

# VIEW FROM THE HILL

Official Newsletter of the Kings Hill Parish Council



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## Message from The Chairman



These final months of the year are some of the busiest with people coming together for Remembrance, festive events and Carols.

Recent ways in which the Parish Council has helped our community includes grants to the new Community Library, SEN October half term activity, Kings Hill Women's Institute and Valley Invicta Primary School. Over the winter months, please don't forget that you are guaranteed a warm welcome at the Monday Community Club between 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Here you will find a warm welcome and a hot drink in a comfortable and friendly space.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the people in Kings Hill for their support over the year and on behalf of the Parish Councillors and staff wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2024.

## External Audit

The Parish Council is pleased to share that the 2022-2023 external audit has now been completed and is available on the website to view.

 Click [here](#) to view document

## Community Centre Bar

We now have proposed plans for the Kings Hill Community Centre bar in our Mary Ellis Hall. We hope to hold many community events here organised by the Kings Hill Parish Council. The hall will be ideal for wedding receptions, birthday parties and other big events.

More information will be coming soon...



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# Anson Avenue Play Park Upgrade



## Building due to start...

Thank you to all who submitted a response to the play area ideas. We are delighted to inform you that the works will be carried out by KOMPAN, scheduled to start December 2023.

The brief for the new design was to be inclusive and recycle what we could from the existing equipment. We will keep you updated with timescales as soon as we know more.

# Climate Change

## Making Positive Changes

Following the Kings Hill Parish Council's approved Climate Change Action Plan, we have been working on making some positive changes.

We will soon be installing split bins at the Community Centre for general waste and mixed recycling, switching to environmentally friendly and biodegradable products where possible.

Changes have been made to how we correspond with customers, using digital forms and reducing the amount of printing we do and we continue to research options of larger projects including solar power and wilding on some unused area.



# New Parish Council Website



ITS COMING SOON!

The Kings Hill Parish Council are currently in the process of upgrading their website to ensure that information is accessible and easy for residents to find.

## Dates for the diary

Friday 8th, Saturday 9th, Sunday 10th December 2023	Christmas Market at the Alexander Grove Car Par
Saturday 9th December 2023	Carols around the Christmas Tree
Saturday 16th December 2023	Santa's Sleigh travelling around Kings Hill 4:00pm-7:30pm
Sunday 17th December 2023	-KHPC Indoor Boot Fair at the Kings Hill Community Centre -Carols by candlelight 16:00 at Valley Invicta School (Traditional Carols & Christmas Jumpers)
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Inspection of 'Best Decorated Christmas House' by KHPC
Friday 22nd December 2023	Golf Club Christmas Party
Christmas Eve	-2pm and 4pm - Messy Nativity and Christingle, Christmas craft activities followed by a 'scratch' Nativity and Christingle Service at Discovery School -11:15pm - Midnight Family Communion at Discovery School
Christmas Day	-Christmas Family Communion at Discovery School -Kings Hill Community Christmas Day -See separate insert for more information.
Tuesday 9th January 2024	Valley Invicta School Open Morning for placements
Thursday 6th June 2024	KHPC D- Day Celebrations -Morning Proclamation -Fish and Chips Afternoon





# Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



The Macmillan Coffee Afternoon was a great success. Those who came had a lovely afternoon and raised a total of £90.72!

The money raised could help run Macmillan's online community forum for nearly 5 hours. In this time, 100 people affected by cancer can support each other with anything from treatments to the death of a loved one.



## Thank You!

A huge thank you to those who joined us and to those who made a donation to this amazing cause!

# We Are Dementia Friendly!

The Parish office staff were given a brilliant and informative dementia training session by the Community Wardens.

It was packed with tips on how to create a Dementia friendly environment. The Parish staff have implemented some recommendations already at the Community centre and hope this makes a difference for visitors!



# Strategic & Climate Change Action Plan

The Parish Councils Strategic Plan and Climate Change Action Plan have now been approved and are available on our website to view.

Click [here](#) to be directed to the website



# Parish Salt Bins

Should we experience severe weather conditions this year, the Parish Council have GREEN salt bins positioned throughout Kings Hill.

Salt Bin Locations
Anson Avenue
Bramley Way
Bancroft Lane
Community Centre Car Park
Eden Way
Elan Close
Garden Way
Hazen Road
Lambourne Drive
Lapins Lane
Mitchell Road
Niagara Close
Peregrine Way
Pearl Way
Stirling Road
Shoesmith Lane
Victoria Drive

If you become aware that a salt or grit bin requires attention, please contact the Parish Office on 01732 870382 or email [clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk). We will endeavour to keep pathways around the Kings Hill Community Centre free of snow and ice.

CUT OUT AND KEEP

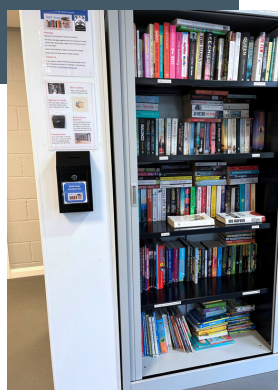




## Community Library Now Open!

**Do you like reading? Want to try new books?  
Have any books you would like to donate?**

Come along to the Community Library, have a browse at our selection of books. This library has been supplied with the intention of it being a book swap.



We have adult fiction/non fiction, young and older children and young adult books. If you would like to leave a donation in the box this helps with keeping the library stocked and current. Stock will be rotated so books will always be changed

### Where and When?

The Kings Hill Community Centre every day 9am-5pm Monday – Friday (and weekends if the centre is open for functions). This is managed by 'The Book Carousel' which shows books currently in the library, so please join the Facebook group to see what we have to borrow before you visit.

## 2024-2025 Budget Consultation



Each year the Parish Council sets a precept. This is the amount that the parish council adds to the council tax paid by households in the parish, and is the main source of funds for everything the parish council does during the year.

Although the population of the parish is growing and the council will be facing increases in costs due to inflation, the council is hopeful that the precept will remain at £552,847 for the year starting on 1 April 2024. This means that the Parish Council part of your council tax bill should not be any higher than in the current year. The council can do this because it has built up savings over the last few years.

### We want to hear from you!



The council will make a final decision about the precept in January 2024. If there is anything you would like the council to consider at that meeting about how much money it should spend, or what it should spend money on, please get in touch by the 22nd of December. There has been much interest in a Pump Track and improving the Christmas Lights which the council is investigating. You can contact the council by email to [clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk), or on 01732 870382, or visit the Kings Hill Community Centre and give your comments in person.

## Council Donations

The Parish Council have recently made donations to several Kings Hill Organisations and charities.

-£1000.00 to Valley Invicta School

-£250.00 to Kings Hill WI

-£500.00 to Poppy Appeal

-Raffle donations to Valley Invicta and Tony Hudgell Christmas Appeal

## Apply for a Grant

If you are looking to apply for grant funding, please visit our website to fill out the grant application form. You can also email [clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk) to get the process started.



Click [here](#) to be directed to the website

## Coordinated Kings Hill



Coordinated Kings Hill launched in February 2023, led by St Gabriel's and is the

inspiration of Rev Mark Montgomery.

It's aim is to support the working together of all community organisations and not for profit community focused groups, school and sports clubs on Kings Hill. By coming together in one room we can share and network events and activities as well as sharing what we do with the wider community.



Click [here](#) to see up coming events in Kings Hill





## 1st Kings Hill Girls Brigade

1st Kings Hill Girls Brigade is part of a Worldwide Christian youth organisation for girls age 5 to 18 years old, linked to St Gabriel's Church Kings Hill. Meeting on a Monday evening from 6pm - 7.30pm at the Discovery School, ME19 4GJ.

The girls enjoy working towards various badges which include learning new skills and joining in with our many activities which include crafting, cooking, games, camping and a trip out in the summer months. We have also supported community events such as Poppy Collecting and the Remembrance parade.

## Volunteers Needed!

We are currently looking for leaders to come and join us. If you would like to find out more then please get in touch. Email - [1stkingshillgb@gmail.com](mailto:1stkingshillgb@gmail.com) or take a look at our Facebook page @1stkingshillgb.



## Rotary Club Donations

Rotary made £350.00 at the end of the Summer bash with £100 of that from the raffle which will go directly to the Kings Hill Food Bank which we support every month with £100 of goods.

The balance of £250.00 will be deposited into our Community Chest account where once a year local charities can bid for up to £250 for a particular project.



## Kings Hill Surgery Update

The Patient Participation Group, the PPG, has run 3 successful patient events this year on Dementia, Menopause and HRT and Heart Health. More events will be announced soon including, Diabetes, Prostate Health and Mental Health.

The planned extension to the current surgery is a 'work in progress'. The practice continues to seek recruitment of staff and currently need more reception staff. Should you be interested please contact the Kings Hill Surgery and register your interest.

The PPG are looking for more residents to join and help progress work that the PPG does to represent the interests of patients. Interested? Then please contact Bob MacDonald, PPG Chair, on [wmgpppg@gmail.com](mailto:wmgpppg@gmail.com). (Note the 3 'Ps').



## Christmas Tree Recycling

Many households are likely to opt for a real Christmas tree and will be looking for a way to dispose of it, come the New Year.

Our team of volunteers will collect your real spruce, fir or pine trees, from Friday 5- Sunday 7 January 2024. The collection is from your front gate or driveway. All we ask is for a suggested donation of £15 per tree, which will provide vital support to people living with a terminal illness or experiencing bereavement in your community.



We can collect Christmas trees from the following postcodes: ME14-ME20, TN11 9, TN12 5, TN15 7, 8 & 9.

## Contact:

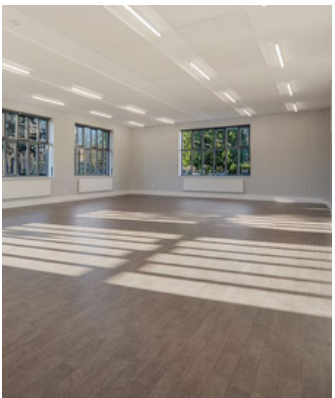
We would be really grateful for your support. Please let me know if you would like to be involved by emailing me directly to say, 'Let me know more!'


 [elizabeth.thomas@hokh.co.uk](mailto:elizabeth.thomas@hokh.co.uk)



# Community Centre Activities

Childrens Classes	Website	Contact Information
Stagecoach Maidstone West	<a href="http://www.stagecoach.co.uk/maidstonewest">www.stagecoach.co.uk/maidstonewest</a>	01622 535307
Hartbeeps Kings Hill & Maidstone	<a href="mailto:jaime@hartbeeps.com">jaime@hartbeeps.com</a>	07795 103197
Griffin Teaching	<a href="http://griffinteaching.com">griffinteaching.com</a>	<a href="mailto:hayley@griffinteaching.com">hayley@griffinteaching.com</a>
Musical Bumps Kings Hill & Malling	<a href="http://www.musicalbumps.com">www.musicalbumps.com</a>	<a href="mailto:helen.daniels@musicalbumps.com">helen.daniels@musicalbumps.com</a>
Footy for Tots	<a href="http://www.footyfortots.com">www.footyfortots.com</a>	07540 462571
Baby Ballet Maidstone, Malling & Medway	<a href="http://babyballet.co.uk">babyballet.co.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:mallinandmedway@babyballet.co.uk">mallinandmedway@babyballet.co.uk</a>
Sing and Sign	<a href="https://linktr.ee/SingandsignSyrah">https://linktr.ee/SingandsignSyrah</a>	<a href="mailto:syrah@singandsign.co.uk">syrah@singandsign.co.uk</a>
Elite Dance Company	<a href="http://www.elitedancecompanyuk.com">www.elitedancecompanyuk.com</a>	<a href="mailto:registration@elitedance.uk">registration@elitedance.uk</a>
Tots in Sport	<a href="https://www.totsinsport.com">https://www.totsinsport.com</a>	07931 702855
Dancy Envy	<a href="https://www.danceenvy.co.uk/">https://www.danceenvy.co.uk/</a>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@danceenvy.co.uk">enquiries@danceenvy.co.uk</a>
Bricks 4 Kidz	<a href="http://www.bricks4kidz.com">www.bricks4kidz.com</a>	07814 371279
Perform	<a href="http://www.perform.org.uk">www.perform.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@perform.org.uk">enquiries@perform.org.uk</a>
Kumon Maths & English Instructor	<a href="https://www.kumon.co.uk/kings-hill-and-malling/">https://www.kumon.co.uk/kings-hill-and-malling/</a>	<a href="mailto:kingshillandmallling@kumoncentre.co.uk">kingshillandmallling@kumoncentre.co.uk</a>
Adult Classes/ Groups	Website	Contact Information
Stepping Stone Fitness	<a href="http://www.steppingstone-fitness.co.uk">www.steppingstone-fitness.co.uk</a>	07970 482421
Leybourne Osteopathy & Pilates Studios	<a href="http://www.leybourneosteopath.co.uk">www.leybourneosteopath.co.uk</a>	07881 652209
Kings Hill and District U3A	<a href="http://www.kingshillu3a.org.uk">www.kingshillu3a.org.uk</a>	<a href="mailto:enquiries@kingshillu3a.org.uk">enquiries@kingshillu3a.org.uk</a>
Kings Hill WI		<a href="mailto:kingshill@wkfwi.org.uk">kingshill@wkfwi.org.uk</a>
Mixed Age Classes/ Groups	Website	Contact Information
Spangles Spanish Courses	<a href="http://www.spangles.org">www.spangles.org</a>	<a href="mailto:info@spangles.org">info@spangles.org</a>
Tori Shukokai		07740 477880
Spitfire Boxing & Kickboxing	<a href="http://www.spitfireboxing.co.uk">www.spitfireboxing.co.uk</a>	07884 097251
Covenant Fellowship Church International		<a href="mailto:cfcilondon@outlook.com">cfcilondon@outlook.com</a>




 For more information about our classes, please visit the Community Centre website or click [here](#) to be directed.





## Remembrance Sunday 2023

We had an overwhelming attendance for this year's remembrance service. We were delighted to welcome at this year's Remembrance the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Kent, Nicholas Fisher and the Deputy Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling Steven Hammond.

We would like to thank Rev. Mark Montgomery for leading the service and a big thank you to all those who attended the event. A particular thank you to the CFCI for leading the singing of the hymns and to all of the uniformed youth organisations for attending.

Another big thank you the Royal British Legion for their support in supplying the Parish with memorial wreaths.

The memorial flags flown from the Alexander Grove flagpoles were supplied by the Parish Council.



## WE ARE NOW HIRING!

### PART- TIME CARETAKER

We are now hiring for a part-time Caretaker at the Kings Hill Community Centre and are looking for an energetic person who takes pride in their work to join the existing caretaking team.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Room set up and breakdown for clients/ classes to a high standard
- opening and closing the centre when required.

#### **Working Hours:**

- Every other weekend plus ad hoc hours during the week

#### **Rate of Pay:**

-£11.22 - £12.73

Applications invited by CV to Karen Bell, Parish Clerk, Kings Hill Parish Council, Kings Hill Community Centre, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent. For more information telephone 01732 870382 or email [clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk).

## Meeting Dates

### Full Council

14 DEC 2023, 19:30h  
04/11 JAN 2024, 19:30h  
18 JAN 2024, 19:30h  
15 FEB 2024, 19:30h  
21 MAR 2024, 19:30h

Kings Hill Community Centre  
Jim Fry Hall

### Climate Change & Environment

04 JAN 2024, 18:00h  
01 FEB 2024, 18:00h  
07 MAR 2024, 18:00h

Kings Hill Community Centre  
Gibson Suite

### Planning & Transport

04 JAN 2024, 18:00h  
01 FEB 2024, 18:00h  
07 MAR 2024, 18:00h

Kings Hill Community Centre  
Gibson Suite

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/rooms above are subject to change.



# Know Your Councillors



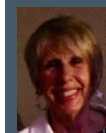
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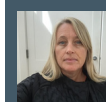
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## Residents Corner

### Kings Hill Indoor Boot Fair



Sellers Arrival -  
8:00am  
Buyers Arrival -  
9:00am-12:00pm



Sunday 17th Dec, 2023  
Sunday 21st Jan, 2024  
Sunday 25th Feb, 2024  
Sunday 17th Mar, 2024

At the Kings Hill  
Community Centre

To book a stall, click [HERE](#) and fill out the enquiry form

### CHRISTMAS Competition 2023

20 DEC | FREE ENTRY | 05 PM

BEST DECORATED  
CHRISTMAS HOUSE

1ST £500 2ND £300 3RD £200

Winner will choose a charity to donate the winnings to which will be donated by KHPC. Winner will be announced on our Facebook page on Friday 22nd December 2023.

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ENTER



## Want to be featured in the next edition...

If you have or know of someone who has made a big impact this year, contact us with your story and photographs to be featured in the next 'Residents Corner':  
administration@kingshillparish.gov.uk

