

Chislet Parish Council Newsletter July 2024

CHISLET SUMMER FAIR

Thank you to all who visited Chislet Parish Council's stall at the Chislet Summer Fair last month. It was good to meet so many parishioners at such an enjoyable event.



A particular thank you to all those who played our golf putting game or completed our questionnaire. We are asking parishioners to tell us what they value about the parish and what they think could be improved. We will be circulating the questionnaire more widely shortly, both online and in paper form and would welcome your ideas.



The Chislet Pickers, who have worked so hard collecting litter in the parish since August last year, also had a stall at the fete. Their fun and educational activities involving litter – including a litter picking race in the arena - were extremely popular with visitors young and old.



More photos of the fair are available on the Chislet Parish Council website www.chisletparishcouncil.co.uk

SPEEDWATCH IN CHISLET AND UPSTREET - volunteers required!



We are delighted that Kent Police Speedwatch have now approved various locations in Chislet as suitable for Speedwatch.

We now need volunteers who are able to spend 1-2 hours a month, on a regular basis, gathering data on traffic speeds along the road from Highstead to Chislet village.

This is in addition to the locations in Upstreet which had already been approved. We now urgently need **volunteers** who are able to spend 1-2 hours a month, on a regular basis, gathering data on traffic

speeds through the village.

For a Speedwatch Group to work successfully six to eight volunteers are needed.

Speedwatch volunteers work in pairs from specific locations which have been checked and authorised for their safety by Kent Police Speedwatch.

Data collected from Speedwatch sessions is collated and provided to Kent Police Speedwatch who then follow up with speeders. If the data confirms consistently excessive speeds in areas within the parish Kent Police Speedwatch are now able to allocate further resources to support Speedwatch Groups, such as speed camera vans.

All equipment and hi-vis clothing is supplied by Kent Police Speedwatch and full training is given to all volunteers by their personnel. In addition, all Speedwatch volunteers are covered under the Kent Police Speedwatch Insurance policy.

If you would like to volunteer for a Speedwatch Group or would like more information, please contact: Cllr Sally Appleby on sally.appleby@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk or Cllr Sarah Cassidy on sarah.cassidy@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk

2024 HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Parish Council is continuing to put together its proposals for the 2024 Highway Improvement Plan, which will be submitted in September 2024.

We would welcome suggestions from the community for this year's HiP submission.

Highway Improvement Plans are NOT used to log maintenance concerns / requests.

Maintenance problems (including potholes, blocked gullies, overgrown vegetation and worn road markings) should be reported using the fault reporting tool www.kent.gov.uk/highways. Highway Improvement Plans are only for NEW works intended to make our roads better and safer.

Do remember that East Kent Highways (EKH) have limited funding - so any proposals need to be economically realistic!

Any approved projects would be paid for in full by EKH, at no cost to Chislet Parish Council or its parishioners.

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

If you would like to see a HiP that has been completed in the past, our 2022 Highway Improvement Plan (HiP) is now available to view on the website www.chisletparishcouncil.co.uk.

GET HELP WITH THE COST OF LIVING - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Canterbury City Council's Household Support Fund is open again for applications from low-income households who need help with costs like food, energy bills and other essentials. This round will close at 5pm on Friday 20 September 2024 or until the money runs out.

To apply for a payment, you must:

- live in the Canterbury district and be 16 or over (including university students)
- have a total household income of £40,000 or less - this includes any money from employment or benefits
- have no more than £1,000 in savings and not have access to any other money to support your situation

Households can apply for one £250 payment to cover either food costs, energy costs, or other essentials like period products, clothes and broadband.

You can only apply once between now and Friday 20 September, and only for one type of help per household - so for example, you cannot submit an application for food bills and an application for help with energy costs.

If you have received a payment in one of the previous rounds of funding, you can still apply for a payment in this round.

For more details see www.canterbury.gov.uk/householdsupportfund