

Have your say on the draft Chestfield Neighbourhood Plan

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Chestfield cricket club in Grasmere Road from 7pm.
*More details inside!***

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Chairman's Message

It's certainly been an eventful last couple of months - and I'm not just referring to the wonderful weather that we've all been enjoying this Summer either!

Undoubtedly the first thing that deserves mention (and utmost credit) is the hard work that has been going on behind the scenes with regard to the production of our Neighbourhood Plan for the village. As well as those councillors and group members that have met frequently in its aim, I would like to thank those of you that took the time to complete the Housing Needs Survey as your input greatly assisted towards this. The plan itself is now at final draft stage, and we are now arranging presentation and consultation events for you all to view our plan and provide additional feedback. Presubmission document Consultation events for you to see hard copies of the draft document and meet and speak with members of the Steering Group who have compiled this draft Neighbourhood Plan will be held at the WI Hall in Chestfield Road on either

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We were recently approached for financial assistance under our grant application scheme from the resident directors of Churchwood Park regarding the possibility of refurbishment and/or replacement of equipment for the Kendal Meadow junior play area which had sadly fallen into disrepair. At our March meeting we agreed in principal to assist with up to £10,000 of funding on the proviso and understanding that the Churchwood committee played their own part in raising a great majority of the final package sum of over £30,000 - subsequently, and due to the efforts and contributions of the Churchwood residents themselves, we are pleased to advise that we have now issued the full £10,000 grant towards this very community-minded project. Works on this play area are scheduled to commence on or around 15th September.

At our last meeting we were also delighted to welcome Marissa Clark into the ranks of parish councillor, which fills one of the current vacancies on the committee. We are still seeking two other potential candidates for the current vacancies, and we would encourage anyone who is considering being a parish councillor to let either

myself or Amanda know, or indeed pop along to one of our parish council meetings to see whether this is something that interests you. I do feel however that I should take this opportunity to address certain 'elephants in the room' concerning comments on social media regarding our submission to the City Council regarding the Brooklands Farm planning application. I therefore took the rather unprecedented step to produce a statement of reasoning to support our position.

The intention was to read this to the rumoured public member attendance at our July meeting, and to answer any queries that may emanate from this. Suffice to say that there were no public attendees and therefore no queries - although I maintain that I would be only too happy to meet and discuss our reasoning with anyone at any time, for I have always maintained that any proposed development MUST work for the village as a whole in the long term. I am of course simply the Chairman but would assure you that all parish councillors were involved throughout the compilation of our submission to CCC, and this met with full approval and backing from all. Our full submission can be found on the CCC planning portal and our website.

We are also having another quiz night on Friday 17 October, for tables of 4 to 6 people. Spaces are limited but we can assure you of an enjoyable evening, so please look out for this being advertised later in this magazine.

On a personal note, I am delighted to advise that I have been re-elected as Chairman of the Canterbury Area of KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils), a position which I hope serves to strengthen our reputation as one of the leading parish councils in the area.

So that's all from me for now..... speak to you at Christmas (there - someone had to be the first to mention it didn't they ??!).

Take Care

Steve

Cllr Steve Bailey, Chairman, Chestfield Parish Council

A warm welcome to the village to the latest newly occupied households in the Grasmere Gardens development reading this magazine for the first time. We hope you will be very happy in your new home.

Personal Alarms initiative – update

Further to the indecent exposure incidents and our offer of a free personal alarm to any resident who would like one, we can advise that 210 have so far been given out, and we have 45 left. We will happily distribute these on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like one, please contact the Clerk with your name and address on 07482 962368 or by email to clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

New Parish Councillor – co-opted at the 14 July 2025 meeting

We co-opted Marissa Clark at our July meeting to fill one of the 3 vacancies on the parish council. Marissa says, "Originally from the United States, I moved to the UK nearly ten years ago and settled in Chestfield in 2023. I live here with my husband, Daniel, and our 14-month-old son, Rory. By way of background professionally: I graduated from Harvard Law School in 2016 and spent several years working at a large law firm in London. I now work in customer success at a legal technology company. I believe both my professional experience and my personal perspective (as mother to a young family and a newer resident) will make me an asset to the Council. I hope to get the opportunity to serve my local community and to work alongside this esteemed group of Councillors."

Have your say on the draft Chestfield Neighbourhood Plan Chestfield Neighbourhood Plan – Pre-Submission Consultation (Regulation 14)

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This pre-submission consultation runs for a period of six weeks:
01 September 2025 to 14 October 2025.

The input received through this consultation will be instrumental in finalising the Plan before its submission to Canterbury City Council. We look forward to receiving your valuable feedback.

Ultimately the Neighbourhood Plan 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. Therefore, please do not make a comment in this consultation exercise that you are opposed to the Brooklands Farm or Bodkin Farm planning proposals. Please restrict your comments to the content and policies included in our draft pre-submission Plan.

Representations would preferably be emailed to clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk or by post or hand delivered to Chestfield Parish Council Clerk c/o Chestfield Cricket Club, The Pavilion, Grasmere Road, Chestfield CT5 3LX.

Please specify which Policy your comments relate to.

Please note part of the required process in getting a 'Made' Plan includes the requirement for a Consultation Statement to be prepared. If you make comments your personal details will be held against your comment(s). However no personal details will be published, and your personal information will not be shared or sold. We will only keep your data for the purpose of this project.

Statutory bodies, local organisations and businesses, and key interested parties are also being offered the opportunity to comment. Following the consultation, the authoring team is bound to show that all the comments have been assessed and decisions taken on what further action (if any) to take for each, and a Consultation Statement will be prepared and uploaded to our dedicated webpage at

<https://chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

Community Quiz

We are offering another Community Quiz on
Friday 17 October 2025, with
Steve as our legendary compere.

To be held at the Chestfield cricket club
in Grasmere Road from 7pm.
Tables of 4 to 6 people at £10 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:
Call 07482 962368 or email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk
Book early to avoid disappointment!

Keeping Chestfield Tidy!



Litter Pick on Sunday 28 September 2025

If you can help, please come to the play park on Chestfield Road at 11am. (weather permitting). The council will arrange for high-viz jackets and litter picking equipment etc. The pick will last no more than a couple of hours. Please do come along and help keep our village in the condition we all want to see.

Brooklands Farm outline planning application: CA/25/00779

Outline application with all matters reserved apart from principal access from South Street and Chestfield Road for up to 1350 dwellings, including older persons housing; a mixed use Local Centre comprising of retail, commercial, office, health, community uses and a mobility hub; a primary school and a SEND school, business/employment space; open space and associated works including landscaping, drainage infrastructure, engineering operations, open space, roads, pedestrian and cycle routes; and new A299 east off / east on slip roads to the south of Chestfield.

The parish council's full response can be read here:

<https://chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/chestfield-parish-councils-response-to-the-brooklands-farm-application/>

The very first line states that the parish council objects to this application and then goes on to explain why... and our final paragraph urges CCC to refuse it. Our detailed representation below raises concerns/comments around the following headings:

1. Lack of foul drainage capacity and a call for a Grampian condition;
2. Early engagement with Hallam Land Management Limited;
3. Construction Environmental Management Plan; and
- 3.1 Lack of a Traffic Management Plan;
- 3.2 Need to secure construction and implementation of the slip roads at an earlier stage of development; and
- 3.3 Scope for Westbound slip roads to reduce flows westbound on the A299.
4. Surface Water Management and the Long-term management of SUDS, WwTW, MUGA, play areas, etc;
5. A welcoming of the two proposed speed limit reductions;
6. Primary school and SEND school
7. Parking provision
8. Brooklands Farm and the Blean Area of High Landscape Value;
9. Support for CCC Arboricultural representation and revised access point;
10. Mention of the emerging Chestfield Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Plan area to include the whole of the Brooklands Farm development;
11. The 2025 Chestfield Housing Needs Survey information;
12. Four-storey build height proposal;
13. Secured by Design;
14. Transport, Accessibility and Movement
15. Response to Socioeconomic and Human Health document (Volumes 7 and 8)
16. Bio Diversity plans and the design responses and the possible effect development has on protected species, their habitats and arboriculture.

Help Combat Fly-Tipping: Your responsibilities

You may have read about a woman who was fined £480 for giving her waste to an unregistered collector who then dumped it in Molehill Road.

Waste metal collectors must be licensed with the Council under The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013. The regulations were introduced to combat metal theft and to stop fly-tipping.

Scrap metal does have a cash value. There are licensed collectors and authorised recycling sites close by who may pay you for your scrap metal. If someone is collecting waste other than scrap metal (e.g. doing a house clearance) they still need a waste carriers permit.

Remember - It is the householder's responsibility to check that the waste collector is licensed. You can check by asking to see their licence which they must carry with them at all times. There is also a public register that you can check on line (<https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register>)

If you leave scrap outside your property and fail to check that the collector is authorised you could face prosecution. Don't risk it!

Cllr Peter Old

Chestfield Ward

Magazine round available needing a new distributor

A magazine round has become available – would any resident be able to help out each quarter and deliver them? They would be for delivery in the last week of February, May, August, and November. The round is for The Russetts and Beechcroft, with 48 properties. Please contact the Clerk if you can help – 07482 962368 or email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

Free CPR and defibrillator training

The Chestfield Women's Institute has invited St Johns Ambulance on Friday 26th September at 6pm in the WI Hall to demonstrate CPR and De-Fib training.

The WI would like to open this up to the community of Chestfield. It is free to attend however places are limited – please email Sharon sjgoffy@icloud.com to book.

Once St John's have finished the session, the evening will finish with drinks and nibbles with those attending bringing their own drink and food should you wish to do so.

SUDUKO PUZZLE

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Broad Oak Reservoir update

For the Broad Oak reservoir, an update from South East Water about ground investigation works was received 09 July 2025:

“As the scheme progresses, to start supplying water by 2035, South East Water is now carrying out Ground Investigation work on the Broad Oak reservoir site.

From 21 July to end October 2025, Ground Investigation work will be carried out in agricultural fields in proximity to the reservoir site, to provide the information South East Water needs to assess the proposed location and move forward with the scheme. This means that machinery, personnel, a site office, vehicles and high levels of activity will be visible on site for the first time.

However, this is not construction work, and does not signal the start of the reservoir build – it is exploratory survey work to provide the data necessary to plan a reservoir design and build. It is not fracking, or drilling for substances, or detrimentally impacting wildlife.

Ground Investigation works will take place during normal daytime working hours, and within noise limits which are set by the relevant local planning authority, to minimise disruption and impact to the environment. Find out more about the Ground Investigation works, and the Broad Oak reservoir project as a whole at www.southeastwater.co.uk/broad-oak.”

XMAS TOY COLLECTION

We are looking to support St John's Church Swalecliffe & Chestfield with their Xmas Toy and Book Collections to enable them to distribute used toys etc to families in the area to help them have a better Xmas this year.



We would be very grateful to receive any new or preloved toys, games, puzzles etc and children's books. Any preloved items need to be complete and in a useable condition from toddler age up are great and will be really helpful.

We can also take school uniforms to kit out children for the coming year, especially any badged items for local schools such as blazers, jumpers, PE kits etc, again in good condition.



Please bring them along to the WI Hall in Chestfield Road on Saturday 25th October 2025 between 10am and 12noon.



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Very important change to postal votes

Due to a change in national legislation (the Elections Act), a sizeable majority of those people who currently have a postal vote must now reapply for it.

This affects everyone who applied for a postal vote up until 30 January 2024 – they will all need to reapply.

Only by reapplying will these people be able to vote by post in future elections.

The quickest way to reapply is online via the government website: <http://gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>

An alternative option is to download and print off an application form (using the same link as above), which can be completed and sent to the city council.

People will need their National Insurance number and also have to provide a photo of their handwritten signature in black ink on plain white paper.

To be clear, those who do not reapply will have their postal vote cancelled and they will need to vote in person at a polling station at future elections.

The city council has started sending out emails to its registered postal voters to let them know what is happening and the action they need to take. Hard copy letters will follow to those who have not replied or who have not supplied an email address.

The council is asking people to respond quickly now instead of waiting for an election to be called. This means people will be in the first batch of postal votes sent out when the time comes, giving them the maximum amount of time to return it. And if everyone leaves it until the last minute, it will be challenging for the council to process and despatch a large volume of applications, which could lead to delays in people receiving them.

The only people who need do nothing are those who applied for a postal vote from 31 January 2024 onwards.

If you have any queries about this, you can contact the city council Elections team on 01227 862007.

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[Household Support Fund | Canterbury City Council](#)

The Household Support Fund run by CCC is a scheme funded by the government to help low income households. Round 7 is open for referrals between now and March 2026. CCC can provide:

- Floor coverings (for social housing tenants only),
- Second-hand furniture,
- Children's beds, and
- White goods

To be helped you must:

- Live in the Canterbury district permanently and be 16 or over.
- Have a total household income of £40,000 or less - this includes any money from employment or benefits.
- Have no more than £1,000 in savings and not have access to any other money or financial support*.

*If somebody in the household is state pension age or above, CCC will still consider an application if their combined savings are more than £1,000.

If everyone in the household is under state pension age and there is more than £1,000 in combined savings, CCC will still consider an application for flooring.

If you meet the criteria, you will need a referral from a professional organisation such as a food bank, housing association, school, social prescriber and so on.

If you would like more information about where you can access a referral, please email hsgrant@canterbury.gov.uk.



If you run an organisation, get Canterbury moving and introduce more people to what your organisation offers

This October 2025 will see the launch of the first-ever 30x30 Physical Activity Challenge across Canterbury, Whitstable and Herne Bay, and your organisation can be part of it by signing up and registering your activities.

What is 30x30? A free, community-wide challenge encouraging people of all ages and abilities to do 30 minutes of physical activity every day for 30 days, at home, at work, or with local providers like you.

Why does it matter? Right now, 1 in 3 men and 1 in 2 women don't reach 30 minutes of daily activity despite clear, proven benefits.

Just 30 minutes a day can:

- Reduce risk of heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, and more.
- Boost mood for up to 12 hours.
- Increase energy by around 20% in just two weeks.
- Improve sleep quality.
- Strengthen community connections.

Why take part as a provider?

- Showcase your activities to local residents.
- Attract potential new members through taster sessions or open days.
- Support a community health initiative backed by local NHS teams, the University of Kent, Canterbury City Council and Kent County Council.
- Access and use the 30x30 logo in your own publicity and join our community.

How it works

- List your activities for free via Open Sessions (<https://web.opensessions.io/>) making them visible on our campaign website and other platforms.
- Optionally offer free or reduced-cost sessions during October.
- Participants choose their own activities and submit these at the end of the challenge to earn a certificate
- We have created a website for the challenge that will be live in September <http://30x30physicalactivitychallenge.co.uk> where we will be able to advertise your sessions

When

- Now–September: List your activities on Open Sessions and advertise your physical activity opportunities to participants.
- October: The challenge will run throughout October 2025. Sign up today
- Register your activities here: <https://web.opensessions.io/>

Together we can get Canterbury moving and introduce more people to what your organisation offers.

With best wishes,

Dr John Ribchester MBE

GP Director of Strategy Whitstable Medical Practice



Plea for more speedwatch volunteers – if anybody can join our Speedwatch team 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. You would become fully trained, registered with Kent police, and on average do a speedwatch session every six weeks, and the most important thing be keeping a safer environment for our village and the local community.

You – A Parish Councillor?

Passionate about your community? Full of ideas for the village?

Could you represent local people?

What can you bring to local government?

Two vacancies exist on Chestfield Parish Council and the council have been given the power to co-opt to fill these.

Eligibility

To stand as a candidate you must be aged 18 years or over. You must be a British citizen, a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, a qualifying EU citizen, or an EU citizen with retained rights, who does not require leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom or has indefinite leave to remain, and

- Be on the electoral roll in the parish; Or
- During the preceding twelve months occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish; Or
- During the same period, resided in that area or within three miles (4.8km) [as the crow flies] thereof; Or
- During the same period, had your principal or only place of work in that area.

Parish Councillors are elected for a term of four years. They retire together on the fourth day after the date of elections every four years.

A person, if duly qualified, may be elected as a parish councillor for more than one parish or community. A parish councillor has no personal financial liability in respect of anything done in good faith for the purpose of any of the council's statutory functions.

If you wish to become involved, or require more information, contact the Clerk or any Chestfield Parish Councillor.

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 Monday at The Plough, St Johns Road, from 2pm to 4pm.

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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 **01227 947 860** and you will be sent a sticker to put on your bins that says an assisted collection is required.

Protect yourself - Call 159 if you receive a potential scam call

We want to remind all residents to use the 159 number if you receive a potential scam call. [Watch the 30 second explainer video here](#)

(<https://kent.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=ce2871176f2cf0da723a750b1&id=9e02102531&e=fce05a2864>)

By calling 159 it provides an easy route back to safety when you get an unexpected phone call about a financial matter. Easy to remember, the short code number now connects customers of more than 99% of the UK's retail bank current accounts safely and directly with their bank. Unlike many long-form numbers, 159 cannot be spoofed or impersonated.

SPEAK UP. STAY SAFE



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0808 223 1133.

CrimeStoppers.

If you have information on doorstep criminals, counterfeit, fake or illegal goods, illicit tobacco, loan sharks or those selling restricted items to underage kids, call the charity CrimeStoppers 100% anonymously on **0800 555 111**

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 £20 single membership / £25 joint membership (living at the same address)
- £2 administration charge per trip
- 45p per mile

All volunteer drivers are DBS checked and insured. Presently we have no volunteer drivers who are able to carry and assist with wheelchairs.

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>

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.

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: swalecliffstjohns@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.swalecliffstjohns.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:

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 - 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@chestfieldparishcouncil.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
BOB TODD Flood Warden, Parish Plan, Emergency Plan, Planning	LORRAINE EAST Flood Warden Fire Hydrant inspection and problem reporting	MIKE POOLE Planning
MARISSA CLARK Responsibilities tbc.	One x vacancy	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 Alex Ricketts

Email: alex.ricketts@kent.gov.uk

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USEFUL NUMBERS

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

Chestfield Cricket Club Paul Gibson 07723308040 or email Chestfieldccc@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/clothnappies

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/25/10001 – where the CA prefix stands for Canterbury (as the planning authority), the 25 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 'search 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 25/10001 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 document is on our website at <https://chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/planning-applications/>

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 the chemists). All welcome - just turn up
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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!

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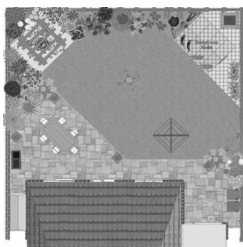
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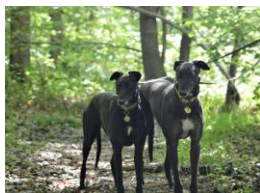
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