



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR OCTOBER 2025 EDITION

HORSMONDEN HORSE FAIR 2025

The September Horse Fair seemed to run smoothly this year with a smaller than usual turn out. 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.

A REMINDER TO PARK CONSIDERABLY ON LAMBERTS PLACE

Residents and visitors are being asked to park with extra care on Lamberts Place, particularly while works are ongoing at the new development at Bassetts Farm.

Concerns have been raised about vehicles parking and waiting on the corners of Lamberts Place and near the bus stop. This is creating visibility issues and, more importantly, a potential safety risk for children who catch the school bus from the end of the road.

Please remember:

- **Do not park or wait on corners** – it restricts sight lines for drivers and pedestrians.
- **Keep the bus stop clear** – buses need space to pull in safely, and children must be able to board without stepping into the road.
- **Be mindful of traffic flow** – with temporary traffic lights already slowing movement, blocked junctions make the situation worse for everyone.

Your cooperation will make a real difference in keeping children safe and ensuring traffic moves as smoothly as possible during this period of disruption.

HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (HIPS)

The Parish Council continue to work closely with Kent Highways on the Parish Highways Improvement Plan (HIPS), with a particular focus on improving safety at the village crossroads. This location has been a longstanding concern for many parishioners, with numerous residents raising issues about traffic flow, visibility, and pedestrian safety.

In response, the Parish Council has made this junction a top priority within the HIPS list. Discussions with Kent County Council (KCC) are ongoing, and the Council is also receiving support from our local MP, who recognises the importance of making the crossroads safer for all road users.

The Parish Council remains committed to pushing for meaningful improvements and will continue to update residents as progress is made. Ensuring the safety of parishioners is a key priority, and the Council are determined to see positive changes delivered.

To view the full HIPS list and see the latest updates please visit our website: [https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic and Highways 33877.aspx](https://www.horsmonden-pc.gov.uk/Traffic%20and%20Highways%2033877.aspx)

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.

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.

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.

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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)