



The Hartley Herald

December 2021

The Parish Council Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 8EL

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Your Parish Councillors would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE



This year's Remembrance Sunday Service took place at the War Memorial on Sunday 14th November with the service being led by The Reverend Adele Barker and accompanied by Father Patrick Poku. Representatives from local groups attended the service and laid their wreaths.

The ladies from the WI decorated the memorial green with their fantastic knitted poppies once again. This included the decoration of a new bench installed to celebrate 100 years of the Women's Institute.

Our thanks go to the ladies of the W.I.

PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR HARTLEY

A Neighbourhood Plan for Hartley questionnaire was delivered to all residents at the beginning of November.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who completed and returned this.

Your replies are now being analysed and all comments will be considered when developing our proposed Neighbourhood Plan. This Plan will be used to influence development in Hartley in the future.

If anyone you did not receive a copy of the questionnaire or have mislaid it, a copy can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office by telephone (01474 709441) or by email on mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk

It is not too late to make your views known.

Your input to this policy is extremely important. Please look out for further information in the coming months.



Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, James Colwell, Lesley Driscoll, Laurence Glander, David Graeme, Mally Malham, Anne Oxtoby, Brian Ramsay, Ian Ross and Vince Sewell. They can be contacted via the Clerk, Helen Boden at the Parish Office, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent, DA3 8EL, by email: mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone: 01474 709441



THE PAVILION, MANOR FIELD

The Pavilion at Manor Field, Church Road is an ideal venue for family gatherings, regular or one off hiring or as a venue for children's birthday parties.

HARTLEY VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall, located on Ash Road, is also available to hire for regular or "one off" events.

For further information and details of availability at either venue, please contact the Clerk at the Parish Office on Tel: 01474 709441 or Email: mail@hartleyparishcouncil.org.uk

SALT BIN LOCATIONS

Salt bins are located at potentially hazardous locations, for use by the public to treat ice and snow on small areas of the carriageway or footway. As the colder weather approaches, please find below a list of the salt bin locations, including the newest one:

- At the junction of Ash Road with;
Bramblefield Close, Copseside, Merton Avenue (NEW) Quaker's Close and Larks field.
- In Banckside, Porchester Close and Caxton Close
- At the junction of Woodland Avenue and Wellfield
- At the junction of Church Road with Manor Lane.

For more general information about salting and snow clearance, please visit www.kent.gov.uk and search Winter Service Policy.



KENT COUNTY COUNCIL—HIGHWAYS REPORTING PORTAL

Did you know that Kent County Council operates a Highways Portal service to report problems on the highways such as potholes, fly tipping, overhanging tree branches etc? This system allows residents to report any problems on the highways directly to KCC and track and monitor the faults themselves.

For more information visit

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>



WOODLAND MANAGEMENT DAY GORSE WOOD, HARTLEY



The North West Kent Countryside Project (NWKCP) recently undertook a Woodland Management Day, on behalf of Hartley Parish Council, in Gorse Wood.

They focused on clearing and coppicing the woodland trees and created a walkway bordering residents properties. They also cleared and tidied up footpaths through the woodland.

While completing this project, they received many positive comments from local residents. Our thanks are extended to all those involved.

KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN: JACKIE WEST

I thought, as we move forward into the winter months ahead, I would highlight some of the support services available to residents in our community;

Kent Together

KCC 24 Hour Helpline

Support to vulnerable people in Kent who need urgent help, supplies or medication.

This is also the place to report your concerns about the welfare of someone else.

03000 41 92 92

Release The Pressure

24 hour free, confidential support for those requiring Mental Health Support.

0800 107 0160

Or text the word "Kent" to 85258

24 Hour Kent Dementia Helpline

Confidential service offering support and guidance for people with Dementia and their Carers.

0800 500 3014

Imago

Delivering a range of services designed to support and empower those most vulnerable in our communities.

0300 011 1965

Community Cupboard

Supporting local communities with food provisions

07526 823122

Age UK - Gravesend

Independent Living Services—Nail cutting, bathing, shopping, cleaning, befriending, daily meal service.

01474 564898

The Cottage Community Fawkham

Hot Meal Service.

01322 668106

Porchlight Live Well Kent

Support with housing, mental health, money worries and wellbeing.

0800 567 7699

New Ash Green Lunch Club

Provide a once weekly hot meal.

01474 702760

For further information or support please do not hesitate to contact me.

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YOUR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE, RECYCLING AND GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

Over the festive period, the refuse collection teams will be working extra days so you don't miss a waste collection.

This year, waste collections will take place on the usual day, even if it's a bank holiday.

There is no need to put your sacks out a day or two earlier or later as you may have done in previous years - simply put them out on your usual collection day.

If you receive a garden waste collection, there will be no changes to this service either.

Please put your black and clear sacks out at 7am and your garden waste out at 6.30am on your collection day.

To view your collections online, visit www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/collectiondays



FREE CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SERVICE

After this year's festivities have ended, Sevenoaks District Council can collect and recycle your real Christmas tree for free. The Council will take any tree with a trunk of up to 90mm (3.5 inches) in diameter, with its Garden Waste Collection Service, from 3rd January until 28th January 2022. Simply leave your tree by the boundary of your property, where you would usually put your refuse and recycling sacks, by 06:30 a.m. on the day the Council's Garden Waste Collection Service visits your road.



West Kent Mediation (www.wkm.org.uk) are looking for new Trustees. Are you interested in conflict resolution and would like to help make decisions about their organisation? They currently have six Trustee meetings per year in Sevenoaks and their AGM is held in late summer. They require Trustees to participate and bring fresh ideas to these meetings and provide occasional support to their two part time members of staff. Travel expenses are paid.

Please contact Amanda Bell if you are interested in this rewarding position, or require any further information 01732 469696 amanda@wkm.or.uk