

LINTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Linton Website <http://lintonkent.org> – Report for 2019/20

For much of 2019 there was little to report. The website functioned satisfactorily throughout the year and was updated regularly. Although no page-related statistics are available, the site appears to be quite widely viewed and known about.

However in September 2019 Kent County Council decided to cease offering free website support services to parish councils, and set a final support deadline of 31 August 2020. The KCC IT department became part of [Cantium Business Solutions Ltd](#), a limited company wholly owned by KCC, and offered to continue providing us with a website platform at a cost of £995 in the first year and £675pa thereafter. Subsequently, KCC agreed to waive the first year cost provided a three year contract was signed.

On investigation, it was found that [Hugo Fox Ltd](#) were willing to provide a similar platform for parish councils and registered charities, at no cost. They have been providing such services for 10 years and amongst other users, they host the websites for both Marden and Staplehurst parish councils. Having heard good reports from both, Linton PC has made a decision to migrate its website to Hugo Fox Ltd in order to maintain a free service for Linton Residents.

Having started the parish website in 2006 and acted as Webmaster ever since, I feel that this is an appropriate time for me to retire. I am very pleased to say that Peter Lewis has agreed to take over as Webmaster. He and I will work together to transfer the website to the new platform, and when this work is completed he will take over and run the new site. It is hoped to have a site available for viewing by approximately the end of June 2020.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have contributed material and information to the Linton Website over the years. As a means of reaching out to Linton residents it will only ever get more important, and I encourage everyone to make as much use of it as possible. It is a particularly important resource when meetings and face-to-face discussions are practically impossible, as they are at the present time.

Please remember that the Webmaster is essentially a publisher not a journalist, so articles should be supplied in a directly publishable form, hopefully with pictures or illustrations as befits a visual medium.

Thank you

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