



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

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.

HORSMONDEN PUBLIC TOILETS

Due to repeated incidents of vandalism, the Parish Council has made the decision to adjust the opening hours of the public toilets. They will now be open daily from **7am to 4pm**.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and appreciate your understanding.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 10TH 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.

The Parish Council have recently arranged for the War Memorial to be professionally cleaned ready for this very important occasion.



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.

MAYOR OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL 2024

The Mayor's Toy Appeal helps to bring joy to children and teenagers in the Borough of Tunbridge Wells, who are in need or whose families find Christmas an especially difficult time of year.

The toy appeal will open on the 12th November and you can find more details here <https://www.twmta.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)