

# Eythorne Parish Council

## December 2019 / January 2020 Edition

### Fire Hydrants

Steve Lewis Resilience Manager, Operational Planning from KFRS gave a very informative presentation at the October meeting regarding fire hydrants. He said the public do not recognise the importance of hydrants as an asset and they need to be looked after. In Kent there are 29,500 hydrants, of which only around 5% are used each year. However, if one is needed, it is vital that it is in good working order. Steve detailed the main issues with hydrants, which can be viewed on the following website:

<https://www.kent.fire-uk.org/your-safety/fire-hydrants/>

This website also gives details of how to report a problem, if you notice one when out and about. KFRS like to work with communities, and have a database of large water reserves including farms, ponds, lakes and swimming pools so that they can use those if needed. They are fully insured to replace and repair after an emergency.

### News from the Parish during the Autumn

A sofa was fly tipped on the recreation ground and then set on fire on Sweetbriar Lane during September. If you have any information please contact Julliette West or Crime Stoppers using the numbers below.

A “Den” was discovered on the old DDC owned allotment site off Cherry Grove in October. This is a very concerning issue with evidence of substance misuse and fire lighting as well as trespass and fly tipping. The local Police team, DDC’s Community Services Unit, Environmental Health Department and Kent Fire and Rescue have all been involved in dealing with this situation.

The glass on the side panel of the bus shelter on Milner Road was smashed on 13 November during the early evening. If you have any information please contact Julliette West or Crime Stoppers using the numbers below.

If you see any non-emergency crime ring 101 and report it. Unless residents report every incident the Police cannot form a picture or see any patterns to enable them to investigate the issues!!

You can also report online at [www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online](http://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online) which can be much quicker.

### Dog Fouling

There has been an increase in dog fouling especially on the pit path and Beech Grove. The darker mornings and evenings have led to owners thinking it is acceptable to not clear up after their dog.

To report offenders visit: <https://forms.dover.gov.uk/dogfouling>

### Wildlife Area

Can you think of an area that could be seeded and transformed into a wildlife area within the Parish? Please let us know.

### USEFUL CONTACTS

Eythorne Parish Council website: [www.eythornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.eythornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

Eythorne Parish Clerk: [clerk@eythornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eythornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk) or 01304 832449 to leave a message

Community Warden – Julliette West: 07969 584174

PSCO – Richard Bradley: [richard.bradley@kent.police.uk](mailto:richard.bradley@kent.police.uk)

Non-emergency crime: ring 101 or [www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online](http://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online)

Crime Stoppers: 0800 555 111

Kent County Council: [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) or 08458 247 247

Dover District Council: [www.dover.gov.uk/Home.aspx](http://www.dover.gov.uk/Home.aspx) or call 01304 821199

East Kent Housing: [www.eastkenthousing.org.uk](http://www.eastkenthousing.org.uk) or call 01304 872 296

Mobile Library Service: 03000 41 31 31

Country Eye App: <https://countryeye.co.uk/>

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