



HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL - ARTICLE FOR PARISH NEWS FOR JULY 2025 EDITION

THE HOVEC SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025

Despite some uncooperative weather, this year's Summer Festival was a huge success. Residents braved the on / off rain and came out in full force to enjoy 4 days of entertainment, proving once again what a brilliant village we are.

These events would not be possible without the dedicated team of HoVEC volunteers who work tirelessly to bring the community together and make sure everyone has a great time.

Thank you HoVEC for everything you do.

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ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE – CAR PARK CLOSURE

RVP car park is temporarily closed between 2 June and 14 July 2025 while concrete repairs, redecoration and waterproofing works are undertaken to the entrance and exit levels.

Parking will be available in nearby Meadow Road and Crescent Road car parks and season tickets will be valid in these car parks while the RVP car park total closure is taking place.

The car park works will continue until summer 2026. Although the car park reopens on 14 July, sections will be periodically closed for practical and health and safety reasons to facilitate the ongoing works. The contractor, Baxalls, will continue to provide updates throughout the works programme.

SPEEDWATCH – CAN YOU HELP?

Speedwatch is a community-based scheme where volunteers record the speed of passing vehicles in the area where they live. Around 90% of vehicles observed once by Speedwatch volunteers are not seen speeding again in the next 12 months.

We already have an active Speedwatch group in Horsmonden, who do a great job, but they are desperately in need of more volunteers.

If you would like to join the group and help reduce speeding vehicles in the area, please contact Martin Drinkwater on 01892 722883 or by email martindrinkwater3@gmail.com.

PLANNING

The Parish council hold Planning committee meetings each month specifically for providing comments and feedback to TWBC on planning applications for which the Parish Council are consultees. These meetings are open for the public to attend without prior notification and the Council always welcomes parishioners to such meetings.

Our next Planning committee meeting is on **Tuesday 15th July** at Horsmonden Village Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

Please see below details of the next event on the Village Green this Summer:

Horsmonden Social Club Beer Festival

On the 19th July, Horsmonden Social Club will be hosting their BBQ, Beer & Cider Festival in the afternoon/evening on the Village Green.

ROAD WORKS

There have been quite a number of road closures recently. It is great that works are being carried out but we get very little notice to allow us to advertise them. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook pages and we will share the information as quickly as we can.

REPORTING A PROBLEM ON A ROAD, PAVEMENT OR A FOOTPATH

If you notice any issues such as potholes, drainage problems or overgrown vegetation you can report directly to Kent County Council here:

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

If you notice any problems on a public right of way such as broken stiles, fallen trees or dangerous path surfaces you can report directly to Kent County Council here:
<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

SOME USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:

NHS: 111

Kent Highways Service: 03000 418181

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council: 01892 526121

Environment Agency 24-hour Flood line:

08459 881188

Emergencies only: 999

Non-emergency Police Line: 101

UK Power Networks – Power cut: 0800 31 63 105 on a landline or 0333 32 32 105 (if calling from a mobile)