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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRMAN

It's been quite a time for Chestfield since my last message, although those of you who keep abreast of the newspapers will have seen our village receive some rather unsavoury press coverage, both locally and in the nationals. Without dredging our own version of 'Watergate' (quite literally!) up again, I felt that I had to respond to the adverse press coverage on behalf and in defence of our village. During this rather testing time, I received many messages of support from parishioners and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for this – another great example of the spirit of community and togetherness in our village. Road closures quite often can be the source of great frustration to all, particularly when it seems unnecessary – however, I think that you will all agree that all things considered, this particular (necessary) closure will have its prolonged effect to our water service. As frustrating as the closure may have been to the general public, it was even more the case for the businesses within the village – to this end we were pleased to advise them all of a compensatory scheme to cover loss of trade. This is not a generally known scheme, but our diligence led us to uncover the relevant points, and point the affected traders in the right direction ...

Earlier in the year I said our objective to enhance Chestfield's identity – the above wasn't exactly what we had in mind, but you will now have noticed the new liveried bins dotted along Chestfield Road (not forgetting the 'Bailey Bear' bin in the playground) to replace the rather nondescript city council ones. The old bins were removed by the waste contractor, and will be recycled for use within other areas.

You will also notice that we have placed anti-dog fouling / fly tipping signs around the village – we hope that these may act as a prompt to potential offenders.

We are also in the process of carrying out an extensive road safety survey for all residents in the Radfall Hill area, as our fight for improved road safety measures within the village continues.

Many thanks to all of you who have taken the time to take part in this

survey, and please rest assured that all comments and findings will be relayed to Kent Highway Services.

We are delighted to inform you that, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Chestfield, we have purchased a public-use defibrillator, which will be sited at the rear of the golf club – this will be accessible at all times, and although we hope that this may never be used in anger so to speak, it is yet another example of our resolve to serve the community. The unit will be available for community use at all times (night and day), and is very self-explanatory in its use – the machine actually talks you through it !

The inaugural circular walk took place earlier this month, and has been widely received as a great success. We are currently continuing to work to improve this in time for the better weather – a big thanks must go to Heidi and Julian of the Chestfield Barn for their kind offer of sponsorship towards this initiative.

I am also delighted to welcome Wendy Lockton-Goddard to the parish council. Wendy has worked in the public sector for many years, and I have no doubt that she will prove a very valuable addition to our team, and we look forward to working with her.

And so to Christmas (wow – that came along quick!) I am pleased to announce that our annual Christmas lights competition will once again be taking place – it was great fun to judge last year, and the standard of some of the exhibits were truly astounding ... judging will take place in mid-December, and the prize hamper presented to the winners at our Carol concert.

We have this week finalised our precept budget for the next financial year, and I can assure you all that we will again be seeking projects to enhance the village – so watch this space.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all councillors, volunteers and parishioners for their continued support throughout the past year, and wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and an even more happy and prosperous New Year.

Steve Bailey

COMMEMORATIVE OAK TREE FOR THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE



Joint winners of the “I love my village” children’s poster competition,

Theo Rowe and Isabella Rowe, both now seven years old, from Cherry Orchard, were each awarded £25 cash from the Chairman’s allowance. Their winning designs were incorporated into laminated posters, and after authority from Canterbury City Council was given they were displayed in the bus shelter in the village. Theo and Isabella were also invited to take part in the planting of the Oak tree in Chestfield play park in recognition of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, and were very excited to be part of that. The tree was planted on 3 November by the twins and Chestfield Parish Council Chairman Cllr Steve Bailey.

From left to right: Cllr Len Claisse, Cllr Tricia Chapman, Cllr Steve Bailey, Cllr Chapman’s husband Peter, and the twins.

GUEST SPEAKERS AT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

We negotiated via our County Councillor, Mike Harrison, that the guest speaker at our November parish council meeting was David Brazier, Kent County Council Member, Sevenoaks North-East, and Deputy Cabinet Member, Environment, Highways & Waste. David gave a presentation on waste management and the work of the Kent Waste Partnership for the winter of 2012/2013. His talk contained some history, but ultimately majored on the work to reduce landfill, with only 10% of waste planned to be directed to holes in the ground by 2015/16. He explained that if Kent were one of the 27 EU states, it would be fourth in the extent to which it recycles and incinerates waste.

And for our 10th December parish council meeting....

We are pleased that Helen Bennington, Canterbury City Council's waste and recycling officer will attend the 10 December meeting to update Cllrs and residents on the new waste and recycling scheme to be implemented in the district from April 2013. All residents welcome.

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Sunflowers and Scarecrows in Maydowns Road



As parish Clerk I was honoured to be asked to judge the entries in to Maydowns Road sunflowers and scarecrows competition. On 11 August 2012, Mick Clarke, Chairman of the residents association and I did just that. We got off to a great start at Number 14 – a proud 8 foot 6 inches and certainly the best flower head of the day.



Number 24 provided a great laugh – Jock (complete with kilt) and the Beanstalk - a plastic sunflower and hosepipe stalk that dangled from the upstairs window – perhaps the rules need tightening up for next year!



The laughs continued at No. 37 – a husband and wife team. The husband explained this was the first time he and his wife had grown anything and he was keen to show us the results. His, a rather sad 15 inches (yes, in the corner there), but his clearly more greenfingered wife's at 5 foot. Size really doesn't matter – it's the taking part that counts.



“Can you direct me to Olympic camel race?” the figure at No 48 asks.



And a group of 8 or so tall sunflowers in the back garden at No. 48, the highest a very impressive 10 foot 2 inches.



Oh dear, a tale of woe awaited us at No. 69. There had been some great flower heads – now reduced to stalks by squirrels! But still a good 5 foot 6 inches.



My personal favourite – what a huge amount of work had gone in to the making of the Queen, in this her Jubilee year, at No. 84.



The tallest by far – 11 foot 5 inches. Terrific.



A rather droopy seven footer, but impressive none the less.



The Olympic torch bearer at No 92.



Mick Clarke's very own "American Giants" variety – they may not be the biggest at 7 foot 4 inches but they were beautiful double coloured blooms



And last, but not least, at the top of the road, at No. 91, our very own Sir Chris Hoy, proud cyclist. Great effort.

Well done to all the entrants. And congratulations to the winners and runner ups.

Amanda Sparkes, Clerk to the Council

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**Here with a Loaf of Bread beneath the Bough,
A Flask of Wine, a Book of Verse - and Thou
Beside me singing in the Wilderness –
And Wilderness is Paradise enow.**

Pedestrian crossing / traffic island refuge along Chestfield Road – an update for residents

In 2009, after discussion with highways, sketches and rough costing were undertaken, for either a zebra crossing or a pedestrian island at the WI hall on Chestfield Road. Lack of available funding meant neither scheme went ahead. The parish council has revisited the idea this year. Despite the parish council resolving at the 13 February parish council meeting to pursue this on a 50/50 match funding basis with Kent highways, at a subsequent site meeting with Kent Highways Officers on 18 April, highways officers considered the following two options, but agreed to neither. Firstly for a scheme at the WI hall location - but they commented that:

- There is a pavement 'to nowhere' on both sides of the road
- A scheme would lose all the parking in the area and parking is needed here for the hall especially
- There is no accident history to justify this
- It is a nice idea but there are not enough pedestrians to warrant the expense
- Consultation with affected residents would be required and was not likely to prove favourable

Secondly, for a scheme at the play park:

- There is not enough demand
- A lot of users travel here by car
- It would not be a value for money scheme.

However, a resident has suggested that a traffic island might work better at a location near Primrose Way. This proposal would:

- Provide a safe place for pedestrians to cross Chestfield Road at busy locations
- Would act as a calming measure to slow traffic
- Would provide a continuous footpath along this stretch of road
- Satisfy DDA and wheelchair compliance issues

Cllrs were grateful to the resident for suggesting this. The Clerk and Chairman have sought Kent Highways support for a traffic island near Primrose Way, subject to the council paying for it. The site has been measured and has been passed to a technical engineer to see if an island is feasible at this location, as there are several drives that could affect the outcome.

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OVERGROWN VEGETATION IN THE VILLAGE

Every year throughout the spring and summer KCC Highways & Transportation receive numerous complaints regarding trees, hedges and other vegetation, which overhang the highway or footpaths from private property. This makes conditions hazardous to pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs, and can also impinge on the sightlines of motorists. The parish council urges you to look at maintenance of any of your trees, hedges, shrubs and bushes that are bordering the Highway, and cut back to your boundary to benefit all Highway users. This will help us all keep the highway safe and prevent the need for KCC Highways & Transportation writing to you requesting that you cut back your vegetation.

What are your requirements?

If the boundary of your property borders the footway, then please be aware that:

- The full width of the footway/pavement must be available for use by pedestrians.
- As well, there must be a minimum height clearance over the footway/pavement of 2.1 metres / 7 feet for any vegetation.

If the boundary of your property borders the carriageway, then:

- If you have vegetation that overhangs into the road, there must be a minimum height clearance of 5 metres / 16 feet, to accommodate buses and HGV's that may use the road.
- If your property is rural, then vegetation should be 0.45 metres / 1'6" feet behind the edge of the road and all signs need to be kept clear of foliage for at least 20 metres.

Anyone may report any properties of concern and the Clerk will write to the resident direct to appeal for attention. However if you live in a conservation area then you may have to apply to Canterbury City Council for permission. Your help is appreciated.

MONTHLY NUMBER CRUNCH

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GRASMERE ROAD - MODIFICATION ORDER TO DOWNGRADE FROM RESTRICTED BYWAY

The Clerk has received a letter from the Planning Inspectorate that a public inquiry will hear the evidence for this Order on 15 January 2013 at St Andrews Church Hall, Hampton Pier Avenue, Herne Bay commencing at 10am, and is scheduled to last for two days. The parish council will keep a watching brief on this.

EMERGENCY PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE

This initiative was reported in the June and September 2012 magazines. The Clerk is continuing to progress actions to improve the drafted emergency plan. McDonalds Chestfield have kindly confirmed they would provide food and/or drinks to emergency services personnel during an emergency and the Women's Institute have offered use of their hall as a rest centre.

CHANGES AT WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

A number of small changes are being introduced from 1 October:

- A limit on trailer size to 2.05m (6'8") long, and not exceeding 1 cubic metre capacity, and no wider than the domestic vehicle towing the trailer.
- A limit on soil, rubble and hardcore to 90 kg (190 lbs) per visit by a single vehicle or combined with a trailer. This weight represents the amount you could fit easily in a standard hatchback car boot. For information, 33 bricks is equivalent to 90kg.
- A small charge for tyres – only car tyres and to a maximum two per visit - £5 per visit.
- A small charge for asbestos – limited to one sack or equivalent per visit - £5 per visit. Payment to be made by debit/credit cards, no cash or cheques will be accepted.
- If the sole vehicle in your household is a domestic vehicle over 2m in height and less than 3.5 tonnes in weight, your vehicle may qualify for vouchers to access a site, with household waste only.

Full information is available as www.kent.gov.uk/hwrc or call 0845 345 0210.

Bonfires and the law

Councillors have recently had phone calls from separate residents about anti-social bonfires. The Clerk has researched the city council's website about bonfires and the law – find the full detail here <http://www.canterbury.gov.uk/main.cfm?objectid=461>

Essentially, it is a common misconception that there are laws disallowing garden bonfires or giving times they can be lit - there aren't. However, where a neighbour is causing a problem by burning rubbish, the law is on your side. Under the *Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990*, a statutory nuisance includes 'smoke, fumes or gases emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance'. In practice, to be considered a statutory nuisance, a bonfire would have to be a persistent problem, interfering a great deal with your wellbeing, comfort and enjoyment of your property. If a bonfire of industrial or commercial waste is giving off black smoke it is dealt with under the *Clean Air Act 1993*.

Burning garden waste produces smoke, especially if the waste is damp and allowed to smoulder. Burning plastic, rubber or painted materials causes an unpleasant smell and also produces a range of poisonous substances. Smoke from bonfires can cause health problems for asthmatics, bronchitis sufferers, people with heart conditions and children.

Action you can take to help

- Speak to your neighbour politely, they may not know they are causing a problem.
- Keep a written record of dates and times when the bonfire is alight and how it affects you.
- Always keep a record of all conversations and letters.
- Contact us if the bonfires continue.

What you can do if you have to burn rubbish

- Only burn dry material.
- Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres, mattresses or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.
- Never use old engine oil, methylated spirits or petrol to light a fire or encourage it.
- Do not light a fire on damp, still days because the smoke will hang in the air.
- Do not light fires at the weekend or on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens.

- Be careful if it is windy, because smoke may be blown into neighbours gardens and across roads.
- Never leave a fire unattended or leave it to smoulder. Pour water on it if necessary to put it out.
- If a bonfire is the most practical way to get rid of dry garden waste, warn your neighbours in advance as they can make alternative arrangements and will be less likely to complain.

By law, the city council must investigate all the complaints we receive. If a statutory nuisance is witnessed, they can serve an abatement notice. If the person does not follow the notice, they could go to court. When assessing whether a statutory nuisance exists, officers will look at the type and amount of smoke produced., the time of day or night it happens, how long the fire is alight and how often it happens. If the fire is only occasional, it is unlikely to be considered a nuisance.

The city council can also:

- Offer advice on what to do to deal with your problem.
- Keep your details confidential.
- Write to the person causing the problem.
- Write to you and ask you to keep a diary of the problem.
- Consider legal action against those people who continue to be unreasonable.

Recycling

You can turn garden waste into compost in your own garden, or the city council can take it away to be composted. You can obtain more information on home composting at <http://www.recyclenow.com/compost> . The council collect garden waste every two weeks, free of charge, using the green lidded bin or reusable waste-sack scheme. You can also get rid of garden waste and household waste at the recycling centres in Westbrook Lane, Herne Bay (currently shut, undergoing refurbishment works) and Vauxhall Road, Canterbury. For more information on recycling, please call 01227 862211

Canterbury City Council's Environmental Protection Section is open between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. If you need help or advice relating to bonfires, **contact them** by phone: 01227 862 202, or by e-mail: pollution@canterbury.gov.uk **or** by completing an online complaint form. In person or in writing at: Environmental Protection Section, **Canterbury City Council**, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW.

THE BLUE BADGE SCHEME – RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

KCC Cllr. Mike Harrison asked us to highlight the criteria for the blue badge scheme. The main guideline points from the Department of Transport are:

- It is down to the holder to use the Blue Badge properly.
- The badge is for your use and benefit only. It must only be displayed if you are travelling in the vehicle as a driver or a passenger, or if someone is collecting or dropping you off.
- It is an offence for anyone other than the designated badge holder to use the badge at any time.
- It is a criminal offence for you or anyone else to misuse the badge - doing so can lead to a £1,000 fine, and confiscation of the badge.
- Making sure that the scheme is not abused will benefit genuine badge holders.
- The badge remains the property of the issuing local authority.
- They can ask for a badge to be returned if it is being misused.

For further details visit the D.O.T website at : www.dft.gov.uk

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THE BLITZ

In the last magazine due to space restrictions, we printed an abridged version of a poem penned by local resident Ron Cove. Following requests, we are pleased to reprint this emotive poem in its full state in the words of the author:

London dear London,
Just what have they done,
With bombs, bright searchlights and those big booming guns.

People in shelters shivering in fright,
Yet praying for peace night after night.
Planes showering death down at a terrible rate,
No wonder old London was so full of hate.

At home they're nice fellows, Of this there's no doubt,
But not over here, where they're bombing us out,
High in the heavens showing no pity,
They just seemed intent on ruining our city.

With bombs raining down,
Blowing old London to bits,
This was the time,
Which is known as the blitz.

Mothers with babies, oh so much crying,
While old people are asking,
is our London dying ?

Now it's all over the years have rolled on,
Most Londoners wonder,
Where their dear London's gone.

So if you were there,
Now one of a few,
You'll think of old London,
Just what did they do ?

Of course they've rebuilt it,
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Yet old folks still remember,
The London they knew.

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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

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9:00am Breakfast Club in the Church Centre (5th Sunday)

10:30am Parish Eucharist (ex 1st Sunday)

10:30am Sunday Special in Swalecliffe Free Church, Herne Bay Rd (1st Sun)

6:30pm Evening Prayer (except 4th Sunday)

6:30pm Village Praise at Chestfield WI Hall (4th Sunday)

Regular Weekday Services:

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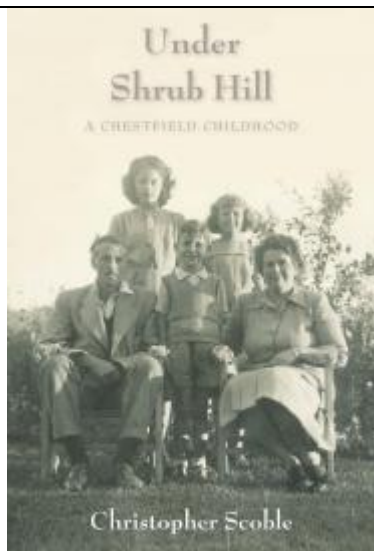
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Christmas Services follow on the next page

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT THE LOCAL CHURCHES:

- Sunday 9th** 4.00 pm Christingle Service in St John the Baptist Church
- Sunday 16th** 4.30 pm Carols by Candlelight at Swalecliffe Free Church
followed by seasonal refreshments.
- Tuesday 18th** 10.00 am Christmas Coffee Break in St John the Baptist Church
Centre. Until 12.00 noon.
- Wednesday 19th** 8.00 pm Carols Round the Christmas Tree outside St Joseph's
Roman Catholic Church, Chestfield Road (organised by Chestfield Parish Council)
- Sunday 23rd** 6.00 pm Service of nine lessons and carols in St John's Church
- Christmas Eve** 3.00 pm Crib Service in St John the Baptist Church.
4.30 pm Crib Service in St John the Baptist Church.
11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist in St John the Baptist Church.
- Christmas Day** 10.00 am Christmas Day Service in Swalecliffe Free Church
10.30 am Family Communion for Christmas Day in St John the Baptist Church.
- Monday 31st** 11.30 pm Midnight Communion Service in Swalecliffe Free Church.



Looking for a Christmas present idea? Under Shrub Hill, by author Christopher Scoble, tells the story of his family who in 1947 moved to the village from suburban Buckinghamshire. Their new life is seen through the puzzled eyes of the author as a four-year-old boy. With wonderful photographs and anecdotal text, this book will appeal to those interested in the history of the village and surrounding areas in the years following the second world war. Waterstones in Canterbury are stocking it and Harbour Books of Whitstable. Or for internet users from the publishers - SportsBooks Ltd of Cheltenham.

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MONTHLY NUMBER CRUNCH SOLUTION = 114

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Swalecliffe with Chestfield WI

President: Mrs J. Saunders

Secretary: Mrs P. Joseph

Bookings: Miss R. Fey

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Tel: 01227 792523

Neighbourhood Watch

Information: Cllr L. Claisse

Tel: 01227 793740

Radfall & Broomfield Gate Amenity Society

Chairman: Mr Mike Battson

Tel: 01227 792238

Green Pastures, Broomfield Gate

Secretary: Mrs Brenda Hunter

11 Dukeswood

Tel: 01227 794909

Maydowns Road Residents Association

Chairman: Mr Mick Clarke

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DIARY DATES

Amanda Sparkes – Clerk to the Council

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Parish Council meetings are open to all residents of the parish. There is an opportunity to ask questions with Parish Councillors, or make comments on current issues. Minutes of the previous meetings can be found on www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk. If you do not have access to the internet, and have a specific query, please telephone the Clerk on 01227 773121 (Tuesdays or Wednesdays).

Please note that the full minutes and appendices are available at each meeting for members of the public

Meetings are held at the WI Hall, Chestfield Road and commence at 7:30pm. The Hall is open from 7:00pm when current planning applications are available to view.

The next meetings are: *10 December 2012, 14 January 2013, 11 February, 11 March, 8 April, 29 April 2013 – the elector's meeting / Annual Parish Meeting, 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December 2013.*

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- Comment on all planning applications within the parish
- Sit on sub-committees where appropriate, such as Planning, Finance, Amenities, Countryside, Recreation, and Open Spaces.

Eligibility - A Parish Councillor must be aged 18 years or over, be a qualifying Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland or a citizen of another member state of the European Community, and

- i) Be on the electoral role in the parish; Or
- ii) During the whole of the twelve months before he/she was nominated as a candidate, occupied land or other premises as owner or tenant in the parish; Or
- iii) During the same period, resided in that area or within three miles (4.8km) thereof; Or
- iv) During the same period, has their principal or only place of work in that area.

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 Parish Clerk Amanda Sparkes on 01227 773121 or email clerk@chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

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CHESTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS are usually held on the **second** Monday in the month. Notices are posted on the village notice boards, and dates are included on the website www.chestfieldpc.kentparishes.gov.uk and in the village magazine

All parishioners are welcome to attend Meetings which are held in the WI Hall, Chestfield Road from **7:30pm**. Doors open at **7:00pm** when planning applications are viewable.

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Cllr Pat Todd – 60 Sherwood Drive, Whitstable, CT5 4PH

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She will receive alerts from the Police and Trading Standards for onward communication to the street's residents. She will be canvassing Molehill Road residents and we would encourage as many of you as possible to join in the scheme.

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Chestfield Golf Club	General Manager, Alan Briggs Tel: 01227 794411. Mob: 07837273560	
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6th Whitstable Scout Group Long Rock, Swalecliffe		
Group Scout Leader Ann Vousden		Tel: 01227 262892
Chestfield Rotary Club	David Mann	Mob: 07736 463921
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Passenger Transport Information Free Phone		Tel: 0345 696 969
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Kent County Council Highways and Road/ Lighting defects		Tel: 0845 824 7800
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Are Kent's Highway Services ready for the Ice and Snow?

Kent's salting lorries are on standby and ready to roll

KCC Cllr Mike Harrison was recently invited to KCC Highways Dept to see the 60-strong fleet of gritting lorries which are now ready to roll into action when icy conditions threaten the county's roads. Kent County Council's Highways (KHS) team has stockpiled more than 20,000 tonnes of salt in six depots across the county all ready for when the mercury plummets.

12 October saw the final preparations for the official launch of the 2012/13 Winter Service Plans. A huge amount of research has been undertaken from past years' experiences. The crews are now out on dry runs of the salting routes as part of these final preparations, so that they are ready to go at the first sign of any freezing conditions ahead.

When the temperature falls, the crews will frequently put salt down twice overnight – first before the road temperature reaches zero Centigrade and then again before the morning rush hour. To treat all of our salting routes, which is more than 2,300 miles of road and to keep on top of this when it gets really tough; the lorries can be crewed 24 hours a day!

When snow hits, we have a team of more than 150 farmers whom we have supplied with snowploughs to attach to their tractors. They are mobilised along with the KHS crews to keep clear the more rural routes.

In town centres, KCC have teamed up with district councils to make sure key pedestrian areas are cleared and treated. In addition, there are more than 2,000 salt bins across the county (many paid for by KCC members from their community grant funds). These are for local people to treat roads – and pavements – which are not on our regular salting routes. We have also distributed one-tonne salt bags to more than 100 parishes across the county, allowing them to organise how their own area is treated.

Stay warm and safe this winter.

Mike Harrison.

KCC Member for Whitstable

Details of salting routes and other information about our Winter Service can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/winter

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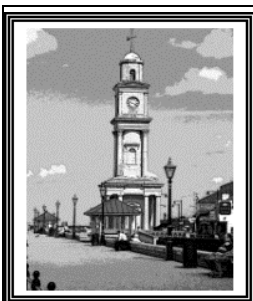
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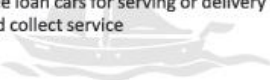
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CARE SERVICES

- Personal Care
- Domestic Assistance
- Cooking
- Shopping
- Sitting/Companion Services

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MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

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