



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2023 EDITION

HORSMONDEN HORSE FAIR 2023

The September horse fair seemed to run smoothly this year with a slightly larger turn out than the last few years. There was a bit of tidying up to be done after the event but the organisers had this under control and were happy to all muck in to ensure that the village green was left just as they found it.

If you would like to plan an event on the village green, please contact the Clerk who can advise on the procedure to have the use of the Heath for events.

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. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages and we will share the information as quickly as we can.

HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIP)

The Parish Council has a Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) which they are pursuing with Kent Highways regarding areas of highway in the parish they would like to see improved or made safer. This is effectively a 'wish list' and each item has to be considered individually by Kent Highways.

We have recently been successful in securing funding for some pedestrian in road warning signs with 'no footway' plates and complementing SLOW markings on Maidstone Road from the end of the 30mph zone up to Swigs Hall. We hope that residents will agree that this is a worthwhile safety measure.

Our HIP is updated regularly but you can view the latest version here: https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic_and_Highways_33877.aspx.

PARISH COUNCIL END OF YEAR AUDIT 2022-23

We are pleased to confirm that the Council's end of year audit for the period from 1 April 22- 31 March 23 has now been completed successfully with no comments from the External Auditor, Mazaars.

If you would like to view the audit or finances of the Council please visit the finance pages on our website: https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Finances_and_Audit_30837.aspx

TOMMY'S AUTUMN TRAIL – 8TH OCTOBER 2023

The Tommy's Autumn Trail is taking place at **10am on 8th October** at Eridge Park Estate, Tunbridge Wells. Eridge Park is one of the oldest deer parks and usually closed to the public, so it's a special opportunity to see the grounds. A great excuse to enjoy the beautiful Autumn weather and get out with family and friends, meeting new people along the way.

The event is near the Remembrance period, and as a military charity this has a very special meaning, giving time and space for us to reflect, give thanks and to Remember Them.

Please see the link to the Tommy's Autumn Trail and if you, or anyone you know, would like to join in please Register here: <https://rbli.co.uk/rbli-events/tommys-autumn-trail/>

TWBC RESIDENTS SURVEY FEEDBACK EVENT

TWBC are holding an event to tell the public what they have learned from the feedback on their recent resident's survey. The event will be held at the Amelia Scott Building in Tunbridge Wells between 7pm and 8.30pm on 1st November.

During the evening you'll be able to explore the results of the survey through visual displays, discussions and a presentation.

Visit the following to book your free ETicket: [twbc.online/feedback-event](https://www.twbc.org.uk/twbc/online/feedback-event)

REPORTING A DECEASED ANIMAL

Sadly, there has been a few enquires over the last few weeks regarding the reporting of deceased animals on the road such as foxes and badgers.

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council can remove smaller size animals, up to the size of a badger. The link for reporting is as follows:

<https://tunbridgewells.gov.uk/environment/dogs-and-animals/tell-us-about-a-dead-animal>

Animals larger than a badger need to be reported to Kent County Council using the following link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem> or by calling 03000 418181.

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

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)