



## HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR NOVEMBER 2023 EDITION

### **BULB PLANTING IN FROMANDEZ DRIVE**

The Parish Council were very pleased to secure a grant from KCC for wildflower bulbs for planting at Fromandez Drive to further develop the wildflower meadow in that area.

Cllr Larkin and her team of volunteers were very busy at the end of September planting over 3,000 bulbs in the area. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to help with this project.



### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

The Remembrance Day Service will be held at the War Memorial at 12.30pm with groups and organisations from the village laying wreaths to commemorate the fallen soldiers.

### **HOW TO MAKE A HOUSING APPLICATION IN HORSMONDEN**

Those wishing to apply for an allocation of social housing will need to qualify to join the Borough Council's Housing Register.

You can apply by creating an application on the Kent Homechoice website (<https://www.kenthomechoice.org.uk/>) where you will need to upload documents to support your application. Once your application has been accepted as qualifying to join the Housing Register, you will be placed into one of four priority Bands, dependent on your circumstances and housing need. You are then able to place bids on any properties advertised.

For more information visit our website on [https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Information\\_and\\_Links\\_30842.aspx](https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Information_and_Links_30842.aspx)

### **STREET LIGHTS**

The Parish owns more than 40 street lights around the village which require regular checks and repair. Now that the nights are drawing in, please contact us if you notice a street light that is not working and we will

report it to our maintenance engineers for investigation.

### **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2023**

The Parish Council have arranged for the Christmas lights to be put up on the village green during the last week of November. We can't wait to see them again!

### **VILLAGE PLAY AREA**

The Parish Council recently arranged for some essential repairs to be carried out to the play area surface and some fun green spots have been added in the areas where repairs were required. We have also replaced the cradle swing seats with a rather colourful alternative, which we hope children will enjoy.

### **MEET YOUR LOCAL BEAT OFFICER – DROP IN SESSIONS**

PC Connor Geelan has taken over as our new local Beat Officer from PC Carolina Larsson. He is currently covering Capel, Paddock Wood, Brenchley, Matfield, Horsmonden, Goudhurst and Lamberhurst, working out of Tunbridge Wells Police Station. He is looking to host some drop-ins in the local area where members of the public can attend and discuss any concerns. Please keep an eye out for dates on the news section of our website.

Please remember if you are wishing to report a crime, you can do this by calling 101 or via the Kent Police website, where you can make use of the LiveChat function (in a non-emergency). In an emergency always call 999.

### **BONFIRES AND FIREWORKS**

Bonfires and fireworks are something that can be enjoyed by all the family, but should be carried out safely, carefully and lawfully.

The Kent Fire & Rescue Service have issued some simple safety tips to help you stay safe and avoid an emergency.

For more information please visit:

<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/a-z/bonfires-and-fireworks>.

It is a good idea to let your neighbours know in advance if you're having a bonfire or a firework display, as any loud noises and flashes might cause alarm and distress, including for pets.

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