

RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Updates

- Cllr McKinlay attended a strategic meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner. The PCC has two surveys underway and there are more details at the end of this newsletter. If people are worried about “naming names” they can contact Crime Stoppers. There has been a strong and successful campaign around County Lines to sort out drug dealing in villages. The police want parishes to know they are listening and want more information from us
- Problems with bad parking on Roughetts Road from building works vehicles have been reported to the police
- Spare defibrillator pads have been ordered for the defibrillator located at the entrance to the Village Hall
- A new picnic bench has been ordered for the play area but there are delays with delivery
- If you are interested in the vacancy for a Parish Councillor please speak to one of the Councillors or contact the Clerk
- Gallagher's are thanked for putting large stones on Workhouse Road keeping vehicles off the verges. Gallagher have also offered help in getting the verge at the junction of Roughetts Road, The Street, Workhouse Road and Woodgate Road ready for wildflowers, so it is hoped that this will be successful next year.
- The Parish Council are reporting the blocked drains on The Street to Kent Highways and also asking that South East Water clean The Street following recent works.
- Cllr McKinlay will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service at St Martin's Church.



Kent Police

Chapel Street - Between 19:00 on Wednesday 29th of September and 07:30 on Thursday 30th of September. Somebody broke into a vehicle parked in the road and stole tools.

A recent spate of break ins and attempted break ins have been reported. An offender has been observed trying doors to see if they are locked, and has been identified as possibly breaking into sheds, garages, houses and cars throughout the village. Residents are advised to keep doors locked. Outside security lighting is a great deterrent, as is CCTV if you are able. Any incidents should be reported to the police, and if you also let the Parish Council know we will also work with the police.

The Parish Council are liaising with Inspector Lizzie Jones about this matter. We have been assured that the police are working to resolve this issue but obviously they cannot provide details of operationally sensitive actions taken. The police will be contacting every victim of

these crimes to reassure them. If you do not hear from the police, please let us know and we will pursue this for you to make sure you do get a response.



People join Neighbourhood Watch for many different reasons, whether it is to improve safety around their home or to become part of a group and meet new people. It is widely regarded that being part of Neighbourhood Watch can:

- Reduce / prevent local crime and disorder
- Reduce fear of crime
- Address issues relating to antisocial behaviour
- Create safer neighbourhoods
- Build community spirit and cohesion
- Reassure members of the public
- Enhance partnership working with other community groups
- Assist in the detection and apprehension of criminals through members providing information to the police
- Improve quality of life and the local environment

If you are interested in being part of Neighbourhood Watch, please go to <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/do-something-your-community> or contact the Parish Clerk for more information.



Kent Highways

The Parish Council is drafting a Highways Improvement Plan – HIP. This essentially represents measures that Councillors and residents believe will improve roads and safety in the village. Kent Highways then look at the HIP and say what is and what isn't possible, and what will and what won't work. However, this does not mean that money is made available for the measures that are left on the HIP, but it is a good starting place.

If you have any measures that you think should be added, please notify the clerk.



Road Closures

The Street

As you will be aware, The Street was closed on Friday 8th October for work to be carried out. Unfortunately, South East Water began the work before they notified Kent Highways, so residents were not given advance warning. Councillors appreciate the inconvenience and frustration this has caused residents. We have taken this matter up with South East Water to find out why this was classed as an emergency when works regarding a leak in The Street have been taking place already, why residents were not given adequate notice and why work had to begin on a Friday.

Temporary Road Closure - Woodgate Road, Addington - 14th October 2021 (Tonbridge and Malling District)

It will be necessary to close part of Woodgate Road, Addington from 14th October 2021 for up to 1 day.

Woodgate Road, Addington will be closed between the junctions with Trottiscliffe Road and Roughets Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site.

The alternative route is Roughets Road, A20 London Road, Trottiscliffe Road and vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while drainage maintenance works are undertaken by Kent County Council.

For the most up to date information on these works please

visit: <https://one.network/?tm=123515294>

For information regarding this closure please contact Kent County Council on 03000 418181, who will able to assist with the scope of these works.

Temporary Road Closure - Sandy Lane, Ryarsh - 25th October 2021 (Tonbridge and Malling District)

It will be necessary to close part of Sandy Lane, Ryarsh from 25th October 2021 at 09:30, with estimated completion by 25th October 2021 at 15:30.

Sandy Lane, Ryarsh will be closed between the junctions with A20 London Road and Fartherwell Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site.

The alternative route is A20 London Road, Town Hill, High Street, West Street, Norman Road and vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while cabling works are undertaken by Openreach.

For the most up to date information on these works please

visit: <https://one.network/?tm=123690399>

For information regarding this closure please contact Openreach on 0800 023 2023, who will able to assist with the scope of these works.

Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Electoral Review

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is carrying out an electoral review of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council. Following an initial consultation on this review in May-July 2021, the LGBCE has published its draft recommendations. These recommendations propose that the council has 44 councillors in the future, 10 fewer than the current number, and that new ward boundaries are established to reflect this change. The number of wards would decrease from 24 to 19. The proposals link Ryarsh Birling and Leybourne.

Details of the proposals can be accessed via:

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/kent/tonbridge-and-malling>

<https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/27207>

You can submit your views and comments ahead of the deadline on 13 December 2021.



Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has opened a consultation called 'What matters to you?', inviting views on their future priorities. The consultation closes on 26th October 2021 - <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/policy/matters-consultation>



No Dogs Allowed

The Recreation Ground is owned by Ryarsh Village Hall Trust who work hard to keep it a safe and pleasant area for the community to use. It is a valuable asset for the village, providing open space for residents and visitors and being well used for football matches. It is important for everyone's enjoyment of the area that there is no dog mess, and so dogs are banned from the area. There are plenty of other fantastic walks and areas to take dogs to exercise so please use these and not the Recreation Ground. Thank you for your co-operation.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting which will be held in The Committee Room of Ryarsh Village Hall is on Monday 8th November 2021 at 8pm.

You can contact the Clerk by email at clerk@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk.
For more information, please go to our website www.ryarsh-pc.gov.uk



Safer in Kent

News from Matthew Scott: Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner

PCC LAUNCHES INQUIRY INTO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

The Police and Crime Commissioner has launched his wide-ranging Inquiry looking into violent crimes against Women and Girls in Kent.

Why?

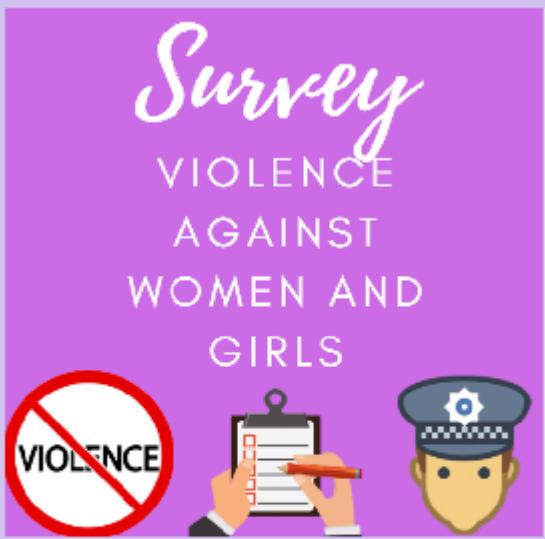
The vision is to make Kent even safer for women and girls be they at work, School, or public place, through partnership working. In the wake of recent horrific events and the Government's ongoing VAWG strategy, Matthew Scott aims to work with others to understand what more can be done, identifying gaps in provision, seeking ways to prevent these crimes affecting women and girls and improving their journey through the Criminal Justice System, building on the good work already being done in the county.

How?

The Inquiry will include various stages to discuss how we can best prevent, engage, understand the victim's journey and rehabilitate offenders. This will include: Roundtables with stakeholders, workshops with victim services and service users, and the pulling together of ten years of data, (as well as looking at how victims have been treated). Set piece events, such as the Performance and Delivery Board with the Chief Constable and the Kent Criminal Justice Board will focus solely on how Kent Police and other Criminal Justice agencies are tackling VAWG crimes will also take place.

One key part of the inquiry is a Call for evidence survey. This is to understand how women and girls in Kent feel about difference issues, like safety at home and at work or school, safety in public spaces at night or day, what prevention methods are being employed and whether victims feel they've been treated appropriately. If you live in Kent and are a woman or girl, you can get your views across by completing the survey to help make a difference to women and girls across the county.

[Link to the survey is within the email.](#)



Graphic advertising the Violence against Women and Girls Survey

I'm happy to help you or answer questions—please do get in touch with me using the details below

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Twitter: @PCCKent | YouTube: "Kent PCC's Office" | Instagram: @kent_opcc | Facebook: KentPCC | Nextdoor: Kent PCC

VAWG Inquiry

kent-pcc.gov.uk



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PCC LAUNCHES HIS POLICE AND CRIME PLAN SURVEY

TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY – PCC MATTHEW SCOTT LAUNCHES PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON A NEW POLICE AND CRIME PLAN

[https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/
PCC2021/](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PCC2021/)

If you can spare a few minutes, we would appreciate you helping us out by sharing your views.

Every four years the Police and Crime Commissioner must decide the priorities for the Kent Police Force. To do that, Matthew Scott has launched a survey and is seeking your opinion on whether the Force is performing as it should and where you think resources should be focussed in the future.

It asks what type of crimes matter most to you: it asks about victim support and vio-

lent crime, as well as road safety and anti-social behaviour. It also asks whether you've been a victim of crime and whether you have installed your own security devices, like alarms and doorbell cameras.

The results of this survey will influence the Commissioner's new Police and Crime Plan, which sets out the strategy for the police for the next four years.

If the link does not work on the pdf, it will also be in the body of the email.



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Police & Crime Plan Survey

kent-pcc.gov.uk

KENT'S PLAN BEE



September 2021 Newsletter

Caterpillar Food Plants

September is the time for caterpillars to get themselves ready for winter by eating plants for energy to transform into butterflies the following spring. We put together some guides on which food plants caterpillars need for 10 different butterfly and moth species. Plant those flowers in your garden to help butterflies and moths throughout their whole lifecycle. Find the guides in our Resources and Information photo album on our Facebook Page:

Moth Caterpillar Food Plants:

<https://www.facebook.com/KentsPlanBee/photos/a.107187048198490/185346867049174>

Butterfly Caterpillar Food Plants:

<https://www.facebook.com/KentsPlanBee/photos/a.107187048198490/186008013649726>

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MOTH CATERPILLAR FOOD PLANTS Moths lay their eggs on certain plants so they can eat them when they hatch. Butterflies lay their eggs on specific plants so their caterpillars have the right food to eat. Planting these plants in your garden will help attract more butterflies and moths. Garden Plant List Photo List		
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Organic September

Soil Association created Organic September to raise awareness of climate and soil benefits of going organic. There are also lots of benefits for pollinators, as it helps improve their habitats and health. By organically growing herbs for pollinators, and soil-saving plants such as clover, you can improve the soil in your garden and improve your garden's overall health. For more information, visit the Soil Associations' webpage on Organic September:

https://www.soilassociation.org/take-action/organic-living/organic-september/?fbclid=IwAR1B7RuRXyXWqc8yt9nZjqpCeBBQ_5Xq2cZUTlbZyrvU-mwFJt-SloGxypA

New Gardening Resources

Autumn is the perfect time to get out into the garden. We have produced some new Gardening for Pollinator guides to help you with planning your garden over the winter, ready for next spring. From year-round plants for pollinators, to providing for pollinators' nesting needs, and ways to manage your lawn for wildflowers, there is a guide for you and your garden. Find them in our Resources and Information photo album on our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=KentsPlanBee&set=a.107187048198490>

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PLANTING FOR POLLINATORS Pollinators are important for our environment and our gardens. By planting a variety of flowers, you can help support them all year round. Garden Plant List Photo List	POLLINATORS' NEEDS Pollinators have specific needs to survive and thrive. By understanding these needs, you can create a garden that is perfect for them. Garden Plant List Photo List	MANAGING YOUR LAWN FOR POLLINATORS Managing your lawn for pollinators is easy! By following these simple steps, you can create a habitat for pollinators in your garden. Garden Plant List Photo List

Autumn Gardening Tips – What to do in October?

Plant bulbs ready for next year. These are the perfect bulbs to plant for pollinators this month:



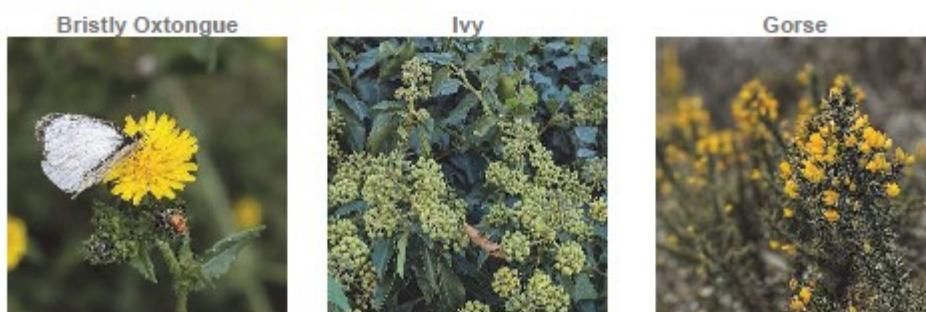
Build a bug hotel. Bug hotels are great protection for overwintering adult pollinators and their larvae. Make sure to fill your hotel with a mixture of these materials:

Bamboo Tubes	Pinecones	Leaflitter	Twigs and Dead Wood
 Solitary Bees lay their eggs in the tubes, and then seal them up with food inside for the larvae.	 Small adult beetles and flies will use the gaps between the seed scales to overwinter in.	 Queen bumblebees and adult beetles may use the leaflitter to hide in during the winter.	 The small nooks in the bark are great to lay eggs, and some beetle larvae eat dead wood.

Flowers for Autumn Pollinators. Perfect for feeding late-season pollinators:

Bees and Wasps ■ Ivy ■ Sedum ■ Honeysuckle ■ Scabious		Butterflies and Moths ■ Honeysuckle ■ Ivy ■ Jasmine ■ Evening Primrose	
Beetles ■ Cornflowers ■ Ivy ■ Meadowsweet ■ Wild carrot		Flies and Hoverflies ■ Sunflower ■ Sedum ■ Hemp agrimony ■ Blackberry	

Wildflowers to See in October



What did we see in September?

September was a busy month for the last of the summer's pollinators. We saw Buff-tailed bumbles stocking up on last minute pollen, and second brood Red Admirals enjoying the warmer days. And let's not forget the numerous moths and their caterpillars still about at this time of year.



Buff-tailed Bumblebee



Red Admiral



Elephant Hawk Moth caterpillar



The Herald



Artichoke Plume



Garden Carpet

We would love to see your finds and are always looking for more photos to use in our Newsletters and on our Facebook page. If you would like to see your photos of pollinators featured, email your pictures to planbee@kent.gov.uk or post them on our Facebook page directly.

Gardening for a Wilder Kent Event 23rd Oct

Join Kent Wildlife Trust and their Gardening for a Wilder Kent team at an Open Garden event on the Saturday 23rd October in East Farleigh. Learn about and look for late-season pollinators, as well as a woodland walk in a beautiful 7-acre garden. This is a ticketed event so please head over to Kent Wildlife Trust's event webpage to book your ticket and avoid disappointment:

<https://www.kentwildlifetrust.org.uk/events>



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Do you have a Kent pollinator news story or event that you would like featured in our newsletter? Have you created a pollinator friendly community space? Got your neighbours together to create a row of pollinator friendly gardens? Or do you have an event about how to help Kent's pollinators you would like advertised? Email it to the address below and we will be in contact about a potential space in the Newsletter.

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All the previous editions of the Newsletter have now been added to our webpage. You can download them as PDFs or share the website address on your social media. Find all the Newsletters on the Pollinators section of Kent County Council's website, or follow this link: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-climate/nature-and-biodiversity/pollinators/kents-plan-bee-pollinator-action-plan/kents-plan-bee-newsletter>

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For a Pollinator Friendly Garden of England





Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers

Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We recently helped to organise the Kent Ramblers Wealdway40 festival to mark the 40th anniversary of the Wealdway long-distance trail. 388 walkers took part in the 26 festival walks in September 2021. They walked a total of almost 1,800 miles along the Wealdway (and many more miles on other paths).

We are now back to our regular walks exploring the beautiful countryside within Tonbridge & Malling and surrounding areas. Our group walks are mostly circular with a moderate pace. You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try out a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join.

Advance booking is not required; you can just turn up on the day. However, if you are new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you.

To find out more, visit our website: www.tonbridgeandmallinramblers.org.uk or email info@tonbridgeandmallinramblers.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you on a walk soon!

Date	Route	Distance
Wed 3 November	From the medieval stone bridge at Teston, alongside the Medway to Barming	5 miles
Sun 7 November	Penshurst circular	5.2 miles
Wed 10 November	A gentle walk along and across the Medway from Barming	5 miles
Sun 14 November	Shipbourne to Underriver via plenty of stiles!	6.3 miles
Sun 21 November	Brookland Lake, Snodland - a flat walk around the lakes	4.5 miles

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Tues 23 November	Five Oak Green to Hartlake Bridge through farmland and on along the Medway	5 miles
Sun 28 November	Circular walk from Plaxtol Spout	5 miles
Non-members are welcome. Walks start at 10.00. For meeting points, details and walk leader contacts, see the programme link at: www.tonbridgandmallgramblers.org.uk .		