



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR JUNE 2025 EDITION

NEW VICE CHAIR ELECTED AT ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Following the Parish Council's Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 12th May, we are pleased to announce the election of a new Vice Chair, Cllr Alison Boon.

We warmly welcome Cllr Boon into her new role and look forward to her contribution and leadership within the Council. Her commitment to the community is greatly valued, and we are confident she will be a strong support to the Chair and a dedicated advocate for our Parish.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Cllr Stuart Davis, who has served as Vice Chair for many years. His dedication and service has been greatly appreciated.

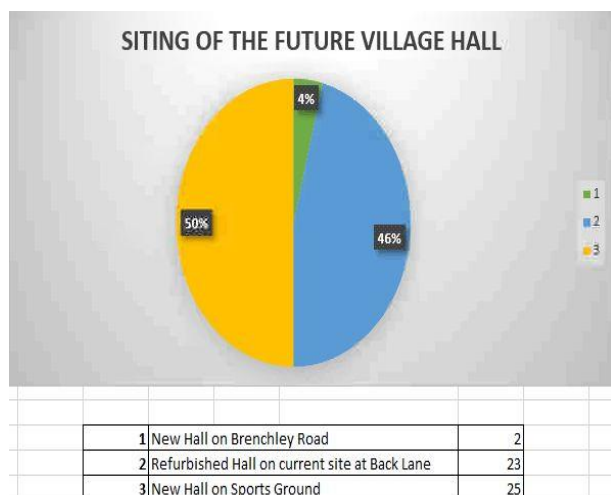
We are pleased to confirm that Cllr Davis will continue to serve as a Councillor, along with all other current Councillors who have chosen to remain in their roles.

RESULTS OF MINI SURVEY RE FUTURE LOCATION OF HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to everyone who visited the Parish Council's stall on Saturday at the "What Goes on Here" event and took part in our mini survey regarding the potential future location of our Village Hall.

While it is still very early days, it is encouraging to begin gathering a sense of local preferences to help guide future discussion. Although only 50 people took part, every opinion is valuable, and we appreciate the community's engagement in shaping the future of our village.

Please see below the results:



WILDFLOWER GARDEN AT FROMANDEZ DRIVE

The Parish Council are pleased to share an update on the development of the wildflower garden at Fromandez Drive. This initiative is part of our ongoing efforts to enhance local biodiversity and create a welcoming space for pollinators, particularly bees, which are essential to a healthy environment. Residents may notice that the garden is still taking shape—wildflower meadows take time to establish and flourish, and patience is key. Over the coming months and seasons, we expect to see gradual growth, with more flowers appearing and the area becoming a haven for wildlife.

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the dedicated volunteers who have generously given their time to help prepare and maintain the site. Your support is invaluable and deeply appreciated.

Please bear with us as the garden continues to grow—together, we are planting the seeds for a brighter, greener future.

PARISH COUNCIL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS

The Parish Council has now completed its Annual Governance and Accountability Return together with internal auditing for the year ending 31st March 2025 and has sent all the relevant information off to the external auditors, Mulberry Ltd who are responsible for completing the external audit.

Details of the accounts will be posted on the Parish Council's website under 'Finances and Audit' and will be available for public viewing by appointment from 3rd June to 14th July 2025.

THE HOVEC SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025

It is only a few days until this year's HoVEC Summer Festival and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before!

This four-day event is organised by a team of extremely dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly to make sure everyone has a great time. A big thank you to HoVEC for all that you do – we can't wait!

For full details of the schedule for the weekend please visit: <https://hovec.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>

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)