



RYARSH PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council Updates

- Samantha Payne was welcomed as a new Parish Councillor
- The Parish Council has had the vegetation cut back around the play area, and from the hedge in front of the Village Hall which was obscuring the road sign
- The Parish Council has reported a number of faults to Kent Highways including the obscured speed sign at the top of Woodgate Road, the blocked drains on Birling Road, blocked drains along The Street and blocked gulleys behind the traffic calming islands
- The Parish Council has asked TMBC to clear the leaves from the footpaths along Birling Road, which are a slip hazard
- Residents are reminded that issues with badly parked cars, blocking pavements or obscuring sight lines, can be reported to the police using 101 or via their website
- Councillors are checking fire hydrants in the Village. If you are aware of a hydrant which is obscured by vegetation, with a damaged or missing sign, or if there are any other problems please let us know
- The Parish Council hopes to hold a village event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee on Sunday 5th June 2022. More details will follow
- The Parish Council are looking for volunteers to look after the Ryarsh Resource Room (the former BT Phone Box) on Chapel Street. Please contact Cllr Andy Betts for more information – andy.betts@ryarsh-pc.gov.uk



Kent Police

The Police will be running a crime prevention stand at Ryarsh Village Hall **on Friday 3rd December, 12-2pm**. Crime prevention products and information will be available and you can discuss incidents and your concerns with the police. The Parish Council is pleased to support the police in this event.

We contacted Inspector Lizzie Jones following a spate of break ins and attempted break ins in the village. She is aware of these crimes and attempted crimes and is liaising with her team and investigation departments in order to resolve this as quickly as possible. Unfortunately she could not provide details of operationally sensitive actions but her team have been instructed to contact every single victim of these crimes so they can be reassured.

Many residents will have been affected by these break ins, attempted break ins and thefts, which appear to have been carried out by the same individual. Many residents have reported these incidents to the police and also supplied evidence from CCTV, Ring Doorbell footage etc. The police are aware of this individual, and are building a case. However, we believe many incidents or attempted incidents are not being reported. It will help if you can notify the police of ANY incident, whether entry, damage or theft occurs or not. The more evidence provided, the stronger the police case.

You can report in a number of ways –

<https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/>

Is it an emergency? Does it feel like the situation could get heated or violent very soon? Is someone in immediate danger? Do you need support right away? If so, please call [999](tel:999) now.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service 60066.

If you've witnessed or been the victim of crime please report it to us.

Reports are dealt with by our control room in exactly the same way whether you report it online or [call 101](tel:101).

Kent Police have launched a new method for residents to communicate with the local police and for the police to be able to contact everyone or specific communities -

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/>.

The Kent Police Rural Task Force Newsletter and Rural Matters Magazine are available on the Parish Council website.

Crime Reports:

Brooks Drive - On Thursday 21st of October around 19:47 somebody tried to open the door of a vehicle parked in the road.

Brooks Drive – On Sunday 7th November between 19.30 and 04.15 on Monday 8th November somebody stole parts from a vehicle.

The Street – In the early hours of Sunday 21st November an intruder was recorded entering a garden and trying to enter the garage before running off.

Christmas Tree Lighting



Mark and Deborah Nankivell have once again arranged the hugely popular Christmas Tree Lighting Event on **Sunday 5th December at 16.30pm** followed by fireworks. Everyone welcome! Please bring a torch. A bucket will go around to help raise funds for next year

Location - next to the Village Hall, Birling Road.



No Dogs Allowed

Dog mess is becoming a problem especially round the Village Hall and green. Ryarsh Village Hall Trust are working with TMBC on measures to improve the situation, but residents and visitors are reminded that dogs are not allowed on The Recreation Ground or in the Play Area.



St Martin's Church

The bells at St. Martin's Church were rung on Saturday October 30th, as part of a Church of England initiative to highlight and show support of the Climate Change Conference which began in Scotland on Monday 1st November.

Cllr McKinlay laid a wreath at the Remembrance Service on behalf of the Parish Council.

Next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting which will be held in The Committee Room of Ryarsh Village Hall is on Monday 13th December 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