

News from Marden Parish Council

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Letter from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Dear Resident,

It's been another busy summer in Marden with the successful 'Big Music Picnic in the Park' in June. This event is organised by the Friends of Marden Heritage and emphasises just how many talented musicians we have in the village. Other Summer events included the Saints-v-Sinners annual cricket match, and Marden Primary School's Summer Fete, to name but a couple. The Summer Play Scheme once again proved a great success and I offer special thanks from myself and fellow Councillors to our Parish Clerk, Alison and all the staff for their hard work, creativity, dedication and boundless energy in entertaining and educating the children. My particular thanks go to Rob De-Keyzer the Play Scheme Supervisor and Jordan Manley, Deputy Supervisor, who helped to make it all happen.

I would also like to thank the Marden in Bloom group for all their hard work in helping to make the village look beautiful in time for the South & South East in Bloom judges to tour around the Parish on 13th July, especially the wonderful planters for which Golden Hill Nursery kindly donated all the plants. The results will be announced at an Awards Ceremony in September. The 'Best Floral Display' competition was judged on 17th July and well done to all those residents, businesses and community groups who entered.

I would like to welcome Sean Harvey onto the Parish Council. Sean has recently been co-opted – good luck to Sean and thank you for standing. Councillors are often asked 'What do the Parish Council do?' All Parish Council meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the Marden Parish Council website and agendas are displayed on the Notice Boards. Residents are always welcome to attend Parish Council meetings and if you look at the 'Site Map' on the website you will see information such as the Annual Returns & Accounts, Policy & Procedures etc. Under 'Local Planning' you can view details of all the large planning applications. If you get a moment, please check out the website: www.mardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk or our Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/mardenpkent

Warm regards.

Kate
Kate



Play Scheme 2016

This Summer's Play Scheme was again a successful event and the sun shone for most of the two weeks. The theme this year being "Rio & The Olympics" and over 50 children were registered, many attending for the whole of the scheme. The staff and children were very active in making masks, flags, banners and other regalia representing the Rio Carnival and Olympics. There were also different sporting and dancing activities which the children were encouraged to join in.

An outing to Tonbridge Park was postponed from the first week due to inclement weather but was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went the following Monday.

The scheme culminated with an inflatable assault course, disco and bbq on the last Thursday which was enjoyed by all. Thanks are expressed to Rob De-Keyzer and Jordan Manley (Manager and Deputy) and the rest of the staff: Kim Smith, Hannah Shaw, Jen O'Halloran, Ziggy Lowe-Vidal, Rose McBride and June Gledhill who were excellent throughout. Parent feedback forms have been sent out and it would be great if these can be completed and returned to Alison so that we can look at possible improvements next year – these responses also assist us in securing funding from Maidstone Borough Council. If you have not received a form and your child attended please let Alison know.

Village Parking Questionnaire

Thanks so much to those residents who completed and gave your views on the Village Parking questionnaire. The feedback will be analysed and discussed further with Maidstone Borough Council. We will give you an update in the Winter Newsletter. Also in the next Newsletter, the Parish Council hopes to give a comprehensive update on a number of highway issues – issues that we know are of great concern to local residents. Speeding, parking on pavements, parking restrictions and pedestrian crossings are all 'hot' topics and we would like to reassure residents that the Parish Council is being proactive on these issues.

The Parish Council met last year with our County Councillor and Kent Highways over the issue of safely crossing roads in Marden. Councillors discussed how we could overcome this problem and the possibility of installing a pedestrian crossing. Our Parish Clerk is chasing our County Councillor to see if there are any funds available to undertake a feasibility study before Kent Highways make any recommendations. Watch this space!



Speeding in the Village

As a result of a speeding survey undertaken recently in Chainhurst, our County Councillor Paulina Stockell has kindly agreed to fund out of her 'Combined Members Grant pot' enforcing a 40mph speeding limit in this area. Kent Highways are currently working on a suitable scheme and once this is drawn up a consultation will take place with the Parish Council and local residents.

The Parish Council recently held a Speed Watch session, but here's some facts from the Community Speed Watch Kent (CSW) team. In the last four years (2012 to 2015 inclusive):

- 83% of speeding vehicles generating advice letters from multiple observations did so in the same Speed Watch scheme
- 86.8% of the vehicles observed speeding once were not detected again by any CSW scheme in Kent in the next 12 months.
- 89.8% of speeding vehicles that generated a first advice letter did not generate another from Kent's CSW in the next 12 months.
- 1.35% of observed speeding vehicles generated a second or subsequent advice letter from Kent's CSW in the next 12 months (98.65% didn't).
- 5.2% (1 in 19) of vehicles observed speeding were high-end offending (50%+ over the speed limit).
- 1 in 1,421 (0.07%) vehicles observed speeding once then generated four or more letters in the next 12 months.

If you would like to join the Speed Watch Group please contact Erika on 01622 832305 or email erika.mardenpc@btconnect.com

Byelaws

The Parish Council has been updating its Byelaws and a draft will be placed on the Parish Council website for public consultation. If you would like to view and comment on the draft Byelaws before submission to the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG), then please check out:

<http://www.mardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=news&newsid=13339>

All comments should be sent to Alison at mardenpc@btconnect.com. Closing date for comments is 31st October 2016. If you wish to view a hard copy please contact Alison to arrange a convenient time to meet at the Parish Office.

Keeping Marden Tidy

The Parish Council arrange a village litter pick every Spring. This year the Marden in Bloom members tidied up and weeded the High Street area for the S&SE in Bloom's judging tour in July whose theme this year is 'Clean and Green'. Since the 'Marden in Bloom' campaign started, there has been a noticeable difference in the village especially the High Street area. Our thanks to those of you who have made a big effort in 'tidying up' your frontages. Let's keep this going and encourage residents and businesses to continue the good work in particular keeping frontages clear of weeds especially brambles – weeds are unsightly. 'Let's keep our village tidy – it's good to do something positive for the Community'.

We would also like to offer special thanks to Elaine Tree and Mr Ali from the Taj of Kent for regularly litter picking in the village. Their efforts do not go unnoticed.

On a separate issue, you may have noticed the unsightly pile of rubbish behind the Playing Field. This is also an area where

teenagers congregate. Mira Martin, our Community Warden, has been trying to tackle the problem and hopefully the area will be cleared by members of the Community Payback scheme. The Parish Council is also investigating the installation of a wildlife camera at the back of the playing field to monitor any anti-social behavior.

Any overgrown hedges or verges can be reported direct to Kent Highways via their website <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>.

Dog Fouling

Once again we need to mention dog fouling. This is a particular problem in the Playing Field. Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) has provided posters which have been placed in the Playing Field in an attempt to encourage responsible dog ownership. We are assured that the MBC Dog Warden does visit Marden and the situation is monitored by the Community Warden. If you see any evidence of dog fouling problems please email the details to enforcementoperations@maidstone.gov.uk or call 01622 602202. Remember dog fouling is a serious health hazard – it must be stopped!

CCTV/Anti-Social Behaviour

The Mobile CCTV Camera is currently located in the Public Car Park. It is designed to monitor anti-social behavior and hopefully acts as a deterrent. The Parish Council is also looking to install a CCTV camera at Marden Playing Field to monitor any potential anti-social behaviour around the Changing Rooms and Play Area.

If you witness any anti-social behaviour, please call 101 immediately. This will enable PCSO Nicola Morris to provide evidence to the Maidstone Community Safety Unit. However, if the situation is urgent, and you cannot get through on 101, please call either Maidstone Police Station direct on 01622 690690 or 999. There is a vehicle specifically designated to anti-social behaviour which can be sent to Marden if issues are reported. Nicola also constantly monitors activity in various hot spot areas in the village in the evenings.

The Cockpit Play Area

As previously reported, this issue has been 'bubbling' since Spring 2014 when Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) produced a draft Play Area Strategy for the borough and announced the possibility of the closure of The Cockpit Play Area. This area was deemed 'non-strategically important' as it is close to the main Playing Field. The Parish Council has been lobbying to prevent the closure. Similarly the Marden Children's Centre has also been lobbying our MP Helen Grant to prevent its closure. Cllrs Tippen and Boswell, along with our Borough Councillor David Burton and Anna Fisk from the Children's Centre, recently held a further meeting with Helen Grant and Maidstone Borough Council. They explained the importance of The Cockpit Play area to the village – it needs to be kept open. Talks are still ongoing.

Open Space

The Parish Council own and maintain the Playing Field, Southons Field and the Cemetery. The Parish Council has recently taken ownership of the Napoleon Drive play area and we hope to update this area to provide under 5 play

equipment. There are also plans to tarmac some of the footpaths. It is hoped this work will be undertaken at the Playing Field, Rookery Path and the entrance to Southons Field this Autumn. We are lucky to have two large open spaces in the Parish – the Playing Field with its new play equipment and Southons Field with its new Play Trail. It's lovely to know that both areas are being enjoyed by many families.



Firstly we would like to congratulate the winners of the 'Best Floral Display' competition:

- Winner of Best Planter/Hanging Basket Category - Carole Ennis, Merrydown, Howland Road
 - Winner of Best Front Garden Category – Brian Rayner, 5 Cranham Square. See photograph below.
 - Winner of Best Community Group/Business Category – Marden History Group
 - Budding Gardener's Award – Marden Scout Group
 - Highly Commended for Planter/Hanging Basket Category – James Komorowski, Jasmine Cottage, Albion Road & Lynda Treliiving, 7 Sutton Forge
 - Highly Commended for Front Garden Category – Gwen Nabbs, 3 Meadow Way; Steve & Jo Medhurst, 2 Chantry Place and Jan Turner, 2 Beech Corner Cottage, Goudhurst Road
- Many thanks to those residents, businesses and community groups who made such a great effort to enter. All the entries were beautiful and it certainly has encouraged more horticultural practice in the parish. Many residents who did not enter the competition also made a huge effort and overall the village was looking lovely.



On 13th July, the S&SE in Bloom judges were taken on a tour of the Parish, not just along the High Street, Church Green & the West End, but the Cemetery, Community Orchard, Tanner Farm, Millennium Path, the organic vines, hops and apple orchard area in Plain Road to show just how diverse the parish of Marden is. Areas of particular note are the grounds of Rookery Court – absolutely fabulous and the judges were very impressed; Highwood Green's hanging baskets; the Bramley Court area; The Allens; the planters and hanging baskets in the High Street; The Old Market; and the ongoing projects at the Memorial Hall and area outside the Library, to name but a few. We will know how we got on at an Awards Ceremony on the 14th September and will report back in the Winter Newsletter.

Meanwhile we have many plans going forward including projects such as bulb planting, working with businesses in Pattenden Lane etc, working with the school children, Scout Group and Brownies and encouraging residents to grow more bee, butterfly and bat enhancing plants. We also have to continue with fund-raising events to keep the group going. If

you would like to join the Marden in Bloom group, please contact anne.boswell@ymail.com or call 01622 833351.

Anne Boswell, Chairman of Marden in Bloom

Road Names on Development Sites

The Parish Council want to hear your ideas about suitable street names. At Highwood Green, Councillors recommended streets be named after local families who lost members in WW1. At the Parsonage site, the Parish Council recommended the streets be named after Hop varieties to reflect the former use of the site. If you have any suggestions for road names in the other new developments please let Alison in the Parish Office know. The village already has streets named after apples, pears and cherry varieties, so other ideas please.

Marden Medical Centre

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) recently undertook an inspection of the Marden Medical Centre. In the CQC Report, the 'Care' category was pronounced as outstanding and the 'Safe, Effective, Responsiveness and Well-Led' categories were categorised as good. It was noted that the Medical Centre is "an integral part of the local community and actively promotes the health of the population" and the Patients Reference Group "was highly engaged and empowered by the Practice to improve services". This is a great endorsement and an impressive result for our Medical Centre. This is well deserved. The whole community you serve are very proud and grateful to all of you at Marden Medical Centre.

Flu Immunisation Clinics - Wednesday 21st September and Wednesday 28th September at Marden Medical Centre
These will be open clinics, no appointment required, from 2.00-6.30 pm for people with surnames beginning A-L on September 21st & M-Z on September 28th. If you are housebound you will be contacted by late October. Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone aged 65 years and above, also for people of any age with chronic conditions including asthma, diabetes, chronic liver or kidney disease or lowered immunity due to steroids or cancer treatment. Anyone who is the main carer for an elderly or disabled person should also have a flu injection.

UK Power Networks – '105'

On 6th September a new national phone number '105' is being launched by electricity network operators for customers to call should they need to report or get information about a power cut in their area. Key points of note are:

- Dialling 105 will put customers through to their local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and sub-stations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in their area.
- 105 is just one of the ways customers can contact their electricity network operator. They can also contact them by phone or via their website, and most network operators are on social media too.
- 105 is a free service for people in England, Scotland and Wales.
- You can call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and sub-stations that could put anyone in danger. If there's a serious immediate risk, they should call the emergency services too.
- Vulnerable customers who would like to sign up to a Priority Services Register, can still call 0800 169 9970 or email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk or apply online at

A Consumer Awareness campaign will run from September to next Spring.



What's going on in Marden this Autumn?

There's a plethora of events happening this Autumn in the village. Any groups, organisations or businesses who are arranging an event, please call Erika on 01622 832305 or email erika.mardenpc@btconnect.com. The event can be advertised on the Parish Council website under 'Village Events' and also on the Facebook page. If you would like to include your village group event in the Newsletter, please let anne.boswell@ymail.com know. Let's keep Marden connected!

Marden Farmer's Market – 2nd Sunday in month – from 9.30am-1.00pm in the Memorial Hall

The Heritage Centre's next exhibition is opening on Saturday 3rd September and will be on 'Education'.

Marden PTA 1940's Big Band Dance Party – Saturday 17th September – 7.30pm-11.30pm in the Memorial Hall – Dancing, Fish & Chip supper, Fancy Dress. Tickets £12.50 available from P&P Signs, Crowhurst & Tompsett, West End Stores or online: www.mardenpta.co.uk

Friends of Marden Heritage Hog Roast – Sunday 18th September – 12.30 for 1pm at Turnpike House, Maidstone Road, Marden – Pork rolls, salad and strawberries & cream will be available. The West Kent Big Band will be playing to help raise money to repair and restore the beautiful stained glass windows in the Church. Tickets £12 Adults; £8 children (5-15 years). Please bring your own drinks, glasses, chairs and tables. No parking on site and no dogs (except guide dogs) allowed.

Marden Theatre Group – 'A Bard Day's Night' - Friday 23 September at the West End Tavern & Saturday 22 October at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. Come to remember and celebrate our greatest ever writer in the 400th centenary of his death. A group of players from Marden will entertain you with songs, sketches and speeches by, or about William Shakespeare. There is no charge but a donation would be appreciated. It will be friendly and fun and we would love to see you at either or both evenings. Please join us!

Marden Society - Wednesday 28th September at 7.30pm in the Vestry Hall – a talk by Wilf Lower on the River Medway.

Patronal Festival & Gift Day – Saturday 1st October at 10am in the Parish Church – 'Showcase your Talent' – jewellery, paintings, photographs, needlework, baking, woodwork, drawings, music..... Take your exhibits to the church for sale by silent

auction at 4pm for church funds. Further details from Carol on 01622 831132 or Graham on 01622 832622.

Marden in Bloom 'Hoedown' - Saturday 15th October in the Memorial Hall from 7.30pm – a little bit of Country & Western will be arriving in Marden in the form of a 'Hoedown' which is like a Barn Dance with an American Mid-West feel. So put on your best check shirt, jeans (or denim skirt if the ladies prefer) and boots and come join us for a night of barn dancing, food and fun jiggling, wriggling and fiddling in support of Marden in Bloom. The Hatted Hens Barn Dance Band, who are a 5-piece band with a caller, will entertain us and show you what foot goes where - absolute beginners welcome! Tickets cost £12.50 which will include hot food. Cash bar provided. More details to follows on the Marden in Bloom Facebook page and tickets and will be on sale at local outlets.
<https://www.facebook.com/MardeninBloom>

Concert by Antiphony in aid of Safe Anaesthesia Worldwide – Saturday 22nd October at 7.30pm in the Parish Church

Village Siren – Sunday 13th November at 12.15pm - The History Group will be 'sounding' the Village Siren with wartime music preceding this to commemorate Remembrance.

Marden at Christmas on Saturday 10th December – A number of events will be running as previous years and Marden Primary School PTA are considering a Santa Run – look out for posters later in the year. If you would like to run a stall at this event, maybe with a Christmas theme, please contact erika.mardenpc@btconnect.com or call 01622 832305.

Citizens Advice Outreach Sessions in The Old School Room, Marden Memorial Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 2pm to 4pm – 18th October / 15th November / 20th December. Please note that due to annual leave there will be no outreach session on 20th September.

Hi-Kent will be visiting Marden and holding sessions for replacement hearing aid batteries etc in the John Banks Hall from 1.30pm to 2.30pm on 29th September and 24th November. Both of these are on a first come, first served basis – no booking is required.

Kent Fire & Rescue (KFRS) – Fire Safety Advice

Unfortunately over half of all the fires that KFRS attends start in the kitchen with the majority caused by unattended cooking. In a hectic home it's easy to get diverted for longer than you intended and even forget all about the cooking. Usually the worst that happens is burning your dinner but sadly, as KFRS knows only too well, unattended cooking can lead to a serious fire that could result in severe damage to your home and may put you and your family at risk. Make fire safety your main ingredient and help prevent a kitchen fire in your home by following these tips:

- Keep an eye on your cooking and remember to switch off your cooker if you have to leave the room.
- Use a timer for items placed in your oven or grill to remind when your food is done and to save it from burning.
- Plan and Prepare – if you know you have a busy week ahead, try and plan in advance and prepare meals that do not require lots of cooking.
- Avoid storing or placing household items on your cooker or stove.
- Keep your cooker, grill and oven clean to avoid a build-up of

grease and fat that could start a fire.

- Keep children and pets well away from your cooking area.
- Ensure electric cookers, toasters and microwaves are turned off at the mains when you have finished using them.
- Fit a working smoke alarm on each floor of your home and test it weekly to ensure it provides early warning in the event of a fire.

For further fire safety advise visit www.kent.fire-uk.org/cooking or call 0800 923 7000.

Alert – Beware of False Claims by Solar Panel Salesmen!

Homeowners with solar panels are being contacted by salesmen making false claims about their existing solar panels:

- Salesmen are encouraging homeowners to replace their existing solar panels and claiming that fire crews will not attend a fire involving older solar panels. This is false – the Fire Service will always attend a fire no matter the cause. For more info visit: <http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/>
- Salesmen are offering free health checks on Solar PV installations in conjunction with The Microgeneration Certificate Scheme (MCS) – an industry-led and nationally recognised quality assurance scheme. This is false – MCS has not partnered with any installation or maintenance companies and does not carry out health checks or maintenance. For more info visit: <http://www.microgenerationcertification.org/> For advice and to report issues to KCC Trading Standards contact Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 03454 040506

Local Heroes!

Andy Wardley is our Crew Manager at Kent Fire & Rescue Service in Marden where there are 8 Fire Fighters. They not only respond to fires, but deal with a range of emergencies including rescue operations, road crashes, collapsed buildings and floods. The Firefighters have also been trained as co-responders, part of a scheme run by Kent Fire & Rescue Service (KFRS) and South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust (SECamb) together with several Fire Fighters now being Speed Watch volunteers.

As well as answering calls to a range of emergencies, firefighters are trained to co-respond, answer certain life-threatening medical emergencies through the scheme, such as chest pains, heart attacks and breathing problems. As they respond in the local area where they live and work, they are able to attend the scene of an emergency within a few minutes and often before the emergency service arrives increasing the patient's chances of survival. As part of this partnership, Marden firefighters volunteered to extend their existing first-aid training in the use of equipment, such as automated external defibrillators (AEDs). They also carry oxygen and are trained in life-support skills.

The crew also regularly volunteer their time to attend local events, work on projects like helping to install the air raid siren and Pluto pipe line for the History group. The crew also like to take part in local charity events, such as the 'Dandelion Rowathon' where the crew rowed in breathing apparatus and full fire-fighting gear clocking up over 20 miles and raising over £200 for the charity. So thanks Andy and your team for doing such an amazing job in our Parish – you are very special 'Local Heroes'! If you would like to nominate a special 'Local Hero' please email: anne.boswell@ymail.com

'Community Engagement' is what it's all about'.

Marden Fire Station

This year Marden Fire Station celebrates 50 years since the station was built in 1966. To help celebrate this the Marden Fire Fighters took delivery of a new appliance. Watch Manager, Leslie Chappell, who has served at the station for over 23 years and is soon to celebrate his retirement said "There has been major developments in technology and fire-fighting methods over the years and it has been a privilege to serve and protect my community and respond to a range of emergencies. Our crew is now kitted out with state-of-the-art personal protective equipment and the latest innovative fire-fighting equipment to effectively and efficiently tackle a wide range of fire and rescue incidents. For more details and photos visit <http://www.mardenpc.kentparishes.gov.uk/default.cfm?pid=news&newsid=13335>

Neighbourhood Watch (NhW)

Neighbourhood Watch is a good way for people in the existing areas and the new areas of the village to get to know their neighbours and look out for each other. Being a NhW member you get regular updates to let you know what's going on in the area. NhW can offer good security advice and keep you up to date with the latest security products that come onto the market and can often help to reduce the cost of your household insurance. Neighbourhood Watch groups can be as small or as big as you like, so don't be put off by the idea as it really is quite straight forward and there are plenty of people to help. If you are interested in joining a group or being a co-ordinator of a group for the houses near you, please contact Maidstone and District Watch directly on 01622 604398 or via the website <http://www.maidstonenhw.co.uk/> or contact Mira Martin our KCC Community Warden: 07969 584179 / mira.martin@kent.gov.uk who is happy to help.

Nu-Venture Bus Time Changes

Amended Nu-Venture Bus timetables have recently been introduced primarily to improve reliability in the light of currently-experienced road traffic and congestion. In general the level of service provided will not be reduced.

- No 26 – Maidstone/Tovil/Yalding/Marden/Goudhurst - revised timetable on Mon-Sat especially affecting the existing 14:07 service from Maidstone which now runs at 13:37
- No 26A – Maidstone/Tovil/Chainhurst – new Schoolday service from 5 Sept replacing part of No 28
- No 27 – Maidstone/Marden/Goudhurst – substantially revised timetable on Mon-Sat
- No 28 – Maidstone/Marden/Chainhurst – Schoolday service



from 5 Sept. Bus 26A will now serve the Pattenden Lane/Chainhurst area replacing Bus 28 there. Bus 28 will run between Marden Station/Library and Maidstone. The morning route of Bus 28 in West Maidstone will be revised to serve London Road/Queen's Road/Tonbridge Road in that order. You can view the timetable services available at <http://www.nu-venture.co.uk/>

Recycling

Now the clothes recycling bin has been removed in the Public Car Park, your discarded clothes can be recycled by the Borough. Please check out the website: <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling/recycling> You can still recycle locally by taking clean clothes and shoes to the Primary School where there are two bins near to the school vehicular entrance (please note this is only accessible during school time). Please see posters for more details.

Parish Office Opening Hours:

If you would like any info or advice on a Parish matter, please feel free to call into the Parish Office. Opening hours are: Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays from 10am-12pm.

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Jean Robertson – 01622 831331 / 07950 816370

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Useful information:

Police Contact: PCSO Nicola Morris – 101 or Nicola.morris@kent.pnn.police.uk please note that emails will only be picked up when Nicola is on duty so anything urgent should be rung through to 101 or 999 if immediate response is needed.

Community Warden Contact: Mira Martin – 07969 584179

British Transport Police: Freephone 0800 405 040

Your Local MP:

Helen Grant, MP for Maidstone and the Weald, holds regular surgeries in the constituency. If you would like to arrange an appointment to discuss an issue of concern to you, please e-mail Helen at helen.grant.mp@parliament.uk or telephone 020 7219 7107 www.helengrant.org

Fault Reporting:

Maidstone Borough Council

Flytipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Dog Fouling, Street Cleaning – 01622 602162 www.maidstone.gov.uk

Kent County Council:

The Parish Council frequently liaise with Kent Highways over the state of the roads and drains in the village. For any Pothole and other road issues, Vegetation and Street Lighting – please call 03000 418181 or via their website www.kent.gov.uk



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