



# THE STOCKBURY & SOUTH GREEN OBSERVER

February 2020

## Village Hall Diary

All events at the Memorial Hall unless otherwise stated

Sat	1st		
Sun	2nd	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	3rd		
Tues	4th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wed	5th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
Thurs	6th	Gardeners	8.00 - 10.00pm
Fri	7th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	8th		
Sun	9th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	10th		
Tues	11th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed	12th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		WI	2.00 - 4.00pm
Thurs	13th		
Fri	14th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	15th		
Sun	16th	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	17th	Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Tues	18th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		NSYC	7.30 - 9.30pm
Wed	19th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		Craft & Chatter	1.30 - 3.30pm
Thurs	20th		
Fri	21st	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	22nd		
Sun	23rd	Dog Club - Field	10.00 - 11.00am
Mon	24th		
Tues	25th	Bowls	2.00 - 4.00pm
		Private Booking	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed	26th	Pilates	9.30 - 10.30am
		Parish Council	7.30 - 9.30pm
Thurs	27th		
Fri	28th	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30am
		Dancing Club	8.00 - 10.30pm
Sat	29th		

## VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration May 8<sup>th</sup> 2020



As you know, this year is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. The May bank holiday has been moved to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May to accommodate the events that are planned around the country to commemorate and celebrate the anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe. There are many people who can still recall that joyous day in 1945.

There is an organisation broadly co ordinating and publicising events which you can look at: <https://www.veday75.org/>. The Parish Council suggests that Stockbury should celebrate the anniversary too. So, save the date ...

Suggestions so far include the lighting of our beacon, a short wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial to give thanks and remember those who gave their lives for our freedom and to remind us why we are celebrating.

Further suggestions include a street party in front of the pub and on the green (war themed food and/or a hog roast), or it could possibly be held on the playing field if the green is too small for what we decide. We could have 40's fancy dress (not obligatory!), war time music (including Vera Lynn!), Morris dancers, some stalls (plants, homemade foods and crafts) games for children (and adults?), fireworks, face painting ... the list is as long as your imagination is broad (and as long as we have enough helpers). Any funds raised we suggest should go to Armed Forces charities.

As it's May and the British weather is notoriously fickle, we think perhaps a small marquee, or some large gazebos may be prudent (anyone who could provide these please let us know).

So, ideas and suggestions are welcome from everyone. There will be a meeting in **The Harrow at 7pm on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, to discuss ideas and plan the event and all are welcome to attend. If unable to attend the meeting, please email any suggestions. Also, if you are willing to help out before the event, or on the anniversary day itself, please email: [southernname@ymail.com](mailto:southernname@ymail.com).

Anne Southern

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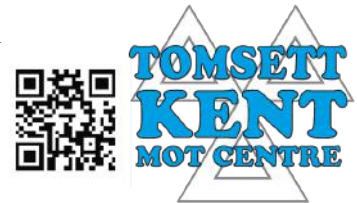
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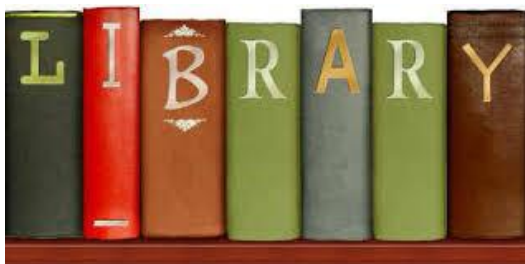
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Mass Times

Weekdays 9.30 am

Saturday 10.00 am and 6.00 pm

Sunday 9.30 am and 11.00 am



## Mobile Library Dates

13th & 27th

February 2020

At the Village Hall

9.10 - 9.40am

# Stockbury W.I.



I wonder what the year 2020 will bring us? Above all we hope for health and happiness for our families and friends. But we should also consider the world around us and what we can all do, however small, to bring about a change in the way we live, to help heal our world for future generations to live in.

The WI continues to push forward our campaigns to help make our world a better place. These include:- climate change, the food poverty crisis, understanding mental health, no more violence against women, fighting the war on plastics and many more important issues. Right down to getting on board for a better bus service and raising the awareness of the importance of local bus services in England, Wales and the Islands.

Also, a reminder that from spring this year, England will move from an 'opt-in' to an 'opt-out' system for organ donation, with the hope of saving hundreds of lives a year. Under 18's and those who lack the mental capacity to understand the new arrangements, visitors and people who have lived in England for less than a year before their death are excluded from the new arrangement. So unless a decision NOT to donate has been recorded, you will be considered a potential donor. This system is already in place in Wales and Jersey.

Our next meeting will be in the Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm. We will be celebrating Stockbury WI's 94<sup>th</sup> birthday this year and would welcome any new potential members to come and join us.

Heather Tomsett



## Temporary Road Closure Pett Lane, Stockbury 17th February

The road will be closed in the general vicinity of Pett House, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site.

The alternative route for any through traffic is via Oad Street, Pond Farm Road, Sutton Baron Road, Wrens Road, Hearts Delight Road, Bredgar Road, Primrose Lane, Gore Road, Silver Street, Deans Hill Road, Deans Bottom and vice versa.

The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while cabling works are undertaken by UK Power Networks.



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# The Harrow ...

## Meet Edo & Mike ...



### Q - Tell us a little about yourselves

**Edo** - I was born in Italy, in Venice, in the historical centre of the city. My family is an 'old family', my grandma is an Italian Contessa who married a commoner.

When Italia became a Republic, she decided to marry an untitled man and thinks this was the best choice of her life.

My mum is the second daughter of my grandma and was a chef. She had two restaurants in the countryside but is now retired. My mum taught me to cook.

I first came to England and London 7 years ago because there were not a lot of opportunities for the young after leaving education.

I started work in the Portman Pub in Marylebone as a waiter and worked my way up to Restaurant Manager and then after five years I became General Manager for the same company, overseeing 3 pubs in the centre of London, as well as in France, Portugal, Spain and Los Angeles. I worked for the same company for 7 years. I then returned to Italy for 6 months and started to think about returning to England to work during that time.

One of my hobbies is reading and learning about British history and Royal Family, including the Tudors, the Stuarts, Oliver Cromwell, Guy Fawkes .... The history of Britain is very complicated and interesting but a beautiful story. I love the tv show Little Britain too.

**Mike** - My name is Michele but people call me Mike, even in Italy. Like Edo, I originally come from Venice. I lived in England in the 80's and always had a strong feeling that I would return and here I am but with a different project from when I was 20!

I'm happy to be here in the Kent countryside and country pub.

### Q - So what drew you to Stockbury, this sleepy village on the North Downs?

**Edo** -So, I remember our first time in Stockbury. Chris Porter met us at Sittingbourne Station and when I saw Sittingbourne for the first time I thought "where am I? Maybe this is not for us" but when we drove up Church Hill, I started to think "this is amazing, Stockbury is very pretty, very quaint, beautiful". It helped that the sun was shining! I thought this place is for me. And when I saw The Harrow I saw the potential of a thriving business and being able to fulfil my dreams.

**Mike** - We weren't specifically looking for a country pub but it was the best option for us. We didn't want anything too busy, too city looking, we wanted to step back a bit and Stockbury is just perfect for us, it was meant to be, seriously!

### Q - You obviously love the village, how are you finding the residents?

**Edo** - They surprised me! London people are a certain type of person, the countryside people are another world! They are so friendly, helpful and welcoming; it surprised me in a good way!

**Mike** - The people are very nice and friendly, more than we expected. They are very welcoming and supportive. We are very happy to be here.

### Q - What are your plans? Will the pub continue to support the established events and clubs?

**Edo** - Yes, yes, everybody and every event and club are welcome, absolutely. I want to create more activities including to encourage walkers, horse riders and cyclists to The Harrow.

You know, a pub is not just a just a pub, it is a meeting place, a focal point, a family house and the village is a family.

**Mike** - Everyone has their own ideas but we have agreed that this is the way forward for us. We don't want to revolutionise; this is the communities creation and we respect that but at the same time we want to put in some novelties. We want to enhance not transform what already is. We want to keep the pub traditionally English but include a little more of an Italian twist. We have some aces up our sleeves and will use them gradually, when you are ready for them!

*Cont'd ...*



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**[stockbury-neighbourhood@outlook.com](mailto:stockbury-neighbourhood@outlook.com)**

Any ideas and views would be greatly welcomed at the above mentioned e-mail address.

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*Edo & Mike Con'd ...*

## Q - Do you feel 'at home' yet?

**Edo** - Yes! When we first came here I thought, finally I am at home, really. I have a new big family, because that is how the village feels. You don't feel scared to ask for help because you know you will receive it. Everybody is welcoming and kind and everyone helps everyone.

We are hoping to become British Citizens because we definitely want to stay in England and probably Stockbury forever.

## Q - What do your family think about you being far from home?

**Edo** - Enthusiastic, really, very enthusiastic. My mum thought when I was younger, that I wouldn't work in a pub but when you are born into a pub business, it gets into your blood and then if you don't work in a pub, you miss it a lot, really.

When I start to think about The Harrow, I don't think of it as a workplace but as home. My first thoughts are 'this is my home, not my workplace'. I am happy here and at peace, its not just work, its heart and mind too. I have everything here; my home, my husband, my workplace, my new family and friends.

We wish both Edo and Mike every success in their new venture and long may they reign at The Harrow.

## Stockbury Book Club



### **The Last Runaway by Tracy Chevalier**

Honor Bright is a young Quaker woman who, to escape the hurt of being jilted, ventures from her home in Dorset to America with her sister who is to marry. The plan is for her to stay with her sister's new Quaker family and to find a new life in the very young pioneer atmosphere of America in the 1850s. After an horrendous sea crossing, before her overland journey to Ohio has really begun, Hope's sister dies of yellow fever. Alone in a strange country but unable to contemplate the six week return sea journey she stoically decides to continue across America to stay with what would have been her future in-laws but now with no real connection to them. We follow her new life which contrasts vastly from that of her sheltered upbringing in England, not least because in her new Quaker settlement she originally has to deal with veiled hostility, isolation and the ever present consequences of slavery.

Tracy Chevalier presents the domestic situations of an isolated Quaker community in detail, particularly with regard to their quilt making and also the local attitudes towards the runaway slaves and the help these sad unfortunate people require from the 'Underground Railway'. This author wanted to highlight the plight of the slaves and the hardships they had to face.

Perhaps because of this fact, one of our number thought the characterisation had suffered and that there was little depth to the peripheral characters; also the plot appeared somewhat weak. However for others the domestic detail of quilt making and appliqué work resonated with the work they do on their own quilts. Another member, who had lived in America could well

understand the feelings of strangeness and isolation felt by Honor when confronted with Americanness, despite sharing the same language and felt that the prose reflected the real struggles of living in a new country.

Overall our group considered the book a worthwhile read and gave it 7 ½ out of 10.

Ann Rich



### CALLING ALL TRAD

### -GAMERS!



Following it's initial success The Harrow Pub is continuing to host games evenings on the last Tuesday of every month at about 8pm.

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# Mike & Edo

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# Stockbury Gardeners

The report last month on growing chillies, omitted one thing, I will never forget that even after handling chilli flesh and extracting seeds, no matter how many times the hands are washed, never, *never*, try and remove contact lenses or replace them the following day!! That my fellow gardeners, is my tip of the month!

Heeding the above warning, chillies should be germinating by now, as they have a long growing season.

Our first meeting of the year is on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February, normally reserved for a social evening and discussing the last growing season and on planning the next, there will be also be onion growing tips and a presentation with a physical demonstration of sowing transplanting and harvesting. Anyone that is not a member would be welcome to come along to the hall at 8pm.

Next month, on March 5<sup>th</sup>, we have a talk presented by historian Steve Harmer on the history of Sissinghurst Gardens.

The schedule of events will be available at the start of February, in our useful booklet form. We have a full itinerary with speakers presenting topics on renovating Quex Gardens, the secret life of moles, a talk on flower arranging, plus much more!! This is in addition to our three shows.

Again, this year we have been supported by M B Farms who have kindly arranged to supply our Humax compost at favourable rates, so those who have ordered in advance can pick their order up at the start of the month.

- This month you should really have planted new roses and any trees in order to allow the fine roots to become established.
- Seeds need to be sown now, early cabbage in trays.
- When the soil is warmer - and I would suggest that at the end of the month, sow parsnips.
- Its always worth sowing batches of lettuce at 4 weekly intervals.
- Herbs can be sown in a warm greenhouse or on a windowsill indoors.

Don't forget our wildlife. Keep feeding the birds, keep an eye on hedgehogs, they will be waking up soon. I have just read an article from the Gardeners World magazine, which was very informative. One point made was to allow access into yours and your neighbours gardens; this in effect is a sort of hedgehog motorway, allowing mobility to feed, mate and access to compost heaps to hibernate. Most importantly though to devour our slugs and snails!!!

An interesting and disturbing fact that since the 1950's numbers are down from 36million to 1.5 million today, that is a terrible indictment that we humans have done.

On a more cheerful note, the weather will be warming up, so get out into the garden, get growing and have a

great February.

Here is what can be achieved in Stockbury ....  
..... and not even in a greenhouse!!



Chris Spree

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## Cockett's Corner Ditty

### Valentine's Day



I've always loved you from afar  
Although I know not who you are.  
I've seen you at the tennis club  
And also down the local pub.

Quite often I've been on the brink  
Of asking you to have a drink  
But when you stand there with your friends  
I will do nothing that offends.

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## Patrik Says ....

Dear Residents

The last Full Council meeting, was one of the more interesting ones: First, I asked why the Head of Planning took the decision to withdraw Maidstone's objection against the M2 Junction 5 scheme under delegated powers and why he did not consult with me before taking this step?

Stockbury residents will be just too aware that the scheme will effectively cut the village of Stockbury into two parts, with no transport link between both sections.

Constitutionally it is upon the Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, to respond to this question. He admitted that he found it difficult to answer because it involved him having to explain the delegated decision of an officer, when the issue did not come before his committee.

Besides the expected reasons (strategic infrastructure vs village concerns) as briefed by the officers, his answer highlighted that under MBC's committee structure, there is regrettably no mechanism to call in an officer's decision.

This answer highlights again the unfortunate lack of democratic oversight at Maidstone Borough. Privately, a Labour Councillor voiced his concerns to me that "across all political groups there is a growing view that we need to put an end to this Officer led Council".

The ruling Liberal Party, which is supported by all other groups in order to keep the Conservatives in opposition, have no intention to revert the Committee system back to a Cabinet steered authority.

I voiced previously my thoughts about Cabinet vs Committee and there are pros and cons on both sides of the argument. Lack of Democratic Accountability however is a mega major concern !

### HOUSING NUMBERS

Lack of Democratic Accountability is also frequently raised in the press with regards to a potential **Garden Village in Lenham Heath**. I addressed and explained this issue previously. Independent Councillors Mr & Mrs Sams, in whose ward the development may be built, were seeking a temporary suspension of the Local Plan Review. This motion was thankfully defeated.

I say thankfully, because without an up to date Local Plan, the law would open the floodgates for all sorts of speculative planning applications, without the Council having any legal tools to fight them.

Planning law and housing targets are thrust upon Local Authorities by Central Government. The lack of Democratic Accountability is, on this occasion, not

Maidstone's shortcoming, but must be placed at the door of The Rt. Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government.

A motion by the MBC Conservative Group at Full Council was supported by the Liberal Group, in which Maidstone Council questions the Secretary of State about his *Standardised Methodology for Assessing Housing Need*. In the letter to the Secretary, Maidstone asks to be given some breathing space and that the required housing numbers should not be increased before the current Local Plan ends in 2031.

Indeed, the Leaders of each of our five political groups are signatories to this letter as are our two MPs and the Leader of Kent County Council.

The methodology eroded community trust in the plan making process. Maidstone Councillors are painfully aware that community resistance with a firm anti-house-building sentiment is now widespread. Furthermore the amount of government funding available for infrastructure projects to underpin housing and population growth is currently inadequate. This is Central Government's doing, Maidstone is helpless. We Borough Councillors are mere elected administrators of Central Government Policy over which we have no vote.

### NEW WALKING FESTIVAL IN KENT

A new walking festival for Kent will take place on **Saturday 25th & Sunday 26 April 2020**. It will be organised by a collaboration of partners around Maidstone. The **Walking Festival** will include countryside walks through villages in the Kent Downs AONB and the North Downs Way, along riversides, villages and more. From short easy walks to more challenging hilly walks and even a full day's hike, there will be walks to suit all ages and abilities. Family walks and walks for those on mobility scooters and wheelchairs are also being planned. A date to be put in your diary!

And finally ...

### COUNCIL TAX

Starting with the new financial year, it will no longer be possible to pay council-tax in cash at the Link in King Street. Instead a barcode will be printed on the new bills for all current cash paying customers. With those bar-coded bills you can pay at any local PayPoint, same like you may already pay for all your other utilities. If anyone else wants to start paying by cash because they are new to the borough or have a change of circumstance, you would have to request a new bill with a barcode.

If you are having difficulty paying Council Tax, MBC may be able to come up with a payment plan which you can afford. Please contact the Council Tax office as soon as you are experiencing problems making regular payments. Email [counciltax@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:counciltax@maidstone.gov.uk) or call 01622-602003. We want to avoid the problem getting worse and prevent you from incurring unnecessary charges for late payment.

The Head of Department added: "Everyone needs some help from time to time, particularly at this time of year. We would much rather someone came and asked for help, before it becomes a bigger problem."

PATRIK GARTEN

MBC Councillor for North Downs Ward (Conservative)

# Observer Deadline!

If you would like to advertise or have item included in next months Observer, we must receive it no later than

## MONDAY 24th February

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## Stockbury Parish Council Minutes

The minutes for our Parish Council meeting will be approved at the following meeting and will then be published on [www.stockbury.org.uk](http://www.stockbury.org.uk) within 5 days



## Letters

If anyone has any old photographs or newspaper clippings that relate to Stockbury parish or know any of the history and stories of the parish during the Second World War, can you please contact Geoff Moody on 01622 884551.

Thank you.

## Free Small Ads

The "Small Ads" section is for Stockbury Parish residents to sell redundant or unwanted items in good condition. If you have any such items, please send the details to the Editor at and they will be advertised for free in The Observer for **one month only**.

We accept no responsibility for the quality of the items advertised for sale or the handling of payment between buyer and vendor.

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5 door  
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Body - Metallic grey  
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Mileage: approx 41,500  
MOT due May 2020

Price: £2,750 ono

Please contact Geoff Moody  
01622-884551



# STOCKBURY COMMUNITY BUS UPDATE!

Firstly, a big “THANK YOU” to Fiona.

Fiona has done a fantastic job over the last 10+ years; she has worked tirelessly to ensure the drivers got the passengers and bus to its correct destination. This sounds easy but there is a lot that has to be done in the background, answering the phone, organising driver's rota, filling out the three submissions to reclaim the national free bus pass fares and much, much more.

This has been a voluntary role which makes it even more admirable.

Fiona stood down in December and is now taking a well-earned rest along with Geoff, her recently retired husband.

The Community Bus continues to serve Stockbury, South Green, Yelsted and Hartlip; it is owned by Stockbury Parish Council. The bank balance is slowly growing which is important to ensure there are funds available for a replacement bus in 5 to 10 years' time.

At present I have taken back on the admin role and phone, however we need more drivers and someone to take on the admin role permanently.

Sara, one of our volunteer drivers, has volunteered to help bring the bus into the 21<sup>st</sup> century by implementing an electronic diary which can link to spreadsheets to streamline the admin process.

Kevin, another of our volunteer drivers, has offered to arrange extra trips and days out. Please see his article in this edition of The Observer.

Do you think you could spare some time to help the Community Bus? If so, please contact myself on 07798-633636 or email [dave@tomsettKent.com](mailto:dave@tomsettKent.com).

Dave Tomsett  
Stockbury Parish Council

## ***CALLING ALL PASSENGERS!!***

Hello All! Here we are at the start of another year.

Last year was mixed with successful trips, cancellation and sadness! And of course a huge change coming with Fiona deciding to call it a day after 10 years of administering the Mini Bus. What will become of us, who knows? It's pretty obvious the bus will continue one way or another but it won't be the same and I personally would like to thank Fiona for all her help and advice since I have been involved this last three years.

So what of this year and any trips? For my part I intend to continue with them where possible but feel last year we tried too many which led to trips with reduced numbers and cancellation, so I personally will ease back in order to maximise the take up in numbers.

This time last year we had a few good ideas in the bag, however my conversations regarding this year have not led the same way! However, I am positive that people will want us to continue, so my thoughts are to continue in the vein of a garden centre to start with in March and if we stick to the last Wednesday, it will be Weds 25<sup>th</sup> at Bybrook Barn in Ashford! Yes, it's where we started last year but the only positive I've had so far was a vote for this one with thoughts that it is definitely worth revisiting! What do you think?

*For interest in this one you will have to let me know personally via email or text / call to my mobile until we know what will be happening with the administration.*

Another trip on my radar for no further ahead than June would be the trip to RHDR from Hythe to Dungeness which we had to cancel.

More than that I haven't considered yet, as I, like you, await information as to what is going on.

***So are 'You' coming??  
Will look forward to catching up***

Kevin Masters  
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## Useful Contact Information

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Crimestoppers	(Confidential)	0800 55511
Dancing Club	Brian Crisp	01634 231886
Dog Club	Mick Bingham	01795 842480
Electricity Problems		0800 7838866
Environment Agency	Incident Hotline	0800 807060
Fly Tipping & Waste Collection	Including bulky items	01622 602162
Gardeners	<a href="mailto:stockburygardeners@live.com">stockburygardeners@live.com</a>	
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Hall Bookings	Sue Porter	01795 843715
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Petanque Club	Tina Jacobs	07743 910185
Photographic Club	Tim Arnold - <a href="mailto:timarnold@btinternet.com">timarnold@btinternet.com</a>	01795 843049
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Police Community Support Officers for Stockbury	Daniel Genn <a href="mailto:daniel.genn@kent.pnn.police.uk">daniel.genn@kent.pnn.police.uk</a>	101
Public Footpaths & Bridleway	Reporting issues with. - <a href="mailto:westprow@kent.gov.uk">westprow@kent.gov.uk</a>	03000 417171
Roads, Potholes, etc	(manned 24hrs) - <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem">www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/ report-a-problem</a>	03000 418181
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