

# Chislet Parish Council Newsletter October 2024

## SPEEDWATCH IS NOW OPERATING IN HIGHSTEAD, BOYDEN GATE AND CHISLET



Speedwatch is now up and running at various locations between Highstead and Chislet. Kent Police Speedwatch visited Chislet in October to train volunteers to use Speedwatch equipment.

Following the training, a speeding vehicle was recorded travelling at 36mph through the 30mph zone in Chislet.

During the first full Speedwatch session on 17 October, five speeding vehicles were recorded with one doing 40mph in the 30 zone.

We still need more **volunteers** who are able to spend 1-2 hours a month gathering data on traffic speeds through the village. 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, please contact: Cllr Sally Appleby on [sally.appleby@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:sally.appleby@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk) for Upstreet or Cllr Sarah Cassidy on [sarah.cassidy@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:sarah.cassidy@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk) for Chislet.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE :TELL US WHAT YOU WANT IN THE PARISH



**Questionnaire Link**

Lots of exciting projects are being considered by Chislet Parish Council at the present time, so watch this space! If you have an idea of something you would like to see in the parish then please complete our Community Engagement Questionnaire.

The Questionnaire is available on the parish council website and Facebook, or by accessing the QR code or on parish Noticeboards. Scan the QR code with the camera of your phone to access the questionnaire. If you would like a

paper copy, please email your name & address details to:

[Sally.appleby@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:Sally.appleby@chisletparishcouncil.co.uk)

## **COFFEE WITH A COP - Wesleyan Chapel, BOYDEN GATE : 10am to 11:30am on Saturday 9th November 2024**



**Kent  
Police**

Kent Police are holding a surgery at Wesleyan Chapel, Boyden Gate, Chapel Lane, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 4EE from 10:00am - 11:30am on 9 November. This is your opportunity to raise any concerns you may have and to find out what Kent Police are doing to tackle the issues that matter to you. Everyone welcome

### **WINTER FUEL PAYMENT CUTS**

Government cuts announced in July mean that pensioners in England and Wales who are not on pension credit or other means-tested benefits will no longer get winter fuel payments worth between £100 and £300. The cuts have sparked concern that vulnerable people may be unable to heat their homes adequately this winter.

- Pension credit is a benefit that is based on income and savings.
- You could be eligible for pension credit if you are above state pension age and have an income of less than £218.15 a week, or less than £332.95 as a joint weekly income with your partner.
- But your savings are also taken into account, which means you may not be eligible even if your income is low.
- Disabled people, those caring for someone, and those with housing costs could be eligible despite these factors

If you are affected by the cuts or know someone who may be affected please contact Councillor Rachel Carnac, who represents our parish on Canterbury City Council, on [rachel.carnac@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.carnac@councillor.canterbury.gov.uk) She will be able to see if you are eligible for pension credit which would get your winter fuel payment reinstated.

### **2024'S HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

Chislet Parish Council's proposals for the 2024 Highway Improvement Plan are due to be considered by East Kent Highways soon.

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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

Highway Improvement Plans are only for **NEW** works intended to make our roads better and safer.

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

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](http://www.chisletparishcouncil.co.uk) .