means we are now one step closer to completing the works and finally re-installing the clock.

The Parish Council would like to thank parishioners for their continued support and patience whilst these works are ongoing.

BOCKINGFOLD SOLAR FARM

You may have noticed that the initial ground works have now started at the Bockingfold Solar Farm site on Maidstone Road. The Parish Council are working closely with Voltalia regarding their Construction Traffic Management Plan to ensure that there is as little disruption to the village as possible however, if you have any concerns you can either raise with us at the Parish Office or contact Voltalia directly at bockingfold@voltalia.com

In connection with the above, Voltalia 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/>

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 July** at Horsmonden Village Hall.

HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIPS)

The Parish Council continue to work closely with Kent Highways with regards to the Parish HIPS list.

We are pleased to confirm that new signage and improved road markings have recently been secured in the following locations:

- Yew Tree Green Road
- Maidstone Road
- Lamberhurst Road

To view the full HIPS list and see the latest updates please visit our website: [https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic and Highways 33877.aspx](https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic%20and%20Highways%2033877.aspx)

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.

As owners of the car park, the Parish Council are regularly monitoring this and may be forced to take further action if the problem continues.

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>

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

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)