

News from Marden Parish Council



Summer 2017

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Letter from the Chairman of the Parish Council

Dear resident

We recently held the Annual Parish Meeting and whilst it was lovely to see those residents who attended it was disappointing that more people did not come on the night. The evening was not only about the work of the Parish Council but of other local organisations. In particular Peter Hall gave a very inspiring talk about the work he is doing at Mill Farm to create a wetland area. You will see my report below and a summary of the Amenities and Planning Committees as well. For a full report please go to our new website: www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk



Summer is almost here and we have some exciting events taking place notably 'What Marden does best' on Saturday 17 June in Southons Field and the Summer Play Scheme starts on 24 July, there is more information about both of these events, and more, in the newsletter.

I also have to report, with regret, that Colin Judge who has been our village caretaker for the last 7 years has decided it is time to take a well-earned retirement. On behalf of the Parish Council and the whole village I would like to thank Colin for all his hard work and to wish him a long, happy and healthy retirement.

Warm regards

Kate

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Chairman's Annual Report

- Cllr Kate Tippen

Marden is going through unprecedented times of change and residents' lives are often being changed in ways they never thought would happen 10 years ago. We have a vast amount of development with over 500 new properties being built within a 5-year time span, which will increase the number of dwellings in the village, by c32% by 2020.

The Parish Council's aim is to ensure we are getting the best possible outcome for the village from the developments. We are trying, with varying degrees of success, to hold regular meetings with developers and to ensure they understand residents' concerns be that highways, flooding, noise, hours of working, mud on the road and anything else that arises. Of

note has been the area at the back of the Playing Field where there has been a problem with fly tipping and rubbish and we were very grateful to Millwood for agreeing to clear the Parish owned land as well as their own. Although it is very disappointing that the area is again in a disgusting state and as bad as it was before the clearance took place. The developers at the solar farm in Plain Road have supplied and fitted, free of charge, solar panels at the Memorial Hall. Redrow agreed to reinstate the off road parking for residents of Spring Grove Cottages, after we met with them, having applied to have it removed from the plan. We hope there will be further good news stories in the months to come.

Section 106 monies have been allocated to the Playing Field from both the Highwood Green development and the Parsonage. Our first priority has been to replace the outdated and scruffy children's play equipment in the Napoleon Drive Play Area, now that we own it, with equipment suitable for the under 5's. Following a public consultation a contract has been placed with Wicksteed, a major supplier of play equipment, and work is due to start in June. We have plans to install an adult gym, a much improved youth shelter and a new sports wall. We are also looking at the possibility of installing a walking/running track round the perimeter of the playing field and improving, enlarging or replacing the changing rooms so that they can become a more inclusive village facility.

Parking and road safety is a very major concern to residents, not least outside the School. We have worked with Kent Highways and the Planning Department at Maidstone Borough Council to push the case for a controlled crossing, which has been specified as a planning condition on three of the major developments. We understand that one of the developers will be installing a puffin crossing, but as yet we do not know when that will be.

The Parish Council sent out a parking survey last summer to residents and the results have shown us that there's no easy solution. Undoubtedly the improved train service to London has made Marden more attractive to commuters from outside the village and we will be pushing the case with Southeastern to increase the car parking capacity at Marden Station, but finding the right person to speak to, and who can make a difference, is a challenge.

It was very gratifying that around 60 adults and many children took part in our annual litter pick on 18 March. Whilst it is very disappointing that we have to do this to keep our village and surrounding countryside looking beautiful, there's always a great deal of community spirit on the day and I know that those residents who participated gained a great deal of satisfaction from it. If more people are willing to take part next year then we can have an even greater impact.

I would like to thank all my colleagues on the Parish Council who voluntarily put in a great deal of time and effort on your

behalf. What you see at meetings is only a tiny proportion of what they are doing behind the scenes. I particularly want to thank our very hard working Clerk, Ali and Assistant Clerk, Erika. They often work above and beyond their contracted hours, deal with a huge variety of issues, have exceptional knowledge of all things Marden and remain cheerful, welcoming and unflappable. We are truly lucky to have the services of two such exceptional people here in Marden.

Summary Amenities Report

*- Cllr Anne Boswell, Chairman of Amenities Committee
(for the full report go to www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk)*

Marden Parish Council always strive to improve amenity facilities which are such an important village asset and the Amenities Committee is responsible for the open space in the village owned by the Parish Council along with the Cemetery, Rookery Path and Public Toilets. We also organise the annual village Christmas celebrations, the Summer Play Scheme and other ad hoc Events.

Marden Playing Field Our main priority is to maintain this vital area of village open space to a high standard. Our village caretaker, Colin Judge, undertakes the maintenance, including the mowing and landscape management. Monthly tree inspections are carried out at both the Playing Field and Rookery Path (along with Southons Field and the Cemetery) to ensure they are safe and remedial work undertaken if necessary. We also maintain the changing rooms, which are owned by the Parish Council and used by Marden Minors Football Club.

Of utmost importance is the maintenance of the play equipment and regular safety checks are carried out and corrective measures taken where necessary. CCTV has now been installed to monitor any anti-social behaviour in the playing field, which our PCSO Nicola Morris and Parish Clerk continue to monitor.

As ever the problem with dog mess continues, and whilst the field is covered by Maidstone Borough Council Dog Control Orders, they do not clear up the mess in the field. They will respond if dog owners are reported of allowing their dogs to foul the field and they will then visit to monitor and view. Our Community Warden Mira Martin monitors the situation and it is such a shame that a few irresponsible dog owners spoil things for others.

Southons Field The Parish is very fortunate to have an additional open space at Southons Field with its numerous species of trees and both the 'Kent Men of Trees' and the Hadlow Tree Warden were very impressed on their village walkabouts last year. Usage of the field has certainly increased particularly by families as a peaceful and safe haven to run around, have a picnic on the benches, or play on the Play Trail For these reasons the field is kept 'dog free' (apart from guide dogs).

Marden Cemetery Again the Parish is lucky to have such an attractive and well maintained Cemetery with a convenient footpath running to it from the village centre. I would like to record our thanks to Ian Jones, our groundsman, for all his effort and hard work he puts into maintaining it to a very high standard. I am sure you will all agree it is a delightful, peaceful and important facility.

We have already started to form a new area, which will come into use over the next few years. A central flowerbed has

been created and gradually being planted up, and we will be starting the layout of this area shortly lining the new pathways with shrubs etc.

Public Toilets We recognise that the Public Toilets are an important public facility, which the Parish Council has responsibility for although Maidstone Borough Council owns them. Thankfully, there have only been a few anti-social behaviour incidents there recently. A cleaner services them daily and Ian regularly checks and locks them daily, and Colin has been dealing with any maintenance that is required.



*Borough Councillor David Burton assisting
Marden PC at their annual litter pick*

Summary Planning Report

*- Cllr Chris Childs, Chairman of the Planning Committee
(for the full report go to www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk)*

The Planning Committee has been kept busy with close to 100 residential applications during the past year. It is often not realised that the Parish Council can only make recommendations to Maidstone Borough Council (MBC), but the Planning Committee has a mix of experience that is much respected by the decision makers at MBC.

The Highwood Green development by Redrow has now been completed and has integrated into the Parish in a seamless manner, and the Council is endeavouring to ensure that the remaining housing developments are equally as sensitive to the needs of our village. Industrial developments such as the new Solar Farm off Plain Road, has needed careful oversight and the committee is most diligent in reviewing traffic plans. Within the larger housing development plans are commitments to provide village facilities under the S106 scheme, and the Parish Council is assiduous in ensuring the developer's commitments are neither overlooked nor forgotten. The Pedestrian crossing located near to the school rate as extremely important in this context.

The compound effect of the new housing developments on the village parking and traffic flow is a constant concern and the Parish Council is taking a holistic approach to the problem, and has taken full note of the views expressed by parishioners in the recent parking survey. Many of these views reflect directly on planning applications.

The Marden Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) and the MBC Draft Local Plan are all progressing well and will be welcome tools for the committee in exercising the planning responsibilities.

Finally, many parishioners keep themselves abreast of Parish Council matters by reading the agendas/minutes on the various notice boards scattered around the village, but remember you are welcome to attend any planning committee meeting and many thanks to Erika for clerking at the Planning Committee.

Annual Accounts 2016-17

Budget Heading	Expenditure	Income
Staff Costs (Salaries, PAYE/NIC, travel, pensions and travel)	£68,774.49	£0.00
Administration (Chairman's allowance, hall hire, insurance, telephone/internet, rent, photocopier, office costs, publications and subscriptions)	£12,051.69	£0.00
Advertising and publicity (including newsletter)	£4,820.00	£0.00
Finance (audit, legal fees, donations)	£2,485.00	£0.00
Precept		£112,000.00
Bank charges/interest	£125.40	£329.06
S106 (developer) contributions		£32,165.00
Miscellaneous (sale of mower, CAB)	£500.00	£1257.60
Christmas	£2,159.07	£479.16
Amenities (Open Space, Youth & Community)	£1,870.50	£1,105.00
Public Conveniences	£8,118.23	£0.00
Public Works Loan	£18,237.92	£0.00
Neighbourhood Plan	£1,725.00	£0.00
Southons Field	£3,713.00	£746.56
Playing Field & changing rooms	£12,804.61	£564.00
Play Scheme (ex-staff costs)	£1,293.70	£4,114.14
Memorial Hall	£779.61	£735.87
Hall Roof Payment	£9,645.14	£0.00
Cemetery	£2,184.97	£4,855.00
MBC Grants (Parish Services Scheme/ Council Tax Support)	£0.00	£10,532.50
CCTV	£5,270.00	£0.00
Capital	£6,397.87	£0.00
TOTAL	£162,956.20	£168,883.89

Marden Summer Play Scheme

Because of the success of running the scheme again all day last year, it will run from 9.30am to 3.30pm from Monday 24th July to Friday 4th August at Marden Scout HQ for 5-12 year olds (please note that your child must have reached the age of 5 by 1st September 2016. Please note that this year children in Year 7 will be welcome.). Jordan Manley has kindly agreed to be the Scheme Manager this year with the theme being "Around the World Safari". It is hoped that a trip can be arranged for the

Wednesday of the first week however, depending on where this is, a small, additional charge may be made. Registration forms will be available from the Parish Office and Primary School Office from the 5th June. Daily fees are to remain the same this year and if you would like your child/children to attend but are experiencing problems please do not hesitate to speak with Alison on a confidential basis.

If anyone has old fancy dress costumes suitable for 5 to 11 year olds, old duvet covers, shoe boxes, buttons, and beads which are no longer required and you are happy to make a donation the children of Play Scheme would very much like to use them. Please drop off at the Parish Office prior to 24th July

The Play Scheme is able to take place due to funding from Marden Parish Council and hopefully from Maidstone Borough Council. Further details are available from the Parish Office.

Village Caretaker Opportunity

Marden Parish Council is looking to appoint an employed Village Caretaker working, on average, 15 hours per week (days of working to be agreed between successful candidate and the Parish Council. The hourly rate will be £9.00 – with a review following a six month probation plus holiday pay and the provision of a Pension Scheme.

Tasks include:

- Mowing, strimming and site maintenance of Parish Owned land and other areas as directed
- General maintenance jobs around the parish (ie painting, repairs, grounds maintenance)
- Regular inspections and general maintenance of play equipment, public conveniences and changing rooms
- General litter picking
- Winter maintenance to include snow clearance and distribution of salt where applicable
- Assist with quarterly newsletter distribution and installation and maintenance of Christmas lighting as required
- To work alongside Cemetery caretaker when required
- Key holder for Parish owned properties and gates
- Liaise with other staff, members of the public and contractors
- Any other tasks as directed by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the Parish Council

Relevant equipment will be provided and training given where required.

The successful applicant should be fit and healthy for the demands of the job as some aspects involve manual handling. Desirable skills include a knowledge of carpentry, grounds maintenance, tree work and machinery. A DBS check will be undertaken.

The successful applicant should be able to work on their own, live locally and have a clean driving licence (a Parish vehicle will be provided).

If you would like to discuss the role and/or obtain a job description and application form please telephone the Parish Office on 01622 832305 or email clerk@mardenkent-pc.gov.uk

Closing Date: 30th June 2017. Interviews are due to take place weeks commencing 10th and 17th July 2017. Preferable start date 31st July 2017.

Grand Opening of the Napoleon Drive Under 5 Play Area

As Kate has already mentioned, the new under-5 play

equipment will be installed by the end of June. We would like to invite parents, grandparents and children to come along to the 'Grand Opening' on 18th July 2017 at 6.30pm – our Chairman Kate Tippen will cut the ribbon!

Marden Business Forum (MBF)

The MBF is 10 years old this year and has approximately 100 members representing both large and small businesses. Their challenge this year is to capture more of the 200 companies operating in Marden so everyone can benefit from learning and sharing with each other. The MBF proudly promotes Marden as a great place to do business and is a local platform to enable businesses to come together in the community. The yearly Marden Business Showcase shows the community what local businesses produce and offer which is wide ranging and includes the production of local wines, ciders and gin, manufacturing of equipment and products, plant nurseries, health and fitness to name but a few. For a small membership fee of £25, why not become a member? Check out: www.mardenbusinessforum.com Another example of what an amazingly diverse Parish Marden is.

What is a puffin crossing?

The zebra crossing outside the School is due to be upgraded to a puffin crossing, although we don't yet know when. Residents have asked what a puffin crossing is – this is what we've found out.

Pelican and puffin crossings are essentially the same, both are controlled by traffic lights. The lights on a pelican crossing will turn red when a pedestrian presses the button and will stay red for a set period of time, before flashing amber and then turning green, regardless of whether or not there are still pedestrians on the crossing. A puffin crossing has its sequences controlled by sensors mounted on lights, rather than a timer. These sensors can detect whether any pedestrians are on the crossing and control the colour of the lights accordingly. Once the control button has been pressed the lights will only change back to green when the crossing is clear. Puffin crossings do not have a flashing amber phase, motorists have to wait until the lights turn green before they move off.

Railway Consultation

Marden Parish Council (MPC), on behalf of the Parish, meet regularly with both South Eastern and Network Rail, and also attend South Eastern consultation events and Kent County Council Rail Summits. The Department for Transport has launched a consultation on the next South Eastern franchise and there is a possibility that, in the future, some trains may reduce calling at certain stations on the line between Ashford and Tonbridge.

Marden Parish Councillors discussed this consultation at the May Full Council Meeting and their response has now gone back to DfT. Although Parish Councillors responded on all questions on the consultation they strongly opposed the proposal of reducing journey times by reducing stops at less well used intermediate stations and reducing the choice of central London destinations (ie Charing Cross and Cannon Street). If you would like to view the Parish Council's full response please contact Ali in the Parish Office.

Planned Roadworks

It is not easy to always report roadworks/closures but when we are notified Ali or Erika try to put something on the Parish Council website and Facebook (we are looking to start Twitter but no date for this has been agreed yet). However when we can we will add a piece in the Newsletter and this edition we have been told about several schemes in time to include:

Gas Works – Laurel Villas to Spring Grove Cottages, Goudhurst Road (now to 14th June)

Kent Highways Micro Surfacing – Pattenden Lane to Westfield, Goudhurst Road (9th to 12th July)

BT Outreach – opposite The Limes, Church Hill (15th to 19th June)

BT Outreach – Village Club to The Copse / opposite South View, Howland Road (15th to 19th June)

There are no plans for road closures for any of the above but please expect delays.

All dates are subject to change.

You can view up to date Highways works at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/roadworks>

'See It, Snap It & Send It' – Helping to Keep the Countryside Safe

'Country Eye' is a very useful app to report crimes. The Police have a massive job to do especially with all the huge cuts and not enough police to tackle crime, so we need to report everything we see. Check it out on info@countryeye.co.uk. The information will be sent to the Country Eye team who will review and will take full responsibility for broadcasting to other users and/or send directly to other users or send directly to the appropriate authority.

Neighbourhood Watch Need your 'Eyes & Ears'!

Kent Police and Neighbourhood Watch would like to encourage more residents to sign up to receive email alerts about crimes in the area. They would also like to hear from anyone interested in becoming a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for their road. Neighbourhood Watch is all about communication and being that extra pair of 'eyes and ears' to assist the police which can help keep communities safe and reduce crime. They would be particularly interested in hearing from residents who may have recently moved onto new housing developments in the Marden area. If you would like to know more, contact Linda Sinclair by emailing help@maidstonenhw.co.uk

For non-urgent crimes, please call 101 and ask for an incident number. 101 can be a frustrating reporting system, but is a vital tool. For urgent calls e.g. crimes in progress, threat to safety, please call 999. Crime Stoppers is a safe way of reporting crime, so if you wish to remain anonymous, you won't be implicated. The number to dial is 0800 555111. Crime statistics are based on people reporting issues and hopefully soon we will be able to report incidents online.

The Patients Reference Group (PRG)

The PRG are looking for ways to register your views and to ensure that a good cross section have a vote. They can support the Medical Centre staff in putting surveys together. If you want to be part, have any ideas or know more about this group, then contact the Secretary c/o Marden Medical Practice. They have a dedicated member focusing on

supporting patients who care for someone with Dementia; dedicated members focusing on supporting patients who have lost someone close to them; support the Compassionate Community Project e.g. anyone with a long-term medical condition, frail, vulnerable or isolated who may need support. For more info on the Marden Patients Reference Group check out: <https://mardenpractice.gpsurgery.net/patient-group/>

Marden in Bloom: ‘Village of the Year 2017’

- Rachel Gillis-Coates & Anne Boswell

An application by Marden in Bloom has been made to be a part of the Village of the Year 2017 TV Series and hopefully Marden will be one of the villages selected in the competition. Take a moment to think about how you personally can help if we are successful. Perhaps be aware of picking up litter, keeping the village tidy, attend a village event etc. The programme will celebrate how villages are looked after and the people who live there. Its scope is wider than a traditional ‘best kept village’ competition as they are interested in villages that have soul as well as beauty, which we believe Marden has. They will look at appearance, history & heritage, village events and activities, and visitor experience. Fingers crossed our application will be accepted so watch this space!

As you will see in the attached leaflet, Marden in Bloom’s main campaign this year is to encourage residents to grow plants that attract bees and each child has been given a packet of Sunflower Seeds to help.

The Future of Marden History Group & Heritage Centre

The volunteers from our community who have done their best to create and manage the Marden History Group for 20 years and the Heritage Centre in the Library for 10 years, are getting older (especially the Chair)! The volunteers therefore wish to ensure, if possible, that this unique community venture has an assured future.

We would therefore very much welcome approaches from other members of our community who might have, or could have, an interest in the history of Marden, and might like to be part of it. It is an informal group and there are no fixed hours. There is a wide variety of tasks just too numerous to recount. We would also welcome an amateur photographer at this stage.

If you are interested and would like some more info, then please contact either David McFarland on 01622 832295 or email history@mardenhistory.org.uk; Eunice Doswell on 01622 831385 or email e.doswell@uwclub.net; or go along and visit the Heritage Centre to see what they do or visit our website: <http://www.mardenhistory.org.uk/home/>

Along with Marden in Bloom, the History Group are exploring ways of possibly installing a detailed information sign about the Parish outside the Library, and maybe a village sculpture depicting what Marden represents. If any residents have any design skills or can help with funding/sponsorship etc please let anne.boswell@ymail.com know or call 01622 833351.

A New Home for Marden Post Office

by Graham Tippen, grandson of the first postmaster

We’d like to wish Will & Jill Welby a happy retirement from the Marden Post Office and thank them for all their hard work over the past years. As you know, after nearly 120 years, the Post Office has now moved next door to Crowhurst & Tompsett, the Village Store.

The move means that Marden Post Office has had just three homes since it was first opened in the 1880s. The original location was in the High Street and is now a private house. Until the 1990s it had been, for many years, a tobacconists and sweet shop with various owners that older residents may remember such as Doveys, Mudies, Ollies, and Vicky Clark.

When my grandfather, F.W. Tippen, took over as Postmaster he soon realised that this shop was too small and moved into what we have all known as the Post Office at the turn of the 20th Century. The business also included watch-making and the sales and repair of cycles and motor-cycles. This required further expansion and the glass-fronted first floor extension in 1903. When he died in 1926, the Post Office element was taken over by his children, notably his daughter Alice. She left the village in the 1950s when the business was taken over by Frank & Jesse Wood before, in turn, being run by John & Vera Pert and in recent times by Will Welby. Just four owners in nearly 140 years is not a bad record of dedication and consistency. We wish Nav Athwal and his team all the best for the future running of Marden Post Office in its new home. The future of the Old Post Office is uncertain at the moment - ‘watch this space’!

Men’s Shed – open to Marden residents

Staplehurst “Men’s Shed” is a place where men from Staplehurst and surrounding villages can come together to socialize, share ideas and skills, participate on practical projects and make new friends. It is open on Thursdays between 10am and 2pm at Staplehurst Youth Club building, Village Centre, High Street, Staplehurst TN12 0BJ. Tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits are provided. They have table tennis, a pool table, darts and various card and board games available. For further details call Mira Martin (Community Warden) on 07969 584179 or email mira.martin@kent.gov.uk or Don Elliott on 01580 895349 or just go along!

What’s going on in Marden this Summer?

As ever our vibrant and community-minded village will be buzzing with events. Please let anne.boswell@ymail.com know if you would like to advertise an event you are holding in the Autumn edition of the Parish Newsletter.

Cosmos Pop-Up Sale by Marden in Bloom – Saturday 2nd June
- 9am outside Crowhurst & Tompsett

Marden Farmers Market - Sunday 11th June, Sunday 9th July & Sunday 13th August – 9am-1pm – Marden Memorial Hall - Held every second Sunday of the month

‘What Marden Does Best’ Summer Fete - Saturday 17th June
- Southons Field 2pm Races, Stalls & Exhibits; 4.30pm-8pm
‘Marden’s Got Talent’ and Music! – Adults £5 – under 16’s free
A group of Marden guys have got together to organise what we hope to be a great event. This is an ideal opportunity to

showcase all the clubs, charities and community organisations within Marden Parish to ensure they continue to grow and operate, particularly with all the new housing and families moving into the village. Like previous events over the years, they will be raising money for charities within the village. Volunteers are needed to help run the day and if you can spare an hour or so, please email whatmardendoesbest@gmail.com or if you want to hold a stall. Food & drinks from the West End Tavern and the Unicorn, along with Turners Cider and ANNO Gin, are available and feel free to bring a picnic (BBQ not permitted). Music from local talented bands and singers include Bullshed, Marden Primary School Choir, Antiphony, Jenny & Ben.

Please help support and grow Marden's community spirit and have a great time on the day.

Saints-v-Sinner Cricket Match – Sunday 25th June at 2pm

The 25th June will see the return of the most important cricketing date in the parish - the annual Saints-v-Sinners cricket match. Held at Marden Cricket Club with a 2pm start, all are encouraged to attend and give their support. Last year the game went down to the wire with a narrow win for the Sinners. Let's see if the 'Saints' can get their revenge this year. For more info, please email: mike.cox11@btinternet.com

Marden PTA Summer Fete – Saturday 1st July – 12pm-3pm – Marden Primary School

'The Commercial Traveller' - Thursday 27th July – 7pm-9pm – Southons Field

Marden Theatre Group is proud to support The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company's production of 'The Commercial Traveller' taking place on our very own Southons Field this Summer. Please come along with friends and family and take a picnic. Please spread the word! Tickets available online from The Rude Mechanical Theatre Company at: <https://app.etickets.to/buy/?e=14898>

INFORMATION

Low-cost Alternative to Sandbags

A simple low-cost alternative to sandbags known as Hydra Barrier is now on the market. They will contain and divert water in emergency flash flood situations and are available from the specialist supplier ClimaProtect – www.climaprotect.co.uk

Beware – Asian Hornets

Please be aware of the unfortunate arrival of the Asian Hornet - keep your eyes open and let the relevant authorities know if you think you've spotted one. Last September an Asian Hornet's nest was discovered in Gloucestershire and although it was destroyed, it is highly possible that mated queens had already left the nest and could have hibernated over the past winter. If that has happened, then the Asian Hornet will soon spread throughout the rest of the country. Unfortunately, our diminishing and threatened honey bees have no defence against this non-native species, and in less than a day, about 30 Asian Hornets can kill a colony of bees. It's vital that sightings be reported to the appropriate authority so their nests can be located and destroyed. The UK Government has launched the Asian Hornet Watch app, available on the following web link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-app-to-report-asian-hornet-sightings> or take a picture with details of where you saw it and your contact details and email it to alertnonnative@ceh.ac.uk

Parish Office Opening Hours:

If you would like any info or advice on a Parish matter, please feel free to call into the Parish Office. Opening hours are: Mondays, Tuesday and Fridays 10am-12pm.

Council Contact Details:

PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR CLERK AND ASSISTANT CLERK. The old emails will continue to be monitored for the time being.

Parish Clerk: Alison Hooker 01622 832305
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NEW Parish Council Website: www.mardenkent-pc.gov.uk

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Useful Information:

Police Contact: PCSO Nicola Morris – 101 or Nicola.morris@kent.pnn.police.uk. Please note that emails will only be picked up when Nicola is on duty so anything urgent should be rung through to 101 or 999 if immediate response is needed.

Community Warden – Mira Martin – 07969 584179
British Transport Police: Freephone 0800 405040

Fault Reporting:

Maidstone Borough Council – for Flytipping, Abandoned Vehicles, Dog Fouling, Street Cleaning – 01622 602162 – www.maidstone.gov.uk

Kent County Council – The Parish Council frequently liaise with Kent Highways over the state of the roads and drains in the village. You can report directly to Kent Highways for any Pothole and other road issues, including vegetation and Street Lighting – please call 03000 418181 or via their website www.kent.gov.uk

