From: Nicola Bonini <nicolabonini17@gmail.com>
Sent: 09 November 2026 10:25
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Fwd: Attn: Parish Clerk Ernie Fenwick

Hi,

I would like to strongly covey our support for the annual bonfire and fireworks. We moved to matching green two years ago and this is the second year that we've watched the efforts of the community to build the bonfire and ensure it's ready for the 5th of November. It's monitored daily in the weeks up to the event and diligently piled prior to the night. It's then a wonderful community event, that we all enjoy for free and donations to the community. The bonfire is monitored on the night and clean up is swift the following day!

My neighbour has done research into bonfires on the green and they started in 1610! It's enjoyed by many and it would be extremely sad if the minority were to succeed in seeing this wonderful tradition end.

Best regards

Nicola and Matt Bonini
Horsegate, Matching Green

From: joanne williams <joannewilliams1967@icloud.com>
Sent: 08 November 2026 00:45
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Annual Bonfire and fireworks matching green.

Subject: Support for Annual Bonfire and Fireworks Display

Dear Mr Fenwick,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of the annual bonfire and fireworks display in Matching Green, a much-loved community event that has been held for decades.

Having lived in Matching Green for 18 years, I can attest to the significance of this event for our village. It brings the community together in a celebration that is well organised and carefully managed. The bonfire is built safely, monitored throughout, and any inappropriate items such as fly-tipped mattresses are removed and disposed of correctly. It is worth noting that such items are not from village residents.

The event is enjoyed by the majority of our community each year. There is never any trouble, and the green is thoroughly cleaned the following morning. Importantly, the event raises vital funds for our cricket club, which is a cornerstone of village life. The club provides a gathering place for older members of the community, hosts a variety of events, and serves as the heart of our village. Cancelling such events would mean a significant loss of much-needed funds and a blow to our community spirit.

I sincerely hope you will support the continuation of this cherished tradition, ensuring that our village can continue to come together and thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Joanne Williams

4 Colvers
Matching Green

From: Coral Rimmer <coral-rimmer@hotmail.com>
Sent: 07 November 2026 19:47
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Fireworks and Bonfire Night

Dear Ernie Fenwick,
I just wanted to email to let you know our family's opinion re: the Matching fireworks and bonfire night. It has always been a wonderful community get together, and it is disappointing that some people are not fully embracing all it offers. Being able to get rid of burnable waste on your doorstep is wonderful! Being able to step outside onto the green and join in with the community celebrations is amazing. The effort and time spent in setting up, organising and tidying up afterwards is phenomenal. The morning after the fireworks showed a team of people clearing up and within no time at all it was as if the event had never happened. What an amazing organisation getting things set up and packed away again with no disruption to village life at all. The evening was enjoyed by many, many people from far and wide and was organised fantastically. I hope this tradition will continue for many years to come, such a wonderful night enjoyed by so many. John Kenney is absolutely amazing and put on a spectacular display that was enjoyed by so many. Huge thanks to him and long may this tradition continue. Profits made from the cricket club and The Chequers too which is all good. The majority of local residents are fully behind keeping this going every year.
Kind regards,
Coral Rimmer
Rose Cottage
Matching Green
CM17 0QA

From: Lisa Harnden <lisa.harnden260@icloud.com>
Sent: 06 November 2026 19:17
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: The fireworks

We moved to matching green on June. We went with our children and grandchildren last night to the fireworks and it was wonderful. We feel so blessed to live in an environment where coming toyas a community still matters and makes everyone feel valued and together. Thank you for all the work that went into to make it happen Lisa and Richard harnden Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tamra Stressing <elsieandfreds@yahoo.com>
Sent: 06 November 2026 10:04
To: MOC <clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Bonfire on matching green

Good morning Mr Fenwick, what a lovely reply, thank you.

I've attached a few photos from this morning. There was a lady who lives at The Old Telephone Exchange on the Green, she saw us out there with black bags clearing the litter left from last nights bonfire celebration and she rushed out to try and take photos of the litter left behind on the floor… but whilst we were there onsite and actually picking it up! I imagine she will use them to make a point? Fred Galley who was also helping to clear up took these photos of her doing her best to photograph the mess without us in shot!. Anyway,







I just thought it unfair of her to try and use her photos as evidence without showing the full context of her "evidence" which was actually being dealt with at the exact time.
We removed every piece of litter left behind which was from the chequers, the pavilion and peoples own things brought from home. It's inevitable that after a large gathering there will be some kind of mess but the fact that it was all gone by 8.30/9am is incredible.

It was an incredible evening and again, a credit to all who allow us to keep our traditions alive in a world where we are slowly being stripped of the few we have left.

Thank you Matching Parish Council.

From: Ellen Mills <ellenmills16@outlook.com>
Sent: 06 November 2026 08:48
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: MEETING REGARDING MATCHING GREEN BONFIRE NIGHT

For the attention of Ernie Fenwick, Parish Clerk

I understand that there is parish council meeting at the Fox pub to stop next years Bonfire Night on Tuesday 10 November. I would like to say that I TOTALLY OBJECT to the Bonfire Night celebrations being banned on the Green.
In the fifteen years that I have lived here the bonfire nights have always been carried out in a safe way. It is something that brings the Matching Green community and surrounding areas together to celebrate this long established British tradition of Bonfires on this date every year, and also throughout the country.
Ellen Mills

From: Gel PinkHair <gelgoldsby@gmail.com>
Sent: 06 November 2026 01:00
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Bonfire night is brilliant!

Hello,

I hear some people are looking to cancel next years bonfire night.

I just wanted to give my support to the event. Its such a lovely evening, and an amazing community event that we are incredibly lucky to have. It would be a massive shame if it was to be cancelled.

Unfortunately I won't be able to make it to the session on Tues, but I hope this email can count towards my households support of this event.

Many thanks,
Gel from Matching Tye.

From: andrew.todd68@btinternet.com <andrew.todd68@btinternet.com>
Sent: 05 November 2026 22:44
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Matching bonfire

I was shocked to hear this evening that there is a person/persons trying to stop the bonfire, on the green, my wife has lived around the area after growing up on the green, and attending the bonfire since she was 3 years old. We have been to nearly all of the bonfires at matching green, and in all the years we have been going it has always been well organised and safe to attend, this is a village tradition going back many years and to many are being lost.

Although my wife's parents moved away from the village , we moved back 14 years ago, to enjoy the community events and atmosphere. It would be a dam shame to such a long lasting tradition stopped.

Andrew, Mandy Todd
31 Rainbow Road
Matching Tye

From: Paola Biondi <paolambiondi@gmail.com>
Sent: 05 November 2026 22:02
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Matching Green bonfire event

I am writing to show my support for this amazing community event which is a well organised and a wonderful spectacle for adults and children. I am saddened to hear that one sad individual recently moved into the village is trying to spoil this annual display. Clearly the person involved has no sense of belonging or tradition. Let's hope in the future they have no need to call on their local community for support. From a professional perspective I am qualified in Health and safety and am happy to offer my services and support to this event.

Paola Biondi

From: Tamra Stressing <elsieandfreds@yahoo.com>
Sent: 01 November 2026 19:47
To: clerk@matching-pc.gov.uk
Subject: Bonfire on matching green

Good evening Mr Fenwick, I hope you are well.

I'm emailing regarding the recent complaints about the bonfire on Matching Green this year. Whilst I do sympathise with those houses on that corner of the Green (because of the proximity to their homes) I would absolutely disagree with those who made complaints about health and safety issues. We have lived here on the Green for 23 years and I have always witnessed the wonderful job that the Parish Council do to prepare the bonfire, manage the embers during the following days and then the clearing away of the Ash pile. Not to mention the attendance on the night to keep everyone safe and give us such a wonderful community tradition. This year there were some items thrown on the fire pile which shouldn't have been, (unlikely from local residents) but they were quickly and efficiently removed, again, proving that there are no health and safely issues.
As a family we have enjoyed so many special Bonfires with friends and neighbours, and as a village we are extremely lucky to still have this lovely evening of tradition. To loose it would be a real shame and another loss of yet another wonderful British tradition.

Hopefully a solution can be found to enable the Community to retain our annual bonfire night tradition.
Maybe there could be a discussion about its location? On the opposite end of the green and right in the middle between the cricket nets and the roads on the West side (where the car show takes place) is much wider, maybe having the bonfire there would keep it further away from all of the houses? I understand that we already have a burnt patch where the fire is currently, but I'd be happy to arrange a collection to pay for the grass seed and a group of volunteers to rake over and lay the seed in the Springtime so the current burnt patch would be repaired and grassed over. We really cannot let a wonderful community evening get cancelled under the false claims of health and safely issues. Our Parish Council do a fantastic job!

Please feel free to use this email for any discussions.

Kindest regards.
Tamra
Home meadow Barns
Matching Green.
