

## **Blean Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

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**Those Present:** Cllr. B. Flack (Chairman); Cllr. G King (Vice-Chairman); Cllr. A. Jeffers; Cllr. P. Hutt; Cllr. H. Samuelson and Clerk D. Horswell.

**Also present:** Ward Cllr. A. Ricketts; Ward Cllr. D Smith; County Cllr. R. Thomas and PCSO William Lawrence.

Two members of the public were also present.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr. P. Wakeling (difficulties with connecting to Zoom.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including the members of the public and PCSO Lawrence.

**2. Changes to DPI's & Declarations of Interest in matters to be discussed:**

There were no changes or Declaration of Interests from Councillors.

**3. To Approve: Minutes of the last Meeting: of 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**

**Proposed:** Cllr. Hutt, **Seconded:** Cllr. King and All Members present **AGREED.** The Minutes to be signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Due to PCSO Lawrence needing to continue with his duties the Chairman asked Cllrs. to agree to move **agenda item 8. Matters raised by the Public:** so that the public could raise matters with the PCSO.

There was an extensive discussion by the residents present, the Parish Council and PCSO on the recent accident on the A290 in which a young teenager was knocked off his bike by two speeding cars. Cllr. Flack said Parish Cllrs. and Ward Cllrs. are extremely concerned with speeding on the A290 which has been a problem for many years. PCSO Lawrence said speed checks had and were continuing to be carried out outside the former Blean Tavern also at the Royal Oak end of the A290. He said he would also ask Police to show a presence in these areas too. He also said that a speed awareness programme was carried out last month.

County Cllr. Rob Thomas said that the accident was appalling and hopes that the young lad makes a speedy recovery. This was caused by dangerous driving and absolute recklessness. He stressed how important it is for all the authorities involved to work together on this issue. Cllr. Flack said that Stagecoach would need to be involved as well as it is an arterial bus route. It was acknowledged that the local Speedwatch programme is a deterrent but, unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions is not operating at the present time but, hopefully, will be able to resume when restrictions are lifted. More volunteers are always needed.

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Cllr. Flack said that Police Commissioner, Matthew Scott, has said 90% accidents are driver error. She said that we need to work together and start formulating ideas for a meeting to discuss driver education awareness.

**4. Finance:**

**4.1 Approval for Invoice Payments and authorisation:** (Banking Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to the meeting.)

**Banking Report March 2021 Approval for invoice payments**

<b>Method of payment</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Gross Cost</b>
<b>DD</b>	<b>Lili Waste Services</b>	<b>Waste Collection March 2021</b>	<b>£90.30</b> <i>(Vat £15.05)</i>
<b>Bacs</b>	<b>Mr K Waddington</b>	<b>Handyman Wages February 2021</b>	<b>£186.13</b>
<b>Bacs</b>	<b>Mrs D Horswell</b>	<b>Clerks Salary February 2021</b>	<b>£732.03</b>
<b>Bacs</b>	<b>Mrs D Horswell</b>	<b>Re-imbusement for Zoom Monthly payment</b>	<b>£14.39</b> <i>(Vat £2.40)</i>
<b>Bacs</b>	<b>HMRC</b>	<b>PAYE &amp; NIC February 2021</b>	<b>£160.66</b>
<b>DD</b>	<b>XLN</b>	<b>Telephone &amp; Broadband March 2021</b>	<b>£61.13</b> <i>(Vat £10.19)</i>
<b>Bacs</b>	<b>Arthur J Gallagher</b>	<b>Insurance Renewal Pen Underwriting Ltd</b>	<b>£586.32</b> <b>Paid between meetings</b>

**Total Paid Out**

**£1,830.96**

**Paid in:**

**Bacs - BVHMC – 50% Waste collection January 2021**

**£37.62**

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**Bank Statement as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021 - Current Account £24,943.83**  
**(This does not include all the transactions paid in or the outgoing transactions in the banking report).**

It was noted that part of the new Insurance criteria is that the Gas Cylinders must be chained to the wall in the Parish office. The clerk will arrange for this to be done and send confirmation by way of a letter and photo to the insurance company.

**5. Planning: (Planning Report circulated to Cllrs. prior to meeting.)**

### **PLANNING REPORT March 2021**

#### **Planning Applications:**

**2. CA/21/00135 - Application for the approval of appearance, access, landscaping, layout and scale for the proposed residential development for four detached dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission CA/15/01572/OUT - Builders Yard Rear Of 53, Tile Kiln Hill** - The development of the site for 4 dwellings has already been established by previous outline planning permission. However, the Parish Council has a few concerns with this latest application. Firstly, there are no details of landscaping submitted for consideration plus the previous objection by Stagecoach concerning relocation of a bus stop close to the proposed access has not been addressed and according to Stagecoach this is potentially dangerous. Secondly, a number of the outline conditions have still not been discharged - archaeology, foul and surface water drainage details. All these matters should be addressed by the applicant before the Parish Council can fully consider the proposals.

**3. 21/00203 - Single-storey rear extension - 22 School Lane** - Blean Parish Council has no objection to this application.

**4. 21/00259 - First floor extension and two-storey rear extension following demolition of existing rear extension - 11 Whitstable Road** - The Parish Council notes the previous modest scheme to extend this bungalow, however, would raise objection to this proposed current scheme. The proposal provides for overlooking of the adjacent bungalow no.9 to the south from the first floor side bedroom windows, whilst the proposed first floor is likely to provide overshadowing and have an overbearing impact on no. 13. The bulky design which largely fills the plot is out of keeping with the design of the adjoining properties in the street scene and given its height and large flat roof would detract from the visual amenities of the conservation area. The use of large

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amounts of horizontal and vertical timber cladding will detract from the traditional materials which help to provide the character of the conservation area .  
The Parish Council would be interested to know the views of the Conservation Officer on the scheme.

**5. 21/00286 - Two-storey side extension following demolition of garage and conservatory together with single -storey front extension - Hopi House, 27 Tile Kiln Hill**  
- Blean Parish Council object to this application as they are concerned that the proposed first floor extension, due to its front projection, will have an overbearing impact on the outlook of the neighbouring property. The Parish Council also note the change in levels but, given that the proposal will result in a large two-storey side extension built up to the commons boundary, consider this will result in a terracing effect.

### **Planning Applications Received since last meeting:**

**1. 21/00467 - Installation of an air source heat pump - Bramley, Chapel Lane –**  
Comments by 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### **Decision Notices by CCC:**

**1. 20/02477 - Two-storey rear and side extensions to both cottages together with insertion of windows in the side elevations of the existing building along with new driveway to no. 14 following demolition of existing single storey rear extensions. - 14 And 16 Chapel Lane – GRANTED**

Cllr. Flack said that she was pleased to see this application has been granted as it will neaten up the site.

**5.1 For Discussion: Call-in of 20/02414 - Car park for use of existing public house and development of existing car park to provide 6 two-storey houses with associated vehicle access and parking - 4 Blean Hill.**

Cllr. Flack asked Ward Cllr. Ricketts for an update on the call-in for this application to which he said that he has sent in a request to the Planning Officer but it will be a while due to the Stodmarsh issue.

### **6. Reports from Ward Cllrs, County Cllr. and PCSO:**

**6.1 County Cllr. Report – Cllr. Robert Thomas:** Cllr. Thomas's report had been circulated to all Cllrs. prior to the meeting and is attached to these minutes.

#### **6.2 Ward Cllr. Ricketts reported on:**

- Parking issues at Highfield Close
- CCC Budget.

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**6.3 PCSO Report:** Please see report attached to these minutes.

### **7. Reports and Updates: (Reports circulated to Cllrs prior to meeting)**

#### **7.1 Village Hall Report: - Cllr. King**

Cllr. King reported that the village hall is just beginning to open up according to advice from ACRE and KALC.

#### **7.2 N.H.W. Report (report attached to these minutes)**

It was noted that there are still a lot of scams to be on the look out for.

#### **7.3 Footpath Report –Cllr. Samuelson and Cllr. Hutt**

No report as too wet to walk the footpaths but Cllr. Samuelson said he will start walking the footpaths again at Easter.

Cllr. Jeffers reported that Arby's café has now been moved further into the site away from the road.

#### **7.4 Parish Council Update – clerk**

Nothing further to report that is not in these minutes.

### **8. Matters raised by the Public:**

Matters raised by the public earlier in the meeting as reported after agenda item 3.

### **9. Matters to be discussed:**

#### **9.1 For Discussion: Quotes for basket swing**

Quotes had been circulated to all Cllrs. prior to the meeting and it was agreed unanimously to accept the quote from Wicksteeds based on the cost and the fact that the Parish Council has dealt with Wicksteeds for a good number of years. They also carry out the annual inspection of the play equipment.

**Proposed** by Cllr. Flack, **Seconded** by Cllr. King and all Cllrs. present **agreed**.

It was proposed that the Parish Council apply to CCC for a Capital Grant and contribute 50% from Parish Council reserves and vat refund.

**Proposed** by Cllr. Jeffers, **Seconded** by Cllr. Hutt and all Cllrs. present **agreed**.

#### **9.2 For Discussion: Gladmans Appeal**

Cllr. Jeffers said that he is working on the Statement of Proof which has to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 8<sup>th</sup> June.

#### **9.3 EKJIRP Parish Councils Quadrennial Review (Members Allowances)**

Cllr. Flack explained that these allowances have never been claimed before, but were available, if any Cllr. feels that they needed to claim in the future for travel to meetings of outside bodies, babysitting costs etc. This was noted by all Cllrs. present.

#### **9.4 For Discussion: Future Parish Council meetings**

The next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> April which, due to restrictions, will be held virtually but as it stands at the moment, meetings are only allowed to be virtual until 6<sup>th</sup> May. This being so, and because Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a Bank Holiday, it was agreed to hold the Annual meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May by Zoom.

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The clerk will contact the Hall booking secretary to find out the availability of the community space and main hall for meetings in the future where we will still need to social distance.

### **10. Councillors' Reports:**

**10.1** Cllr. Hutt reported that he had attended a KALC Canterbury Area meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> February where all parishes talk as one voice to CCC. The Terms of Reference for the CCC and PC's Engagement meetings were discussed.

He also mentioned the Draft Climate Change and Draft Corporate Plan consultations which both have a closing date of 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Cllr. Hutt also reported that the drainage channel on Honey Hill had recently been cleaned out.

**10.2** Cllr. King said that Mrs Dunster has asked him to convey to the Parish Council that she is still happy to continue reporting on any concerns on the pavements in the village. Cllr. Flack asked Cllr. King to pass on the PC's regards to her and agree to her offer.

**10.3** Cllr. Jeffers commented on the bad state of the A290 near the Royal Oak with multiple potholes and loose chippings.

**10.4** Cllr. Flack reported (in her role as Ward Cllr.) that there may have been a breach where trees have been felled at a property in Chapel Lane. This is being followed up by the Enforcement Officer.

Cllr. Flack also explained about the Council Tax base and the number of properties eligible to pay Council tax. Due to the numbers changing it appears as if the Parish Council precept has increased whereas it has remained the same as last year.

### **11. Any Other Business for discussion at the next meeting:**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Future Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2021 are:**

**12<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> July, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December.**

## County Cllr. Report



Kent County Councillor  
Robert Thomas

# March 2021

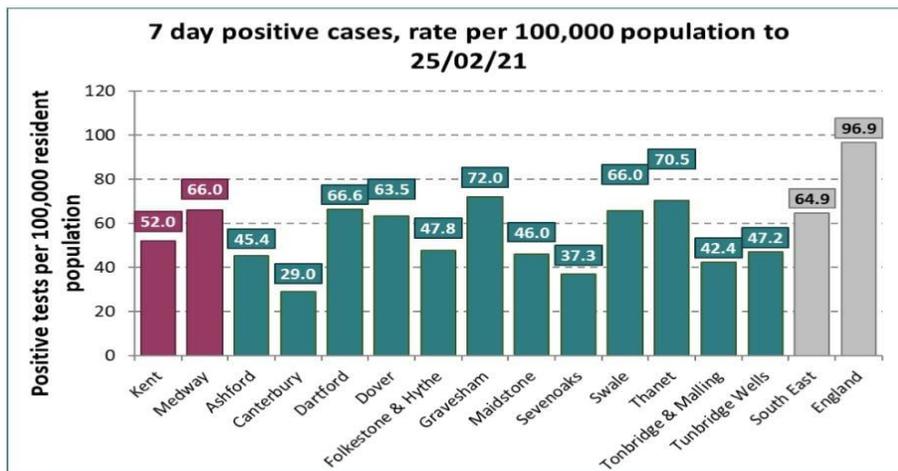
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### COVID-19

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[CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS SERVICE UPDATES](#)

[GOVERNMENT CORONAVIRUS DASHBOARD](#)



Latest:  
[Cases in Kent](#)

### BREXIT

- [The government website providing advice on import & export as well as travelling, living and study in the EU. GOVERNMENT ADVICE ON BREXIT.](#) In addition this Kent County Council scheme to support businesses with free advice and trade mission to boost Kent exports
- The deadline to apply for **EU settled status** is 30<sup>th</sup> June. Further details can be read at <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>

### EDUCATION

At Kent County Council's Council meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> March I shall be asking about support for families on low incomes and their child's **academic**

I'm grateful for the support given by Kent County Council to school children, and their families, in light of the difficulties we've all faced during the global pandemic not least of all the 31,000 families who received free school meal support over the Christmas holidays. I understand KCC will be trialling a programme of summer schools to prevent Summer Learning Loss working with children in poverty to ensure that their academic attainment does not suffer during the holidays as perhaps has happened historically – Members may welcome the fact that this programme is being led by Rob Comber from CYPE who won the LGA Challenge award in 2019 for another excellent education project.

Noting the above context and the good work that has already been undertaken, what lessons can Kent County Council learn from the challenges and experiences of the global pandemic that may also help ensure that school children across Kent can have the best education possible irrespective of their family's circumstances?

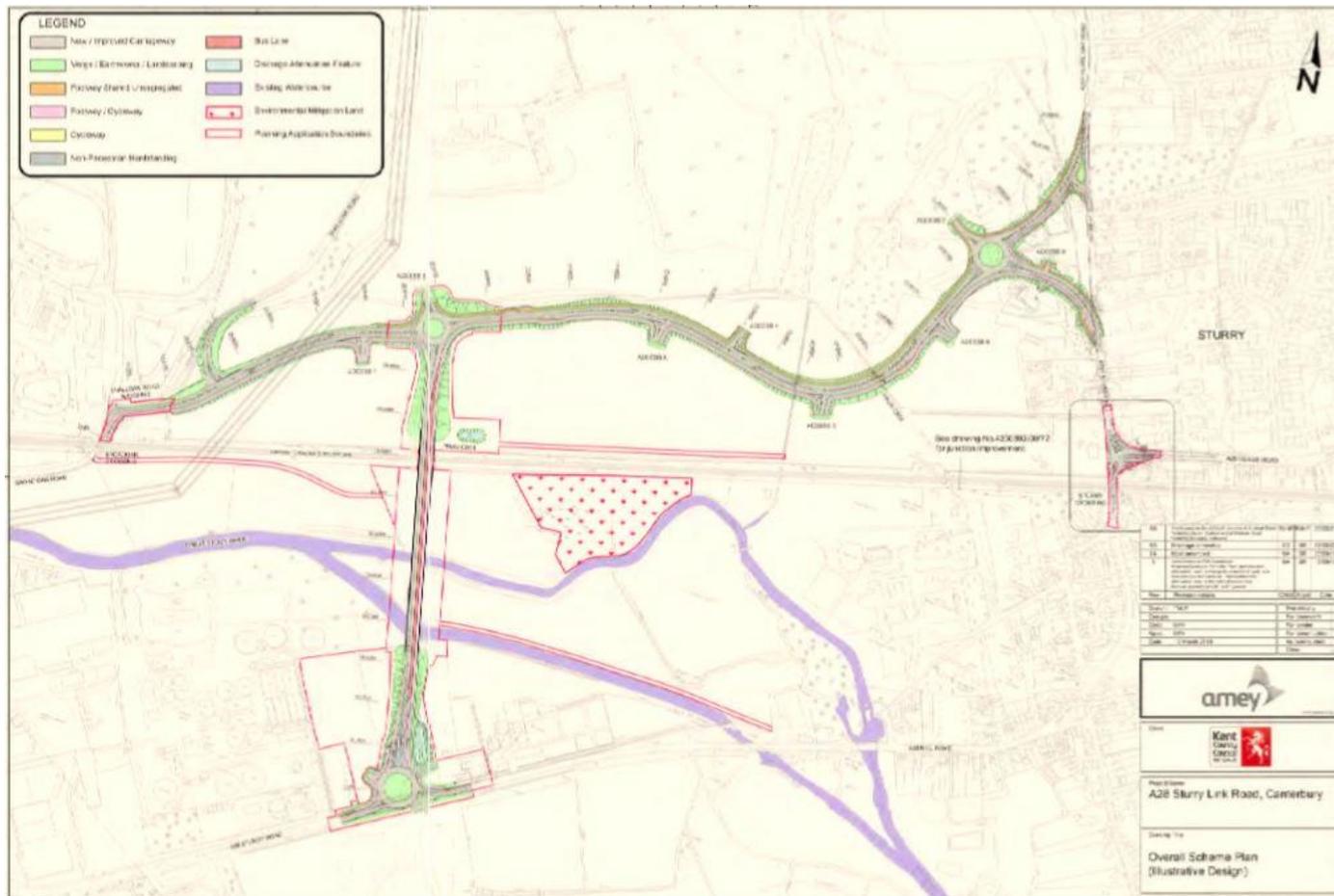
**attainment over summer.**

- The Government has confirmed **basic need capital funding** for 2022/23 with an allocation to Kent of £20.2m and a total of £372m since 2011.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/basic-need-allocations>

**HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORT**

- The **A28 Sturry Link Road** will be considered at Kent County Council Planning committee on 9<sup>th</sup> March



<https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Mid=8706&x=1&>

- KALC hosted a **Vision Zero summit** to discuss Kent County Council's draft strategy and had contributions from Kent Police, Kent Community Speedwatch, Kent County Council and others.

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# Safer Roads & Streets



- **Road Safety as a Statutory Function:** The 1988 Road Traffic Act, puts a "statutory duty" on the LA to undertake

## Powered Two-Wheeler Fatalities – 2015-2019



- 15 of the 38 fatal collisions occurred on 60mph roads (39%)
- 35 collisions involved at least one other vehicle, 25 of which were cars (71%)
- 33 collisions occurred on A and B roads (87%)
- Excessive speed was a contributory factor in 11 collisions (29%)

## ar iRAP Kent Major Road Network



- Coded 220km of network
- Prioritising high collective risk locations
- Using model recommendations to produce shovel ready schemes

February 2021



## Proactive

- Not waiting for areas of concern to highlight themselves
- Do more with historical data - making the most of existing and additional datasets
  - Incidents, damage only, claims, call outs.

## Risk based

- Likelihood
  - Accounting for traffic profile, vulnerability, the environment
- Severity
  - How forgiving is the system?

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# Safer Roads & Streets



- **United response (3Es):** Combine engineering with education and enforcement where appropriate
- **Shared responsibility:** Participation from Parishes and Local community groups
- **Parish Highway Improvement Plans:** A good vehicle for recording requests – but must be used appropriately, resources will mean we can't do it all.



- A supplementary guide to the **Highways Improvement Plan** is to be issued to parish councils in due course. I have asked for a portal to share the HIP as it is not always abundantly clear what the latest version is and uploading to a portal may help with openness and transparency for members of the public.
- Kent County Council invests a further £10 in pothole repairs <https://kccmediahub.net/pothole-blitz-work-starts-across-kent745>
- Alterations to the **A2 Wincheap off-slip** at the junction with the A28, as part of the Thanington Park development, were due to be completed in spring 2021, but the global pandemic delayed the start date. The works should commence in the coming weeks. Details of the scheme can be seen at <http://wincheapsliproad.co.uk/>
- Progress of **National Infrastructure projects** for the South East which are overseen by the Planning Inspectorate can be seen [here](#)

The 2020/21 **Footpaths improvement programme** nears an end with the new financial year starting in April. Here is an overview of the works completed.

<b>Canterbury - Road and Footway Asset Programme 2020-2021</b>						
Please note: The dates below are subject to change at short notice due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances. Please see <a href="#">One.Network</a> for the latest information						
Road Name	Parish	District	Description of Works	Start Date	Finish Date	Work Status
Grove Road	Canterbury	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Micro Surfacing	TBC	TBC	
Penny Pot Lane	Godmersham	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Surface Dressing	TBC	TBC	
Western Esplanade	Herne Bay	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Ironwork	TBC	TBC	
A28 Canterbury Road / Ashford Road	Chartham	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	TBC	TBC	
A260 Canterbury Road	Barham	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	TBC	TBC	
B2248 Kingsmead Road	Canterbury	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	TBC	TBC	
A257 St George's Place	Canterbury	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	TBC	TBC	
Vauxhall Road	Canterbury	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	TBC	TBC	

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Road Name	Parish	District	Description of Works	Start Date	Finish Date	Work Status
B2205 Sea Street	Herne Bay	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal - Remedials	20/04/2020	21/04/2020	Completed
Old Thanet Way	Thanet	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal - Remedials	20/04/2020	21/04/2020	Completed
A2990 Thanet Way	Whitstable	Canterbury	Footway Asset Renewal	22/04/2020	22/05/2020	Completed
A28 Ashford Road	Chartham	Canterbury	Footway Asset Renewal	22/04/2020	22/05/2020	Completed
B2205 High Street/ Canterbury Road	Herne Bay	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	12/05/2020	21/05/2020	Completed
Palmars Cross Hill	Rough Common	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	18/05/2020	21/05/2020	Completed
B2205 Borstal Hill	Whitstable	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	20/05/2020	28/05/2020	Completed
Faversham Road	Whitstable	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Re-tread	05/06/2020	12/06/2020	Completed
Shepherds Walk, Cherry Orchard, Longtye Drive	Chestfield	Canterbury	Footway Asset Renewal	15/06/2020	05/10/2020	Completed
Grimshill Road	Whitstable	Canterbury	Footway Asset Renewal	29/06/2020	25/09/2020	Completed
Moorfield, The Crescent	St.Stephens	Canterbury	Footway Asset Renewal	27/07/2020	23/10/2020	
Church Lane	Chislet	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Surface Dressing	30/07/2020	30/07/2020	Completed
Rosemary Gardens	Whitstable	Canterbury	Footway Asset Preservation	17/08/2020	19/08/2020	Completed

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Road Name	Parish	District	Description of Works	Start Date	Finish Date	Work Status
A28 Ashford Road	Thanington Without	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal - Remedials	25/08/2020	26/08/2020	Completed
Hardres Court Road	Lower Hardres	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Micro Surfacing	26/08/2020	28/08/2020	Completed
St Stephens Hill	St.Stephens	Canterbury	Footway Asset Preservation	01/09/2020	04/09/2020	Completed
Denstead Lane	Chartham	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Micro Surfacing	01/09/2020	03/09/2020	Completed
A290 Clapham Hill	Canterbury	Canterbury	Road Asset Renewal	01/09/2020	17/11/2020	
Tankerton Road	Whitstable	Canterbury	Footway Asset Renewal	21/09/2020	11/10/2020	
Grasmere Road	Whitstable	Canterbury	Footway Asset Preservation - Slurry	25/09/2020	27/09/2020	Completed
B2068 Nackington Road	Lower Hardres	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Micro Surfacing	06/10/2020	07/10/2020	Completed
Frog Lane, Bishops Bourne	Canterbury	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Ironworks	06/10/2020	07/10/2020	Completed
Church Street	Whitstable	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Micro Surfacing	07/10/2020	12/10/2020	Completed
Hillview Road	Whitstable	Canterbury	Footway Asset Renewal	12/10/2020	21/12/2020	
Harwich Street	Whitstable	Canterbury	Footway Asset Renewal	12/10/2020	21/12/2020	
Broad Street	Canterbury	Canterbury	Road Asset Preservation - Micro Surfacing	TBC	TBC	

- **Traffic insight sensors** have been installed to help future management of the Kent road network <https://kccmediahub.net/kent-county-council-and-amey-install-traffic-insight-sensors745>
- As part of the planning application for a hotel to replace Slatters Hotel in St Margarets Street in 2016 the applicant was required to pay developer contributions for public realm improvements. The **improvements to the road and pavement outside the hotel** commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> March for 8 weeks.

## HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Annual Canterbury Local Children Partnership Group met on 24<sup>th</sup> February to discuss the partnerships priorities, current projects and more



Kent and Medway  
Local Commissioning Group



NHS  
Kent and Medway  
Local Commissioning Group

K&M CCG update for Kent LCPGs – February 2021

Emotional wellbeing and mental health	Maternity, perinatal, neonatal and acute paediatrics
<p><b>Children and Young People's Mental Health Service</b> NELFT continues to deliver the <a href="#">Children and Young People's Mental Health Service (CYPMHS)</a> across Kent. When we went into the first lockdown in March 2020, NELFT moved to a digital offer, with face-to-face support available if required. This model of is still in place.</p> <p><b>Neurodevelopmental and Learning Disabilities Service</b> These services continue to be delivered by both NELFT and paediatric providers across Kent. The guidelines for ASC assessments state that PPE cannot be worn and their assessments cannot move wholly to a digital offer. Some assessments are possible now, digital tool known as BOSAS. However, this new tool is not suitable for all children there is still significant impact on all services. We are working with KCC and partner explore options for how best to support families waiting for an assessment. Please click to promote the <a href="#">Local Offer</a> and <a href="#">handbook for families</a>.</p> <p><b>Mental Health Support Teams in schools</b> Since 2018, the CCG has been bidding for funding to develop <a href="#">Mental Health Support (MHS) Teams</a> across Kent. We have two teams live in North Kent, two teams that have just live in Canterbury and Maidstone, and two teams are currently undertaking their trial Thanet with a go-live date of November 2021.</p> <p>NELFT has recruited the roles and manages the teams. HeadStart Kent provides programme management support. NHS England oversees the programme alongside Department for Education and Health Education England.</p> <p><b>COVID-19 response</b> The CCG has been looking at what research is telling us about the impact of COVID putting services in place to support our children, young people and young adults. Or example is this research paper: <a href="#">The Children &amp; Young People's Mental Health Resilience and Recovery Planning: Summary of Relevant Literature and Emerging Evidence (2)</a></p> <p><b>Suicide prevention</b> The CCG has worked with the Kent and Medway's Suicide Prevention STP work stream provide funding for some suicide reduction work. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• extending the <a href="#">Mind and Body</a> self-harm reduction programme to include 18-24 olds</li> <li>• extending <a href="#">The BeYou Project</a>, which supports LGBT+ children, young people and young adults, to respond to the key themes and gaps in provision identified in recent collaboration with The University of Kent</li> <li>• providing funding for <a href="#">Dads Unlimited</a> to deliver workshops and support to fathers who have recently separated, and provide advice and support for parents facing medium level parental conflict.</li> </ul> <p><b>Kooth</b> Kooth is currently offered across Kent for 10-16 year olds and we are exploring options extending this to those aged up to 25 across Kent. Further updates will be provided when any decisions are finalised.</p> <p>If you have any questions relating to children, young people and young adults' emotional wellbeing and mental health services in Kent, please email <a href="mailto:cypmentalhealth@kentccg.nhs.uk">cypmentalhealth@kentccg.nhs.uk</a></p>	<p><b>PNMH</b> Silvercloud – the Kent &amp; Medway commissioners and other stakeholders have been promoting the Silvercloud online digital programme which has a specific module for perinatal mental health (PNMH). IAPT providers (Insight and We Are With You) assess potential users with mild to moderate perinatal mental health needs in order to allocate the modules. See attached GP communication for further information.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> SILVERCLOUD GP COMM FINAL V5.pdf</p> <p>Kent and Medway have been successful in their application to be an early implementer of the maternal mental health service element of the Long Term Plan (LTP). This is for those who have moderate to severe perinatal mental health needs related to birth trauma and birth loss as a result of the maternity experience. The east Kent pilot (named THRIVE – psychological support for birth trauma and birth loss) started at the beginning of January. Kent &amp; Medway wide scoping work and a training offer for maternity services is currently being prepared. Maternal mental health services will be rolled across Kent and Medway after the pilot has been completed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>In addition, the current Mother and Infant Mental Health service (MIMHS) will increase in order to meet the national trajectory and long term plan ambitions. These include increasing psychological interventions, expansion of the service to see women 24 months after the birth of their child (currently 12 months) and assessment and sign-posting for partners. A steering group has been established with a number of stakeholders as the service works through these ambitions.</p> <p><b>Maternity</b> Local Maternity System – The Local Maternity System partnership continues to work together on the deliverables for this year. The LMS core team will reduce from April 2021 but the focus on maternity improvement and transformation will continue with attention on the delivery of the Long Term Plan ambitions.</p> <p>Home births – currently suspended due to SEC/Amb not being able to fulfil their response times at present due to additional Covid-19 pressures.</p> <p>Tongue Tie and Infant feeding – a series of Task &amp; Finish groups are underway to explore the current pathway in more detail and to work towards having an equitable and more consistent approach across Kent &amp; Medway in the future.</p> <p>LMS website – work around the Kent &amp; Medway website is ongoing and it is hoped that there will be a launch at the end of March - this will raise the profile of maternity and support information sharing.</p> <p>Covid-19 maternity survey – The Local Maternity System which includes the Kent &amp; Medway CCG and the Maternity Voices Partnerships (MVPs) developed a survey in 2020 which asked pregnant women and those due to, or who gave birth, between 1st March – 1st</p>

- A New **Domestic Abuse** Bill will work its way through parliament on 8<sup>th</sup> March  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-laws-to-protect-victims-added-to-domestic-abuse-bill>
- The government has allocated £30m for additional **changing places toilets**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/30-million-investment-to-provide-changing-places-toilets>
- One You Kent supporting government initiative on **health living and obesity**  
<https://kccmediahub.net/one-you-kent-supports-plans-for-a-better-health745>
- The government has issued an update on **rough sleeping** in the UK  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/huge-progress-made-as-rough-sleeping-figures-at-6-year-low>
- Additional support for those with **learning disabilities**  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/free-tablets-to-improve-lives-of-thousands-of-people-with-learning-disabilities>
- Free **PPE for carers** <https://carersek.org.uk/news/free-ppe-for-carers-in-kent/>
- New Chairman for **East Kent Hospitals** <https://www.ekhft.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/news-centre/latest-news/trust-governors-appoint-new-chairman-to-lead-east-kent-hospitals/>

**An update on the transformation programme in East Kent**

**Sent by email**

10 February 2021

Dear Colleague

I am writing to follow up on our very helpful meeting that many of you attended at the end of last year about the NHS's East Kent Transformation Programme. As we explained when we met with you, we are currently working with our regulators, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSEI) on assuring the PCBC and securing Treasury funding.

We met with NHS England's Phase 2 Assurance Panel on 12th November, and unsurprisingly, given current pressures at all levels of the NHS, formalising the feedback from this session took longer than anticipated. However, I am pleased to let you know that our NHSEI colleagues acknowledged and appreciated the huge amount of work that has gone into the PCBC so far and consider that it clearly articulates the case for change, proposed new model of care, options for consultation and plans for ongoing communications and engagement.

As is common during the assurance process, NHSEI identified some areas of the pre-consultation business case that would benefit from further strengthening and/or detail. These include making sure we have clearly explained in detail our plans for three vibrant and thriving hospitals in east Kent that provide a wide range of day-to-day care and services for local people and ensuring we have explored every opportunity to get the best possible value for public money. We are continuing to work closely with NHSEI colleagues to finalise the PCBC as quickly as possible.

When we met last year, we discussed that along with assuring the PCBC, securing a commitment of capital is a critical requirement for the progression of the east Kent transformation work, and we require an agreement of Treasury funding before we can proceed to consultation. We and the NHSEI regional team continue to work with national NHSEI colleagues and the Department for Health and Social Care to secure Treasury funding for the East Kent Programme, but as things currently stand this is not yet in place.

Once these two critical requirements are finalised, we will look carefully at the timing for public consultation, in discussion with our colleagues from East Kent Hospitals, members of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and groups representing patients and the public. As I'm sure you would agree, it would not seem wise or appropriate to launch a public consultation when the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccination programme is quite rightly the key priority for the NHS, and when our local communities are unlikely to be able to engage in consultation in a meaningful way.

We will of course continue to keep you updated on our progress. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Rachel Jones**  
**Executive Director Strategy and Population Health**

## **LIBRARIES & REGISTRATIONS**

Due to **coronavirus restrictions**, bookshelf browsing and use of computers and WiFi is currently unavailable. You can still request books through the Kent County Council Select and Collect service

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/select-and-collect>

## **BUSINESS, ECONOMY & REGENERATION**

- Kent County Council has announced additional support for those who need assistance paying their **council tax bill** <https://kccmediahub.net/council-tax-help-for-kents-most-in-need745>
- Kent County Council has received £20m in funding to support those **businesses trading with the EU** <https://kccmediahub.net/kcc-welcomes-20m-business-fund745>. Additionally, the government has given more **support to the fishing industry** <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/increased-support-for-fishing-and-shellfish-businesses>
- Kent County Council has backed plans for a **national strategy on empty homes** <https://kccmediahub.net/kcc-backs-call-for-national-strategy-on-empty-homes745>
- **Opportunity for businesses to work on the Lower Thames Crossing** <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/our-work/lower-thames-crossing/work-with-us/sme-directory/>
- **City centre performance statistics** are available from Canterbury Business Improvement District. This includes footfall and vacancy rates <https://www.canterburybid.co.uk/city-centre-performance/>
- A campaign to debunk the myths around **5G** <https://www.mobileuk.org/5g-and-health>
- The **Thames Estuary Growth board** includes the Kent Coast all the way to Thanet and has a Government <https://thamesestuary.org.uk/news-and-events/>
- Margate to received £22.2m **Towns Fund** <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/towns-fund-recipient-march-2021/towns-fund-recipient-march-2021>

**REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF**

**An idling vehicle produces 20 times more pollution than one travelling 32mph**



**CLEANER AIR**

## **ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE CHANGE**

- £21m grant from the **Decarbonisation Fund** due to be accepted by Kent County Council <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=2460> which is in addition to recent success to secure £2.5m for heat networks <https://kccmediahub.net/funding-the-transition-to-net-zero-heat-networks-investment-project-helps-kent-county-council-to-2030-net-zero-target745>
- Kent County Council now recycles all **food waste** in Kent <https://kccmediahub.net/kents-household-food-waste-now-recycled-in-kent745>
- Kent County Council's '**Kent's Changing Climate**' An overview including current projects can be seen at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/climate-change/kents-changing-climate> and [environment strategy indicators](#)
- **Kent Plan Bee** Summit 2 planned for July 2021. More details to follow in due course. Blog for the pollinator action plan can be read at <https://explorekent.org/blog/2021/02/25/pollinators-provide/>
- Kent County Council **electric van trial** for Kent businesses has gone live <https://kccmediahub.net/electric-van-trial-goes-live-for-kent-businesses745>
- Do you know what waste can be taken to the **Household Waste Recycling centres**? You can find out more here <https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/household-waste-recycling-centres/i-want-to-get-rid-of>
- Chartham woman issued a **£400 fine for flytipping** [Canterbury City Council Facebook news](#) and are seeking to speak with an individual in connection with graffiti which appeared in the city centre [Canterbury City Council Facebook News](#)
- Met Office weather and **climate statistics** confirm it has been wet and dull with near average temperature <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/about-us/press-office/news/weather-and-climate/2021/2021-winter-february-stats>
- **Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty** have a number of excellent projects which can be read at <https://www.kentdowns.org.uk/our-projects/>
- Could your parish sign the **tree charter**? [National Association of Local Councils Charter for trees woods and people](#)
- Want to know more about **B Lines**? <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/b-lines-insect-superhighways-tickets-143773471323>
- Canterbury City Council **draft climate change action plan** presentation <http://bit.ly/CCCDraftClimate>

## **COMMUNITY**

- 17<sup>th</sup> March sees the launch of **Crowdfund Kent** with £500k from Kent County Council <https://kccmediahub.net/new-crowdfunding-platform-will-bring-community-projects-to-life745>
- **Census day is 21 March 2021** with a reminder from Kent County Council <https://kccmediahub.net/everyone-counts-in-census-2021745>





[SCHOOLS KCC](#)

**OTHER CONSULTATIONS**

- [Canterbury City Council Draft Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2030](#) (04.03.2021)
- [Canterbury City Council Draft Corporate Plan 2021-24](#) (01.04.2021)
- [Government Right to Contest reforms](#) (13.03.2021)
- [Review of the Highway Code to improve safety on motorways and high speed roads](#) (29.03.2021)
- [Windsor House Local Lettings Plan](#) (12.03.2021)
- [Lucerne Neighbour Centre](#) (12.03.2021)
- [Boundary Commission for England Parliamentary Constituencies Act 2020](#) (June 2023)

**NEWS ELSEWHERE**

- [Deadline to register for a postal vote for May 2021 elections is 20<sup>th</sup> April.](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote)
- [Stagecoach support for Demelza House](https://www.stagecoachbus.com/promos-and-offers/south-east/a-big-thanks)
- [The latest Judicial Attitudes Survey was completed by 99% of all judges. Read the report at](https://www.judiciary.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/JAS-2020-EW-UK-TRIBS-8-Feb-2021-complete.pdf)
- [Drivers could save £50 a year under proposals to scrap EU law](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-announces-plan-to-scrap-eu-law-ensuring-british-drivers-avoid-50-a-year-insurance-hike)
- [Canterbury district beaches are being prepared for spring](https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/news/article/209/getting-the-beaches-ready-as-spring-approaches)
- [The government has sold off “Northern Rock”](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-completes-final-5-billion-sale-of-bradford-bingley-plc-and-nram-limited)
- [The government has published the an update on cross government fraud Cross-Government Fraud Landscape bulletin 2019-20](#)

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Planning applications in each village in the past month**



<a href="#"><u>Blean</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Chartham &amp; Chartham Hatch</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Chestfield</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Harbledown &amp; Rough Common</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>Hackington</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Guide to commenting on applications</u></a>
<b>Kent County Council</b>	
<a href="https://www.kentplanningapplications.co.uk/"><u>https://www.kentplanningapplications.co.uk/</u></a>	

Parishes considering a Neighbourhood Plan can find additional information at [My Neighbourhood Plan](#)

**KENT POLICE UPDATES** - link for the past month's crime statistics in each village as well as contact details for your neighbourhood team.



<a href="#">Blean</a>	<a href="#">Chartham, Chartham Hatch, Lower Hardres, Petham, Upper Hardres &amp; Waltham</a>
<a href="#">Chestfield</a>	<a href="#">Harbledown</a>
<a href="#">Hackington</a>	<a href="#">Rough Common</a>



### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

DATE	Event	Link/Comment
11 <sup>th</sup> March 21	KCC County Council	<a href="#">County Council Agenda</a>
12 <sup>th</sup> March 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Accountability Board	<a href="#">SELEP Accountability Board Agenda</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> March 21	Joint Transportation Board	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
18 <sup>th</sup> March 21	Joint Transportation Board	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> March 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board	<a href="#">SELEP Strategic Board Agenda</a>
21 <sup>st</sup> March 21	Census Day	<a href="https://census.gov.uk/">https://census.gov.uk/</a>
24 <sup>th</sup> March 21	Canterbury City Council Community committee	<a href="#">Agenda</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> May 21	Elections	Kent County Council, Kent Police & Crime Commissioner
7 <sup>th</sup> May 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Accountability Board	<a href="#">SELEP Accountability Board Agenda</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> May 21	Kent & Medway Economic Partnership	<a href="http://kmep.org.uk/meetings">http://kmep.org.uk/meetings</a>
4 <sup>th</sup> June 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board	<a href="#">SELEP Strategic Board Agenda</a>
2 <sup>nd</sup> July 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Accountability Board	<a href="#">SELEP Accountability Board Agenda</a>
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 21	Kent & Medway Economic Partnership	<a href="http://kmep.org.uk/meetings">http://kmep.org.uk/meetings</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> September 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Accountability Board	<a href="#">SELEP Accountability Board Agenda</a>
16 <sup>th</sup> September 21	Kent & Medway Economic Partnership	<a href="http://kmep.org.uk/meetings">http://kmep.org.uk/meetings</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> October 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board	<a href="#">SELEP Strategic Board Agenda</a>
19 <sup>th</sup> November 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Accountability Board	<a href="#">SELEP Accountability Board Agenda</a>
25 <sup>th</sup> November 21	Kent & Medway Economic Partnership	<a href="http://kmep.org.uk/meetings">http://kmep.org.uk/meetings</a>
10 <sup>th</sup> December 21	South East Local Enterprise Partnership Strategic Board	<a href="#">SELEP Strategic Board Agenda</a>

- Plus regular meetings of Kent Council Leaders outlined [here](#)

- Decisions taken by Cabinet Members at Kent County Council can be seen at <https://democracy.kent.gov.uk/mgDelegatedDecisions.aspx?bcr=1>
- Kent County Council's Corporate Policies are listed [here](#)

### **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

<b>APPLY</b>	<a href="#">EU Settled Status (30.06.2021)</a>
	<a href="#">Adoption and Fostering</a>
	<a href="#">Assisted Bin Collection</a>
	<a href="#">Bus and Travel Passes</a>
	<a href="#">Disabled Parking Blue Badge</a>
	<a href="#">Free School Meals</a>
	<a href="#">Garden Waste Collection</a>
	<a href="#">Highways Permit – close a road, tourist signs, skip on highway, dropped kerb</a>
	<a href="#">Kent Adult Education classes</a>
<b>REPORT</b>	<a href="#">Library Services</a> – books, magazines, newspapers, archives, iPads and more
	<a href="#">Bus Feedback</a>
	<a href="#">Illegal Parking</a>
	<a href="#">Kent Highways – potholes, drainage, pavements, streetlighting etc</a>
	<a href="#">Missed Bins</a> or phone 01227 947860
	<a href="#">Planning Enforcement</a>
	<a href="#">Public Rights of Way</a>
<b>JOBS</b>	<a href="#">Trading Standards</a>
	<a href="https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs">https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/jobs</a>
	<a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs">https://www.kent.gov.uk/jobs</a>
	<a href="https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/jobs/">https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/jobs/</a>
	<a href="https://www.kent.police.uk/police-forces/kent-police/areas/kent-police/c/careers/">https://www.kent.police.uk/police-forces/kent-police/areas/kent-police/c/careers/</a>

### **FURTHER HELP**

- **FLOODING**

In an emergency related to flooding, call our out-of-office hours contact 01227 781879 for the on-call flood duty engineer. Sign up to the Environment Agency's flood warning service which will let you know if a flood could affect your area

<https://www.fws.environment-agency.gov.uk/>

- **ROAD CLOSURES**

To get notified of road closures in your area you can register at

<https://one.network/>

- **WATER LEAKS & SUPPLY ISSUES**

<https://inyourarea.digdat.co.uk/southeastwater>

- **PRIORITY ASSISTANCE IN A POWER CUT**



<https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/power-cut/priority-services-register>

### **Where else can I get local government news?**

- **Blean Parish Council news**  
<https://www.bleanparishcouncil.co.uk/community/blean-parish-council-16154/news/>
- **Chartham Parish Magazine**  
[https://stmaryschartham.org/groups/351611/Chartham\\_Parish\\_Magazine.aspx](https://stmaryschartham.org/groups/351611/Chartham_Parish_Magazine.aspx)
- **Chestfield Parish Council news (including magazine)**  
<https://chestfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk/category/news/>
- **Harbledown and Rough Common Parish Council news**  
<https://harbledown-pc.gov.uk/category/news/>
- **Hackington Parish Council news**  
<https://hackington-pc.gov.uk/category/news/>
- **County Councils Network**  
<https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk/>
- **Kent Area of Local Councils**  
<https://www.kentalc.gov.uk/>
- **Local Government Association**  
<https://www.local.gov.uk/>

### **Previous Updates**

- [February 2021](#)
- [January 2021](#)

*THANK YOU FOR READING THIS EDITION OF THE NEWSLETTER, I HOPE YOU FOUND IT INFORMATIVE.*

*ROB T*

## PCSO Report

*Blean, Tyler Hill and Rough Common*

*February 2021*

*Information provided by: PCSO William Lawrence Canterbury Community Safety Unit.*

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### *Crimes of note:*

02/02/21-Possession of controlled drug Harbledown bypass CANTERBURY  
02/02/21- theft of parcel from nickle court CANTERBURY  
05/02/21-Theft of bicycle from Grimshall court CANTERBURY  
06/02/21-Attempted Burgalry Memorial Hall TYLER HILL  
19/02/21-Theft of Mobile phone Tyler Court CANTERBURY

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### *Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note:*

Nothing To Report

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### *Items of good work:*

Patrolling the Blean church and Alcroft Grange making sure there is no ASB or off road bikes.

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### *Updates of previous reported issues:*

- Speeding Blean Hill BLEAN member of the special constabulary conducted speed checks where they issued one traffic offence report for speeding. Numerus words of advice were given about speed.



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH REPORT- Feb 2021/March 2021

Blean village co-ordinator:- David Greenman, 3 Vicarage Lane, Blean, CT2 9ET

Phone: 01227 450853/mob 07843962986  
e-mail: david.greenman@btinternet.com

5 reports, relevant to the village, were received from Kent Police between 4<sup>th</sup> Feb and 3<sup>rd</sup> March and forwarded electronically to the 17 links around the village of Blean.

The murky world of scamming is still causing much despondency. The pandemic is driving the scammers in their relentless drive and they visit all areas of society. The report below has been furnished to us by Kent police and describes a scam based on the Council Tax. Another scam involving offers for training courses and other employment promises:

*Council Tax Banding Scam I have been contacted by a Kent resident informing me that they have been telephoned and informed by a fraudster that they were being called by them on behalf of their local council, as it been discovered that their property had been put into the wrong tax band of an E when it should have been in band D. The fraudster stated their tax band will be reduced by approximately £200 per annum and that they were entitled to a refund of approximately £4,000 based on the time they had been resident in the property. However, they went onto state that they could sort this out for them but that there would be a charge of £160 plus VAT. When challenged they gave the name of a company and their company number, which when checked on companies' house relates to a company involved in the repair of communication equipment. This was identified by the intended victim as a scam and they disconnected the call. Never assume or believe any caller is genuine. Your council would never employ a company like this to act on their behalf, so if unsure, it is important to contact your local Council and discuss this with them. If you believe that you may have fallen victim to this type of scam, then please contact you Bank immediately and then report to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.u](http://www.actionfraud.police.u)*

David Greenman  
NHW coordinator for Blean.           6<sup>th</sup> March 2021