



The Hartley Herald

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MARCH 2022

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
TO BE HELD ON FRIDAY 13TH MAY 2022 AT 7.45 P.M.
AT HARTLEY VILLAGE HALL, ASH ROAD**

You are invited to attend this year's Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place on Friday 13th May at 7:45 pm at Hartley Village Hall, Ash Road.

At the meeting, the accounts for the past year will be available to view and there will also be reports from the Chairman of the Council and our District Councillors.

This year, there will also be a short presentation on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Gareth Johnson, our local MP, will be attending, as well as our local PCSO, County Councillor and Kent County Council Community Warden, Jackie West. Please come along to listen to what they have to say and to ask any questions that you may have. This is an ideal opportunity to find out what your Parish Councillors have been doing on your behalf during the past year.

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE - CELEBRATIONS IN HARTLEY

The Parish Council is organising two events at the Manor Field Recreation Ground at the beginning of June to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND BOTH FREE EVENTS.

On Thursday 2nd June the Beacon will be lit as part of an official Ceremony of Beacon Lighting across the Commonwealth. There will be community singing led by The Local Vocals and a lone piper. This will be followed by the lighting of the beacon at 9.45pm.

The second event will be from 6pm on Saturday 4th June. Residents may bring a picnic or purchase food and drink which will be available on the day. There will be a licensed bar and entertainment including a Punch & Judy show. There will also be LIVE musical entertainment throughout the evening. The event will provide an opportunity to relax, sing and dance with friends and neighbours to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

The evening will conclude with the lighting of the beacon at 9.45pm and a firework display.

WE HOPE YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US.

THERE WILL BE LIMITED PARKING FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS ONLY

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Chris Alford, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, Jim 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



PROPOSED NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR HARTLEY

Thank you to everyone who returned their Neighbourhood Plan questionnaires. The responses have been analysed and the top response to the question of the main benefit of living in Hartley was "support for the natural environment and access to the countryside" This was followed by "good transport links and local shops".

Drawbacks were listed as "poor bus service, too much traffic and concern about over development and loss of character of the village".

Suggested improvements were "reduce/stop more housing, including the replacement of small units with large houses" followed by "tidying up and improving community facilities and areas".

Work is now under way to produce evidence to support policies on these matters and drafts will be issued for consultation.

Residents will be aware that Sevenoaks District Council is developing a new Local Plan .

That Plan will seek to incorporate the Government's housing targets and this is likely to have an impact on Hartley. The draft proposals will soon be available for comment.



DEFIBRILLATORS—DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED ?

There are **three** defibrillators in Hartley;

One is positioned outside the Village Hall, Ash Road and there is another unit complete with paediatric pads positioned at The Pavilion, Manor Field, Church Road.

There is a third unit located in Hartley Country Club.



THESE UNITS CAN BE USED WITHOUT TRAINING.

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 or pavements directly with KCC and track and monitor the faults themselves.

For more information visit

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



NORTHFIELD HORSE RIDING ROUTE

The Northfield Ride will be re-opening on **1st April 2022** (weather permitting).

Membership costs just £20 key deposit, and £5 Annual membership.

Details of how to apply for or renew membership can be found on the Parish Council's website or obtained from Ash Green Sports Centre Tel: **01474 707164**.

REDUCTION TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES

Residents are being asked to share their views on a proposed reduction of Kent County Council's (KCC) Supported Bus Services.

KCC's budget for the 2022/23 financial year was agreed on Thursday 10th February and included a reduction to the Supported Bus budget to £4.3m representing a decrease of £2.2 million.

The proposed changes mean 48 contracts have been selected for possible withdrawal from the budget including our 433, 489 and 474/5 services.

We want to make you aware of this so that you can consider the impact on yourself.

The consultation formally opens on 24th February and will close on 20th April 2022.

Visit www.kent.gov.uk/bussavings to view the full list of the services proposed to be withdrawn and take part in the consultation.

For queries or requests for hard copies, email bussavings@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 421437 referencing KCC Bus Funding Reduction.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As part of an ongoing maintenance programme, volunteers are invited to attend Rectory Meadow to join members of North West Kent Countryside Partnership Team.

They will be at Rectory Meadow on the following dates;

Wednesday 23rd March, Thursday 24th March and Wednesday 30th March.

On these days, they will be focusing on cutting and raking the lower and upper meadow and getting the site prepared for the flowering season.

Members of the Team will be on site from 10:00a.m to 15:30 and all training, instructions and equipment will be provided.

(Rectory Meadow can be accessed from Banckside).

Volunteers are reminded to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather conditions and to bring a packed lunch, water and gloves.

If you are interested in assisting with this project, please contact the Officer before the day using the details below. They will arrange for all volunteers to fill out the relevant health and safety forms beforehand.

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Partnership Officer | North West Kent Countryside Partnership

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HARTLEY PARISH COUNCIL

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2022-2023

The Parish Council is seeking to award a contract for the routine maintenance and patrol of its open spaces located within the parish and to undertake minor repairs to fences, gates and equipment. The contract shall take effect from 1st July 2022 and expire on 30th June 2023.

The quotation period expires at noon on Friday 13th May 2022.

Any company, group or individual interested in providing the Council with a quotation for the above works should contact the Parish Clerk at the following address:

The Parish Council Office
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THE COUNTRYSIDE CODE

As we are spending more and more time outside enjoying the countryside, please remember some of the key points of the Countryside Code;

Respect other people.

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

Protect the natural environment.

- Leave no trace of your visit, take all your litter home.
- Keep dogs under effective control and in sight.
- Use bags to clear up after your dogs—any public waste bin can be used.
- Care for nature—do not cause damage or disturbance.

