

Chislet Parish Council Newsletter March 2024

CHISLET PICKERS!



Viv Thompson and his team of litter pickers have now collected 15,000 pieces of litter from our parish's roads since August 2023. They have also cleared a huge amount of historic flytipping from the hedgerows. The group litter pick every Sunday morning covering different sections of road from Heart in Hand Road, through Chislet, up Nethergong Hill to the A28 every week. If you would like to join the Chislet Pickers and help keep the parish tidy please contact Viv on 07860 480506. Viv can provide waste bags and litter pickers for volunteers.

REFUSE LORRIES

Residents have complained about refuse lorries using Chislet as a 'rat run' to cut through from the A299 Thanet Way to the A28 Island Road. After Chislet Parish Council raised the issue with Canterbury City Council, drivers of refuse lorries have now been advised not to use this route and to stick to roads that are appropriate for such heavy vehicles.

Residents who see refuse lorries using the route through Highstead, Boyden Gate, Chislet and Nethergong Hill when it is not a collection day are advised to note the date, time, location and direction of travel of the vehicle. A photo and/or the registration of the vehicle would be ideal but not essential.

The information should be sent to Rachel Carnac at rachel.carnac@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk. Rachel is our ward councillor on Canterbury City Council.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2022/23

The Parish Council submitted a Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) to East Kent Highways (EKH) in both 2022 and 2023.

UPSTREET VILLAGE WHITE GATES

We are pleased to announce that we now have confirmation from EKH that the Village White Gates (proposed in our HIP 2022) will be installed at either end of Upstreet village by the beginning of March 2024. We are still waiting to hear which of our 2023 proposals will be accepted by East Kent Highways.

2024 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Parish Council is starting to consider proposals for submission in the 2024 Highway Improvement Plan (to be submitted September 2024).

We would welcome suggestions from the community to be considered for inclusion in this year's HiP submission.

Please be aware that East Kent Highways have limited funding for improvements - so any proposals need to take this into account and be economically realistic! The cost of any approved projects is met in full by EKH, at no cost to Chislet Parish Council or its parishioners.

Also please note: The Highway Improvement Plan is for new initiatives and is NOT for maintenance work on existing road surfaces, road linings or existing signage - these issues fall under the remit of KCC Highways and should be reported on-line.

If you have a suggestion which you would like to be considered please use the 'Contact Us' form on www.chisletparishcouncil.co.uk or email chisletparishcouncil@outlook.com

HAVE YOUR SAY ON CHANGES TO CANTERBURY WARD BOUNDARIES

The Local Government Boundary Commission has published its proposals to change the ward boundaries of Canterbury City Council. The proposals would affect Chislet Parish. Chislet Parish is currently in Reculver Ward which includes Chislet, Hoath, Upstreet, Bishopstone and Reculver.

The changes would allocate Chislet Parish to a new ward named Wantsum, which would include Hoath, Chislet, Upstreet, Broomfield and residents north of Hunters Forstal Road and east of Mill Lane. The new ward would no longer include Reculver or Bishopstone. The boundary commission is consulting on the proposals until 6 May. Residents are invited to comment on [Canterbury | LGBCE](#)

GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Not-for-profit organisations have been given extra time to apply for Canterbury City Council's community grants, with applications now closing at **9am on Wednesday 13 March 2024**.

There are two different grant schemes: 1) skills and employability grants and 2) pride in

place grants

The skills and employability grants are aimed at local not-for-profit organisations that are working to improve health, wellbeing and employability for residents in the district.

The pride in place grants scheme is aimed at not-for-profit organisations who are working on projects that improve quality of life opportunities in the district.

Both schemes will award up to £10,000 for each successful grant application. For more details see [RISE community grants | Canterbury City Council](#)