



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

PARISH COUNCIL END OF YEAR AUDIT 2023-24

We are pleased to confirm that the Council's end of year audit for the period from 1 April 23- 31 March 24 has now been completed successfully with no comments or recommendations from the External Auditor. 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

HORSMONDEN HORSE FAIR 2024

The September horse fair seemed to run smoothly this year with a fairly large turnout despite the torrential rain. 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.

WORKS AT THE CLOCK TOWER

The Parish Council are delighted to confirm that the works at the Clock Tower are now complete and the scaffolding has finally been removed.

Various projects have been completed over the last 6 months including the replacement of two roofs, the repair and repaint of the timber structure, refurbishment and cleaning of the clock and re-pointing to the internal and external structure.

The Parish Council would like thank parishioners for their support and patience whilst these essential works have been carried out.



PARKING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall car park is a private car park for use by hirers of the hall only. Unfortunately, there are often vehicles that are parked for long periods of time in the car park that are not involved with any groups hiring the hall and are therefore taking up valuable spaces. As owners of the car park, the Parish Council are regularly monitoring this and may be forced to take further action if the problem continues.

HORSMONDEN PUBLIC TOILETS

Unfortunately, over the summer months we have been experiencing further acts of vandalism at the public toilets. Our cleaning contractor has made a great effort to improve the overall appearance and cleanliness of the toilets so it is very disappointing that we are still experiencing these problems on a regular basis.

If you do see anyone causing damage to these facilities please do not hesitate to phone 101 and report to Kent Police or report online at kent.police.uk/report.

Any maintenance issues relating to the public toilets can be reported directly to the Parish Office on 01892 724989 or by email assistantclerk@horsmonden-pc.gov.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.

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.

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)