

Northfield projects

The Northfield Management Committee agreed that coppicing will take place within the ancient woodlands within Northfield. This project has already started and will continue over the next few years.

What is coppicing?

Coppicing is a traditional woodland management technique that dates to the Stone Age. It involves felling trees at their base to create a 'stool' where new shoots will grow.

You can recognise a coppiced tree by the many thin trunks or 'poles' at its base. Most tree species can be coppiced but the best suited of our native trees are Hazel, Hornbeam, Ash and Lime.

What's it for?

Coppicing was originally used to ensure a regular source of firewood and timber. Traditionally, the long straight poles produced by coppicing would have been used for fencing, building and in the garden as bean poles.

These days, coppicing is primarily a way of improving the health and biodiversity of a woodland area by opening it up to the sunlight and allowing a wider range of plants to flourish.

Tree Planting

Kent Plan Trees, in association with Kent County Council, have planted 2,500 trees with assistance from Corporate Works Days, the New Ash Green Woodlands Group and residents.

Antisocial Motorbike Activity

Residents are reminded that the riding of motorbikes/mini motorbikes and similar vehicles is not permitted on any of the Council's open spaces, which include Woodland Avenue, Chantry Avenue and Longfield Hill playgrounds, Hartley Wood, Gorse Wood, Rectory Meadow, Billings Hill Shaw and Northfield.

The riding of the above vehicles in any of these areas is classed as anti-social behaviour. If you see anyone riding these vehicles illegally you can report it to the police using either

<https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Or by telephone on **101**.

Remember that each time a crime is reported, it helps to record events that, together, may help to build a picture and generate additional police presence in the area to tackle the problem.

Your Parish Councillors are: Larry Abraham, Penny Cole, Perry Cole, Jim Colwell, David Conroy, Lesley Driscoll, Laurence Glander, David Graeme, Mally Malham, Anne Oxtoby, Brian Ramsay, Ian Ross & Vincent Sewell.

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Serving the residents of Hartley

Annual Parish Meeting Friday 17th May

You are invited to attend this year's Annual Parish Meeting, which will take place on

Friday 17th 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.

Our local MPs have been invited as well as our County Councillor, Kent County Council Community Warden, Jackie West and our local PCSO.

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.



Hartley's Neighbourhood Plan

Drop- In Sessions

Two drop in sessions will be held at The Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road/The Warrens,

on Wednesday 17th April from 5pm until 8pm

&

Saturday 20th April from 11am until 4pm

Hartley's Neighbourhood Plan will enable the community of Hartley to have a legal say in how the Parish should look over the next 15 years and also influence future planning applications.

In a recent survey several hundred residents said that they would welcome a Drop In Session to hear more about the Plan and this is now your opportunity to do so.

Members of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group will be available at these drop in sessions and look forward to meeting you.

Replacement Bus Service

Kent County Councillor David Brazier and your local Hartley District Councillors, have been working behind the scenes to arrange a replacement bus service for New Ash Green and Hartley. We have received the following update on the replacement C3 bus service ;

The C3 bus service to Darent Valley Hospital and Bluewater is due to begin on the **2nd April** and will be operated by Go Coach.

There will be **five** services a day and we are waiting for confirmation of the timetable. As soon as the timetable has been finalised, details will be published on the Parish notice boards and website.



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Routine Maintenance Contract 2024-25

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ROUTINE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT 2024-2025

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 2024 and expire on the 30th June 2025.

The quotation period expires at noon on **Friday 17th May 2024**.

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, Hartley Library, Ash Road, Hartley, Longfield, Kent DA3 8EL

Email: enquiries@hartleyparishcouncil.gov.uk

Telephone: 01474 709441



ADVICE, MEDIATION & USEFUL NUMBERS

Kent County Council	03000 418181
Sevenoaks District Council.....	01732 227000
Kent Police - Emergency Calls.....	999
Kent Police - Non Emergency Calls	101
KCC Community Warden	07811 271259
Hartley Library	03000 413131
Doctors Surgery	01474 702127
Citizens Advice	03003 309001
Arriva Northfleet.....	01474 535138
West Kent Mediation.....	01732 469696
Samaritans	116 123 (free)
Childline	0800 1111
Community Cupboard.....	07526 823122
Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service	08081 689111
Papyrus Suicide Prevention Under 35s.....	0800 0684141 (free)
For GAS emergencies	0800 111999
For ELECTRICITY emergencies	105
KCC website	www.kent.gov.uk
Young Minds	www.youngminds.org.uk

District & County Councillors

Do you know who your local District and County Councillors are and how to contact them? Their contact details can be found below;

Sevenoaks District Councillors:

Cllr Larry Abraham -

01474 706690

cllr.abraham@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Cllr Penny Cole - 0754 066 8751

cllr.penny.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Cllr Perry Cole - 0783 476 8315

cllr.perry.cole@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Kent County Councillor:

Cllr David Brazier - 03000 415879

david.brazier@kent.gov.uk

Defibrillators

There are **FOUR** 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 and a fourth in Fawkham & Hartley Church Centre, Ash Road.

THESE UNITS CAN BE USED WITHOUT TRAINING

FREE Events in New Ash Green

Did you know there are several **FREE** Community led events in New Ash Green Village Hall ?

• **COMMUNITY HUB**

Every **1st** Tuesday of the month

• **CARERS/MEMORY CAFÉ**

Every **2nd** Tuesday of the month

• **LITTLE LEGS COMMUNITY HUB**

Every **3rd** Tuesday of the month

• **SIMPLY SINGING**

Every **4th** Tuesday of the month

Each of these events runs from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon

For more information contact

Jackie West 07811 271259

Jackie.west@kent.gov.uk

Northfield horse riding route

The Northfield Ride will be re-opening on 1st April 2024 (weather permitting).

Membership costs just £20 key deposit and £5.00 annual membership.

Details of how to apply or to renew your membership, can be obtained from Ash Green Sports Centre on 01474 707164

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;

- At the junction of Ash Road with;
Bramblefield Close,
Copse side,
Merton Avenue,
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.



Hartley's Neighbourhood Plan

HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Survey extended

until 25th March 2024.

If you are a Hartley resident and in need of affordable housing or an older resident looking to downsize, **we need to hear from you.**

Please complete our short survey ONLINE by using the following link or the QR code:



<https://online1.snapsurvey.com/hartley>

BUSINESS SURVEY

If you run a Business in Hartley we need your help !

Please complete our On-Line Survey before 29th February by using the QR Code or Survey Monkey Address below:



OR – <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JZY6W27>