

# VIEW FROM THE HILL

Official Newsletter of the Kings Hill Parish Council



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### Hello from your Parish Councillors

Following the uncontested May 2023 election, the Parish Council has seen some changes. We said goodbye to Shakira Falzon-Thomas and David Hurring who did not seek re-election and thank them for their years of dedicated service to Kings Hill.

### Council Updates



At the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11 May 2023, Tony Petty was re-elected Chairman and Mike Hartman was elected Deputy Chairman. The following councillors have been elected to the Planning, Transport, Environment and Climate Change Committee; Cllr Mackay, Cllr Rush, Cllr Kirk, Cllr Sherlaw, Cllr Coleman, Cllr Barker and Cllr Felix as a substitute member.



### New Councillor



The council has formed with one new Councillor joining the team, James MacKay, a very warm welcome to James.

### Our Objectives for 2023

As your Parish Council our main objectives will be:

-To revitalise our role in maintaining our precious Kings Hill fabric, including the Community Centre, Sports Park, play areas and open spaces to ensure that all are kept to the standard you would wish to see. Looking after things properly should be a given.

-A new Strategic Plan will be worked upon.  
-We want to involve you in what we are trying to do in an open and friendly way, discussing ideas, plans and funding implications, and, of course, ensuring your monies are best spent. The recent Jubilee and Coronation celebrations showed how people can come together to celebrate national events and village life.

-We want to ensure open and honest debate within the Parish Council, permitting ideas to flourish to achieve positive outcomes for the village.







## Coronation Celebrations

The Parish Council applied for and won a grant of £8,300.  
With the grant funding, we were able to put on the Coronation Tea which was a great success. It was amazing to see the hall filled with Kings Hill residents, enjoying and celebrating the King's Coronation! A big thank you to the Rotary Club, Kings Hill WI and the Girls Brigade (St Gabriel's Church) who helped us on the day.



Carradine's Cockney Sing along got everyone singing together and waving their flags!

All together, the Kings Hill Parish Council and the Rotary Club raised a total of £424.00 for the Kings Hill Food Bank!  
The Parish Council also donated £500.00 to Kings Hill Foodbank for 'The Big Help Out'!



Thank you everyone who came along and donated! Bring on the next celebration!



## Resident Street Parties

We were delighted to help Kings Hill residents with their coronation street parties. We were able to donate £1,200 in total from the grant fund and with their permission, we would like to share some photos with you.







# Coronation Celebrations

Invicta Valley School



Kings Hill School



Kings Hill Preschool



Discovery School

The Kings Hill Parish Council were able to donate a total of £1,200 to the schools to put towards their Coronation Celebrations!

## Coronation Memorabilia

Kings Hill Parish Council is delighted that we were the successful winning bidder for the Handmade crochet coronation memorabilia being auctioned by the Discovery School. Our winning bid was £85.00. It is our intention to display this item at the Community Centre for all to see.

We will be happy to loan the item to any community organisation.





## Report from Borough Councillors

It was a pleasure to meet with so many residents on the doorstep during our recent local election campaign, and thank you to all who voted for us. It's an honour to represent Kings Hill at TMBC for another four years.

With us all being KH residents ourselves, we will continue to push for the extension to the Green Belt close to our area, to ensure only appropriate Planning Applications are approved at our Planning Committee meetings and to continue to maintain our services as cost-efficiently as possible.

Recent County reports have shown that we are the best value for money Local Authority in Kent, we have one of the highest recycling rates and we also have the lowest crime figures from across the County.

We're always happy to hear from residents, so please feel free to contact us;



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For regular updates and news items, please follow our Facebook page; Kings Hill TMBC Councillors.

All the very best for an enjoyable summer, Chris, Dan and Kim



## 4G Network Coming Soon

Vodafone have confirmed that they are in the process of shutting down the 3G network which will allow them to upgrade the 4G network by the end of 2023.

They have also confirmed they have a new site in progress for Kings Hill and that this should be operational by February 2025 at the latest.



## Your Kent County Councillor- Sarah Hudson

### Kent Street & Malling Road Junction Improvements Consultation

A public consultation has opened on the A228 Kent Street Road widening scheme.

Have Your Say:

<https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/kent-street-malling-road>

### Contact Details

[sarah.hudson@kent.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.hudson@kent.gov.uk)

There will be public sessions at Mereworth Village Hall for the drop-in sessions on the following dates:

-Mon 19th June - 1.30pm-4:45pm

-Wed 21st June - 6:00pm-8:00pmpm

### Bus Services

Arriva has agreed to add some additional stops in Kings Hill for the 72 bus which is said to start in July. This should help those in Beacon Avenue getting to ASDA.



'[Click Here](#)' to be directed to the website

## Report from Kings Hill Management Company



### No Mow May

Areas of Kings Hill have been left untouched by the mowers in support of the "No Mow May" to provide habitat for pollinators. The areas have been selected where the wildflowers will flourish which is why the verges and some other areas are still cut. The estate management teams have included parts of the building curtilage areas within commercial areas to increase the area at Kings Hill participating in this initiative.



Areas of wildflower have also been sown along Tower View, Limelight Walk and Discovery Drive. There are a range of species which grow with different species making an appearance. If you have the chance to walk past them, there is a variety of colour and flowers on display.





## Rotary Club of Kings Hill



Meets most Mondays at 7.45 pm (optional meal at 7.00pm) at the Spitfire pub three times a month and at the Old Rectory, Leybourne once a month. Meetings are varied – we may have a speaker, plan upcoming events, or a social evening/trip out.

Why not come along and join us? You'll make new friends and business contacts, whilst serving the community.

Email [khrc09@yahoo.com](mailto:khrc09@yahoo.com) for more info/details of our upcoming programme.

## 23/24 Annual Governance and Accounting Return

Our unaudited accounts for 23/24 have been published and are available on our [website](#).

At 31.03.2021 our reserves were £150,940

At 31.03.2023 our reserves were £486,798

You can be assured that public money is being properly looked after and we are now in a position where we can start looking at some large scale projects, such as enhancements of our open spaces and improvements to play equipment and Community Centre.

### Reporting a Fault on Kent Highways

You can report all issues online including:

- street light faults
- potholes
- drainage
- traffic signal faults
- overgrown vegetation (including hedges and grass).
- Your County Councillor for junction improvements, new signs and lines, traffic calming or changes to speed limits.

Use the online fault report portal

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

You will be able to track issues using a map or a non-map-based address lookup. If you have any visual impairments or use a screen reader, the use of the address lookup is recommended.

### Reporting outside of working hours

Telephone- 03000 41 91 91

### What Kent Highway Services do after you report a problem?

They aim to fix:

- dangerous faults within 2 hours
- safety hazards within 7 days
- routine faults eg: streetlights, potholes and soft landscape issues within 28 days
- traffic signals within 4 hours if they are urgent
- drainage maintenance within 28-90 days
- drainage investigations of defects or repeated flooding within 28 days for strategic roads and 90 days for minor roads. A site flood risk assessment is carried out to determine further work required.
- all other faults will be scheduled into their planned maintenance.

### Other Issues

You need to contact:

- Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for fly tipping, litter, parking or street cleaning.
- National Highways for motorways and major A road problems
- Your County Councillor for junction improvements, new signs and lines, traffic calming or changes to speed limits.

# Fraud, Scam & Safety Day

 **28th June 2023, 12:30-18:30**  **Kings Hill Community Centre**

We invite everyone to join us on the 28th June 2023, 12:30pm-6:30pm at the Kings Hill Community Centre for a Community Awareness and Safety day.

Community Wardens, Community Safety Partnership and Barclays Bank will be there on the day to offer advice on how you can be safe in your own home, when you're out in the community and when you're online.







# Dates for the Diary

## Kings Hill Parish Council

Community Club  
 -Every Monday, 1:00pm-3:00pm  
 -Kings Hill Community Centre  
 -Somewhere warm, free teas and coffees, chitter chatter club



Fraud, Scam and Safety Day  
 -28th June 2023  
 -12:30pm-6:30pm  
 -Kings Hill Community Centre

**'Click Here' to go directly to our 'Regular Classes/ Sessions' Section of the website.**

## Sports Park

Summer Fun Run  
 -Sunday 2nd July 2023  
 -£8.00 per adult / £4.00 per child  
 -choose from 2.5k or 5k distance

Silent Cinema  
 -Top Gun: Maverick  
 12th August 2023 @ 8:30pm  
 -£12.50 per ticket

Story Time  
 -Every Tuesday



## Discovery School

Summer Fayre  
 -15th July 2023  
 -12:00pm-3:00pm

# Community Centre

## News from Community Centre

The Parish council have recently purchased a hearing enhancement loop system for the Community Centre. This can be used free of charge for our hirers and guests.



The Community Centre also offers the hire of:

- PA system
- Projector
- Tablecloths and chair covers



## Our Halls:

We have space available for all size events, from meeting rooms to large event halls. Our beautiful Mary Ellis Hall is perfect for special occasions. Room rates range from £13.50 - £55.50 per hour. For more information, please contact [bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:bookings@kingshillparish.gov.uk).

## Community Centre Car Park

If you are visiting the Kings Hill Community Centre, we advise that you park in the front car park on Gibson Drive.

This car park is free of charge all day for visitors to the Community Centre. If you do use the car park to the rear of the building on Alexander Grove, please be aware this is a monitored car park with limited free parking time of 3 hours.

If you have any questions regarding this car park, please contact Kings Hill Management on [enquiries@kingshillmanagement.com](mailto:enquiries@kingshillmanagement.com).



Gibson Drive Car Park





# What's New?

## Sports Park

### Flood Lighting - Works Begin

Residents of Kings Hill and the surrounding area are set to get improved sports facilities in Kings Hill Sports Park thanks to a £51,754.84 grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

Work begins this week to install floodlighting to the four tennis courts/multi-use games area at the sports park.

Martin Guyton, Chief Executive of TMactive, who manage the sports park on behalf of Kings Hill Parish Council believes the facility will make a huge difference to the sporting opportunities of the local community. READ ON: Flood



## Allotments

Allotments are about plants and people in equal measure, and being able to welcome so many new plot-holders really made the day a success. We have a lot of new faces this season thanks to the opening of the new site, which is just a proverbial potato's throw away along the so-called Rocky Road. On Sunday, it was packed full of tender plants – aubergines, peppers, squashes, cucumbers and a forest of tomatoes, all being nurtured by plot-holders with spares being offered up for swap or sale.



### Rocky Road & Poly Dome

The Big Bubble was go-for-launch at the Allotments Open Day and Plant Fair on Sunday 21 May. The Bubble, the pop-up poly-dome, was donated by the Parish Council to provide additional protected growing space for communal use. The Rocky Road has given another cause to celebrate, as it was transformed into an accessible path in April 2023. This has delighted all users, but especially those with push-chairs and mobility issues.



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'Click Here' to be directed to the website.

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Gallagher



We are aware many residents are concerned with the blast trials that are taking place at Blairs farm query. if you are affected please contact:  
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-01622845653



# Know Your Councillors

## Residents of Kings Hill - Stay in Touch!

The Councillors and staff are keen to work with local residents. You are encouraged, and always welcome, to attend parish council meetings and to contact Councillors with any issues. You don't have to stay for the whole meeting as there is a public participation section early in the agenda. We really want to hear your perspective on issues in the community as we make decisions that may affect you. The dates are on the website [www.kingshillparish.gov.uk](http://www.kingshillparish.gov.uk) (go the Committees and meetings tab).

Please share your ideas, events and news with us at [administration@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:administration@kingshillparish.gov.uk).

Follow us on social media  
Facebook. [@kingshillparishcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/kingshillparishcouncil)  
Instagram: [@kingshillparishcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/kingshillparishcouncil)

And tag us in on #gemsofkingshill with things you see in the community that we can share with others.

## Meeting Dates

### Full Council:

- 22 JUN 2023, 19.30h
- 20 JUL 2023, 19.30h
- 21 SEP 2023, 19.30h
- 19 OCT 2023, 19.30h
- 16 NOV 2023, 19.30h
- 14 DEC 2023, 19.30h

### PTECC:

- 06 July 23, 19.30h
- 07 SEP 2023, 19.30h
- 05 OCT 2023, 19.30h
- 02 NOV 2023, 19.30h
- 07 DEC 2023, 19.30h

All held at Kings Hill Community Centre and open to the public. Agendas are posted on the website and noticeboards with at least 3 clear days notice. The dates above are subject to change.



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