



DETLING PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Detling Parish Council Newsletter

This has been a year like no other. As we start to open up after a difficult 18 months of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Parish Council wanted to update you on our activities and achievements.

Meetings of the Council have been held by Zoom. We have had to get used to working differently but, overall and despite a few technical glitches, we have coped quite well. There have been no material interruptions to the service that we provide for the community, we have continued to progress our programmes and we have taken steps to re-shape the working structure of the Council so that it is more suited to current and future requirements.

Covid-19 has had a profound effect in our own community, throughout the country and around the world. Many of us have experienced sadness or health concerns within our own families or among our friends. Many things have changed and some of the changes will last. But, we hope that our sense of community is stronger and, with the roll out of the vaccine and the potential end of Covid restrictions on the 19th July, there will soon be opportunities for people to meet again and to take up interests and activities old and new.

The strength of our community cannot be better exemplified than by the work of the **Detling Community Shop Volunteers** who provided such valuable assistance to those who needed it most in our Parish during the pandemic.

In January the Council recognised this by presenting the **Detling Villager of the Year Award** to the Community Shop volunteers following a unanimous vote from the community. We were also grateful to the team of Village Volunteers who were co-ordinated by Tahlia King and Sally Howells.

The Community Shop recently received a Runners Up Award in the National Rural Business Award category for best rural start up. This has been the validation that the Parish Council was indeed correct to have supported the vision of a Village/Community shop in Detling. This success has been achieved, despite the determined efforts of a few people, for motives that will never be clear to us, to prevent the Village having a shop.

We granted, at a public meeting of the Parish Council in September 2018, a repayable with interest loan of £10,000 to the Detling Community Interest Company to help set up the Community Shop for our residents. .

Without this financial support Detling would not have a Community Shop. **Two Councillors**, who were on the CIC, were not allowed to vote on the decision to grant a loan to the CIC. This loan was almost matched by the **£9000 of unconditional donations from Detling residents**. The Parish Council Loan has been repaid every month without fail.

All of our **committees and working groups** have been progressing key initiatives and these have been reported later in the newsletter.

Some of you may have noticed our **new website**. A huge thank you to the Parish clerk, Sherrie Babington, for setting this up and populating it. Please do have a look and register for news alerts to keep you updated. www.detlingparish.co.uk

We will be launching our FaceBook page very soon so that we can highlight news, make announcements, and share information. We are also investing in new noticeboards to make sure that everyone is kept informed even if they don't have access to websites and social media. Our Newsletter will be produced bi-monthly from September.

If you would like to receive it by email, rather than hard copy, please email Sherrie on: clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk

Parish Council Meetings will return to the Village Hall on Thursday 22nd July. The Parish Council meets bi-monthly on the first Tuesday of September, November, January, March, May and July.

We have agreed a maintenance and yearly inspection contract for the **defibrillator in the telephone box**. This will ensure that it is always ready for use.

Litter Bins at the play area. We will be providing an additional bin as the use of the play area has grown exponentially since the shop has opened. So many parents have reported that they can take their children to the swings and also pick up some shopping at the same time. The additional bin will help to reduce litter in the area.



Photograph provided by Jeanette Macleod

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Village Cricket Match Monday 30th August 2021 In partnership with the **Detling Cricket Club** we are organising a Detling vs Detling Cricket match for the entire family on the last bank holiday of the year. It is an opportunity for everyone to support our cricket club and also have a super day out. It doesn't matter if you are an expert or a novice it promises to be great fun and hopefully will become an annual event. More details will be available in our August Newsletter and on our website and noticeboards.

Did You Know?: Sherrie has been our Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for **23 years**. We are indeed extremely lucky to have a highly regarded, professionally qualified Clerk who has such an extensive knowledge of Parish Council operations and of our community. .



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New Parish Council Email Addresses:

All Councillors and the Clerk now have a dedicated Parish Council email address.

In the first instance please contact Sherrie and she will direct your email to the relevant Councillor.
clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk.

All Parish Council email communication is conducted via these dedicated email addresses. Councillors will no longer use their personal email addresses.

Princes Way Alleyway:

The Parish Council has worked very hard to try and find an amicable solution to the closure of the alleyway. The letter we sent to residents, in May, is on the next page. It outlines everything we have been doing. This is a civil matter and the Parish Council does not have statutory powers to intervene. We can however apply, as can members of the public, to KCC for it to be considered as a Public Right of Way.

Members of the Highways Group and the Planning Committee have been in discussion with KCC Public Rights of Way Team (PROW) since April 2021. We are now ready to follow the required process.

The first step is to obtain evidence from members of the public who can provide written evidence that they have used the footpath for a minimum of 20 years. The forms needed to do this will be available to download from the parish council website from **Monday 19th July**. The closing date for these to be returned to the parish Clerk will be **Wednesday 8th September**. **The forms cannot be emailed they must be posted to the Clerk.** Sherrie's address is on the contact information at the end of the newsletter and is also on our website.

These forms are titled **Public Right of Way User Evidence Statement**. There is a full explanation of the legal requirements and also what may happen if the Landowners object and the application is heard in court.

The Parish Council will then submit these statements with the necessary forms to KCC as soon as possible after the 1st of September.

Please be advised that this is a lengthy process and the PROW team have informed us that applications are dealt with in the order in which they are received and that they have a backlog.

It may take several years for a decision to be reached.

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4th May 2021

Dear Resident,

Princes Way Alleyway

Several you have been in touch with the Parish Council over the closure of the footpath between Princes Way and Queensway.

I wanted to let you know what the Parish Council has done since we received the complaints, and what we understand the facts to be.

1. We were first contacted by a resident about the closure of the Alley in April 2020.
2. We ascertained that the Alley was not a Public Right of Way, and so neither we nor any other Authority has responsibility for it.
3. We asked our MBC Councillor to intervene, which he did with no change to the situation.
4. MBC provided us with details from the Land Registry which appears to show that there are 3 owners of different parts of the Alley. There is a gap in the alley ownership which may still belong to MBC (as the legal heir to Hollingbourne RDC). Our enquires have established that there is no possibility whatsoever of MBC pursuing its claim.
5. Advice obtained by the parish council is clear that the Landowners can legally close off their section of the Alley.
6. The Chairman of the Parish Council contacted one of the Landowners to ascertain why the alley way had been closed. She was informed that it was a safeguarding measure during the Covid Pandemic.
7. The issue has been raised at every Parish Council meeting since July 2020.
8. We sought additional advice and have been informed that this is a civil matter and that the Parish Council has does not have legal authority to become involved. This has been confirmed by Kent Police who also consider this to be a civil matter.
9. We have advised several residents of the *Access to Neighbouring Land Act 1992*. There is clear guidance within the Act to assist if access is required by neighbours.
10. The Landowner, who closed the Alley, has stated that if neighbours contact him, he will not unreasonably withhold access.
11. We have formally contacted Golding Homes (one of the three Landowners) and brought the matter to their attention.
12. The Parish Council has written to the Landowner and informed him of the request from the petition, to reopen the Alley when the lockdown ends on the 21st June, which was raised and signed by residents.

The Parish Council has applied to the KCC Public Rights of Way Team for the Alley to be adopted as a Public Right of Way. This can be a lengthy process and will require users of the Alley to provide evidence to support the claim that it has had a minimum 20 years' public use. The parish council will fully support and progress this application.

I believe that we have done as much as is possible by a Parish Council. I am sorry that, despite working very hard behind the scenes, we have not been able to solve or mitigate the issue for you. It is now up to residents to decide whether they wish to raise the issue as a civil dispute. We will, however, continue to progress the application for a Public Right of Way with KCC.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Irene Bowie
Chairman, Detling Parish Council

PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councillors : Bryant, Bowie and Coles

Since the beginning of the year, the planning committee has had a particularly busy time with a large number of planning applications to consider. The details of all of these, together with any new applications, can be found on the Detling Parish Council website. In addition to the normal consideration of planning applications, the sub-committee have had a couple of meetings; one with Mr Jarman, head of Maidstone Borough Council planning department, and the other meeting with Quinn Development to discuss the Binbury Park development adjacent to the County Showground.

Meeting with Head of Planning and Development at Maidstone Borough Council.

The meeting with Rob Jarman was the first, in what we hope is a regular series, with Maidstone Borough Council's planning department to discuss Detling planning matters. We discussed a range of topics, including the **Detling Conservation Area Management plan**, which is in urgent need of updating as it was last reviewed over 10 years ago. When the new conservation officer is in place, we will begin discussions to update the document. We also discussed a number of specific applications including the **Land near 89 Hockers Lane** abutting high speed railway line, which is of considerable interest to many at the south of the village. Subsequent to our meeting we learned that the planning application for this site had been rejected.

Binbury Park

Although planning applications are normally dealt with by the planning committee, because of the importance of the Binbury Park development, a vote was held by the full Parish Council to determine whether we should support the application or not. By an overwhelming majority, DPC voted that they would not support the development. The primary objective of the subsequent meeting with Quinn development was to listen and to gather information about the proposed development. A number of important things were determined

- A new bus lane was to be created from the Church Lane exit to the J7 M20 roundabout. This was to benefit the park & ride, which is a key element to their proposal, with 700 car spaces and an electric bus
- Traffic improvements outside the development and at the J7 M20 junction (widening the roundabout and introduction of intelligent traffic lights) will, according to Quinn, reduce the average queue southbound on the A249 from 2km to 200m at peak times.
- The development includes a new country park having views over the valley to the north which currently can't be viewed by the General public.
- It is proposed that there will be no right turns into and out of Scragged Oak Road.

The Planning Committee will continue to object to this development.

Members of the Planning Committee are always happy to meet with applicants to discuss their planning applications.

PARISH COUNCIL HIGHWAYS GROUP

Councillors : Coles, Clayton and Bowie **Achievements in 2020-2021 and plans for 2021-2022.**

Welcome from the Highways group !

Throughout this last year we have been forging a close working relationship with Kent Highways (KH) and Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) to create the new format Highways Improvement Plan. This plan allows a Parish Council to identify 2 issues annually, for resolution with KH. Once agreed it will be available on the website.

Traffic.

Residents will have noticed that KH have recently renewed speed restrictions within the village and they have also installed new and improved signage regarding HGVs' access to the village.

- Traffic-calming schemes adopted in local villages are being considered to ascertain their suitability for Detling.
- Traffic Speed surveys were completed by KH (March 2021) in preparation for comparative data investigations post the pandemic lockdowns.
- Pilgrims Way - KH have costed a 30 mph speed restriction extension, for the Council's consideration.
- Hockers Lane- KH conducted a Pavement and Road Inspection (April 2021).
- A new on-line reporting system is in place for identification of all potholes and road /footpath defects. Repairs have been conducted timely (during the pandemic only safety- critical repairs were completed).
- **Thank you to Tony Taylor** who regularly identifies and reports on these matters whilst on his village maintenance walks.

During the pandemic there has been a marked decline in traffic cutting through the village. As lockdown restrictions ease, we welcome volunteers from the village who may wish to support with schemes monitoring traffic in the village at peak times, to provide evidence for discussions with KH.

Fly-tipping

In an effort to maintain the AONB status of Detling, a CCTV camera scheme is under discussion for installation at appropriate points in our village to prevent fly-tipping and enable successful prosecution of offenders

Parking

Residents will be aware of the benefits that the community store, post office, coffee shop and playground have provided to the village recently.

The increase in vehicles parking in the vicinity (on the Pilgrims Way from the Cock Horse pub to the Old School Playing Field) is being monitored and options for car parking and/or various parking restrictions are being considered to both prevent commuter parking and urgently improve road safety at the junction with the A249 S. KH have agreed to visit to conduct an assessment of this issue and thereafter discussions are to be held with MBC regarding resolutions.

A249 improvements

- An extended variable 50mph restriction between the Kent County Showground and M20 J7 is to be implemented on both carriageways. As part of this work it has been agreed that the existing speed cameras are to be made live and a request has been submitted for an extra speed camera at the Church Lane Junction with the A249 S.
- Scragged Oak Lane junction -KH have agreed a correction of the central reservation road linage is to be made to improve safety here.
- A249 N verges have been cleared and Lay-bys are monitored- HGVs are constantly directed by Highways officers to identified Brexit lorry parks.
- A fly-tipping and litter clearance operation was conducted on both carriageways between the M20 J7 and the M2 J5 (April 2021).

Air Pollution in Detling caused by traffic on the A249 continues to be under investigation.

Thank you to Kent Highways for all of their positive cooperation.

Helping to Keep the Kent Countryside Safe

Please have a look at **The Country Eye App** which is available to download for free on iPhone and Android.

You can report fly tipping , pot holes, HGV and other rural crimes.

<https://countryeye.co.uk/>

PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES

Open Spaces Committee:

Cllrs Finn, Clayton, Baker-Anderson and Mr T Taylor (non Cllr)

Horish Wood

Horish Wood is owned by the Parish Council. For the last 18 months we have had a contract with Medway Valley Conservation for the management of the wood, according to a Forestry Commission plan. About once a month a professional and a group of volunteers work in the wood, and if anyone would like to join them please contact the Clerk. The next day they will be there is July 15th, if you would like to join meet at the gate to Horish Wood at about 10.00 am.

If you have visited the wood recently you will have seen the product of their work, as they have thinned out some areas and maintained the paths. During one site visit they found a hibernating dormouse!

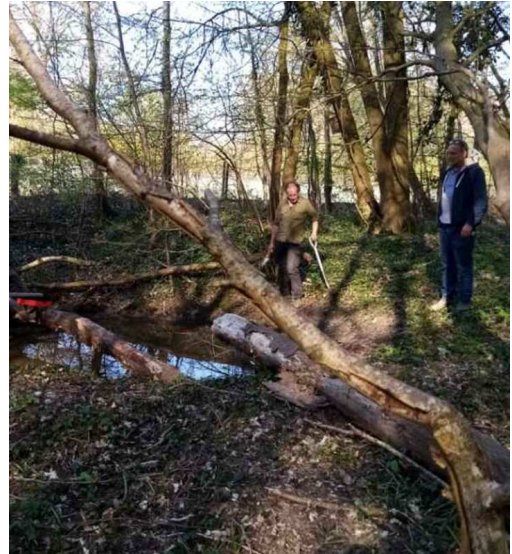
The wood has been wonderful this year with swathes of primroses, bluebells and wood anemones and the orchids are beginning to show.

Medway Valley Conservation have been running a Forest School for two schools this Spring, and are hoping to extend that provision in the future. They are also going to provide an Orchid Walk on 10th July, a Mini-Beasting on August 11th and a Bird Box Building workshop on August 18th. Everyone is welcome. Please contact the Clerk for further details

So the wood is becoming a real community facility.

Monks Meadow

Monks Meadow is also owned by the Parish Council and is maintained by some committed volunteers, and they do a fantastic job. The meadow, as a result is a lovely place for a walk, with or without a dog! The orchids are beginning to show in the Meadow too, and on the verge opposite the entrance. There was an issue in the winter of drainage and the Parish Council is investigating how we can reduce the problem in the future.



Our Other Open Spaces

The Council has awarded a contract for the upkeep of our other open spaces, including the Old School Playing Field, the Pilgrims Way verges from the A249 to the Cock Horse, the Memorial, the piece of land opposite, next to The Cock Horse and the planters close to the Bus Stop in The Street. We hope you have noticed a difference!

The Council has agreed a Memorial Bench and Tree Policy, and the first resident has taken up the option of a bench on the Old School Playing Field.



SHELLINA PRENDERGAST

KENT COUNCIL COUNCILLOR - KENT RURAL EAST

Dear Detling Resident,

I am often asked what made me stand for public office and how I spend my time working on your behalf at Kent County Council and I thought I would give you a little flavour of the work I do for you and the wider Kent community.

From the very start, the driving force for me has been about speaking up for local people. Fifteen years of living, working and raising a family in one of the best parts of rural Kent has given me a strong sense of community and a desire to improve the quality of life for all who live and work in the area. Inevitably, many local concerns are already my concerns and championing local feeling at County Hall has always been, and will continue to be, my priority.

Whilst the pandemic has changed many aspects of our lives, my work representing a large rural area with 17 distinctive communities and parishes remains as varied and challenging as ever. In any given week, I will hear from families seeking help with schooling for their child or an elderly or vulnerable relative needing support, a community group or parish council fighting unsustainable development or from a local business seeking guidance on the help and support available to them. On the odd occasion I even get to spar with a barrister – as I did last year, supporting residents during the Public Inquiry for Highways England's proposed scheme at M2 J5 – a proposal that could impact on many of our rural villages including Detling. Several evenings are spent attending parish council meetings –virtually for the last 16 months but increasingly in person since the lifting of restrictions - sharing information and responding to local concerns. I am confident that residents know they can approach me, and I will listen and do whatever I can to help – a willingness to challenge decision makers and make tough decisions myself helps considerably!

I have been very fortunate in being on the Cabinet at Kent County Council since being elected in 2017 – first as a Deputy for Children, Young People and Education, more latterly as the lead on Communications, Engagement and People.

Following the recent election on 6th May, I was honoured to be appointed as the new Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

Having a leadership role in the development of strategies and policies to improve services and quality of life for residents in a county the size of Kent is a big challenge at the best of times and even more so over the last year and into the foreseeable future as we come out of the pandemic. Covid-19 has had a considerable impact on council finances, the Kent economy and heightened the demand on some services for our more vulnerable residents.

Working in partnership with local communities and the voluntary, public, and private sectors, much work is being done every single day to address these problems and improve our lives and wellbeing.

The last sixteen months have been very difficult for so many but I remain confident that we will come through this. Working together, we have much to overcome but I have no doubt we will do just that – your resolve and resilience so far has been incredible and I am very proud to be part of this great community in Maidstone Rural East.

I wish you and your families all the very best.

Shellina Prendergast

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Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

DETLING COMMUNITY SHOP

Runners Up Award in the National Rural Business award category for best rural start up.

Residents with long memories will know that the old store closed over 10 years ago. Since then the Parish Council, driven by resident demand, has had aspirations to bring a store to the Village.

In 2019 the Detling Community Interest Company (CIC) was set up to manage the store. A CIC is a special company, with Companies House registration, which is somewhere between a Charity and a Limited Company. The big difference from a Limited Company is that it has an "asset lock" meaning that no funds can be distributed to Directors or Shareholders; any surplus has, by law, to be reinvested in the Company. The Detling CIC Board is composed of two Parish Councillors, and two residents .

The store began trading in January 2020, with a strategy set by a Management Committee and a full-time manager, Louise Reed . Lou has made a fantastic contribution to the store's success, creating a real community feel and ensuring the store is well stocked and meeting the needs of residents and customers. She has taken Maternity Leave and will be replaced by 3 Team Leaders, two of whom, Tracy Ford and Vanda Town live in the village and they join Alison Fletcher.

The Store would not be sustainable without our volunteers; over 30 people do shifts or deliver food parcels. Each one has been trained by Louise, and each one is doing their bit for Detling.

The Parish Council always dreamed that a shop could become a community hub, and the Store has absolutely done that. As well as residents, regular customers come from Maidstone, Boxley, Bearsted and Thurnham, partly because we stock local produce and we are the only shop in the area where a customer can buy plastic-free refillable products such as laundry liquid, hand wash and shampoo. We are also lucky to be on the Pilgrims and North Downs Way so we get a lot of walkers and cyclists dropping in for a rest and a coffee.

During the pandemic lockdowns the Store delivered food parcels to vulnerable residents, and in February and March with financial help from Maidstone Borough Council, we delivered over 100 free food parcels to families receiving Universal Credit or free school meals. For the last three months we have also delivered papers to homes in the village.

In the last month with help from our volunteers and our wonderful plant supplier we have created a raised flower bed just inside the entrance to the Old School Playing Field and the Store, just in time for the Garden Safari. Thanks to all those residents who donated money for the plants and the timber.

Our success has not gone unnoticed and we recently received a Runners Up Award in the National Rural Business award category for best rural start up.

Detling Community Store and Post Office is your Store, so if you haven't visited please do pop in and see what "we have in Store For You"



VILLAGE MAINTENANCE

Tony Taylor- Volunteer

The Parish Council is fortunate to have several members of the public who give up their time to look after our Village. If you would like to get involved please email Sherrie Babington : clerk@detlingparishcouncil.org.uk.

- This month Tony has completed the following jobs:
- Checked the Defibrillator ,
- Telephone box washed and disinfected,
- Seat and planter washed,
- Bus shelter swept out washed and disinfected
- Village road signs cleaned
- Millennium monument swept/cleaned
- War memorial seat cleaned and RAF memorial washed down
- Church cemetery gates washed and cleaned
- Old School Playing Field climbing equipment safety check carried out.
- Neighbourhood Watch signs cleaned.
- Litter Picking



Tony has recently completed a one day RoSPA Playground Inspection Course as part of the Parish Council's ongoing commitment to ensure our play area is well maintained.



DETLING CRICKET CLUB

Philip Painter
Chairman Detling Cricket Club
07972 477848

As the warm weather thankfully returns the cricket season is well underway. At Detling Cricket Club our full fixture list means games every Saturday. But this year has been very different. Added to the sport it has been somehow more wonderful to be outside with others enjoying the fresh air.

It is difficult to deal with the tragedies of the last year against the need to look forward. But look forward we do. With the aid of a grant from the Parish Council and support from the community we have made great improvements to our pavilion and even purchased a new mower – replacing the 40 year old model that had maybe seen better days?

We have a plan looking towards 2050 to ensure that cricket in Detling has a secure future and the number of spectators seems to be growing. New players are always welcome and our age range is 18 to pushing 70. Ladies and Gentlemen playing alongside each other.

If you would like to come and have a go, and many do, with the comment “ I haven’t played since school” you are very welcome. Either just turn up, we can lend kit, on a Tuesday evening between 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm when we have practice nets at the ground or phone Simon Norcott, our captain on 07894 516038.

The future looks bright, we have a tradition in the village of cricket going back over 130 years and there is no reason for that not to continue. Do come along and join in.



Detling vs Detling Cricket Match **30th August 2021**

We are planning a Detling V Detling cricket match on The 30th August Bank Holiday Monday . A community “all comers” event in conjunction with *Detling Parish Council*. Our regular players will be divided in two and supplemented by other “volunteers” We hope you will join us either as players or perhaps bring a hamper and have a pleasant afternoon in the sun – The kettle is always on at Detling Cricket Club!

INFORMATION

BONFIRES IN DETLING:

The Parish Council would like to encourage everyone within the parish to consider the impact our everyday actions might have on others in the community.

Bonfire smoke causes air pollution, which can be harmful to those living nearby with health problems, can strain relationships with neighbours, and can also have damaging effects on our local environment. During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people are required to and are still spending extended time at home and it is important they are able to open their windows for fresh air, make use of their gardens or balconies, and dry their washing outside.

People with existing health problems such as asthma, bronchitis, and heart conditions are especially vulnerable to the effects of air pollution. We therefore urge you to think about your neighbours and avoid having garden bonfires. Instead of burning garden waste, we ask that you consider the use of more environmentally friendly methods of disposal.

It is not an offence to light a garden bonfire. It is however an offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 to cause a statutory smoke nuisance. A statutory nuisance happens when smoke causes unreasonable interference with a person's use or enjoyment of their property. Smoke nuisance can occur at any time of the day or night.

You can report air quality issues including nuisance bonfire smoke at:

https://self.maidstone.gov.uk/service/report_anti_social_behaviour

or call MBC on 01622 602202

Temporary Road Closures:

Kent County Council have provided the following information: (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 TEMPORARY ORDER MAY 2021

For the safety of the public and participants whilst events are held at the Kent Event Centre, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily restrict through traffic on various roads in Maidstone.

This Order will come into operation at times when required on:

- Kent County Show - Saturday 10th July 2021 to Sunday 11th July 2021
- Military Odyssey - Saturday 28th August 2021 to Monday 30th August 2021
- Paws in the Park - Saturday 18th September 2021 to Sunday 19th September 2021

The following restrictions will be imposed whilst an event is being held, as shown below.

SCHEDULE

It will be necessary to impose temporary mandatory speed limits on the following roads:

Detling Hill, Detling & Sittingbourne Road,

Thurnham (Northbound) - 40 mph speed limit will be imposed from the junction with Scragged Oak Road up to the vicinity of the Shell Garage.

Scragged Oak Road, Stockbury - 30mph speed limit will be imposed between the junctions with Cox Street and A249 Detling Hill.

Sittingbourne Road, Thurnham & Detling Hill, Detling (Southbound). - 50 mph speed limit will be imposed from the junction with Chalky Road to the off-slip near the junction with Scragged Oak Road.

Detling Hill, Detling (southbound) - 40 mph speed limit will be imposed from the off-slip near the junction with Scragged Oak Road near to the junction with The Street.

Vehicles will be prohibited from turning right, except upon the direction of a Police Officer, cause or permit a vehicle to turn right, on the following roads between the hours of 08:00 and 18:00 only:

Scragged Oak Road, Stockbury - from turning right into A249 Detling Hill southbound.

A249 Detling Hill, Detling - from turning right into Scragged Oak Road. **Rumstead Lane, Stockbury** - from turning right into A249 Sittingbourne Road northbound.

A249 Sittingbourne Road, Stockbury - from turning right into Rumstead Lane. South Green Lane, Sittingbourne - from turning right into A249 Sittingbourne Road northbound. Sittingbourne Road, Stockbury - from turning right into South Green Lane.

A249 Detling Hill, Detling (northbound) will have a lane closure in place on lane 1 from the main gate to the exit located near the Shell Garage, to allow for vehicles to join the A249 safely.

A Clearway Restriction will be imposed on both the northbound and southbound carriageways of Sittingbourne Road, Detling, A249 Detling Hill and Sittingbourne Road, Stockbury between junction 7 of the M20 and Junction 5 of the M2.

The alternative route for any through traffic affected by the above restrictions are either:

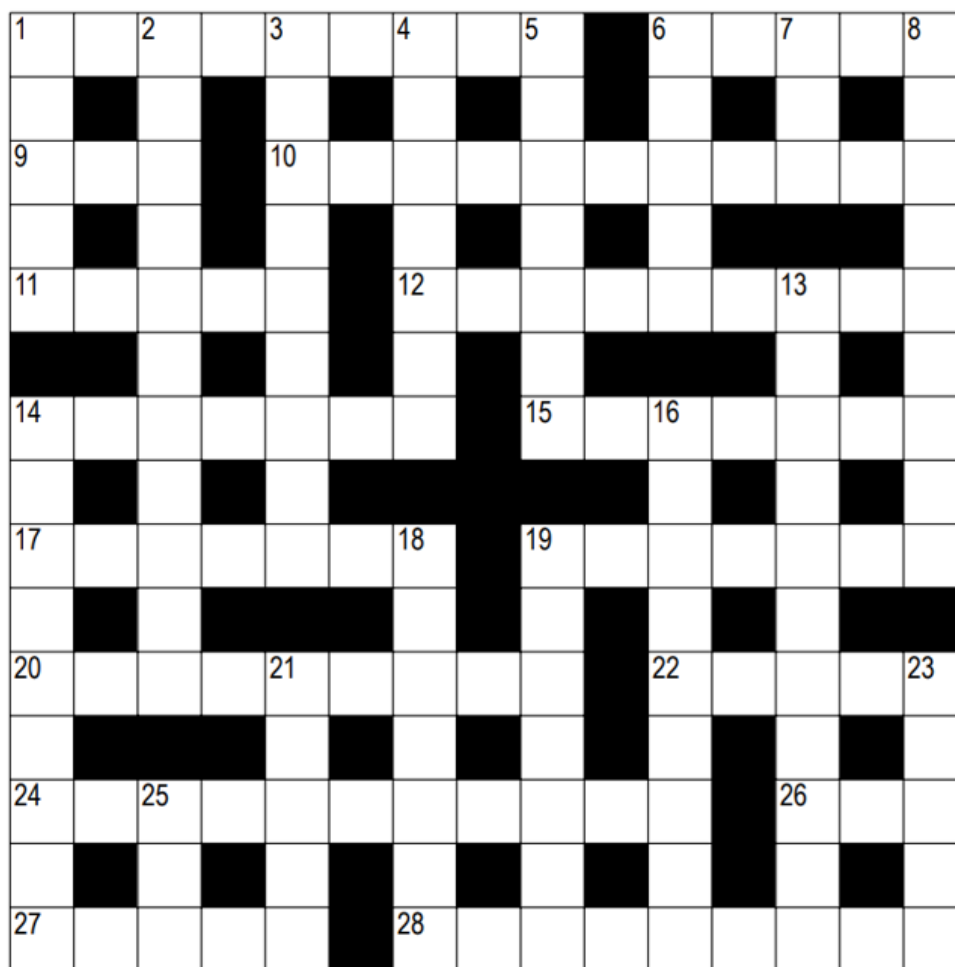
Traffic travelling northbound is via the roundabout at junction 5 of the M2 motorway

Traffic travelling southbound is via the roundabout at junction 7 of the M20 motorway.

For information regarding this Order please contact Kent Event Centre on 01622 630975, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

This notice is also available on the Parish Council website.

CROSSWORD By Gary Bryant



Across	Down
1 Exclude sensitive publican (9)	1 Start for example in rubbish container (5) Provided inhabitants again, may see troupe pedal repaired (9)
6 Copper gets put off, upset (3,2)	2 Registering when long liner is at sea (9)
9 Doctor covering up a space (3)	3 A village in the sun glinted strangely (7)
10 Embarrassments for a newspaper from radical or a centrist (11)	4 It's criticised when cooked (7)
11 A plane has difficulties in this country (5)	5 Smarter way to break a truce (5)
12 Couple designing fine art near church (9)	6 Some of the nicest women identified a couple (3)
14 Becoming enamoured on the way down? (7)	7 Stewardesses so polite holding back berserk (9)
15 Thinks about things in an abstract way (7)	8 He takes it all in when I assist that disturbed male (11)
17 Number entire ingredients after mixing in gram (7)	13 Spooks right inside marshy areas (9)
19 Took it, mass due for new arrangement (7) For example, go to the shed with little Hugh and you'll see the animals (9)	16 Cut more traditional feature of the Oval (9)
22 Decrepit oldie is lubricated (5)	18 Make new arrangement of instrument removing note (7)
24 Point bromide out - socialist exaggerated (11)	19 Country a pound lighter than Australia (7)
26 Did you say thanks, for the stuff on the road? (3)	21 Extract a memory, "All right, inside first lady" (5)
27 For example, hearing part of famous ensemble (5)	23 Dashes for the game in public house (5)
28 Detain again; settles after getting back (9)	25 Receptacle that's been mispronounced (3)

Please take your completed crossword to the community shop , by the 28th July, the winner/s will be announced in the next edition.

The solution will be published in the next edition and on the parish council website.

USEFUL CONTACTS

Police Information

PCSO Matt Adlington

Eastern Sector Maidstone Neighbourhood Team

To report a crime in progress call 999

To report any other incident call 101

To make a general enquiry call 01622 604390, or email at maidstone.neighbourhood@kent.pnn.police.uk

Kent County Council:

To report any emergency issues outside of normal office hours (Monday - Friday, 9am till 5pm), please telephone 03000 41 91 91.

Report a problem on a road or pavement:

- You can report non-urgent issues online including:
 - street light faults
 - potholes
 - drainage
 - traffic signal faults
 - overgrown vegetation (including hedges and grass).
- <https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

Maidstone Borough Council for:

- bus shelters
- fly tipping,
- litter,
- parking
- street cleaning.

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/>

Highways England for motorways and major A road problems

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/>

Kent County Councillor :

Shellina Predergast shellina.prendergast@kent.gov.uk

Maidstone BC Councillor :

Councillor Nick de Wiggondene-Sheppard

07788 923495

nickdewiggondene-sheppard@maidstone.gov.uk

Village Hall:

To contact the booking clerk,

<https://www.detlingvillagehall.co.uk/booking-enquiries/>

call 07950 290 589 after 6pm

or email penny@detlingvillagehall.co.uk

Community Shop:

<https://www.detlingcommunitystore.co.uk/contact-us>

01622 631305

Environment Agency Incident Hotline: 0800 807060

Electricity Problems:

0800 7838866

Fly Tipping and Waste Collection:

Including bulky items 01622 602162

To report a problem on a PROW (Public Right of Way – Footpath) please contact KCC on 03000 41 41 41

or report online: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/>

PARISH COUNCIL:

Please contact the Parish Clerk - Sherrie Babington

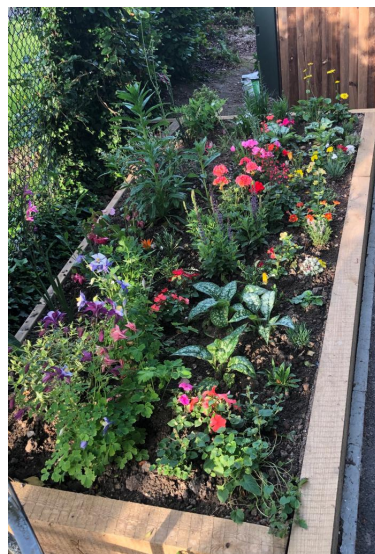
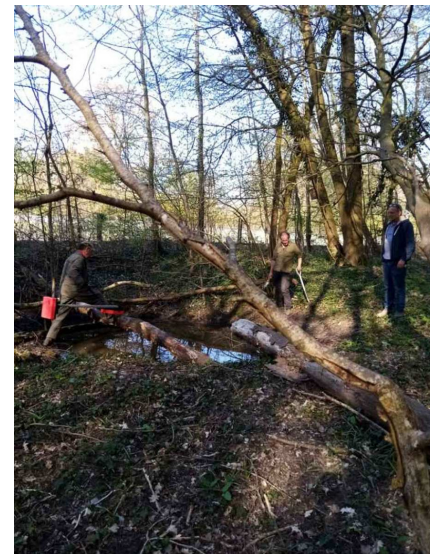
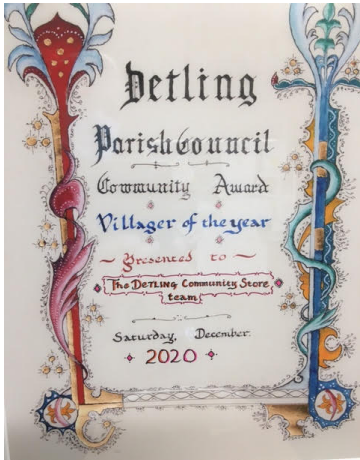
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