



RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council December Meeting

- The Addington footbridge has now been lifted into place, but some further works are needed before it is finished.
- Parishes have reported problems with fly tipping and then length of time it takes TMBC to clear the refuse
- Councillors thanked Deborah and Mark Nankivell for putting up the Christmas Tree and lights, and will donate £200 towards the costs.
- The Parish Council's new website is being built and should be online before January.
- Cllrs congratulated the school on the very successful Christmas trail and raffle, raising funds for the school.
- A litter bin opposite Old School Lane has been removed and the Parish Council will find out from TMBC why this was done and if it will be replaced.

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

Coronavirus Community Hub – For more information contact:

Community Support Line 01732 876152

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/community-and-living/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-community>

Kent County Council

KCC send a newsletter to those on the subscription list which is available at

<https://mailchi.mp/kent.gov.uk/updates-from-kent-county-council-5032054>

If you would like to subscribe go to <https://mailchi.mp/kent.gov.uk/subscribe> - so that you receive news, updates and guidance from KCC directly to your inbox.

Kent Police

Please be aware of a number of incidents in Ryarsh and nearby villages recently:

Ryarsh Road in <i>Birling</i>	On Thursday 3rd of December between 12:00am and 12:00pm. Somebody broke into a residential property. The back door panel was smashed.
The Street in <i>Ryarsh</i>	Between 8:30pm on Thursday 3rd of December and 11:00am on Friday 4th of December. Somebody broke into a shed at a residential property and stole a De-Wolt electric drill. They also tried to break into another outbuilding but failed to get in.
The Street in <i>Ryarsh</i>	Between 10:00pm on Friday 4th of December and 6:00am on Saturday 5th of December. Somebody broke into a garage at a residential property.

Rural Police Newsletters are available on the Parish Council's website.

You can also read bulletin's online at:

<https://mailchi.mp/d65e99c0a045/community-bulletin-august-6095266?e=85747cb4bc>

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting is by zoom on Monday 11th January 2021.

You can contact the Clerk by email at clerk@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk.

For more information please go to our website www.ryarshpc.kentparishes.gov.uk



@Kent Community Foundation's Surviving Winter Campaign "Knock and Check".

Knock & Check is a campaign to reignite the community spirit seen during the COVID-19 pandemic and doing something small to help those most vulnerable during the winter months.

Small actions could make a big difference:

- Knock on the door to say 'hello'
- Offer to pick up some food or add something to your online shopping
- Drop off a slice of cake
- Plate up an extra meal
- Share books or magazines
- Volunteer for one of our fantastic organisations in Kent and Medway
- Share details of supporting services

Remember to follow Government guidelines on social distancing to keep communities safe from COVID-19.

- Keep a 2m distance, staying outdoors at all times
- Wash your hands before and after a visit
- Wear a face mask

To find out more about how you can take part, visit www.kentcf.org.uk/knockandcheck

#knockandcheck #Kent #KCC

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

Volunteer for one of the many fantastic voluntary organisations in Kent and Medway

Simply knock on a door to show a familiar face

Knock on the door to deliver Christmas cards, rather than just posting through the letterbox

Offer to pick up some shopping or drop off a frozen meal

Bake a cake or make up an extra plate of food

Pop a note through their door with your contact number or details of other local support, activities and helplines*

Pass on magazines or books



Want to make a difference to policing in Kent?

Kent PCC Matthew Scott would like to hear your views on what matters to you by completing this year's [Annual Policing Survey](#)

WHY?

1. Your views will help shape the priorities the Police focus on tackling

Are the current priorities correct?

2. Hearing about your experiences is imperative

How safe do you feel in your area?

3. You can tell us which crimes matter to you

Which crimes affect your area the most?

4. You can let us know what the service you received was like

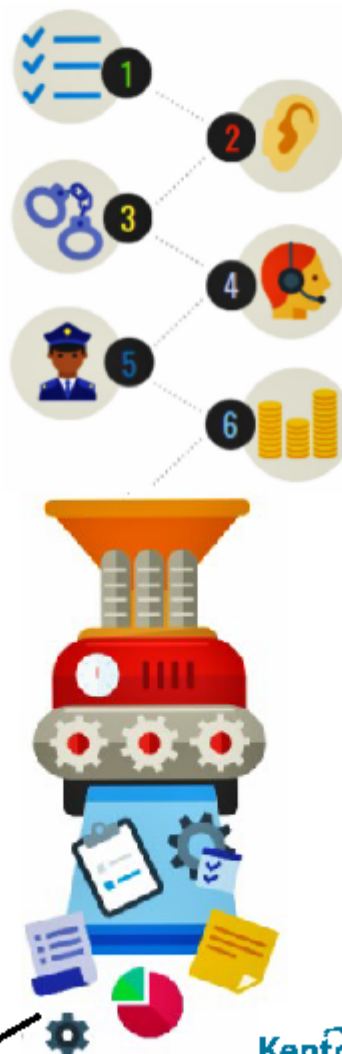
Were you satisfied with the service?

5. Let us know what the extra police should focus on

Kent Police is recruiting more officers thanks to the PCC's budget and the Government's investment in 20,000 more police

6. Get across your views on police funding

Would you be willing to pay a small amount extra in council tax towards the cost of policing?



Police and Crime Plan





Kent Resilience Forum outlines end of transition contingency plans

30 November 2020

Plans on how Kent will deal with potential traffic disruption at the end of the Brexit transition period on January 1 have been published.

When the transition period ends, the UK will no longer be a member of the Single Market or the Customs Union.

Therefore, new border controls and checks will be implemented which will impact the short Channel crossings.

The UK will be treated by the EU as a third country and will be subject to full third country controls and a variety of border checks.

This has the potential for an increased likelihood of delays to the crossing of the short straits and the need for a multi-agency plan for management of the congestion consequences.

Known as Operation Fennel, the plan was developed by the multi-agency Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) in partnership with national government.

The Forum includes organisations such as Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, South East Coast Ambulance Service, Kent County Council, Medway Council and the district and borough councils, working alongside government departments including Border and Protocol Delivery Group, Department for Transport and Highways England and HMRC.

Now available to view on the Kent Prepared website, the document outlines the arrangements to ensure the M20 can be kept open to traffic and that disruption for local residents, businesses and other road users is kept to a minimum, whilst providing temporary traffic holding areas.

Operation Fennel, which also covers driver welfare and non-freight traffic, is designed to operate at different stages, with different options being used depending on the prevailing traffic conditions.

The plans can cope with up to 7,000 HGVs, the maximum queue length of HGVs expected in Kent under the national reasonable worst-case scenario planning assumptions.

The plans also outline the Government's web service which will be known as 'Check an HGV is Ready to Cross the Border'. The service will be able to issue a digital Kent Access Permit to freight ready to cross the Straits s before it enters Kent.

Mark Rolfe, Head of Kent Resilience Team said: "The Port of Dover and the Channel Tunnel are facilities of national importance. As the shortest crossing point between the UK and mainland Europe, the short straits ports (Port of Dover and Channel Tunnel) account for 69% of all goods vehicles and 89% of all powered goods vehicles that travel between the UK and the EU.

“Come January 1, the processing of freight and tourist traffic may lead to a risk of congestion and of journey times taking longer than they would today.

“Through the KRF we have brought together Department for Transport, Highways England, Kent Police, and Kent County Council in agreeing a single plan for Kent.

“Together we aim to keep Kent moving, preventing and minimising the impact of cross channel disruption on the community, freight and non-freight traffic and the environment.

“We will continue to operate a safe, local and strategic system using the transport network in Kent and provide reliable travel information.”

To view the plan, visit www.kentprepared.org.uk/end-of-transition-plans

Sent on behalf of the TMBC Waste & Recycling Team

Dear All,

The usage of many of our recycling sites has fallen as expected since the introduction of additional kerbside recycling collections. Last year Members of the Street Scene and Environment Advisory Board considered and recommended to the Cabinet, the reduction of our 47 Bring Bank/Recycling sites to 10 strategic locations across the borough, these being:

Aylesford	Bailey Bridge Car Park
Borough Green	Station Approach
Burham	Village Hall, Rochester Road
Hadlow	Hadlow College, Tonbridge Road
Kings Hill	Asda, Alexander Grove
Larkfield	Morrisons Car Park, New Hythe Lane
Larkfield	Tesco, Lunsford Park
Snodland	Rocford Road Car Park
Tonbridge	Sovereign Way Car Park
West Malling	High Street Car Park

At the meeting of this Board on the 5 October 2020, it was agreed that a phased approach to the removal of the remaining sites would be applied and I write to advise of sites that are due to be removed in Phase 1, which commences from 11 January 2021.

Phase 1 - Site Removal	Current alternative sites
Brookers Oast, Hop Farm, East Peckham	Co-op Services, Branbridges, East Peckham
The Plough at Leigh, Leigh Rd, Hildenborough	Nizels Golf Course, Nizels Lane, Hildenborough
Ightham Mote, Mote Road	Ightham village Hall, Sevenoaks Road
Larkfield Leisure Centre, New Hythe Lane	Morrison's, New Hythe Lane
Hill Top Hotel, Labour in Vain Road, Stansted	Black Horse Pub, Tumblefield Road, Stansted
Haysden Country Park (cans only)	Other Tonbridge sites
Poult Wood Golf Course Centre, Higham Lane, Tonbridge	Tonbridge Farm Sports Ground, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge or Hadlow College, Tonbridge Road, Hadlow
Six in One Club, Northwood Road, Tonbridge	Tonbridge Farm Sports Ground, Darenth Avenue, Tonbridge.
Knowle Road car park, Wouldham,	Burham Village Hall, Rochester Road
The Moat, London Road, Wrotham	High Street, Wrotham

Advance notice of removal will be placed on site for users. Information will be available on our website explaining why the sites are being removed and locations of alternative sites.

I understand there may be some concerns over recycling facilities for flats, however most of the phase 1 recycling sites are in less densely populated areas or have good alternative sites available, and we intend starting the main roll out of recycling for flats from March onwards.

We will continue to keep you informed of dates and details of the next phases of site removals going forward. If you have any questions please email recycleforall@tmbc.gov.uk

Kind Regards

On behalf of TMBC Waste & Recycling Team

Christmas recycling is easy this year!

We produce many tonnes of extra waste over the festive season, you can help the environment by recycling as much as possible:



Food leftovers can be used to make lots of delicious meals/snacks saving you money and helping reduce food waste, visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.com Use your food waste collection for food you can't use up.

Foil food trays - please rinse off any food residue and place in your recycling bin.



Cardboard & paper can go into your green box and large cardboard boxes should be flattened down and put out between your bins on recycling collection day, or used as a container for extra card and paper.

Polystyrene and plastic bags/wrapping should go into your black rubbish bin.

Wrapping paper and cards can go into your green box (sparkly paper and cards with glitter are not recyclable so should go in your black bin)



Glass bottles and jars, plastic pots and tubs, and tins and cans including sweet and biscuit tins can go in your green lidded recycling bin.



RECYCLING MORE TOGETHER

If you have any queries visit recycleforall.tmbc.gov.uk/home or phone 01732 876147



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www.tmbc.gov.uk



2020/21 Christmas and New Year Collection Dates

Collection due:	New date:
Fri 25 Dec	Mon 28 Dec
Mon 28 Dec	Tue 29 Dec
Tue 29 Dec	Wed 30 Dec
Wed 30 Dec	Thu 31 Dec
Thu 31 Dec	Sat 2 Jan
Fri 1 Jan	Mon 4 Jan
Mon 4 Jan	Tue 5 Jan
Tue 5 Jan	Wed 6 Jan
Wed 6 Jan	Thu 7 Jan
Thu 7 Jan	Fri 8 Jan
Fri 8 Jan	Sat 9 Jan



Christmas tree composting

If you have subscribed to our garden waste collection service, remove decorations and put your real tree in, or next to, your brown bin (up to 6ft height).

Christmas trees can also be recycled at any Kent County Council Household Recycling site, you will need to book a visit: www.kent.gov.uk/waste

We are supporting the **Heart of Kent Hospice** this year, who are collecting Christmas trees for composting to help raise much needed funds. In Tonbridge & Malling, they can collect trees in the following post code areas: ME19 4, ME19 6, and ME20 6.

To find out more, book a collection and to make a donation please see: www.charityxmastreecollection.com

