

# DYMCHURCH NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR Cllr Deana Coker

The lighter evenings and the early spring flowers are a welcome sight as we all start to venture out following the latest lockdown. A big thank you goes to the Romney Marsh hub and their army of volunteers who have done an amazing job supporting the Lydd airport vaccination centre, they are also continuing to do shopping for anyone who is still struggling to get out. Looking back to Christmas which found many of us missing the usual gathering of friends and family it was lovely to see our High Street shining bright, bringing Christmas cheer to the village. We had Christmas Trees hanging from every lamp post and a great effort from all the local traders who took part in the annual Christmas window competition despite most of the shops being unable to trade due to the restrictions, and as our local businesses start to reopen please continue to support your local shops in the village. A fond farewell to Ann & Chris Hardy who have run the Beach Kiosk for many years and a warm welcome goes to the Vincer family who will be running the Beach Kiosk for the next 3 years, we also welcome back this year Tommy with the Sunbeds, and Jess with the Donkeys to the Dymchurch Beach keep a look out for two new traders who will starting up later in the year. A final thank you goes to the amazing Romney Marsh Litter Pickers who continue to keep Dymchurch litter free and are always happy to welcome new volunteers. Look out for the new Litter picking station situated by the Beach Kiosk at the central slipway!

Wishing you and your families all an incredibly happy Easter.



To celebrate a Summer like no other the Parish Council are inviting entries in "Bloomin' Dymchurch" a celebration of all things floral.

The following categories are open to all Dymchurch residents:



Prizes for winning entries  
Judging to take place in July 2021

Either nominate yourself or a neighbour (with their permission) by emailing

[Dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:Dymchurchpc@outlook.com)

## ROMNEY MARSH COMMUNITY SUPPORT HUB

COVID-19

The Romney Marsh Community Support Hub provides a single, coordinated and safe support service for anyone of any age in need of additional support during the Coronavirus outbreak

STILL HERE  
STILL SUPPORTING

We are here for you and can offer help with  
**HOT MEAL DELIVERY - SHOPPING SUPPORT-REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS**  
We can also offer a friendly voice at the end of the phone and help you to find support from other providers if you need it

**CALL 01797 208590 9am-1pm or email [covid-19@rmdc.org.uk](mailto:covid-19@rmdc.org.uk)**



### PARISH COUNCIL GRANT AWARD SCHEME

Dymchurch Parish Council are enthusiastic about supporting local groups and good causes and to this end are pleased to announce a new Grant Award Policy which came into force on the 1st April 2021.

A grant is any payment or gift made by the Parish Council to an organisation or community group for a specific purpose for the benefit of the Parish or residents of the Parish. Dymchurch Parish Council has allocated a budget for the award of grants.

Grants will be considered for amounts up to and including £500.00. Each application will be considered against the criteria outlined within the policy. It goes without saying that funding for the Grant Award is limited so early applications are suggested!!

You can read the full policy and obtain an application from at our web site [www.dymchurch.org](http://www.dymchurch.org) or directly through this link if you are reading the online version.

[attachments.asp \(hugofox.com\)](#)

If you require any further information please contact the Parish Clerk on [dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:dymchurchpc@outlook.com)

### HIGHWAY TO HELL NOT FOR MUCH LONGER!

Collapsing verges, racking road surfaces, “apparently temporary” road narrowing measures and the odd traffic accident let alone the unsightly view of what is one of our main routes to and from the village. Eastbridge Road has been the battle ground for many a debate over the years with Residents, Parish Councils past and present and County Councillors trying to convince Kent County Highways that enough is enough. Finally, and with a huge part of this due to County Councillor Martin Whybrow persistence on behalf of Dymchurch residents, the Highways department agreed to make permanent repairs to Eastbridge Road. Work has already started.

The scheme, which is estimated to cost in excess of £300,000, is hoped to be completed by May this year and involves inserting piles to support the road surface from future collapse into the adjacent dykes. Not quite the M25 but an important communications link between the Parish and surrounding areas made fit again for future generations

## Parish Council Freezes Precept For Another Year

The Parish Council has set its precept for 2021/22 at £83,000, this will be the third year the precept has remained the same and despite freezing the amount raised from local residents the Parish Council are budgeting to improve some public areas of the village and will be continuing to support the Friends of Dymchurch Recreation Ground in their plans for the Pavilion and community use of the recreation ground.

### Where Does The Money Go?

- Grass cutting and maintenance around the village
- CCTV monitoring and the popular seawall beach cam
- Parking enforcement of the Village Hall Parish Car Park
- Promoting Dymchurch as a visitor attraction by supporting local events and publications
- Paying for local elections

### This Year The Council Have:

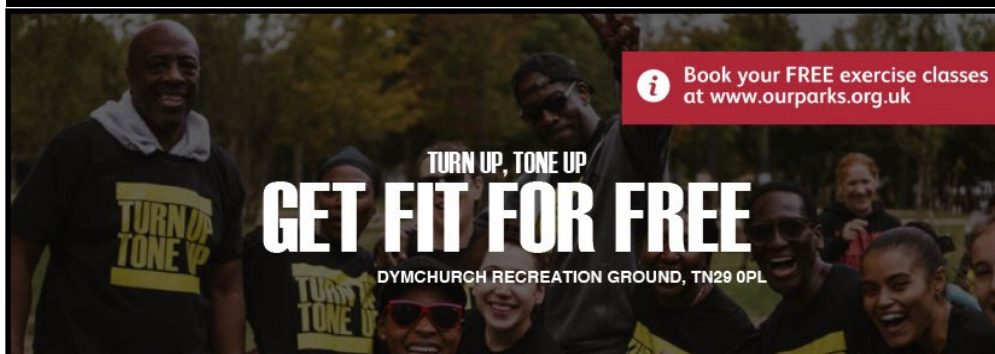
- Resurfaced the Village Hall car park with support from F&HDC High St Fund
- Updated our festive light displays with Solar Christmas trees
- Opened the Seawall Kiosk during the Summer holidays
- Continued to work securing the long future of the recreation ground

### Village Hall Parish Car Park

Charges for car parking and local resident parking permits for the Parish Car Park have been frozen for 2021. Local resident permits are now available to purchase from Dymchurch Post Office.

Visit our website at [www.dymchurch.org](http://www.dymchurch.org) for more information

JOIN OUR AMAZING LITTER VOLUNTEERS WHO ARE OUT IN ALL WEATHERS CLEARING OUR STREETS AND OPEN SPACES OF WASTE– THIS YEARS GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN 28TH MAY TO 13TH JUNE



**DYMCHURCH CHARGES AHEAD**



Plans to put Dymchurch on the map as location to charge electric vehicles has moved a step closer. Charging posts similar to the one shown in the picture will be installed in partnership with the County Council at the Parish Council Car Park. The move is hoped to encourage and support the change from traditionally fuelled vehicles to cleaner vehicles and offer a new service to those visiting our village.

CLASS	TIME	DAY	PARK
Bootcamp	10:00 – 11:00	Saturday	Dymchurch Recreation Ground, TN29 0PL

**HOW IT WORKS**

1. Join FREE at [www.ourparks.org.uk](http://www.ourparks.org.uk)
2. Select park or search by your location
3. Choose and book a class
4. Get fit for FREE

All classes are run by experienced qualified coaches and accessible for all ranges of abilities.

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**THE DYMCHURCH GUIDE TO REPORTING STUFF!**

Stuff happens, we can all agree on that, broken road signs, defective street lights, fly tipping, scams suspicious events and neighbour disputes and antisocial behaviour. Sometimes it is good to let others know what is happening perhaps on face book or other social media, but why stop there. Face Book will not send some one out to mend the street lights- Do your bit to keep our village looking good and keeping safe by reporting what you see and experience to the appropriate authorities- Below is a summary of some common issues, who to report it to and how to contact them. The list is not exhaustive and while the authority may not appear to take immediate action all contacts are recorded and often start to build a picture of issues in an area which will support the need for resources.

Emergency– Crime, Fire, Injury, Coastal issues	Police, Ambulance, Fire Service and Coast Guard	999
Crimes which have happened or have been discovered, suspicious activity, criminal information	Police Crimestoppers ( you can remain anonymous) Kent Community Wardens	Dial 101 or report on line at <a href="http://www.kent.police.uk">www.kent.police.uk</a>  0800 555 111 or on line at Crimestoppers-uk.org Jon Lodge (details page 4)
Information about scams or bogus callers cowboy traders	Kent trading standards	<a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards">www.kent.gov.uk/business/trading-standards</a>
Defective street lights, highway defects broken road signs, potholes, fly tipping etc	Kent County Council Highways	<a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem">www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem</a>
Refuse issues, fly tipping, planning, housing, parking offences etc	Folkestone and Hythe District Council	<a href="http://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk">www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk</a> or ring 01303 853000
Antisocial behaviour, noise, disputes	Community Safety Unit– A Council, Police and other statutory partners unit	<a href="https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour">https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/community/community-safety/anti-social-behaviour</a>



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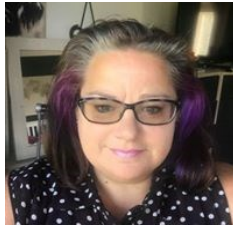
Your local council working locally for you



Cllr. Deana Coker  
Chair



Cllr. Cathy Young  
Vice Chair



Cllr.  
Sandra Leverick



Cllr. Dan Noonan



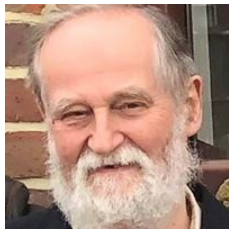
Cllr. Marc Wright



Cllr. Dougie Young



Cllr. John Carr



Cllr. John Williams



Cllr. Chris McCreedy

## DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries regarding local issues, or any other matters you wish to raise, you can contact Dymchurch Parish Council as follows:

### In writing to

The Clerk, Dymchurch Parish Council,  
13 Orgarswick Avenue  
Dymchurch TN29 0NX

By E mail- [dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:dymchurchpc@outlook.com)

By Phone- 01303 872 708

If you wish to contact an individual Councillor please contact the Clerk  
Council meeting dates are published and due to current restrictions are being held on line. Please check our website and notice boards if you wish to attend a meeting as all are welcome to do so.

If you have any District or County Council issues that you wish to raise please contact the following with your concerns

KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR

MARTIN WHYBROW

[martin.whybrow@kent.gov.uk](mailto:martin.whybrow@kent.gov.uk)

FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

TERRY MULLARD

[terry.mullard@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:terry.mullard@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

IAN MEYERS

[ian.meyers@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:ian.meyers@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk)

**Kent  
County  
Council**  
[kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk)



KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

Jon Lodge can be contacted on 07969 583915  
or [Jon.Lodge@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Jon.Lodge@kent.gov.uk)

For help and advice on home security and safety and how to access Council services

Supporting you in the local community



## DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY  
QUARTER SO WHY NOT KEEP UP TO DATE BY USING  
OUR NEW WEBSITE THIS CAN BE FOUND AT

[www.dymchurch.org](http://www.dymchurch.org)

Help make our website more interesting.  
Are you a budding photographer and want to show off your artistic skills.  
If you have any photographs of Dymchurch and the surrounding area that you could donate to us for use on the website please email them to [dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:dymchurchpc@outlook.com)