



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

2026 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Monday, 18th May at 7:30pm (with refreshments beforehand from 7pm)**. This is an opportunity for parishioners to raise any issues they may have concerning the parish as well as a chance to come along and hear about what the Parish Council has been doing over the past year. There will also be guest speakers talking about interesting topics related to our parish and community. If you have any particular issues which you would like to discuss and have added to the agenda, please contact the Clerk.

COMMUNITY LITTER PICK – SATURDAY 9TH MAY 2026

The Parish Council are organising a Community Litter Pick on **Saturday 9th May** to help keep our village clean and tidy. We are asking volunteers to meet at the Social Club at 10.30am. All equipment will be provided and refreshments will be kindly organised and served by the WI.

Everyone is welcome but please note that children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Please do come along, lend a hand, and help make a difference in our community!

MAINTENANCE OF COMMUNITY AREAS

The Parish Council continue to maintain and improve various areas throughout the village for the benefit of all residents. Most recently, arrangements were made for the pavements alongside the village green on Maidstone Road and Goudhurst Road to be scraped back to increase their width and improve accessibility. Our groundsman removed approximately 0.75 tonnes of material from the edges, and the results have made a noticeable difference, leaving the area looking much improved.



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.

SPEEDWATCH – CAN YOU HELP?

Speedwatch is a community-based scheme where volunteers record the speed of passing vehicles in the area where they live. Around 90% of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months.

We already have an active Speedwatch group in Horsmonden, who do a great job, but they are desperately in need of more volunteers.

If you would like to join the group and help reduce speeding vehicles in the area, please contact Martin Drinkwater on 01892 722883 or by email martindrinkwater3@gmail.com.

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.

**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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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)