



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL- ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR MARCH 2026 EDITION

VILLAGE HALL DEFIBRILLATOR - NOW ACCESSIBLE 24/7

We are pleased to announce that the Parish Council have recently installed an external cabinet for the Village Hall defibrillator. This means it is now available for use at any time, day or night, rather than being locked inside when the hall is not in use. The cabinet also contains a bleed kit for use in emergencies.

If you ever need to access the defibrillator or the bleed kit, simply call 999, and the operator will provide the release code.

Please take a moment to note the location so you and your neighbours are prepared in case of an emergency.



FIRST AID TRAINING COURSE FOR LOCAL GROUPS

The Parish Council recently arranged a full-day First Aid course for members of our local community groups/ clubs, and it proved to be a highly worthwhile event. Participants received practical, hands-on training, including the correct use of a defibrillator, and all attendees completed the course with certification. Feedback from those who attended was extremely positive, with many commenting on the value of the skills learned for emergency situations.

The Parish Council extends a big thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the day a success.

HORSMONDEN COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLAN

Horsmonden Parish Council are starting the process of updating their Emergency Plan and are inviting local residents to join the Village Response Team - a group of volunteers ready to support the community during emergencies.

In situations such as severe weather, flooding, power cuts, or other major incidents, team members help with:

- Local communication and information sharing
- Practical assistance to residents
- Supporting vulnerable members of the community

If you would like to be part of this important initiative and help your neighbours in times of need, the Parish Council would love to hear from you. Please contact the Parish Office on 01892 724989 or via email deputyclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.uk.

NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH STRATEGY 2026-2030

The Neighbourhood Watch Network has launched its new 2026–2030 Strategy, setting out a positive and forward-looking plan to support safer, stronger communities over the next five years. The strategy highlights practical steps to help existing schemes thrive while encouraging the creation of new groups. At present, Horsmonden do not have an active Neighbourhood Watch group. If any residents would be interested in volunteering and helping to establish a local scheme, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.

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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HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**

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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)