

Hedgehog Highways



We have hedgehog highway surrounds to give, free of charge, while stocks last, to any resident wanting to take part in this project to help hedgehogs. More details inside on Page 8....

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Chairman's Message

It has been quite a last few months – and I'm not referring to just the wonderful weather that we have experienced of late!

The Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday celebrations culminated in many of us celebrating with a hugely successful family day on the cricket club grounds where the village really did come together to enjoy all that was on offer, and what was certainly a great community get-together for all ages.

Most certainly the weather played its part, but talking to many of you that attended on the day, there was an overwhelming sense of community – in fact the most abounding question that was asked (both at the time and indeed since) is whether we plan to hold a similar event next year! Well, that is down to the community to decide – we would love to hear your thoughts on this, and how we can make this event a future community event. A lot of work goes into organising and running a day like this – and my thanks go out to all involved in whatever sphere for making it our day to remember.

Many residents have been in touch regarding the upcoming 'call for sites', and the possible impact that this may have on our village. CCC encouraged all parish councils on more than one occasion in 2021 to engage with the landowners/developers/agents of local sites being offered to CCC for consideration as preferred strategic allocations. Although we can confirm that we have informally met virtually with prospective developers, we would stress that these were fact-finding only, and any discussions have been purely speculative in which we outlined our determination that our village should be treated in the most foremost manner.

But as I say any talk of future development within our village remains just that at the present time, and cannot be ventured further until such times that decision is made by the City Council – but even when (or if!) a potential site is identified, please rest assured that your Parish Council will aim to engage with all parties to ensure that village life remains just that!

As we have proved with the Grasmere Gardens development, it IS possible to work with the City Council and developers – so we see this as a most positive precedent to follow. It should be borne in mind that the Leader of CCC is also one of our elected councillors, so the opportunity

for us to work together for the benefit of our village can be considered as a very positive relationship to continue to nurture.

As mentioned previously should it be the case, we would vehemently insist that any potential development would be reliant on an improvement in infrastructure...this remains our resolve and promise - and in our view non-negotiable.

You may have noticed the introduction of new bins around the village – this is something that we have pressed for over the months and we are delighted to see these now in place. Please note these new bins are for both rubbish and bagged dog waste.

We have now replenished the herb garden outside the Womens' Institute Hall, and have been delighted in the ongoing positive feedback that we have received for not only this but also the seed swap box in the same location.

We have also now placed an order for a new defibrillator to be sited on the wall of the WI Hall, and would take this opportunity to thank the WI committee for granting the relevant permissions.

All in all, it has really been a most productive and community-spirited few months !!

Best Regards

Steve

Steve Bailey, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council

For some months we have had dialogue with CCC and KCC re the parish council paying for additional new native Hawthorn hedging to fill in the gaps in the existing hedging at the front of Chestfield Road play park - near the Chestfield Road/The Ridgeway corner. The outcome of this is that KCC and CCC have no budget to maintain any additional hedging and this idea has been abandoned at this time. Furthermore, going forward, KCC rather than CCC will now maintain the front KCC owned frontage - their cutting schedule for urban grass is 6 times per year between March and October, approximately every 6 weeks. And hedges are visited once per year. This is different to CCC cutting regimes and residents need to be aware of the new regimes.

Barry Vane's AWEKAS Automatisches Wetterkarten System

In the March 2022 edition of this magazine we ran details of resident Barry Vane's 2021 rain report by month and also previous years. He has been producing this since 2006 for the Golf Club. The weather station reporting was a Davis semi professional Vantage Vue. Since that article lots of his friends asked for a link to his site and Barry has now offered the link direct <https://www.awekas.at/en/instrument.php?id=14456>

Community Quiz

We are finally able to offer another Community Quiz on Friday 14 October 2022, with Steve as our legendary compere. This is being held in conjunction with Hackington Parish Council and residents and will have a climate-change theme.

To be held at the Chestfield cricket club in Grasmere Road from 7pm.

Tables of 8 at £8 per head. Payment in advance please.

A Nibbles Platter per table will be provided, and a raffle will be held too for a local charity.

Book through the Clerk and any questions too, please ask the Clerk:

01227 773121 email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Book early to avoid disappointment!

Will you help us and plant some bulbs?

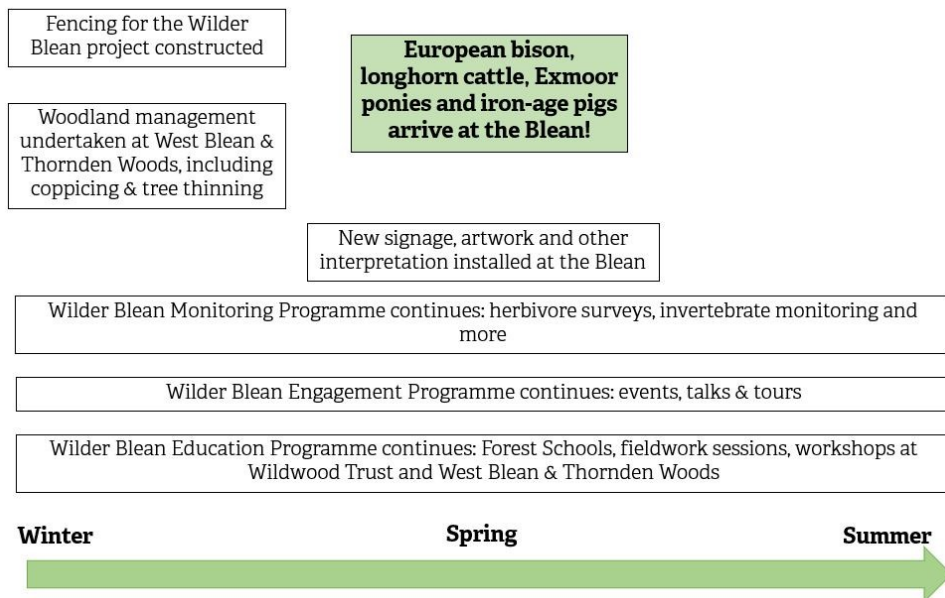
In the June magazine we asked for volunteers to plant bulbs in highway verges for us in September/October – the parish council will pay for the bulbs – and 3 volunteers came forward. Volunteers are still sought for: Chestfield Road – various stretches from Maydowns Road to Cherry Orchard; Plantation Road; Almond Close; Share and Coulter Road; The Russets; Charnwood; Fern Close; Grasmere Road (adopted section); Old Fold; Woodvale Avenue, and/or Shepherds Walk; The Paddocks; Birkdale Close and/or Carnoustie Close, and/or Monkton Court.

To volunteer please contact the Clerk. To view our Biodiversity Action Plan on our website please visit <https://chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/chestfield-parish-council/climate-change-and-biodiversity-initiatives/>



2022 is proving just as busy as Kent Wildlife Trust had anticipated, if not more. Everyone in the Wilder Blean team was on tender hooks for the arrival on the Bison, which took place on 18 July 2022!

The timeline of 2022 is:



Site Infrastructure update:

The fencing includes the bison corral (holding enclosure), soft release area (this is the area that the bison were initially in whilst they got used to the site), and fencing surrounding the bison compartment in the south east of the site.

The bison are fenced in with an electric fence *plus* a 2m fence. The electric fence is powered by solar panels and is connected to an online system which will alert the bison rangers if the electric current stops or the fence is damaged. In addition, the bison rangers will be checking the fence every day.

The 1.5m outer fence encasing the entire woodland will be finished in time for the arrival of Longhorn cattle, Exmoor ponies, and Iron-Age pigs later this year. Numerous wheelchair accessible kissing gates will be installed to ensure all public footpaths remain accessible and there are plenty of places to enter and exit the woodland.

Kent Wildlife Trust is currently awaiting planning permission to build the tunnels that connect the multiple bison compartments. These tunnels will enable the bison to move between the four bison compartments without compromising the public rights of way, allowing people to continue enjoying the woods. Bison will move through the tunnels, and people and livestock (Longhorn cattle, Exmoor ponies and Iron-Age pigs) will walk over the tunnels. These structures will take some time to construct, so once we have information on when this will start, will we let you know.

Don't forget when you're in the woods to follow any signs or instructions given to you by the contractors or on site team, this helps keep you and them safe. If you see anything that concerns you at the site, please call the Blean Team on - 01622 662012

Hedgehogs R Us Highway Project

With hedgehog numbers in decline and hedgehog awareness on the rise, there has never been a better time to get involved in hedgehog conservation.

The parish council has purchased a box of hedgehog highway surrounds to make them available for residents free of charge.

Hedgehog Highway is a 5-inch gap in a fence and is essential in the battle to prevent the extinction of our endangered spiky friends. This gap allows them access to forage for food and meet mates. A Highway surround raises awareness to their plight and encourages others to take part.

More information at <https://hedgehogsrus.co.uk/hedgehog-highway-project>

Money is donated to Hedgehog Conservation for every box sold.



If you would like to take part, please contact the Clerk with your name, address, contact details and how many hedgehog highways surrounds you would like!



GRASMERE GARDENS

CHESTFIELD

New application CA/21/02244 granted permission in March 2022 for Approval of appearance, landscaping, layout, scale and internal circulation for Phases 2 and 3 including the erection of 158 dwellings, 3,500 sqm of commercial floorspace, along with provision of all associated infrastructure, MUGA and parking, pursuant to outline planning permission CA//17/00/469/OUT.

We have received the following update from Kitewood, the developer:

26 July 2022

Dear Neighbour

Three months has passed since our last newsletter and so we wish to update you on the progress being made at Grasmere Gardens.

The highway works to Reeves Way have mostly been completed, with the improved footpath and cycle link now operational.

The parking restrictions along Reeves Way came into force at the end of June 2022, and the overflow car park at the entrance to Grasmere Gardens is now operational.

Further minor improvement works will also be undertaken to the roundabout on the A2990, and later phases of highway works will involve an improvement to the junction of Clover Rise and the A2990.

Construction on Phase 1 of the site is progressing with the main arterial roads and infrastructure under construction as well as the oversites for a number of the individual houses. It is envisaged the first homes will be complete during the early part of 2023.

The sales and marketing of the new properties will commence in the last quarter of 2022. Wards Estate Agents have been appointed for the first phase of houses and apartments.



As previously, we will continue to provide quarterly updates and can be contacted at info@kitewood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely

KITEWOOD



Canterbury District Local Plan to 2045 and the Call for Sites

Every local authority has to have a minimum of a 5-year new housing land supply and Canterbury City Council (CCC) has done a 'call for sites' in this regard.

CCC is doing work to assess whether or not they could be considered for inclusion within the Local Plan. No decisions have been made on any sites and the community will be consulted with once potential sites have been identified.

Officers are working on the draft plan which will cover the period from 2020 to 2045 and become the formal planning blueprint allocating land for much-needed homes, jobs, schools, hospitals, community uses, and to provide green energy, boost biodiversity and kickstart the process of protecting valued open spaces over the long term. Councillors will be asked to approve the draft plan this autumn. That decision will trigger an extensive public consultation exercise so that everyone can have their say before the final draft is presented to a planning inspector, who will examine its pros and cons at a formal planning hearing known as an examination.

Stodmarsh water quality issues

In July 2020, Natural England issued water quality advice which affects planning applications for new homes in large parts of the district. This is to make sure new development doesn't cause any further deterioration of the water quality at Stodmarsh nature reserve.

Kent online ran an article on 31 July 2022:

[Housing developers stalled by Stodmarsh water quality issue set to buy 'nutrient credits' to resolve problems \(kentonline.co.uk\)](https://www.kentonline.co.uk/news/local-news/housing-developers-stalled-by-stodmarsh-water-quality-issue-set-to-buy-nutrient-credits-to-resolve-problems) :

A long-awaited solution to the environmental issue stalling thousands of new homes across [Kent](#), including

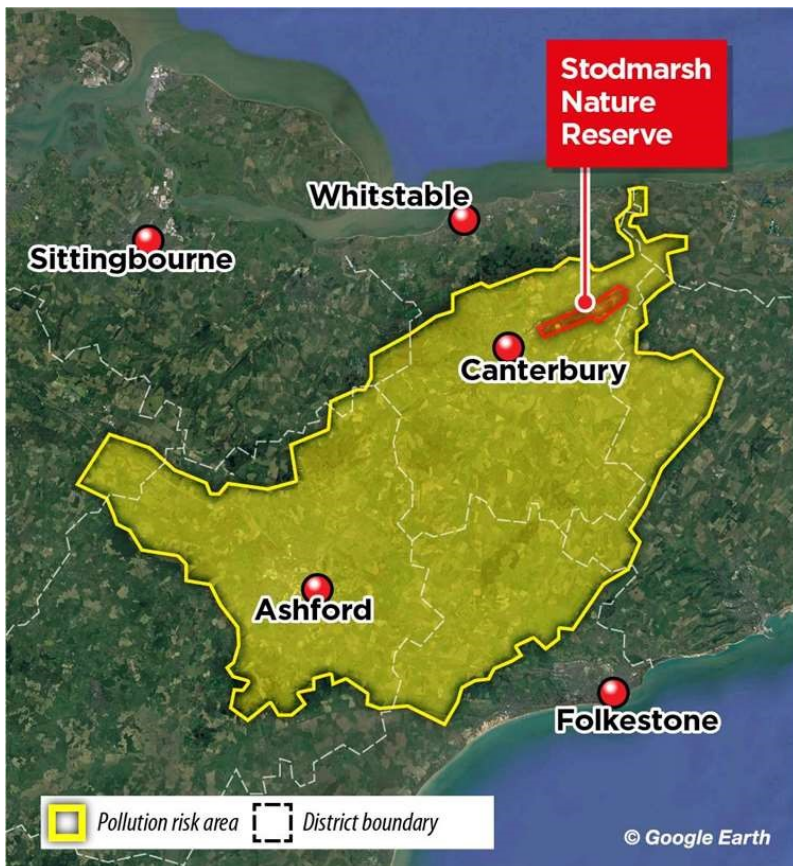
Canterbury, [Ashford](#), [Thanet](#), [Dover](#), [Deal](#), [Folkestone](#) and Maidstone, has finally been announced.

The government has revealed housebuilders can offset the damage caused by harmful substances seeping into the county's rivers and lakes by buying 'nutrient credits' to fund mitigation measures, such as new wetlands or woodland.

It will allow developers to begin work on projects delayed since 2020, when Natural England discovered high water pollution levels at the Stodmarsh Nature Reserve, near [Canterbury](#).

Since the Stodmarsh pollution issues came to light, Natural England has been instructing local planning authorities not to grant approval for new housing without mitigating measures.

The new nutrient mitigation scheme, launched by Defra (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and Natural England, is designed to 'unlock' the barrier to building work.



Mitigating measures that have been used to get developments approved, include creating wetlands elsewhere to offset any environmental harm.

Another option is building an on-site wastewater treatment works, which the developers of the 4,000-home Mountfield Park estate south of Canterbury are now proposing.

Canterbury City Council says it is already in a "very advanced" position in tackling the issue and will be taking advantage of the nutrient credits scheme in its planning process.

"The six Kent councils that are affected by the water quality issues at Stodmarsh are dealing with the issue as a priority and will ensure that we are in the best position to take advantage of the scheme," said a spokesman.

"We are in discussion with Natural England and will take the opportunities it provides us with, both working towards achieving the long-term objective of returning the water quality at the Stodmarsh lakes to 'favourable condition', and also delivering desperately needed housing as soon as we possibly can."

What are the issues at Stodmarsh nature reserve?

In October 2020, Government advisers at Natural England called for planned construction across swathes of east Kent to stop.

Experts had discovered high levels of nitrogen and phosphorous in the water at Stodmarsh Nature Reserve. This causes excessive algae growth, which had started to harm the ecology at the site.

The pollution had been caused by wastewater entering Stodmarsh's lakes, which are fed by the River Stour.

As a result, Natural England said new developments must not "add the burden of nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen".

In basic terms, for every new house built, there is at least one new toilet being flushed on a regular basis. Natural England put the onus on councils and developers to find a way of stopping that extra wastewater ending up at Stodmarsh.

What makes Stodmarsh so special?

Stodmarsh is made up of a series of wetlands and lakes that are internationally recognised for the habitats and the wildlife they support. This includes water voles, two rare British birds (cetti's warbler and bearded tit), and swathes of reedbeds and grassland used by breeding and wintering bird populations.

It is also home to some scarce wetland plants - like the greater bladderwort and bog bean.

What has been the impact on plans for new homes?

As a result of Natural England's advice, before gaining planning

permission developers now need to show their schemes can achieve "nutrient neutrality" and therefore not add to the problem.

The issue has mainly impacted the Canterbury district and Ashford borough. But it has also affected planning decisions for Dover District Council, Maidstone Borough Council and Folkestone & Hythe District Council as they also partly fall within the Stodmarsh "catchment area".

What has been done so far to tackle the issue?

Up till this point, developers have aimed to achieve "nutrient neutrality" by building on-site wastewater treatment works at new estates or creating new wetlands.

Building an on-site treatment works has very roughly estimated costs in the region of around £1,500 per dwelling.

How will the government's new plan work?

Developers will now be able to purchase "nutrient credits" which will remove the need for them to provide mitigation themselves.

Natural England will issue "nutrient certificates" to developers, who can use them for planning applications.

The certificates will give councils the assurance that additional pollution from new developments can be mitigated by the purchase of nutrient credits.

Conditions attached to planning permissions will ensure that any necessary credits are bought before the new homes are occupied.

Income from the sale of credits will be used to provide new mitigation, such as wetlands to "soak up" the impact of unavoidable pollution, and cover the costs of monitoring and maintaining them.

The scheme will be open to all developers, with priority given to smaller builders who are most affected. Developers can also continue to put their own mitigation schemes in place should they choose.

The scheme is due to open in the autumn.

What about Southern Water?

The councils affected are pushing Southern Water to bring forward an upgrade to Canterbury's wastewater treatment works - currently not planned until the next investment period of 2025-2030.

In a document published online, Southern Water says it is "not feasible" for it to increase the nitrogen or phosphorus removal rate "beyond consented levels" at the treatment works.

The firm says "significant investment" would be needed, financed through income collected from customer charges, which would have to be increased - and this would require approval from regulator Ofwat.

Reduce food waste

Food waste is as damaging environmentally as plastic waste, due to the squandering of energy and resources involved in growing and distributing the food in the first place.

[Most food waste comes from individual households](#), so how can you cut down the amount that ends up in the bin?

1 - Organise your kitchen

An organised kitchen is a key starting point to creating a zero waste lifestyle. Overstuffed cupboards or fridges with older foods languishing at the back are a recipe for discovering out-of-date horrors hidden away down the line. Here's how to manage your kitchen:

Rotate goods when new items come in. Just like in restaurants and shops, put the new stuff at the back and move the older stuff to the front. This ensures nothing is lurking at the back of the cupboards, fridges or freezers.

Create an 'eat me first' box or shelf in your fridge. Move everything approaching its use by date here so everyone knows that this needs eating first.'

Audit your food. Make a habit of going through kitchen cupboards and fridges twice a week, making a note of food items that will go off soon. Combine it with other weekly chores so you don't forget.

If your fridge or freezer is showing its age, it's worth considering an upgrade. The [best fridges](#), [best fridge-freezers](#) and [best freezers](#) will chill food efficiently and help it to last longer.

2 - Know the foods that go off first

Meats, fish and salads will go off more quickly. Your non-perishable items don't need as much attention. This will take away the stress of using all of your ingredients and draw attention to the fresh items which will end up in the bin faster than, say, a bag of rice.

Remember: 'Best before' refers to quality, so after that date it'll be safe but might not be at its best. 'Use by' refers to safety so after this date you mustn't eat it, even if it looks and smells OK.

3 - Get your portion sizes sorted

When the Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) asked people why their food ends up in the bin, 25% said it was down to cooking and serving too much - a matter that comes down to understanding portion sizes. Try to find your own hacks for measuring

food that work for you. For example, a standard builder's mug can be used as a measure for rice: a mugful of dried rice should serve four adults when cooked.

The Love Food Hate Waste website has a [portion planner](#) which is a useful starting point

4 - Plan ahead

The World Wildlife Fund says we waste 30% of the food we buy, which it likens to taking £100 out of the bank and putting £30 straight into the bin.

Keeping a meal planner will help you write a shopping list to stick to, thereby saving money and generating less waste by only buying what you've planned for. A meal planner will also help save time as you can factor in batch cooking in days when you have more time.

5 - Get creative

This may seem like common sense, but zero waste involves actually cooking the food you have bought. A massive 41% of waste is created because food wasn't used in time. This is where good menu planning comes in. Rotate a handful of dishes throughout the week to use up the ingredients you've bought. Don't be afraid to get creative with adapting a simple dish. For example, you can change a classic Bolognese sauce into a chilli con carne, meat pie or even a lasagne. This can help to change up leftovers so you don't get tired of one meal, or can incorporate an ingredient you know needs to be used up - for example grating a spare carrot or courgette to bulk out a tomato-based sauce.

Another great option for leftover odds and ends, particularly fruit and veg, is making up a quick batch of soup, or a smoothie.

6 - Freeze what you can't eat

Most things can be frozen, so if you've got leftovers, or things approaching their use by date, freeze them. Label them so you know how long they've been there.

Freezing tips:

Divide up bigger dishes so you can easily dig out a couple of portions at a time.

Grate hard cheese before it is frozen and give defrosted skimmed milk a good shake before using it.

Eggs cope well in the freezer with a bit of prep. Beat until blended, pour them into freezer containers and label the containers with how many eggs are in each before freezing.

7 - Get composting

Many councils collect household food waste, but the other option, if you have the space for it, is to [learn how to compost](#) at home. When you compost at home you stop waste going to landfill and end up with a soil improver to benefit your garden.

8 - Make sustainable kitchen swaps

Small lifestyle tweaks can help add up to big zero waste gains for the environment - and many of these can be implemented in the kitchen. Some disposable kitchen items you can swap in for reusable ones:

Plastic straw - invest in some metal ones

Kitchen roll - use old tea towels or T-shirts cut into squares to mop up spills, and then wash to reuse

Paper napkins - buy in some cloth ones that are washable

Plastic sponges - look for scourers made from hemp, loofah or recycled foam

Cling film - there's an increasing range of options, including wax wraps, cloth covers and silicone lids. Compostable cling film is also available

Sandwich and freezer bags - reusable silicone bags and glass/steel containers, or recycled glass food jars are all good alternatives.

Cotton, hemp or linen bags are good for storing veg.

9 - Buy to last

Making high-quality choices next time you need to buy something, whether it's for knives that can be re-sharpened, tableware made from strengthened glass or appliances that have longer warranties and are built to last, are all good choices to reduce waste in your kitchen.

Buying to last or choosing secondhand will save money, and will save the resources needed to make a new one.

10 - Check your fridge temperature

Keeping your fridge at the correct temperature will help keep your food fresh. WRAP says the average UK fridge temperature is set way too hot at 7°C - setting it at below 5°C could extend the life of milk and other perishable items.

Chestfield Exhibition with refreshments at Womens' Institute Hall

Saturday 17th September 2022 from 2pm.

Look at a great display of Chestfield's past times including World War II memorabilia and recordings of original residents talking about the years after the First World War. The new Chestfield History book, the 2023 Calendar and booklets on the stories of past local shopping and schooling on sale. Tea, coffee and home made scones available in our pop-up cafe.

Chestfield 2023 Calendar

For the 8th year in succession the Chestfield History Calendar is on sale. It will be offer at the Exhibition in the WI Hall on Saturday 17th September, at the Golf and Cricket Clubs, and by direct order at any time through our email chestfieldhistory@gmail.com.

The 2023 calendar has a rich range of features ranging from the detective work we do studying old photographs to the fascinating story of Jack Bilmieir, the man who bought out George Reeves in 1938 and who built us a steamship company that supported the Spanish Civil War anti-fascists and later was an important contributor to the Second World War Arctic convoys. Local nightingales, Chestfield's 1920's buses, our our abandoned Estuary forts are all other features in what we believe is our most interesting calendar to date.



Kent Police - New Community Interactive Two-Way Messaging Service

My Community Voice is a new and exciting two-way messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves. My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts sent by Kent Police, share information and most importantly, it allows you to tell the police about issues that are affecting you. You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as being kept up to date with what is happening in your local area. Unlike social media, My Community Voice is a secure and personal messaging system that allows you to determine what type of alerts you receive and how. If you are passionate about your neighbourhood and want to have your voice heard, then sign up to My Community Voice.

My Community Voice allows you to comment by clicking the 'reply' link within a message. This will be sent back to the person that posted the alert. All emails are read and actioned. This service should not be used as a crime reporting tool. Please use www.kent.police.uk/report or in an emergency, if a crime is in progress or life is in danger, call 999. Sign up today to start getting alerts about the matters that mean the most to you such as community safety, anti-social behaviour, including speeding and many others. Kent Police are committed to engaging with communities, understanding what's important to them, increasing trust and confidence and helping to protect people from harm. Police, partners, and the public working together can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime. Sign up to My Community Voice now to keep up to date with what is really happening in your area- visit www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

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

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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.

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/>

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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.

Rev'd Simon Tillotson

Tel: 07833 448287 or 01227 272308

Email: swalecliffestjohns@gmail.com or simon@teamvicar.org

SUNDAYS:

9.30 a.m. Morning Worship (with Communion every 1st and 3rd Sundays).

Also

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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

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Sunday morning services start at 10:30. Telephone 01227 250240

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

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

Radfall Ride Road Association

Chairman: Mike Brockington 07895 817109 or email mike@brockington.org.uk

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

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- 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.



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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: 11 July, 12 September, 14 November 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 June, 11 July, (none in August), 12 September, 10 October, 14 November 2022 and 12 December 2022; and Christmas Carols event as Wednesday 21 December 2022.*

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	DAVID FITZPATRICK Planning, Highways and Drainage	PAT GIBSON Parish Plan, footpaths. Community events support
BOB TODD Flood Warden, Parish Plan, Emergency Plan, Planning reserve		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:
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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)* – **01227 947 860**
- 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. Canenco grounds team can be contacted by emailing grounds.help@canen.co or calling 07718 045985.

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”

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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

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

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

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

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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/22/10001/FUL – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 22 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 22/10001 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.

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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.



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Rotary is a fellowship organisation first and foremost and uses the skills, experiences, knowledge and time of its members to help others in so many different and interesting ways. If it's not enjoyable we are doing it wrong! While we meet every week for breakfast at the Golf Club we do not expect everyone to be there all the time; family, work, friends always come first but out of 28 members we normally get 18 turn up each week, as it puts a smile on everyone's face as they then set off for the rest of their day.

Our meetings are not "all business" or very "formal", quite the opposite. They are light hearted, spontaneous and enjoyable, lots of banter, a group of friends catching up on what's gone on since last week and looking forward to next week.

If you look on our website www.chestfieldrotaryclub.org.uk you will get more of a flavour of what we do than I can ever explain here.

If you would like to come along to see for yourself, you would be very welcome. Just contact me, Pete Thomson, at tazmannmcse@hotmail.com There is no obligation involved and if you like what you see we can explain more about what we do, how you can become a part of it and how you could help us make a difference for those less fortunate than ourselves.

Thank you, Pete Thomson, Membership Officer, Rotary Club of Chestfield.

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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!

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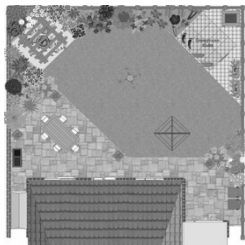
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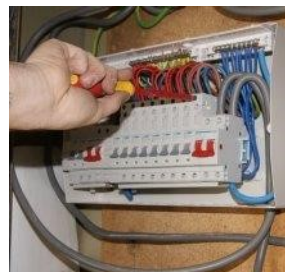
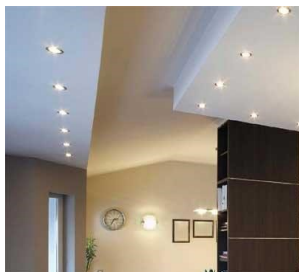
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