



Carols on the Green

Wednesday 18 December 2024 at 7pm

**On the green outside St Joseph's Catholic Church –
Followed by Mulled Wine and Mince Pies In the WI Hall**

Everyone welcome!

**The parish council wishes you all
A very happy Christmas - And a prosperous and healthy 2025**

Invite to a Neighbourhood Plan consultation event!

All residents are invited to a consultation event to learn more about our plans to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the area - see Page 10 for more details! Please put 04 January 2025 in your diary - come along, learn more, give us your views, and sign up to share your skills if you can.

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Chairman's Message

Much has happened since my last message – with everything largely focussed around proposed future developments.

I think that the first thing that should be mentioned concerns the consultation/presentation events held by Hallam Land that were attended by many of you. Whilst we are yet to formally receive feedback from Hallam regarding comments received from those of you that attended, the general feeling from their team immediately after the two-day event was quite positive – although I think that is safe to say that they were left under no illusion that the Brooklands Farm development is Not required! Their management however have asked me to thank all of those that took the time to attend, and for the constructive comments received on the day – I hope by the time of my next message we will be able to provide you with a snapshot of comments received ... both good and or bad!

On 16th October 2024 we staged an all-day-out traffic survey count. As many of you will have seen, we thought that the best place to position ourselves was at the junction of Chestfield Road and South Street so that we could get an accurate real-time picture of traffic flow from all directions throughout the day between the hours of 07:00hrs until 18:00hrs. Collated figures will be used in any future discussions/representations/appeal processes against potential development. This counting exercise would not have been possible without the help of volunteer Chestfield residents and members of the Rotary Club. That said, I would make special mention and thanks to those of you that carried out double or even treble shifts to ensure that we were able to complete the survey without a break. My heartfelt thanks to all of you – your efforts are so greatly appreciated! (You can view the table of results by hour and junction directional movement on Page 21 of this magazine).

It was also nice to hear the support of passing motorists (some of whom stopped to have a brief word on appreciation for our efforts). Unfortunately, one passing motorist was not so supportive, and actually stopped to issue a volley of abuse and threats to me and others whilst I was trying to explain the reasons for our presence. Such was the overall concern, this particular incident was immediately reported to Kent Police, who attended site and took

various statements – ironically, the ‘gentleman’ concerned had left the scene just prior to their arrival!

Just prior to this traffic survey, we also met with Cllr. Neil Baker (KCC Cabinet Member for Highways & Transport), where we expressed our concerns about the undoubted upturn in traffic should proposed developments be approved – although particular reference was made with regard to the Brooklands development as the developer has confirmed that Chestfield Road will be included within their construction logistics plan during any build. As well as the obvious increase in traffic flow, our concerns are also around the damage to the road infrastructure that will undoubtedly be caused by the introduction of larger HGV traffic and its respective loads. Cllr Baker was extremely understanding of our concerns, and we will continue to work with him on this particular topic. (I should add that the use of Chestfield Road as a main logistics route is likely to last several years as outlined in the Environmental Impact Study as carried out by Hallam Land – we will also be raising our concerns regarding the undoubted impact on village life as a whole should this development be approved).

We have also been looking into the creation of a Neighbourhood Plan, which we feel is something that would give us that extra voice and opinion. Whilst it should be stipulated that such a voice would not give us the ability to halt any proposed developments, it could give us more of a say in matters – perhaps, for example, with the introduction of a local connection for housing criteria – where such criteria would secure first homes going only to people with a local connection to Chestfield in the first instance.

As one can imagine, the compilation of such a document is both costly and time-consuming, although the first steps would be to seek your views on whether or not you require our own Neighbourhood Plan to be developed – this after all is YOUR plan.

In this regard, we have planned to hold an open event at the WI Hall on Saturday 4th January between 10am-2pm where our councillors will be happy to discuss the various ‘whys and wherefores’. We would welcome your comments and support in this, as we look to further shape the future of our village. You can read more about this event

(and more about the virtues of having a Neighbourhood Plan) on Page 10 further within this magazine.

In my last message, I mentioned the rather 'hit and miss' bin collection service from 'Canenco'. Apparent reasons for this are (in no particular order!) – new crews, new routes, lack of vehicles, broken down vehicles .. and so on .. and yet, when a missed collection is reported on the portal – they always seem to have been collected !?!

I was again honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the St. John's memorial, where I read the names of the parishioners who fell in WW1. It is always such a poignant and moving service to remember the fallen – remembered but not forgotten.

A quick mention also to the wonderful display outside of the WI Hall this year – thanks to the efforts of the Women's Institute.

A date for your respective diaries is that of Wednesday 18th December, when I am delighted to announce that we will again be holding our carol service on the green at 7pm outside St. Joseph's church. Attendance to this has grown over the years, and I think that it is this that has had a great influence on the church's decision to allow us to hold this once more.

As with every year, we will be holding our Christmas lights competition – which seems to get more and more competitive and innovative every year! The winning entrant receives a hamper at the 'after event' at the WI Hall following the carol service.

So that just leaves me to thank everyone for their support throughout the year, and to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, and my best wishes for the New Year.

Very Best Regards
Steve

Cllr Steve Bailey, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council

Parish Councillor David Fitzpatrick

We are very sad to announce that Parish Cllr David Fitzpatrick died on 05 September 2024.

Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to all his family and friends.

Many of you may not know that David served on the parish council for a total of 14 years, having first joined the parish council in September 2001, before resigning in June 2008. He re-joined again in November 2017, and until his sad passing remained a very dedicated and respected member of the parish council.

We all learnt from David in one way or another, and he will be sadly missed – not just on our parish council, but the community as a whole.

New Deputy Clerk

Our Clerk, Amanda, asked the parish council if she could halve her hours and the role be split between two members of staff.

The parish council advertised for a month for a part-time Deputy Clerk to work alongside Amanda, and we welcome Chenice as the new Deputy Clerk to officially start in the role from 01 January 2025.

Chenice has been an experienced parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for 14 years and has a wealth of knowledge of the sector.

She is married to husband, Chris, they have a young daughter Violet, and a lively husky called Lily.

She volunteers for a local air cadet squadron, enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends.

Chenice is looking forward to joining the team and getting to know the community of Chestfield.

New Parish Councillor

At the Chestfield Parish Council meeting held on 09 September 2024 the council co-opted a new councillor to the vacancy that had been held since the May 2023 parish council elections. We welcome Richard Spencer-Tanner to the parish council. Richard has written the following introduction piece about himself:

“May I take this opportunity to introduce myself, I am Richard Spencer-Tanner and live on Thornden Wood Road with my wife, son and two dogs. I am a qualified accountant and currently employed as the CFO for a multi academy trust. Prior to this position I have worked as a director at senior management level within multiple industries, including the manufacturing sector, the waste water sector, the residential house building sector and the global marketing sector. I moved to the area in late 2020 from Chilham, where I sat on the Parish Council as a councillor for a number of years. I held the position of Chair of Chilham, Old Wives Lees and Shottenden Parish Council prior to moving to Thornden Wood Road, a role that was both challenging and rewarding.

I have a particular interest in planning legislation and the planning process, and during my time with my previous Parish Council I would work alongside the Local Borough Councillor to ensure that any planning within the parish was sympathetic to the needs of the local area and parishioners. This would involve meetings and discussions with the local authority planning team and the Leader of the local council.

Whilst I live just outside the parish boundary, my property sits within the beautiful Chestfield Landscape Character Area and my family and I feel a close tie with the Chestfield Parish, having friends within the Parish as well as being patients of the Chestfield Surgery.”

Plea for more speedwatch volunteers – if anybody can spare an hour once a week or once a month to monitor and record speeding vehicles through the village we’d love to hear from you – Contact the Clerk for more information of what’s involved to join our friendly and dedicated team. An online registration and short training video need to be done first off.

Revised Canterbury District Local Plan timetable

In July 2024 there was a change in government. On 30 July 2024, the Deputy Prime Minister announced that housebuilding would be at the heart of the new government's plans and launched a consultation on a revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

That consultation ended on 24 September and it will take some time for the government to digest the representations it receives before making its final decision on what changes it wants to make.

CCC envisages the new NPPF and new Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) will be published in December 2024. In May 2025, CCC will also discover its latest Local Housing Need figures which tell CCC what type and mix of housing it needs.

All of this means, the 25 June 2025 deadline set by the previous government no longer applies and CCC has been given more time so can adapt its plan in light of the new rules and has more time to prepare additional technical evidence ahead of the Regulation 19 stage.

The council wants to take advantage of the extra time to:

- digest the feedback it received from the Regulation 18 consultation and what it should do about it
- think carefully, in light of that feedback and numerous other technical considerations, about where in the district the bigger sites (strategic allocations) that are needed to deliver the government's housing targets should go. (Housing targets are likely to be mandatory and the government has suggested the district's target needs to go up from 1,142 to 1,178 units per year)
- keep talking to stakeholders such as Kent County Council, National Highways, Natural England, the Environment Agency, other councils etc
- continue to assess any potential sites that may come forward
- make progress on the modelling needed to test the council's transport strategy is robust
- ensure its net zero and biodiversity net gain policy ambitions remain as robust as possible.

The CCC **Cabinet was asked to approve a new timetable**, known as the Local Development Scheme, at its meeting on 30 September 2024. And the following key dates have now been approved:

- December 2024 – the government publishes its new NPPF and PPG
- May 2025 – Local Housing Need figures released
- Autumn 2025 – publication of final draft for approval by councillors and the launch of a six-week consultation under Regulation 19
- Spring 2026 – submission of the Regulation 22 Local Plan to the Secretary of State. Planning. The council submits the Local Plan to the Secretary of State together with the representations (any comments) received at the Regulation 19 stage. The Secretary of State will appoint a Planning Inspector to undertake an Independent Examination of the Local Plan. At that point the government will appoint a planning inspector who will arrange an examination in public, a set of public hearings where CCC's draft will come under scrutiny from the inspector, developers, statutory bodies and the public.
- Then Inspector's Report Issued. The Inspector's Report will say if the Plan is 'sound' or 'not sound' and whether it is legally compliant. The Inspector may make recommendations on how to make the plan 'sound'. Followed by
- February 2027-March 2027 - The final stage is for CCC to formally adopt the Local Plan.

Subject to a decision by councillors, the reconvened Councillor Local Plan Working Group will be asked to examine the final draft plan to ensure it is sound before CCC seeks formal approval.

The council had originally planned to release the feedback from the Regulation 18 consultation when it published the final draft local plan early next year.

However, now that publication is some time away, the consultation results are at www.canterbury.gov.uk/regulation18feedback

A Neighbourhood Plan for our area

All residents are warmly invited to come along and see us at a drop in event at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road - on Saturday 04 January 2025 between 10am and 2pm – to learn more about our plans to develop, with residents' input, a Neighbourhood Plan for our area.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a planning policy document, comprising a set of planning policies, for communities to:

- Establish a vision for the neighbourhood area
- Set out how land should be used in the area
- Help to determine planning applications within the area.

Ultimately it will form part of the CCC Development Plan - The Neighbourhood Plan policies will carry equal weight to the Canterbury District Local Plan policies in decision making.

It is not a tool to fight development. The Neighbourhood Plan cannot block development proposed by CCC – nor propose less housing development. The Neighbourhood Plan cannot conflict with the Canterbury District Local Plan policies. However, having a Plan can influence development.

Once adopted, a parish council with a Neighbourhood Plan receives higher CIL funding - The portion of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) receipts paid by CCC for CIL receipts raised in the parish rises from 15% to 25% for parishes with a Neighbourhood Plan in place.

This is a very significant undertaking – it is a costly and time-consuming project probably taking 12-24 months commitment minimum. And must involve the community. It is advisable to employ a planning consultant to assist with the technical aspects of the plan to ensure it is in accordance with planning law – but there should be government grant(s) to assist with these costs.

A steering group of parish councillors and key residents will agree and stipulate policies - these could include a 30% Affordable Housing requirement and A local connection criteria for First Homes; a respect densities and layouts (to prevent garden grabbing) or Design Guidance eg for new extensions to be subservient to the existing

building and/or Local Green Space designation – to protect land – there is no minimum size.

After designating our Neighbourhood Area and assembling a team for the project, a vision and objectives would be researched and agreed upon, and consultation and engagement with the community and residents then takes place.

A draft Plan would be consulted upon for at least six weeks – then an amended Plan would be submitted to Canterbury City Council which then formally publicises the Plan and invites further comments for a period of six weeks. These comments are then passed to an Independent Inspector who will consider all the material submitted and may hold local hearings. (CCC as the Local Planning Authority pays for all this part.)

The Inspector's report will determine if the Plan may proceed to Referendum, or proceed to Referendum subject to certain amendments. (Or if the Plan does not proceed, to give reasons why). The examiner's findings/modifications have to be accepted.

The Plan is then taken to Referendum by CCC – anyone registered to vote in the Plan area may vote on whether to accept the Plan or not. The outcome of the Referendum is by a simple majority of votes cast – to be adopted, it needs 50% plus 1 vote of those who vote to pass. If the Plan passes Referendum, then CCC as the Planning Authority must the adopt the "made" Neighbourhood Plan as part of the development plan.

In the Canterbury District, Bridge now has an adopted Neighbourhood Plan – and others under development include Chartham, Fordwich, Hoath, and Thanington. More information about neighbourhood planning may be found at www.neighbourhoodplanning.org

We want your views and your support! Please feel free to visit the WI Hall on Saturday 04 January 2025 between 10am and 2pm to learn more about the neighbourhood plan process, and give us your thoughts. And if you have relevant skills and wish to sign up to join the steering group you can give us your contact details and skill set resume and volunteer to be considered for this too.

(Anyone with skills wanting to volunteer but unable to attend on 04 January may speak to or email the Clerk).

Precept/budget for 2025-2026

At its meeting on 11 November Chestfield Parish Council considered options for its precept/budget for 2025-2026.

At the meeting the councillors considered four different options and resolved to set a precept of £78,586. This is an increase of £3732 on last year's – equivalent to approximately a 4.99% increase, although we hope to supplement this by possible grants and/or business sponsorship for a community fun day in 2025, and will use unrestricted reserves to fully fund the budget if necessary.

Budget details and a breakdown are given below. For more details, please contact the Clerk.

Chestfield Parish Council Budget / Precept requirement 2025-2026

Administration	
WI Hall rental or other venue rental	735
Office supplies	650
Insurance	970
Clerk and Councillor's training, parking and mileage expenses for councillors	200
New Deputy Clerk to undertake CiLCA qualification	750
Chairman's allowance (please note this is not paid to the Chairman - covers items like commemorative wreath, thank you buffets for volunteers and refreshments at the annual electors' meeting, and the Carols event)	1400
Work Mobile phone	480
Postage	550
Broadband, Website hosting, and ".gov.uk" domain renewal	200
Donations to local organisations	3000

Subscriptions to : Kent Association of Local Councils, Society of Local Council Clerks, Campaign to Protect Rural England, the Information Commissioners Office, and an external Data Protection service, annual renewal for software malware and Cloud	1929
Magazine Production (costs offset by advertisers' income)	400
Christmas Activities	300
Play park planters - ongoing maintenance and summer and winter replanting	1400
Maydowns Road beds maintenance	200
Ongoing replenishment of the herb boxes	500
Speedwatch device annual service and calibration etc	295
Outdoor Gym maintenance	104
Grass cutting of PROWs	4620
Defibrillator battery and pads	200
Community Fun Day Event	3200
Bus Stop improvements for 2-3 bus stops on Chestfield Road	paid by CIL – see article below
Relaying surface material of circular walk path through wooded area of the golf club	paid by CIL
Undertaking a Neighbourhood Plan – should be supplemented with a government Locality grant – funding for 2025-2026 to be announced/awaited.	5000
Administrative, Services and Staffing, comprising: Annual return External audit fee; six-monthly internal audit inspections, Clerk and Deputy Clerk salaries, PAYE, Employee and employer national insurance contributions, pay calculations outsourced, pension contributions, clerks' mileage, staffing contingency, office equipment, PAT testing	51,431
Unity Trust bank charges	72
Total precept for 2025-2026	78586

Community Infrastructure Levy

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge on some new development within the local authority area. The money is used to pay for new infrastructure required as a result of the new development. This can be wide-ranging, including schools, road schemes, health facilities and sports and leisure facilities.

CIL is a charge levied on developments that create a new dwelling or create an extension of 100 square metres or more. (It is expected there will be less Section 106 Developer Contribution agreements over time but they won't be phased out entirely as S106s can still be relevant to make a development acceptable in planning terms).

A CIL is charged per square metre based on fixed rates set out in the CIL Charging Schedule. However, the amount of CIL received can be affected by exemptions (self-build and residential extensions are the most common), existing buildings on site can often be offset from the charge and also types of development charged.

CCC charges and collects CIL and splits the levy receipts into 3 pots: 80% Strategic Allocation, 15% Neighbourhood Portion and 5% administrative costs. The amount of CIL to pay is confirmed after the planning application is approved but only becomes payable on commencement of development.

The 15% Neighbourhood Portion is passed to parish councils: Canterbury City Council transfer this CIL Neighbourhood Portion to parishes twice yearly (to those where levy receipts have been collected in a parish). The Neighbourhood Portion payment is to support the development of the parish council's area by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure (e.g. open space, community facilities, sustainable transport), or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development places on the area.

"Infrastructure" includes physical, social and green infrastructure e.g. highways; cycleways; education facilities; sports and community halls; parks and play areas. CIL monies cannot be used for everyday Parish expenditure or for spending on items or services which fall outside the Parish's remit.

The Neighbourhood Portion amount collected up until October 2024 for Chestfield Parish is **£21,235.64**.

The parish council intends to use CIL receipts to fund the circular walk path dressing improvements and for any bus stop improvement works for up to 3 bus stops on Chestfield Road.

There is a requirement to produce and publish a report on CIL receipts and spend by 31st December following each financial year – this is available to view on our website or for more information contact the Clerk.

Many of you know Father Christmas from his Winter trip to Chestfield each year to help us collect food and clothing for those less fortunate than ourselves.

However, because he can only spare a short while with us we cannot collect from everyone in Chestfield so he has suggested we set up a contact to collect from other homes not on the list below to allow others to make donations of food and warm clothing that evening, and we think it's a good idea.

So, **if you are not living** in the roads below and you live in Chestfield please email dsmann50@msn.com with your address before 8th December 2024, leave the goods on your doorstep and we will collect them on

Sunday 8th December 2024 between 4pm and 7pm

**Primrose Way—Lavender Close— Share & Coulter Road—
Saddlers Mews—Longacre—Churchwood Drive— Kendal
Meadow—Lodgefield Road— The Ridings—Charnwood—
Woodcote— The Russetts—Beechcroft—The Leas—
Fairlawn—Green Leas— Polo Way—Tydemans Avenue—
Ellison Close—Laxton Way**

So if you do not live in one of these roads please get in touch.



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All welcome

Messy Church

No charge

Christmas unwrapped @ the stable

Saturday 7th December 3.30 — 5pm

St John's Garden

69 Swalecliffe Court Drive

Join us at the stable for an hour of Christmas crafts and refreshments (hot dogs, mince pies, hot chocolate and mince pies) followed by a re telling of the very first Christmas starting at 4.30pm

Come dressed up as
a Nativity character
if you like

S'mores around the
campfire





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| Sat 7th Dec | 9.00 am | Christmas Market in St John's Centre, St John's Road |
| Sat 7th Dec | 3.30 pm | Outdoor Nativity in St John's Garden, 69 Swalecliffe Court Drive.
Join the shepherds around their campfire to hear all about the very first Christmas |
| Sun 15th Dec | 4.00 pm | Christingle Service in St John's Church, Swalecliffe Court Drive |
| Sun 22nd Dec | 7.00 pm | Carols by Candlelight in Church |
| Christmas Eve | 4.00 pm | Crib Service in Church. |
| | 11.30 pm | First Holy Communion of Christmas in Church |
| Christmas Day | 10.00 am | Family Holy Communion for Christmas Day in Church |

Are you emergency ready?

5 steps to become better prepared

STEP

1

Make an emergency grab bag – consider:

- Torch
- Keys
- Medication
- First aid kit
- Toiletries
- Important documents
- Radio and batteries
- Money and credit cards
- Clothing and blankets
- Mobile phone and charger
- Pet food
- Food and water
- Emergency contacts



STEP

2

Make a 'Household Emergency Plan'

Make an emergency plan for your home and practice it with your household. Your plan should include: contact numbers, how to turn off your gas, electricity and water, and sources of information and advice.



STEP

3

Sign up for weather and flood alerts

- Sign up for Met Office weather alerts: www.metoffice.gov.uk



- Get Environment Agency Flood Warnings: www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings



STEP

4

Check your flood risk

Check your home's flood risk by visiting the Environment Agency website at www.gov.uk/check-long-term-flood-risk



STEP

5

Join the Priority Services Register

The Priority Services Register is for customers who may need additional support in a utility outage. Find out if you or a relative is eligible to sign up for this free service by visiting www.theprs.co.uk



Scan the QR codes for more information or visit
www.kentprepared.org.uk/5-steps

Our Commemorative oak in the Chestfield Road playpark

This oak tree was planted to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth II on 3 November 2012 by Cllr Steve Bailey, Chairman of Chestfield Parish Council and two children of the village, Theo and Isabella Rowe, aged seven at the time, and who had been the joint winners of the parish council's "I love my village" poster competition run in 2012.



Before



After

The oak sapling, although growing well, was being strangled by brambles and shrubs. So, on 01 November 2024, Cllr Tricia Chapman (and her husband), Cllr Bob Todd, and Cllr Mike Poole cut back of areas around the tree, and arranged to take the garden waste to the recycling centre.

The before and after photos above show their efforts.

Dealing with dementia – help is at hand

Patients at Whitstable Medical Practice can get support from Dementia & Me Co-Ordinators at Age UK Herne Bay and Whitstable, with or without a diagnosis of dementia. They are single point of contact for help and support for all things dementia across the area. They can visit you in your own home, create a support plan, and offer a wide range of support and advice.

Dementia & Me Co-Ordinators can help you:

- Develop a plan to help you manage changing needs throughout the dementia journey
- Highlight the importance of a diagnosis and attend Memory Assessment appointments with you and your carer.
- Identify and arrange access to support groups, offering support to take the first steps in these settings
- By offering emotional support and advice around diagnosis and difficulties arising from dementia symptoms
- Understand the services available locally and refer to and signpost to organisations with specialist expertise in dementia support or for other support needs

Though your co-ordinator may help you find more specialist advice in some instances, your co-ordinator will remain with you throughout the process and act as a single point of contact, so that you don't have to see a different person for every problem you may encounter.

If a person is diagnosed with dementia, the frailty team at Whitstable Medical Practice will refer the person to the coordinator.

The Whitstable Medical Practice coordinator is: Lainey Farrant 07395 883857 lainey.farrant@nhs.net

For information about activities supporting people with dementia and their carers please contact Audra: 01227 749570
audra.streeting@ageukhbw.org.uk

Traffic counting

On Wednesday 16 October 2024 we undertook all day manual traffic counting from 7am to 6pm to help inform the impact of the potential Brooklands Farm development.

Our immense thanks to the team of village volunteers that assisted with this. The results are as follows:

	Traffic coming OUT of South Street going towards Chestfield	Traffic coming OUT of South Street going towards Canterbury	Traffic going IN to South Street from Chestfield village	Traffic going IN to South Street from Radfall Hill	Traffic on Chestfield Road from Radfall direction	Traffic on Chestfield Road from Chestfield village direction
7 – 8am	16	128	32	42	71	247
8- 9am	30	155	55	55	139	299
9- 10am	15	76	35	33	148	195
10- 11am	23	71	21	63	145	130
11- 12pm	17	66	36	63	149	146
12- 1pm	23	58	20	70	173	166
1- 2pm	23	63	32	63	146	128
2- 3pm	16	62	25	61	171	139
3- 4pm	35	76	44	79	177	152
4- 5pm	51	79	33	121	239	155
5- 6pm	20	93	27	138	215	171
Totals:	269	927	360	788	1773	1928

Social Enterprise Kent CIC (SEK) *FREE training for organisations located in the Canterbury District.

The one-page flyer lets you see at a glance the *free courses and delivery dates and below is a description of the training. View the full range of training at <https://sektraining.org.uk/>

This training (funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund through Canterbury City Council) is designed to support sole traders, micro businesses, non-profits, and small businesses develop the skills and opportunity awareness to support the growth of your organisations through operational improvements. The training covers critical areas like:

Finance:

- Understanding and improving financial management/models
- Managing cash flow (Cash is King)
- Efficiencies – Controlling back-office costs

Marketing and Business Development:

- Digital marketing – enhancing use, and how to achieve this at a low cost
- Winning contracts from the public sector, successful bid writing
- Looking for entrepreneurial opportunities arising (e.g. attracting new visitors) from Canterbury City Council's planned Levelling Up Fund financed regeneration works in Canterbury city centre
- Sales and Targeted Messaging
- Marketing – Metrics and measuring success

Business Strategy:

- Business planning
- Introduction to The Circular Economy

Human Resources:

- Managing people effectively
- Supervisions and appraisals
- Having difficult conversations

SEK will facilitate 48 workshops, virtual and in-person, across Canterbury, Whitstable, Herne Bay. We encourage sole traders, micro businesses, non-profits, small businesses and rural based businesses to register quickly to pick and choose sessions based on your needs. Take advantage of this great opportunity to equip your team with essential management skills and proven strategies for winning contracts - no commitment required beyond each standalone workshop. The sessions will also provide opportunity for networking and meeting people from different organisations and sectors. Delivery started in May 2024 and continues until March 2025. Contact [SEK](#) to register for these *FREE bitesize sessions at info@sekgroup.org.uk or 01227 469970 (option 1).

*Subject to eligibility criteria



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better tomorrow



Canterbury Business Support

***Free online & in person bite-size training**

AT A GLANCE

- FINANCE
- HUMAN RESOURCES
- BUSINESS STRATEGY
- MARKETING

**Eligibility criteria applies*

Business Planning

17 Jul | 7 Nov
17 Dec | 8 Feb

Canterbury Entrepreneurial Opportunities

24 Oct | 20 Nov
7 Jan

Digital Marketing: Enhance use & achieve at low cost

18 Oct | 7 Jan

Efficiencies: Controlling Back Office Costs

18 Sep | 11 Jan

Having Difficult Conversations

28 Sep | 10 Dec
5 Mar

Managing Cash Flow

9 Jul | 18 Sep
29 Oct | 3 Dec

Managing People Effectively

3 Jul | 7 Nov
29 Jan | 15 Mar

Marketing: Metrics & Measuring Success

25 Jun | 16 Nov
5 Dec | 13 Feb

Sales & Targeted Messaging

11 Jun | 8 Oct
13 Feb

Supervisions & Appraisals

3 Jul | 19 Dec
5 Mar

Understanding & Improving Financial Management

9 Jul | 10 Sep | 3 Oct
10 Dec | 8 Mar

Winning Contracts from the Public Sector

15 Jul | 3 Oct
12 Nov | 14 Jan

Introduction to the Circular Economy

25 Jun | 26 Nov 21
Jan | 22 Feb

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CCC consultations - share your views on key proposals by 06 January

CCC is currently consulting on the following budget proposals:

1. **General Fund Budget for 2025-2026 -**
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/general-fund-budget-consultation-for-2025-26/>
2. **Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget consultation for 2025-2026 –** <https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/housing-revenue-account-budget-consultation-for-2025-26/>
3. **Proposed changes to charges and conditions in council car parks for 2025/26**
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-changes-to-charges-and-conditions-in-council-car-parks-for-2025-26/>
4. **Taxi and private hire licence fees**
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-changes-to-taxi-and-private-hire-licence-fees-for-2025-26>
5. **Scrap metal dealer licence fees**
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-changes-to-scrap-metal-dealer-licence-fees-for-2025-26/>
6. **Street trading licence fees**
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-changes-to-street-trading-licence-fees-for-2025-26/>
7. **Boat licence fees**
<https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-changes-to-boat-licence-fees-for-2025-26/>

The links give further details on each of these proposals. For the **first three**, you will also find surveys where you can share your feedback directly.

Given the rising costs and the growing demands for council services, the budget proposals for 2025/2026 are being shaped by these significant pressures. Your input will play a crucial role in helping CCC make informed decisions.

Consultation is open until **5pm on Monday 6 January 2025**. If you have any questions or need assistance with any consultations, email consultation@canterbury.gov.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

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 **01227 947 860** 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/>

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH Chestfield Road, Chestfield, Kent, CT5 3LD.
Canon 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
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).
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. Telephone 01227 250240
Further details, including other meetings at www.riversideuk.org

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Chestfield WI: President: Sharon Goff: Tel. 07791 696791; Secretary: Mrs Jennie Silk. Tel. 01227 634642; Bookings: Mrs M Champion 07919260596

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

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, Whitstable Station, Railway Ave · 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

St. Alphege C of E Infant School and Sunbeams Nursery, 01227 272977;

Westmeads Community Infant School, 01227 272995;

Junior Schools in Whitstable

Whitstable and Seasalter Endowed C of E Junior School, 01227 273630

Whitstable Junior School, 01227 272385.

Kent Police – In a non-emergency situation ring 101. 101 is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Continue to use 999 in any emergency.

You can now contact **Kent Police for all Wards and Officers at**

<https://www.kent.police.uk> To identify an officer, the postcode can be placed in Find Your Area, and this will bring up the ward for the area. To identify the team and officers for the area click 'On the Team'.

CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council Amanda Sparkes.

Telephone: 07482 962368 office number - please call or send a text, or ask the Clerk to call you back to avoid call charges if necessary.

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 dates and for the months in between. *Dates of full parish council meetings therefore:* 13 January, 10 March, 24 March Annual Electors' meeting, 12 May, 14 July, No meeting or surgery in August - summer recess, 08 September, and 10 November 2025

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 - 09 December 2024.* Plus Christmas Carols event 18 December 2024. For 2025: 13 January, 10 February, 10 March, 14 April, 12 May, 09 June, 14 July, None in August, 08 September, 13 October, 10 November and 08 December 2025. Plus Wednesday 17 December 2025 Christmas Carols event

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 Tel 07483 887760 Email: cllrsteve.bailey@chestfie ldparishcouncil.gov.uk	CHRIS BREALY Vice-Chairman, Play Park and Rec Ground, Highways, Environment & Street scene, litter, dog fouling.	TRICIA CHAPMAN Tree Warden, Open spaces, and Training. Community events support
ANNE LODER Footpaths/ Public rights of way	MIKE POOLE Planning	RICHARD SPENCER- TANNER Planning
BOB TODD Flood Warden, Parish Plan, Emergency Plan, Planning	LORRAINE EAST Flood Warden Fire Hydrant inspection and problem reporting	One x vacancy

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 James Flanagan

Email: James.flanagan@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk

11 Fitzroy Road, Whitstable CT5 2LG. Tel 07807 379289

ii) Cllr Peter Old, Email: Peter.old@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk

112A Maydowns Road, Chestfield CT5 3LW. Tel 07948 962038

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 07482 962368 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

Whitstable Grattons Petanque Club, Coach and Chair – David Robert

Tel: 07824 399126, Email: davealexrob@yahoo.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

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. Remember dog waste can be put into ordinary black bins too.

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. Residents need to view plans online, although CCC will advertise of applications / write to affected residents. You need the application reference number. Each application has a unique reference, such as CA/24/10001 – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 24 is the year the application is registered, and the next 5 digits denote the unique sequential application number in that relevant year. **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 24/10001 only. 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, the ability for a parish council to request an application goes to CCC Planning Committee for determination was withdrawn. And the trigger of four or more objections was also withdrawn. Ward Councillors however may still call-in an application.

CHATTERBOX

Baby & Toddler Group



Toys, Games, Crafts, Songs -
Every Friday 9.30 to 11am.
£1 per adult, 50p per child
including refreshments
 At St John's Church Centre,
 Swalecliffe (near chemists) All
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Chestfield Cricket Club, Grasmere Road, Chestfield, CT5 3LX.

Birthday, Retirement, Children's parties, Christenings, Wakes. Or a venue for daytime midweek get-togethers? The Cricket Club provides for all functions. Reasonable rates of hire, licensed bar, kitchen facilities for self catering and ample free parking.

Call Paul Gibson on 07723308040 / email chestfieldcc@outlook.com

To receive parish council meeting Agenda and Minutes electronically, please provide your email address to the Clerk. Minutes also include our planning appendix which lists the current local planning applications.

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 £60 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 **07482 962368**. 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.

We recommend you seek more than one quotation for works to be undertaken in or around your home. And check 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.

Pilates in Chestfield

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Pilates is suitable for all levels of ability and all ages.

I offer **mat work** classes on Thursday mornings at the WI Hall in Chestfield (max of 12 in a class) all equipment and mats provided.

I also offer **Reformer** and other studio equipment sessions at my small home studio in Chestfield on a private or 2:1 basis.

I am also a **Hypopressive Trainer** - If you have **pelvic floor disfunction** please feel free to contact me to discuss. Hypopressives is a low - pressure exercise regime combined with specific breath patterns and poses which helps to improve disfunction in the pelvic floor.

I have been a Body Control Pilates Teacher for 13 years and have many courses to cover most people's needs. Please contact me to discuss your needs: Sharon Tel: 07488 238571 . Email: sharoncrosspilates@gmail.com

"Look after your body it's the only place you have to live" Joseph Pilates



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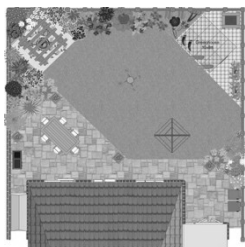
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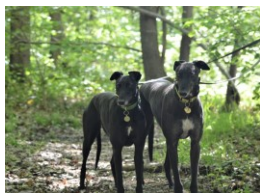
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