

Keeping Chestfield Tidy!



Chestfield Parish Council is organising a **Litter Pick** **on Sunday 19 September 2021**

If you are able to help, please come to the play park on Chestfield Road at 10.30am. (weather permitting).

The council will arrange for high-viz jackets and litter picking equipment etc. to be available.

The pick will last no more than a couple of hours.

Please do come along and lend a hand to help us keep our village in the condition we all want to see.

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Chairman's Message

As life enters a new semblance of normality around the country, this being no less a point within our own village, with certain wheels that had been on enforced stop suddenly starting to turn again – no more so than recent developments on the Grasmere Pasture development.

Many of you will have noted that works on the bridleway crossing/main entrance to the site have now commenced with the erection of site offices and the appearance of large plant and machinery, all of which have commenced the excavation and laying of pipework.

This has quite naturally caused both concern and consternation amongst many, and therefore we approached the developers 'Kitewood' for comment. This culminated in a very open and cordial discussion between myself and their Chief Executive Officer, during which we discussed both these recent ongoing works and also next proposed stages. Many of you will recall that when we initially met with the developers and Canterbury City Council following the Inspectors' decision to grant planning permission, we made clear our intention to ensure that all residents would be kept fully apprised.

We are pleased therefore to include the first edition of the developers' newsletter with this magazine. This newsletter has been delivered to all households, if only to reinforce our wishes and intentions to ensure that the new Grasmere Pastures development is integrated fully as part of our village. We aim to maintain a strong working relationship with the developer throughout the construction process and would be delighted to try to seek resolution to any queries that any resident may have. We would ask that any such queries where raised are addressed to ourselves and not directly to the developer. We realise however that this is only a quarterly magazine and therefore we may need to post updates from time to time on our various noticeboards dotted around the village.

We would point out that such a relationship between a Parish Council and developer is not generally the norm, and I would take this opportunity to thank 'Kitewood' for their willingness to work so closely with us on your behalf – thanks must also go to our clerk Amanda for acting as a liaison between both parties and for organising the production and distribution of the newsletter.

My thanks also to our City Councillor Ben Fitter-Harding for his involvement and assistance during these talks.

Following these discussions (and much to our surprise!) we were contacted by Canterbury City Council's Head of Planning regarding their wish to include their own comment and update, and therefore we have included this

with the body of this magazine. Again, and as with any other relevant communication or update regarding the Grasmere pastures development, this will be either be included within this quarterly magazine or, in 'non-production' periods on our noticeboards. You have my word as Chairman of your Parish Council, that these communications will not be allowed to be 'one-offs', and that I will ensure that all relevant parties will be contacted and questioned as deemed necessary as time goes on.

As many of you are aware, Canterbury City Council ('Caneco') have now assumed most refuse collection responsibilities directly in place of the outgoing 'Serco'. I say 'most' as it has become evident of late that there are certain areas that remain under the auspices of 'Serco', including the village playpark. Except one lone renegade bin apparently!!? The bin in question is situated at the far end of the park just at the corner of Fern Close – this was a new bin purchased by the Parish Council three years ago with permission of the Council, and until last month was duly emptied as part of the 'Serco' contract...until now!! Those of you that use the park regularly (and there are many, including young children) will sadly have noticed the bin overflowing, including bagged waste of the canine variety. Despite our sending evidential photos (thanks to my wife), and my numerous emails to our City Councillor Ben Fitter-Harding, the bin remains unemptied at the time of writing (mid-August in time for the printing deadline).

'Serco' did however attend the bin after Ben had personally raised the issue with contract managers – but believe it or not.....only to place a cover over it!).

Whilst looking past the rather farcical nature of this incident (and I have day-by-day photos to prove my sanity!), this is a serious issue that rings alarm bells in terms of the overall service that we are receiving from the City Council concerning refuse collection (you will all recall that several bins went unemptied throughout the village a few months back), so we will be looking for reassurances from our City Councillors that all 'teething troubles' have/are being resolved.

Talking of refuse collection, we will be having our own clean-up day on Sunday 19th September. This has been extremely well attended in the past, and we thank all those volunteers who offer their time (an hour or so) to help out. For further information, please read further on in this magazine.

All of which leaves me to welcome you back to village life as we know it, but it still goes without saying take care out there !

Regards

Steve

Steve Bailey
Chairman Chestfield Parish

Biodiversity improvements for Chestfield Village Green, Molehill Road

The village green extends from Molehill Bungalow all the way to the junction with Shrubhill Road.

It has official village green registered status and is owned by Canterbury City Council (CCC).

Two parish councillors and the Clerk met on 14 July 2021 with the CCC's Outdoor Leisure officer, and the CCC Contracts manager.

The parish council has been keen to improve biodiversity and the appearance of the village green, such as creating wildflower sections, and the meeting was arranged to exchange ideas. There are two current open grassed areas – one in front of The Nest and one in front of Reeves Green.

Key discussion points from the meeting:

- This parish council initiative does align to CCC's Pollinator Strategy – CCC has a current push to have more pollinators/pollination.
- A wet ditch is a valuable resource (for example in front of Green Dell)
- Bindweed is a natural part of the environment and would grow back straight away so it is unrealistic to expect CCC to do anything/pay for it, as there is insufficient funding to do everywhere in the district.
- Ivy on trees – ivy will not kill a tree. Ivy is good for birds and has benefits to wildlife. In winter when the leaves are gone the ivy acts as a sail and protects a tree in high winds (as long as the tree is healthy).
- Grass cuts give grass its own energy and compost.
- The soil here is London Clay which is a rich soil and the grass will dominate. The CCC Contracts Manager explained that yellow rattle seeds will suppress grass and will give wildflowers a chance to take. Yellow rattle seeds can be bought within a mix of other things such as wildflower seeds. The last cut of the season will be done in the Autumn (October/November) and seeding should be done after the last cut.
- The seeds will stay in the moist layer of grass and won't need watering through the winter.
- A wildflowering scheme in reality takes a 3-4 year programme to really establish it. The areas will NOT look like wildflower meadows in 2022.
- Two wildflower areas were discussed for the two current open grassed areas – and with the suggestion that CCC still mow the back half of each so that there remains both useable space and a feel of tending/tidiness while the wildflower areas establish. CCC will

amend the 2022 contract to exclude the two front areas for mowing and just cut and rake once in September. CCC and the parish council do not feel that this half/half approach would result in any loss of amenity – the village green is not largely instrumental in recreation – broadly speaking the houses in the vicinity have large gardens and there is lots of public open space/recreational areas in Chestfield.

Actions agreed / assigned:

CCC actions:

- The junction with Molehill Road is overgrown - CCC Contracts Manager to add the junction with Shrubhill Road to the hedge maintenance contract to keep the vegetation cut back and off the road/verges. He has also raised works for the hedge cutting from Shrub Hill Road along Mole Hill Road for the CCC owned sections that are sticking out into the KCC highway.
- Dead wood in the woodland middle section - CCC has raised jobs to dead wood the oaks and the one hornbeam and to fell the dying willow and the dead ash sapling in the front ditch. Serco should complete this within 4-6 weeks probably.
- CCC will remove dead wood from some of the trees and leave on site in small chunks.
- A working party/parish councillors and Clerk can make these chunks of wood and other dead wood lying around into woodpiles/bug hotels. *If any residents would like to get involved and help please contact the Clerk.*

Chestfield Parish Council actions:

- Chestfield Parish Council is going to buy and distribute yellow rattle seed mix – and lay after the last cut of the season, in early December – but not on a windy day. This will give lovely sightlines on the front of Molehill Road when established.
- The new defined 'wild' areas will not be cut until September each year, and at that point of the cut CCC would both cut and rake the new defined wild areas.
- The ditch along the front of Molehill Road will need a clearance at some stage to help it act as a ditch – it is not on a routine CCC contract. We will keep an eye on this and advise CCC when it needs to be cleared. The wildflower areas suggested above will help to keep mown grass clear of the ditch.

Serco will continue to trim along the front of the ditch/road.

Grasmere Pasture update

CA/17/00469/OUT - Grasmere Gardens, Land South of The Ridgeway, Outline application for a mixed use development of up to 300 residential dwellings and 3,500 sqm of employment floorspace)

We received a useful update from Kitewood at the end of July 2021 and can provide you with a few helpful updates as follows:

Enabling works (including the provision of the 'overspill' car park) are planned by the end of September at the latest. The enabling works will take place prior to commencement of development and will comprise the following works in Stage 1 and Stage 2:

Stage 1

- Installation of signage and Herras fencing
- Setting up site welfare;
- Setting out the Overspill Car Park;
- Ditch clearance works;
- Ditch culverting;
- Laying of services at the access (to be timed with culverting works)

Stage 2

- Formalise access in accordance with the s278 (highways) Agreement so that it is capable of operation prior to Commencement of Development.

In relation to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), Condition 20 states; *"No occupation or use of the development hereby permitted shall take place until a Traffic Regulation Order that restricts on-street parking on Reeves Way has been implemented or an alternative scheme that prevents on street parking on Reeves Way, which has been first submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, is in place."*

The TRO was sealed by Kent County Council on 16 July 2020 and it will be implemented *Prior to Commencement* and the Overspill Car Park will be made available. The s278 works on Reeve's Way will then follow. Condition No. 20 will therefore be satisfied well before occupations.

Parking has been a concern for Chestfield Parish Council, with fears of contractor parking in the village or South Tankerton or the Industrial Park. Kitewood have advised there will be onsite parking for contractors although they may use the existing uncontrolled parking on Reeves Way

during the Enabling Phase (Stage 1 and Stage 2). Local traffic will be given priority over construction vehicles on the site access road and this will be managed by the site management team and Traffic Marshall. Discussions are ongoing with the KCC Public Right of Way team about Public Bridleway CW40 in terms of access, user safety, potential damage by heavy vehicles, and an appropriate crossing facility with traffic calming and signage where Reeves Way crosses the bridleway.

Both residents and the parish council had concerns about construction vehicles attempting to use The Ridgeway off Chestfield Road as a means of access to Grasmere Pasture. Kitewood has confirmed that signage is now proposed. The parish council as part of its replacement of tatty street name plate signs has ordered a replacement Ridgeway sign which had a broken information notice below, and this information notice will state no access to Grasmere Gardens and a dead end sign will also be added.

Cllr Steve Bailey also requested a telephone call with the CEX of Kitewood and this took place on 06 August 2021:

There is an excessive amount of surface water on CW40 along The Ridgeway with very little drain-off into the brook via the ditches due to them being overgrown and blocked. Kitewood pointed out that one ditch belongs to them (as the developers) with the other the responsibility of George Wilson. (This is being followed up by the parish council with the KCC Public Rights Of Way officer.) The new large pipes have been laid to combat this, and to collect surface water into the brook. Cllr Bailey questioned the legality of this, and Kitewood confirmed that they had full permissions from the Environmental Agency, and that both KCC and CCC had been involved in all discussions and subsequent agreements. This applies to all such ditches. The overall situation regarding the long term flood risk was also discussed. Kitewood confirmed that they had re-designed the system to strengthen the attenuation wall – not something they usually need to do, and have tabled their proposals. They hope to hear from Southern Water and others within the next few weeks.

You will have received the first Kitewood update newsletter with this magazine – this has gone to all Chestfield residents and a further 500 outside the parish.

The CCC Head of Planning also provided this update for residents on 13 August 2021 about the Grasmere Gardens site:

The City Council has received some enquiries from members of the public for an update on the formal planning requirements before homes can be built on the of the land; the update from the City Council is as follows:

What is the formal procedure for diversion of the footpaths that currently cross the land?

An application has been made for the diversion of the two footpaths which cross the land in order to allow the development that was approved by a Government's Planning Inspector to be built. The application for a diversion Order has been made by the developer and has now been reviewed by the Public Rights of Way team at the County Council.

The proposals sees public rights of way across the site retained with the routes, altered in order to incorporate the housing development, but to retain access to the public across the land.

The next step is for the diversion Order to be made and sealed by the City Council and then, in the next couple of weeks, there will be a period of public consultation before the Order can finally be confirmed by the City Council.

What about the Bridleway that crosses the proposed main access to the site?

The bridleway that crosses the proposed access to the site will not be diverted or stopped up so therefore no application needs to be made to the Council.

What details have been agreed before development begins?

The developer has submitted their proposals for how the drainage will be dealt with, the open space and play space provision as well as landscaping and biodiversity protection and enhancement measures. All of the details are available to view on the Council's website.

The majority of these details have now been agreed by the Council.

Parish Council Flood Wardens

Cllr Bob Todd and Cllr Lorraine East are flood wardens for the village. They have been looking at potential hazards, and visually inspecting sluice gates and drains in Chestfield, and any problems will be reported to the Environment Agency. Chestfield is a large area and if any residents spot any potential hazards (such as fallen trees or debris or blockages in The Swalecliffe Brook) you may contact either of them so that they can be onwardly reported. (Contact Cllr Lorraine East on 07798883391 or by email to lorraineeast@btinternet.com or Cllr Bob Todd by email to bobtodd50@gmail.com)

Sorry we cannot report soggy gardens but real flood hazards only please. Flood Wardens may also know about our disabled and elderly and vulnerable in case of any flood risk incidents. If you consider yourself to be at risk please also contact either Lorraine or Bob with your details and your circumstances. (Your personal details will only be used for this purpose.) The Environment Agency has also provided them with a leaflet called 'living on the edge' for riparian owners. If anybody would like one again please contact Bob or Lorraine.

New street nameplates

We have placed an order for phase 4 of our street nameplate upgrades for:

- The Ridgeway - At the entrance to The Ridgeway
- Tydemans Avenue
- Laxton Way entrance – both sides
- At the beginning of Chestfield Road, Chestfield, opposite the junction with Maydowns Road - there is a 3 pole, two signs signage combination - where the middle pole was slanting and the CHESTFIELD entrance sign had become dislodged from the post. A fault report on 05 July 2021 asked that it be straightened and be re-affixed. This has now been done. The streetname plate will be separated and stand alongside the gateway sign.

**Our new Website Is now Live
with a fresh look and feel!**

Please go to **chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk**

An update from Chestfield Warriors Table Tennis Club

We are open again following the lockdown, we have all the Covid Health and Safety requirements in place, all our sessions are up and running.

Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays - Evening practice sessions from 6-30-10-00pm.

All standards welcome.

Ladies only sessions on Mondays and Fridays 10-30am -1-00pm - come along and join our group for a fun session, gentle exercise and learn some table tennis skills, you don't have to be able to play, equipment is provided, and refreshments included.

Saturday Mornings 11-00 - 1-00 Junior session, all juniors welcome

Saturdays 1-00 - 6-00 Senior practice session

Coaching available UKCC Level 2 Qualified Coach, (Group, Family and 1-2-1.)

The club is available during the day for private hire for groups (Yoga, Pilates Family Children's Birthday Parties etc)

The next season for the start of the league will be in September, for all players wishing to join a team.

The club has Air Conditioning and a Licenced Bar

For more information , contact John Wickings.

John Wickings

UKCC Level 2 Table Tennis coach

Tel: 01227 794511 | Mob: 07802 249321 Club 01227 904189

[facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com/chestfield.warriors) chestfield.warriors

KENT RECYCLES – DO YOU?



Are you confused about what plastics you can recycle? Pledge2Recycle Plastics are working with all Kent Councils to help reduce that confusion.

The charity, which works to educate and advise citizens, has set up a dedicated website for Kent

www.pledge2recycle.co.uk/kent which includes competitions for communities and general recycling guidance.

You can recycle ALL bottles whether from the bathroom and kitchen as well as plastic packaging in the form of a pot, tub or tray. All bottles should be empty when

placed for recycling with the tops back on. The tops go with the bottles to the reprocessor where they are cut up into flakes and the bottle and tops (which are different plastics) are separated before they are turned into pellets. The pellets made from the bottle themselves are then sent to either make new bottles. The pellets made from the tops are sent to go into garden furniture or items for construction such as piping or traffic cones.

Pots, tubs and trays should have the absorbent layer and film lid removed as these need to go into general waste. You can recycle an empty bleach bottle with its top back on.

Please DO NOT PUT toothpaste tubes, pill packs, nappies, textiles, batteries and food into recycling. Textiles should go to specific banks either at community/retail/or Household Waste Centres. You can take soft plastics and wrappings to local supermarket front of store collection please check at www.recyclenow.com/local-recycling.

Sainsbury's superstores now take ALL flexible packaging in front of store collections – guidance and a list of participating stores can be found at www.about.sainsburys.co.uk/sustainability/plan-for-better/our-stories/2021/flexible-plastics.

ALL PLASTIC PLACED FOR RECYCLING NEEDS TO BE CLEAN, DRY AND LOOSE not bagged in a carrier or black bag.

Pledge2Recycle Plastics are happy to take your queries you will find them @pledge2recycle or e-mail Amanda.bakewell@recoup.org.

Riparian responsibilities

A reminder to households who have ditches or watercourses on the boundary of their properties – the householder has riparian responsibilities which mean they:

- need to maintain the watercourse and to clear any obstructions (natural or otherwise) so the normal flow of water is not impeded.
- accept the natural flow from your upstream neighbour and transfer it downstream without obstruction, pollution or diversion.

The below is taken from Kent County Council's website under Land Drainage:

Ownership of a watercourse

A private landowner is considered by law to be a 'riparian owner' if you own land which:

- is located next to an ordinary watercourse, or
- has an ordinary watercourse running through or underneath it.

If the land on the other side of the watercourse does not belong to you, you're presumed to be a joint riparian owner, together with the landowner on the opposite side of the watercourse. If you are unsure as to who owns the land visit the Land Registry website to get copies of the title register and plans.

The dividing line for each joint riparian owner is presumed by the centre line of the watercourse and each is responsible for their side of the watercourse and the clear flow of water through it.

The riparian owners are responsible for the maintenance of the channel, banks, including culverted sections, pipe or other structures.

Possible 20mph speed limits for some of Chestfield's roads

The possibility of reducing speed limits on some of Chestfield's roads has been reported at recent parish council meetings and consultation was undertaken with residents through the magazine and directly by a leaflet drop to 301 properties.

The fatality risk of an accident at 30mph is 7 times higher than a fatality risk at 20mph, and for every 1 mph slower statistically there are 6% less collisions. From April 2023 the whole of Wales will be predominantly 20mph. There is now seemingly more political will on behalf of KCC to support 20 MPH in our communities due to the data from the pilot projects, particularly in Tonbridge and Faversham, although also born out by the data on the borders in Scotland. This data shows the impact particularly of the higher speeds reducing by a larger amount. In addition KCC has introduced a goal of Net Zero (deaths) by 2050 launched this year. There is the approval by the KCC Environmental Transport Committee in May 2019 to a reduction in speeds across the county, and the County is no longer looking to accidents as a barometer for backing up speed changes on roads.

At the 21 March 2021 parish council meeting, Cllrs resolved that it was worth doing week-long surveys to produce evidence and then make a decision on whether to proceed to the next stage, with KCC agreement. Although there cannot be a reduction to 20mph along Chestfield Road there is benefit in adding Chestfield Road to the survey list to collect traffic data that may be useful for future planning applications in particular.

An order has commissioned the KCC traffic data surveys for:

- *Grasmere Road (adopted section from Chestfield Rd to the bridge).*
- *Molehill Road – from Chestfield Road to The Revel*
- *Plantation Road*
- *Share and Coulter Road*
- *The Ridings and Polo Way.*
- *plus Chestfield Road (for information only)*

The surveys can soon be undertaken now that all coronavirus restrictions have been removed and the data collated should be a return to normality.

We will update you in a future edition of the magazine. We were unable to get an update for this edition as the highways officer works term-times only.

DRONE AND MODEL AIRCRAFT CODE

CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY

Source: <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code>

On the June PCSO monthly report our PCSO Lewis Scott reported MULTIPLE REPORTS – Nuisance Drones – MAYDOWNS ROAD
Before using any drones please ensure your drone is registered with the Civil Aviation Authority and keep to the 'Drone Code':

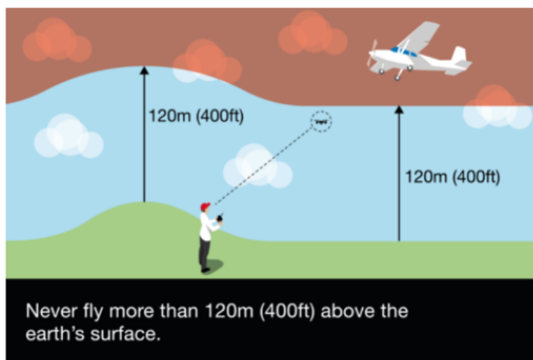
It's your responsibility to keep up to date with the latest rules set by the Civil Aviation Authority

Step 1: Register your drone and take the theory test to gain Flyer and/or



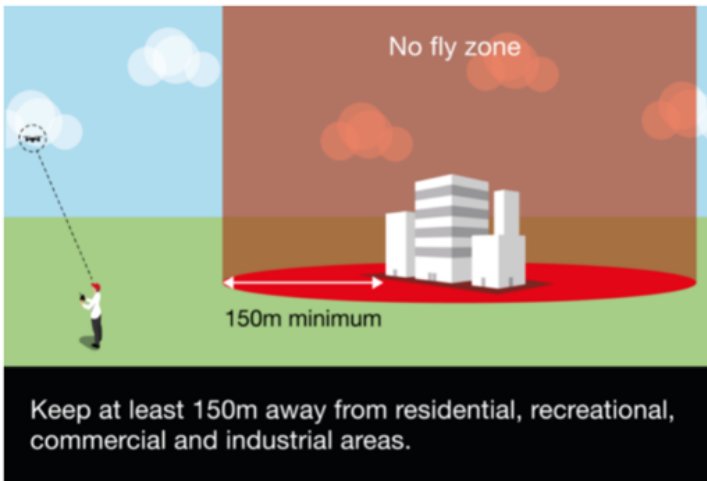
Step 2: At all times, keep a direct sight on your drone.

Step 3: Never fly your drone higher than 120m.

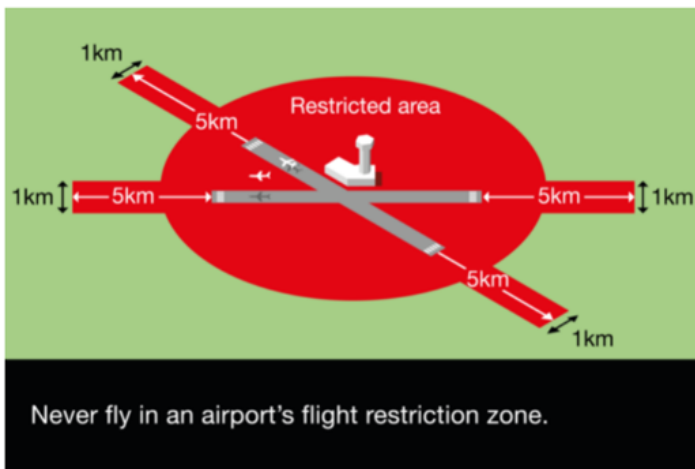


Step 4: Never fly within 50m of people or crowds.

Step 5: Keep at least 150m away from buildings and industrial areas



Step 6: Never fly within an airport's flight restriction zone without prior approval



The Wilder Blean Project of Blean and Thornden Wood

Bison, along with cattle, ponies and pigs, are being reintroduced. There are many benefits of bison which are greater than other domestic species, for example, bison's ability to ring-bark trees, which creates standing deadwood which is brilliant for wildlife. Bison will bring benefits to many species including the heath fritillary butterfly. There are other successful projects in Europe, that the project has been learning from which have seen amazing results. KWT expect the bison behaviour will create small pockets of open space, allowing more light into the woodland floor which will benefit the heath fritillary caterpillar foodplant, common cow wheat. There will be monitoring of the butterfly populations as part of the project.

KWT do not expect the bison to breed in the first few years and they only have 1 calf per year, so population growth is slow. Four individuals are coming, 1 matriarchal female and then 2 younger females and 1 male. If there became too many bison in the Blean, then as they are still considered a vulnerable species across Europe, individuals can be moved to new homes to spread the genetic diversity. None of the domestic livestock (cattle, ponies, pigs) will breed.

There was a public event on 20 July 2021 with the Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) project team. KWT is a conservation charity which exists to protect the wildlife of the county by 'working with people to restore, save and enhance our natural heritage'. Sometimes, this means changing how KWT owned land is used, and this is the case for some users of Blean and Thornden Wood. KWT will continue to talk to all affected and to adapt their plans where practical and safe to do so, but sometimes their decisions will mean that in places, space for nature will change access for people.

Unfortunately, access for horses and horse riding will no longer be possible at West Blean & Thornden Wood with a new effective date of

01 November 2021. KWT will continue to engage with local horse riders and British Horse Society, including working with riders and others to improve road safety on the roads around the woods. A review date has been agreed for May 2023. KWT is talking to Canterbury City Council about improving travel infrastructure around the Blean, in particular cycle paths and bus routes.

As has always been the case, dogs must be kept on leads in the woods due to the disturbance dogs can cause to wildlife, in particular ground nesting birds, and owners must clear up after them. Walkers and dogs are required by law to stay on the line of the public rights of way paths on land in England. This protects the nature of the woods from damage and disturbance.

Access for other users (walkers, cyclists, runners etc.) is largely unaffected. Users of the woods are asked to consider how their behaviour can either help wildlife, or potentially cause harm by being in areas they should not be in.

Things to look out for in the coming months: There will be infrastructure work including fence construction and forestry work beginning towards the end of the summer/autumn. Please take notice of the signs alerting the presence of working machinery and associated hazards. KWT will be organising a public open day at West Blean woods in early October, to share information about the project, have activities for families and children, and offer opportunities to look at and talk about the changes at the site.

There are a variety of volunteering opportunities at the site (and others) please have a look here <https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/get-involved/volunteering> or email blean@wilderkent.org.uk to enquire. If you have any questions about the project, please continue to reach out to us at blean@wilderkent.org.uk

Gardening for a wilder Kent – feeding the birds and the bees

I have just been flicking through my wild bird food catalogue (I use Vine House Farm who make a donation to the Wildlife Trusts of which Kent Wildlife Trust is part). Would you believe it, there are 42 different sorts of bird food on offer. 42! I love feeding birds because it brings them into my garden where I can see them. But really there is no need to buy expensive bird food – you can grow much of what they need, whether seeds of teasel (for goldfinches), mahonia berries (for blackbirds and black caps) or any number of cultivated fruits. A mixed native hedge with holly, privet, hawthorn, sloe, bramble etc is wonderful if you can manage it. Or perhaps you could plant a small apple or crab apple, and, if you are lucky, attract winter visiting fieldfares and redwings as well as our resident thrushes to feed on the fruit. There are lots more tips and further information at the RSPB website: rspb.org.uk. And remember, do keep the feeding stations clean to help prevent disease.

In the spring, I also feed my tadpoles. I have a very small pond which cannot supply all the food they need. In that situation the tadpoles will ultimately resort to cannibalism to get the protein they need – natural but... So I'd rather provide supplementary food. I don't buy proprietary tadpole food – though you can. In the early stages they are vegetarian and do love a piece of cucumber (though they'll leave the skin!). Later they need protein to complete their metamorphosis into frogs and I use an all purpose fish food at this stage. Once they are out of the pond the hope is that they will be eating the slugs in my vegetable garden – so this year they should have done rather well.

Those of you who are lucky enough to have hedgehogs may well be encouraging them with meat based cat or dog food or specialist hedgehog food. But slugs, worms and beetles are the mainstay of their diet, which is why they are called the gardener's friend. Please, whatever you do, don't use pesticides anywhere in your garden or you will likely harm hedgehogs as well as other 'beneficial' fauna.

During the summer you may have noticed which of your flowering plants are the most popular with bees, butterflies and other insects. *Action for Insects* is the current KWT campaign which asks: 'Will you help the most important

creatures on the planet'. Well, will you? Could you make sure that nectar and pollen are available in your garden throughout the year – from snowdrops and hellebores in winter through to lavender and sunflowers in summer. The Wildlife Trust at wildlifetrusts.org.uk has lots of helpful information, much of it aimed at getting children involved as well.

To help you garden for a Wilder Kent, we are running some study days and open gardens – check out the web site for details:

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/explore/education/wildlife-study-days>

Happy gardening! Val Rea, Kent Wildlife Trust volunteer advisor.

A 'seed swap shed' for residents to use

The parish council has discussed a 'seed swap shed' for residents to use. Residents swap seeds in envelopes or small pots with each other. The Womens Institute is supportive of this and we hope to progress this project outside the WI hall very soon.

A reminder of our Community Herbs planters at the WI Hall

Don't forget to spice up your cooking by helping yourself to a few herbs from the community herb boxes in front of the Women's Institute hall on Chestfield Road. Please just take what you need and just cut or tear the leaves rather than the stems as well.

Litter Motion and Petition

There is a Petition on the UK Government and Parliament website calling for mandatory printing of car registration numbers on all Drive Thru packaging, which has been signed by over 58,000 people. If the Petition has 100,000 signatures it will be considered for debate in Parliament. The petition is at

https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/580772?fbclid=IwAR3or-1licyDK2gs9ohrc7Jb36vcmcQA4DzyLTRKU0-OwFAV7l_bxH2NdyI

<i>To receive current parish council meeting Agenda and Minutes electronically, please provide your email address to the Clerk. Minutes also include our planning appendix which lists the local planning applications – those current at the time of the meeting and decisions made by CCC.</i>

Visually impaired?

Why not join the Kent Association for the Blind friendly Club!

Free transport is available.

The Whitstable and Tankerton Club meets weekly every Tuesday at Swalecliffe Community Centre, St John's Road, Whitstable from 2pm to 4pm. For more information contact Bernie Kooiman by email to bernie68@rocketmail.com

Kent Association for the Blind | **www.kab.org.uk**
51 London Road | Canterbury | Kent | CT2 8LF | T: 01227 763366 |
Registered Charity No. 1062354 | Company 03339912. www.kab.org.uk

Supporting sight impaired people to live independent lives



Lifeline.canterbury.gov.uk - 01227 862 540

A lifeline alarm, worn on your wrist or as a pendant, is a service provided in East Kent by Canterbury City Council's CCTV control room, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Having a lifeline alarm would help you or a family member feel safe and independent in the home. To book your free demonstration or to make an enquiry please call 01227 862540 or visit www.lifeline.canterbury.gov.uk

Did you know that there is an assisted collection for dustbins if you are unable to put your bins out for collection yourself? Call 0800 0319 091 and you will be sent a sticker to put on your bins that says an assisted collection is required.

A waste and recycling update - cartons and tetrapaks are no longer recycled via the blue bins and residents are now advised to put these in black bins. This has been confirmed with CCC, as there was a slight discrepancy in advice on their website – they will update the website shortly.

Hello Chestfield from Whitstable Medical Practice Patient Participation Group (PPG)

We aim to truly represent the interested of the wonderful mix of people who live in our town of Whitstable, which of course includes lovely Chestfield. We meet with our Practice bi-monthly, online and each other, in-between. Fingers-crossed, we will soon be able to meet in person. I must add that we do not get involved with personal complaints, there are specific procedures if they arise.

We also aim to have a regular 'Speaker' spot to keep up with developments in our local health services. These have been on-line and recently we have met the **First Contact Physio (FCP)**, who delivers a relatively new service now available to us, patients, with Whitstable Medical Practice. The **FPC** will help patients with the management of musculoskeletal conditions, such as soft tissue injury, sprains, back pain etc.

You do not need to see you GP to book an appointment – just ring and talk to a Patient Coordinator at the surgery or complete an on-line referral on the WMP website:

<https://www.whitstablemedicalpractice.co.uk/>

Both methods will take you through an important 'triage' to make sure it is the right service for your problem.

We also thought a reminder about **two 'other' important vaccines** might be useful...

Shingles Vaccine to prevent shingles, a common, painful skin disease.

This is offered when a patient reaches **70** and **up to their 80th birthday**.

Pneumonia Vaccine - Generally, this is offered **when you turn 65**.

If those age ranges relate to you – **Have you had yours?** If not ring the surgery for more information.

Another snippet of news – In the future there will be a significant change to how your **medical records** may be **shared for research**. If you object you need to **personally opt out** before **1st September 2021**. Read all about it on **NHS Digital's website** via this link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/your-nhs-datamatters/access>

Have we sparked your imagination? Would like to be actively involved with your PPG? Find out more about joining us by emailing ccccg.wmp-ppg@nhs.net with your contact details. We'll get back to you asap.

Whitstable Medical Practice - Patient Participation Group
We look forward to hearing from you

St John's Parish Church - What's On

We worship every Sunday at 9.30 a.m. (please note the new service time!) All welcome. Do join us in St John's church, Swalecliffe Court Drive, for a traditional service (with communion every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month) OR in St John's Centre, 11 St John's Road, for a short family-friendly cafe-style service.

Other week day events include Coffee Break (Tuesdays 10 a.m.), Holy Communion in St John's Centre, 11 St John's Road (Wednesdays 10 a.m.) and much more.

For more information visit www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk , email swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com or telephone 01227 272308 (Rev Simon Tillotson) / 07761 963971 (Jane Myhill, Children & Families Minister)

Open Day @ St John's Parish Church - Saturday 11th September

Our church will be open on Saturday 11th September between 10.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. There will be various free activities including children's games, a treasure hunt, displays, a St John quiz sheet and nature tours of the churchyard as well as refreshments and a cake and preserves stall. Do come and say 'hello'. For more information visit www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk

ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD – Home to precious memories and wildlife
Our Brunch Club, with the help of local expert Andy, recently took part in a churchyard nature hunt and we thought you might be interested in hearing about what was found. Did you know that in our churchyard we have 8 different types of grass, 10 different types of trees and shrubs, an amazing 54 different species of flowering plants, 13 different flies, ants, bees and wasps, 11 other types of insects including one called the 'swollen – thighed beetle' (possibly our favourite!), 5 different butterflies and moths and 7 different birds. The children were somewhat disappointed there were no slow worms around that particular day but we are told they often frequent our churchyard.

Sadly, over the years we have had to remove a number of trees from our churchyard as the tree roots were putting our church building at risk. We now want to plant some hedging around the churchyard to compensate in part for this loss of habitat and are currently applying for grant funding to help us to achieve this. If you would like to be involved in our hedge-planting project please do get in touch as we will need to dig holes for around 250 saplings before November!

Our churchyard is a public space but is dependent on St John's for its upkeep. If you would like to contribute to the ongoing upkeep of the churchyard please visit the donation page at www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk . Do come and visit our churchyard and take a nature tour during our Open Day, Saturday 11th September 10am - 5pm.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS FOR THE HEALTH CENTRES

Whitstable Medical Practice (Harbour Street) : 01227 284320

Chestfield Medical Centre: 01227 795130

Estuary View Medical Centre 01227 284300 (Main Number)

For **Out of Hours** medical advice please call: **NHS 111**

Emergencies that are out of hours (other than 999) ring **NHS 111**

For Commuters: Whitstable Medical Practice offer early morning and late evening appointments starting at 7am and evening appointments until 7.30pm. Appointments are available on various days at all of the Practice's sites (Chestfield Medical Centre, Whitstable Health Centre, Estuary View Medical Centre) – book by calling the surgery where you are registered.

NHS Patient transport service - for people who cannot get to hospital or clinic appointment because of their medical or physical condition - bookings number 0800 096 0211 (open 24/7) For further information about patient transport, including alternatives for people who are not eligible for patient transport, visit www.km-pts.co.uk

Bus timetables are available from Traveline. Ring **0871 200 2233** for details or visit the web site www.travelinesoutheast.org.uk

FREE BUS SERVICE to Estuary View – runs from Tesco, Whitstable / The Plough at Swalecliffe / Priest & Sow Corner, Tankerton / Tankerton Circus / Town Centre Horsebridge / Top of Borstal Hill. Starts at 9.30am

Transport by bus

The following web sites may be useful to you:

- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/plan-your-bus-journey>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/plan-a-journey>
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/bus-travel/plan-your-bus-journey>
- <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/maps#tab2>

Mini bus service and local volunteer transport schemes

1. Red Zebra volunteer car service – Red Zebra based in Whitstable, has been set up in Whitstable through the city council. See

<http://www.redzebra.org.uk/volunteer-car-scheme/>

The scheme is for people who find it difficult to use public transport either through age or a need for special assistance. It is aimed at helping people get to essential health appointments and where resources permit, shopping and social trips may also be possible. The scheme offers a return journey and you will not be charged for waiting time, which is up to a maximum of two hours. A longer wait e.g. a drop-off in the morning and collection in the afternoon, will mean a double charge.

There are charges to cover the cost of running the scheme and petrol mileage, these are:

- annual subscription of £10 (or £15 for a couple)
- £2 administration charge per trip
- 45p per mile

All volunteer drivers are DBS checked and insured, and a driver who is able to carry and assist with a wheelchair etc can be arranged. To arrange your journey telephone Red Zebra in advance on: 01227 271111 - volunteers are available to take your calls Monday – Friday between 10am–12.30pm.

2. Kent Karrier dial-a-ride service - will take you from your home to set locations, such as the nearest town centre or supermarket. Group bookings, airport runs and a shopping service are also available. All services are operated with wheelchair accessible vehicles and our experienced drivers will give you all the help you need. You are eligible to join if:

- you have a medical condition that makes travelling on public transport difficult OR you live in a rural area more than 500 metres from a bus route or railway station
- you are aged 85+.

You must join the scheme to be able to use it. It costs £5 per year and a small fare for each journey.

Concessionary fare passes are not valid for travel on Kent Karrier services. Carers or companions can also travel. They don't need to be members but companions will need to pay the journey fare and carers can travel for free.

Download the Kent Karrier application form at

https://www.kent.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/4761/Kent-Karrier-membership-Form.pdf , complete it and post back to: Kent Karrier

Membership, Public Transport, Kent County Council, PO Box 441, Aylesford, ME6 9HJ. If you have any questions please call 03000 413567.

The information leaflets by district at the following weblink show you a timetable for your area, where you can travel and who to contact to book a journey: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/community-transport/kent-karrier#tab-4>

3. Thanet Community Transport DIAL-A-RIDE - A door to door service for the disabled and elderly for individuals, typically used for medical appointments, shopping trips, days out and holidays. TELEPHONE: 01843 602030 or EMAIL: transport@transportinthanet.co.uk. ADDRESS: Thanet Community Transport Association, Unit 2, The Lead Centre, Dane Valley Road, St Peters, Broadstairs, CT10 3JJ. More information on their website: <http://transportinthanet.co.uk/>

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Chestfield Road, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3LD.
Father Philip Glandfield – Tel 01227 272758. Email whitstable@rcaos.org.uk
Website www.rcourladywhitstable.org.uk
SATURDAY (First Mass of Sunday) :
6:00pm Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Northwood Road, Whitstable
SUNDAY :
8:30am Mass at St Joseph's, Chestfield
10:30am Mass at Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable
Note: Above details are for usual times, etc but may, of course be subject to change due to funerals, holidays, etc.... details for each week can be found on: www.rcourladyimmaculate.org.uk

ST JOHN'S PARISH CHURCH Swalecliffe Court Drive.
Revd Simon Tillotson (Interim Priest in Charge)
Tel: 07833 448287 or 01227 272308
Email: swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com or simon@teamvicar.org
SUNDAYS:
11.15 am Morning Worship (with Communion every 4th Sunday)
WEDNESDAYS:
10am Holy Communion, St John's Church Centre, St John's Road
For details of these and other events please see the parish church website:
www.swalecliffestjohns.co.uk
For information about our children's and families ministry contact Jane Myhill
(jane.myhill@btinternet.com or telephone 07761 963971

SWALECLIFFE FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)
Swalecliffe Free Church (Baptist) Herne Bay Road, Swalecliffe, CT5 2LR
Minister: Rev Tom Fisk. Phone no: 01227 274697.
All are welcome to our weekly Sunday services which start at 10.30am.
Email: sfcminister@outlook.com
Communion is served on the second Sunday of each month.
Further details of events at: www.swalecliffe-free-church.com

RIVERSIDE CHURCH Thanet Way (next to Amphenol) CT5 3JQ
Pastors Simon & Keely Bateson
Sunday morning services start at 10:30
Further details, including other meetings at www.riversideuk.org

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Chestfield WI: President: Mrs R. McGill 01227 793277; Secretary: Mrs J Jewiss 01227 792502 ; and Bookings: Mrs M Champion 07919260596 or Mrs J Papaspyrou 07941935761

Neighbourhood Watch: Neal Fowler Tel: 01227 639257

Radfall & Broomfield Gate Amenity Society

Chairman: Mike Battson, Green Pastures, Broomfield Gate, 01227 792238
Secretary: Mrs Brenda Hunter, 11 Dukeswood Tel: 01227 794909

Maydowns Road Residents Association

Chairman: Mick Clarke, 92 Maydowns Road, CT5 3LW Tel: 01227 794042

The Drive, The Drove, Meadow Drive and The Leas Residents Road Association - For any matters concerning these private roads contact Chairman Chris Brealy, email: roadassociation2017@outlook.com

Pre Schools in Whitstable

- Townsend Montessori @ Whitstable
4, Makerstudy Business park, Thanet Way · 01227 274444
- All Saints Nursery School, Shirley Hall, Church St · 01227 282628
- Choochoos Day Nursery
Whitsable Station, Railway Avenue · 01227 280077
- Daisy Chain Nursery School Within Community College Whitstable
Whitstable 07947 819348
- Jo Jo's Day Care Nursery, Herne Bay 01227 361377
- Kindergarten Kids Within St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Primary Schools in Whitstable

- St Marys Catholic Primary School
Primary School, Northwood Rd · 01227 272692
- Joy Lane Primary School 01227 261430
- Swalecliffe Community Primary School
- Primary School, Bridgefield Rd · 01227 272101

Kent Police – In a non-emergency situation ring 101. This 101 number is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There can be a wait until your call is answered – continue to use 999 in any emergency. Chestfield is supported by Police Community Support Officer **PCSO Lewis Scott** – Lewis covers all Whitstable wards including Chestfield and Swalecliffe. Call 101 to leave him a message.

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council Amanda Sparkes c/o 7 Beech Tree Avenue, Sholden, Deal CT14 0FB

Telephone: 01227 773121 **Email:** clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS and SURGERIES

Parish Council formal meetings are held bi-monthly at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road and are open to all. The formal meeting starts at 7.30pm. There is an adjournment early on to ask questions, or comment on current issues.

Look for Notices on the village notice boards and on the website

www.chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk Minutes are published on the website and available from November 2007. Full minutes of the previous meeting are available at each meeting for members of the public. To receive an electronic version of the Agenda for each meeting and the subsequent Minutes, please let the Clerk have your name, address and email address.

The parish council holds bi-monthly formal meetings but has informal residents' surgeries for those same date and for the months in between. *Dates of full parish council meetings therefore: 13 September, 08 November 2021, 10 January 2022 and 14 March 2022. Additionally, our Annual Parish Meeting for residents will be held on Monday 21 March 2022.*

Councillor surgeries for residents - want to speak informally to a parish councillor? Chestfield Parish Council has 'councillor surgeries' for residents each month. Come along informally between 6.30pm and 7.30pm to the WI hall in Chestfield Road to voice any concerns or give any comments to a councillor. *Dates of surgeries for residents: from 6.30pm - 7.30pm - 13 September, 11 October, 08 November, 13 December, 10 January 2022, 14 February and 14 March 2022 (and Carols evening 2021 is planned for Wednesday 22 December 2021).*

We would remind all persons present at a meeting that whilst it remains your right to speak, this must be done through the Chair.

Please note that Chestfield Parish Council has a zero tolerance policy with regard to the poor behaviour of any individual towards any member of the Parish Council, Clerk, or other member of the public, and that any such transgression that is deemed either threatening or otherwise, the individual will be asked to leave the meeting.

If you have a query and want to speak to the parish council about it, please contact the Clerk in the first instance (details above). Alternatively come along to one of the monthly surgeries and get to know and engage with your local councillors:

Your local councillors:

STEVE BAILEY Responsibilities: Chairman, Highways, Bus/Train services, Social events	CHRIS BREALY Vice-Chairman, Play Park and Rec Grnd, Highways, Environ- ment & Street scene, litter, dog fouling.	TRICIA CHAPMAN Tree Warden, Open spaces, and Training. Community events support
ANNE LODER Traffic, Footpaths/ Public rights of way	CHRIS ELLIS Planning, Village walks, Village Calendar	PAT GIBSON Parish Plan, footpaths. Community events support
BOB TODD Flood Warden, Parish Plan, Emergency Plan, Planning reserve	DAVID FITZPATRICK Planning, Highways and Drainage	LORRAINE EAST Flood Warden Fire Hydrant inspection and problem reporting

As the Clerk is part-time, email is the favoured means of contact for a more timely reply to any urgent enquiry.

Please also note that we cannot deal with anonymous reports. For the Clerk to onwardly report any item we need to have contact details of the person reporting – although these details can be withheld if appropriate for onward reporting. Speak to the Clerk if unclear.

City Councillors

- i) Cllr Pat Todd: 60 Sherwood Drive, Whitstable, CT5 4PH.
Email: pat.todd@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk Tel. 01227 276396
- ii) Cllr Ben Fitter-Harding, Mobile 07973826678
Email: ben.fitter-harding@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk

County Councillor

Cllr Robert Thomas, 11 Hollow Lane Canterbury CT1 3SB. Telephone:
Mobile 07740347419. Email: Robert.Thomas@kent.gov.uk

Partially sighted? Want this magazine in a larger format?

Contact the Clerk and she will arrange this – call 01227 773121 and don't forget to leave your name, address and phone number.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Chestfield Warriors Table Tennis Club Linda or John Wickings Tel: 01227 794511

Chestfield Cricket Club Paul Gibson 07723308040 or email Chestfieldcc@outlook.com

Chestfield Golf Club Tel: 01227 794411. Mob: 07837273560

Whitstable Rugby Club Mr Bob Tomlinson Tel: 01227 793329

6th Whitstable Scout Group Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Leader Tessa Dale 01227 792325

Chestfield Rotary Club David Mann Mob: 07736 463921

1st Swalecliffe Brownies Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Sarah Marshall Tel: 01227 261391

1st Swalecliffe Rainbow Guides Long Rock, Swalecliffe, Jessica Cleary 01227 793964

ABC Pre-School Long Rock, Rachel 01227 280444 enquiries@abcpreschools.co.uk.

Whitstable Volunteer Centre Tel: 01227 772248

Passenger Transport Information 0800 0960211

Canterbury City Council:

- **Main switchboard** 01227 862000 www.canterbury.gov.uk
- **CCC Planning Call Centre** Tel: 01227 862178
- Recycling Information – 01227 862247
- Refuse - (Domestic) bulky collections and missed collections – *The Canterbury Environment Company (CANENCO)* – 0800 031 9091
- Street Charity Collections – 01227 862069 / 01227 862010
- **Emergency Out of Hours CCC team** - Tel: 01227 781879

For bulky waste collections or missed collection – call *Canterbury Environment Company* 01227 947 860 or by using one of the many forms at https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20001/bins_and_waste

CCC fly-tipping reports on the CCC website

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20043/waste_and_enforcement/31/report_flytipping. CCC's reporting tool to report fly-tipping enables you to drop a pin on a map. It can also take the location from a phone if reporting is done in situ. And there's the facility to upload pictures of the waste.

Reporting items to such as litter, dog fouling, problems or overflowing litter bins and/or dog bins - telephone or ideally do online: Please call *Canterbury Environment Company* 01227 947 860 or report at https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean . For any waste that could cause immediate danger, e.g. discarded needles and syringes, please call for a rapid response.

Report dog fouling - Dog fouling can be reported to CCC to be cleared up. https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20008/environmental_problems/119/keeping_the_district_clean/2 This online form can also be used to tell CCC about repeat offenders. If CCC catch them they will be given a fine of £80.

A reminder – did you know? dog waste can be put into ordinary black bins too – not necessarily just the red dog-bin only bins. Please bag it and bin it!

Report graffiti at

https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/info/20044/vandalism_and_graffiti/55/request_graffiti_removal .Note: Canterbury City Council will remove graffiti from a residential home or property CCC own, such as play areas and public toilets BUT can't remove it from locations like phone boxes or bridges that don't belong to CCC. If the graffiti is on someone's property, there is no charge for the first two hours work or a maximum area of 5m²

Reporting crimes and incidents on the Kent Police website

Report crimes and incidents as well as non-injury road traffic collisions ONLINE directly to Kent Police through www.kent.police.uk .

Post Office Near Me: For a web site for people to find local post offices and the services they offer. Visit: <https://www.postofficesnearme.com/>

Chestfield History Society: To contribute any information about Chestfield's past or ask the History Society any questions go to the Society's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/chestfieldhistory/ or email chestfieldhistory@gmail.com

Power cut? Call 105 – all electricity operators have this national number: Calling 105 when you have a power cut is free and puts you through to the local electricity network operator that manages cables, powerlines and substations to homes and businesses in your area. You can still contact by phone or website.

UKPN vulnerable customers Priority Services Register – call 0800 169 9970 or email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk.

Southern Water Services Customer Help Desk (24 Hour Help Line) Tel: 0800 820999

The Environment Agency : Daytime Office Number Tel: 0370 850 6506; Hot Line for Out of Hours Tel: 0800 807 060 ; Flooding Tel: 0845 988 1188

Email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk Website: www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Consumer Direct www.consumerdirect.gov.uk Tel: 0845 404 0506

Kent County Council Highways and Road/ Lighting defects - web link for the KCC fault reporting tool – for reporting things like potholes, faulty lights, overgrown vegetation etc. :

<http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/Default.aspx>

To report a potential emergency situation, please call KCC immediately on 03000 418181 between 8am and 6pm Mon – Fri or on 03000 419191 at all other times

If you're paying someone to take rubbish away - if you have your rubbish removed and it ends up being flytipped, you could be fined. Protect yourself - ask the waste removal service or tradesperson for their waste carrier registration number. Check the number with the Environment Agency 0370 850 6506 or www.cleankent.com (follow the link to the Environment Agency). Keep information from the waste collector – and ask for a receipt. If they're not registered don't use them and tell **Trading Standards** - 03454 04 05 06.

112 (999) on a mobile – did you know if you call 112 in an emergency on a mobile phone, it pinpoints your location to within a few metres (this is done by tracking to the cell that the phone is using). You can still call 999....

Blood donation: 96% of us rely on the other 4% to give blood. If you're healthy and aged 17-65 you may be able to give blood - For an appointment or more information please call 08457 711711 or visit www.blood.co.uk

Necessary Furniture – to donate unwanted furniture or for anyone to buy second hand furniture at very reasonable prices, visit Necessary Furniture, Unit 2B, Canterbury Industrial Park, Island Rd, Hersden, Canterbury CT3 4HQ.Tel. 01227 712680

Homelessness - If you see a homeless person on the street there is a 24 hour helpline – **0800 567 7699** – this puts you through to the charity “Porchlight”

Junk Mail/ Mail Preference Service 0845 703 4599 www.mpsonline.org.uk

KCC Household Waste Recycling Centres – www.kent.gov.uk/environment

Engine Oil 08708 506506 – www.oilbankonline.org.uk

Mobile phone recycling 0207 2781114 www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling

Real Nappies Library 0845 3450 210 www.kent.gov.uk/clothingnappies

Recycling for Kent 0845 345 0210

Salvation Army Trading Company – 01843 411 086

Spectacles – Contact Specsavers who send them out to Africa

Toner recycling and refill – 0207 2781114 www.helptheaged.org.uk/recycling

Check-A-Trade: www.checkatrade.com/ A directory of recommended/trusted tradesmen who have been vetted and monitored and meet standards of trading

Trading standards – for information and to report a problem:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards> or call 03454 04 05 06

For advice and to report issues to **KCC Trading Standards** contact

[Citizens Advice consumer helpline](http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards) on **0808 223 1133**

[Consumer Advice scams action line](http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards) on **0808 250 5050**

Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Fire safety advice visit www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking or call 0800 9237000.

Keep your family safe – test your smoke alarm weekly!

Talking Newspapers – The Whitstable Echo supply talking newspapers for the blind – they come in a resealable pack – please send back once finished. Call 01227 763366.

Talking Books – Books for the blind for a payable subscription – call Calibre on 01296 432 339.

Not sure if you need planning permission? CCC's residential self-assessment forms at <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/main.cfm?objectid=58>

Any errors with details above, or any community information elsewhere in the magazine, let the Clerk know to amend in future editions. Or to add new contacts also let us know!

Viewing planning applications – Canterbury City Council (CCC) is the planning authority for Chestfield. Residents need to view plans online, although CCC will continue to advertise of applications / write to affected residents. You need the application reference number. Each application is made up of a reference, such as CA/21/10001/FUL – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 21 is the year the application is registered, the next 5 digits denote the unique sequential application number in that relevant year, and then the last three letters are an abbreviation for the type of application, for example FUL is a Full application, OUT is Outline and LB is a listed building type application.

To view online: visit www.canterbury.gov.uk Then select 'planning' then 'view and comment on planning applications' . Then click on "search planning applications". In the search box at the bottom you need to enter the planning application reference number. As explained above each application has a unique reference – but for viewing purposes you need to input just the year and application number in the search box – so in our example input 21/10001 only, not the full reference. CCC's planning call centre may assist with any difficulties: call 01227 862178 Monday-Friday 9am-5pm. In May 2018 we put together a **Guide to Planning and Planning Applications** – which we include as part of our welcome pack documents for new residents. The full document may be found on our website.

In November 2020, CCC resolved a change to the Call-in arrangements for an application to go to the CCC Planning Committee for determination – the ability for a parish council to request an application goes to committee was withdrawn. And the trigger of four or more objections was also withdrawn. Ward Councillors however may still call-in an application.

**Our new Website Is now Live
with a fresh look and feel!**

Please go to chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

ADVERTISING

Would you like to advertise in this magazine? The Magazine goes out quarterly, four times per year to all households in Chestfield (over 1380 properties). Each advertiser also receives a copy (if they require one). Annual rates depend on the size of advert, and space permitting, and start from £50 per year for four editions. If you would like to advertise please contact the Clerk, Amanda Sparkes by email **clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk** or phone 01227 773121. Ideally you will supply your artwork in Microsoft Word format. If you want help with the artwork just ask.

Publication of any advertisement in this magazine does not imply endorsement by Chestfield Parish Council. The Parish Council recommends you seek more than one quotation for works to be undertaken in or around your home. And you may wish to consider checking whether your chosen trader is on Check-A-Trade or similar. Or ask for local references – and follow up on them with previous customers!

TOP TIP – We recommend that you get a price upfront, and in writing, for any work/job that you wish a tradesperson to undertake for you.

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- Grass cutting
- Hedge Trimming
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Mob: 07952 218867
Email: thefinches18@gmail.com

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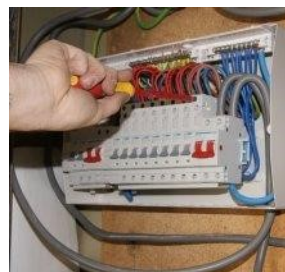
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