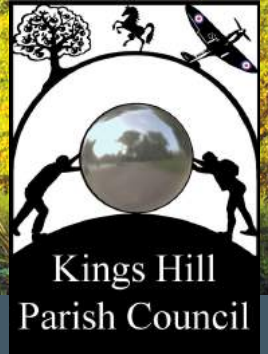


January 2023

# VIEW FROM THE HILL

Official Newsletter of the Kings Hill Parish Council



## Welcome and Happy New Year from Kings Hill Parish Council.

### Message from The Chairman

ANTHONY PETTY



I hope you had a pleasant Christmas break with your families and loved ones.

I'd like to take the opportunity to say that, while many of us had a challenging end to last year due to the cost-of-living crisis, we have now entered a new year and should take a positive outlook on 2023 and what improvements it can bring to our lives.

The Parish Council is currently working towards making its front line operations as efficient as possible. Like many town and parish councils across the country, we are committed to providing value for money.

The way the Parish Council operates will continue to transform.

However, whatever the future holds, I can guarantee the residents this. My New Year's resolution, and the Parish Council's, is to have a renewed determination to work hard for the residents and the wider community of Kings Hill.

I wish you all a very happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year. Whatever your aspirations may be, go forward with determination and you will be rewarded by your own efforts in 2023.

### News of our new initiative to help the community this winter



### Community Cosy Club

#### Warm welcome space

Come somewhere warm and welcoming this winter. There is a hot drinks and biscuits waiting for you at Kings Hill Community Centre- every Monday between 12pm-2pm, starting on the 23rd January 2023. **Free of charge** to anyone who would like it.

Free WIFI, parking, phone charging and a space to relax and chat. Because we all need to help each other.

All ages welcome, please spread the word.

We have been offered £300.00 towards this project from our Kent County councillors member's fund.

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What a lovely time I had meeting many of the Parish Council at Kings Hill last year. Now I would like to introduce myself to all the residents in Kings Hill.

My name is Sandra Edmonds and I am the Team Leader of the KCC Community Warden Service covering Tonbridge, Maidstone and Malling. Our service predominantly works out in the rural villages all over Kent and Kings Hill falls under my remit to keep an eye on and help to ensure residents feel safe and secure within their own homes.

Whilst we have as a service always covered Kings Hill and have dealings with many of the elderly and vulnerable residents, we would like to extend that now, and would be happy to set up a monthly warden surgery in the Community Centre, for residents to come and speak to us about any concerns or worries they may have. We can also look at other projects depending on what you as residents feel may benefit the area. So if you have any ideas please do not hesitate to contact me.



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### Purpose

Providing a proactive and visible presence in Kent's communities to improve residents' quality of life and promote stronger and safer communities.

### Vision

To be a trusted community-based service that identifies and addresses local concerns by implementing preventative and early intervention measures. Collaborating with partners to deliver solutions which will allow Kent's residents and communities to thrive.

#### Objective 1

##### **Strength Community resilience (Stronger, Safer Communities)**

Wardens will equip residents to prevent and recover from being victims to scams. They will address low level crime and antisocial behaviour through deterrence, prevention and partnership working. They will support communities in challenging times, from floods to pandemics.

#### Objective 2

##### **Support the elderly and vulnerable**

Wardens will work with those most vulnerable in their communities with the aim of improving wellbeing, supporting independent living and reducing social isolation and loneliness by facilitating access to care and services.

#### Objective 3

##### **Foster community cohesion and wellbeing**

Wardens will improve community wellbeing by working in a range of environments and across all age groups (as is appropriate for the location), setting up new groups and events where needed through community development projects.

#### Objective 4

##### **Assist with navigating public services**

Wardens will work closely with internal and external partners, maintaining knowledge in order to support residents. Wardens are a KCC front line service and will embody the 'one council' and no wrong door approach.

# THE PARISH COUNCIL

## What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is the tier of local government closest to the people. It is not linked to the church in any way. The Council can respond to the needs of the community – delivering the services or representation it most needs. To do this well we need to hear from the community about local issues, so please keep in touch.

## What does a Parish Council do?

The responsibilities of a Parish Council can include the provision and management of allotments, looking after playing fields and village greens. They maintain things such as public rights of way, bus shelters and community buildings. A Parish Council can do these things by actually providing them itself, or by helping someone else (such as a charity or volunteers) financially to do so. Councils are also the focal point for local consultation on planning applications. The Parish Councillors know the village and can represent its views to other authorities such as Borough and County Councils.

## What does Kings Hill Parish Council do?

KHPC is responsible for maintaining the play area in Anson Avenue and a number of small green spaces as well as running the Community Centre in Gibson Drive. They are consulted on planning applications and local authority consultations relating to the area. As a direct result of resident's comments KHPC undertook projects including the installation of a bus shelter on Discovery Drive near Forest Way, 2 notice boards, the removal of diseased trees and their replacement on Worcester Avenue and 11 new salt bins. KHPC lobby other organisations on behalf of residents to achieve a shared goal and offer advice and assistance to residents in dealing with local authority business.



## BECOME A COUNCILLOR 4TH MAY 2023 ELECTIONS

Local councils can only be as effective, relevant and vibrant as the people elected to run it, so we need councillors who are capable, energetic and engaged – from all backgrounds and experiences to reflect the Kings Hill community.

Being a councillor is highly rewarding. No other role gives you a chance to make such a huge difference to the quality of life of people in Kings Hill and to influence the way issues are dealt with locally.

Put yourself forward for election. Make a change and become a councillor.

LEARN MORE



[www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor](http://www.local.gov.uk/be-councillor)

CONTACT US



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## The Kings Hill Parish Council highlights over the last 3 months.

### The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal

The Kings Hill Parish Council were delighted to submit a total donation of £567.00 to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal - £67.00 kindly donated by residents of Kings Hill and £500.00 by the Parish Council. We would like to thank everyone who made a donation to this amazing charity.

### Heart of Kent Hospice

The Kings Hill Parish Council also donated £500.00 to the Heart of Kent Hospice charity who over the last 12 months have cared for people within our community – patients, their carers and families, offering not just clinical support but also emotional, spiritual and social care too.



# Broadwater Farm Update



Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has agreed a new timetable with the planning applicant (Berkeley Homes) over its plans for Broadwater Farm. It is expected that the housebuilder will submit amendments to its original plan in February 2023 which will then go out to consultation. There will be site visits in June 2023 with Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's planning committee making its determination in July 2023. The application will then be referred to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for Government and it is expected that a Decision notice will be issued in August 2023.



Scan to view TMBC's Planning documentation associated with this development.

# The Local Plan Update

The initial outcomes from the Regulation 18 consultation were discussed at Tonbridge and Malling Housing and Planning Scrutiny Select Committee on Tuesday 6 December, 2022



Scan to view the reports presented at that meeting.

A full report will be discussed in March 2023. KHPC will ensure that this report is made available on our website and Social media.



# Reporting Issues

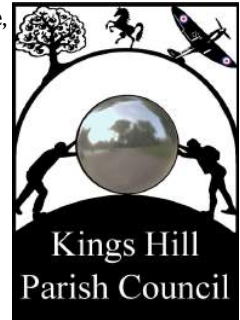
Who should I contact to report an issue or suggest an idea for Kings Hill?



## **Kings Hill Parish Council**

Allotments, the bus shelter on Discovery Drive, Community Centre, supports maintenance of the Sports Park, Play Areas at the Sports Park and Anson Avenue, Salt Bins (GREEN), Parish Council Administration, planning application consultee. We can be a first point of contact if you are unsure on who will be able to help with your query. We will be able to direct you, or support you, to find a solution to community issues.

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## **Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council**

Council Tax, Litter and Dog Waste Bins (RED) Dog Warden, Local Planning Authority, Environmental Health, Fly Tipping, Housing, Licensing, Pest Control, Planning, Recycling and Refuse Collection, Election Services and Street Cleaning.

Contact- 01732 844522  
[www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)  
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## **Kent County Council**

Highway services (including potholes and street lighting) Community Warden Service, Education, Grit Bins (YELLOW), Highways, Libraries, Register of Births, Deaths & Marriages, Rights of Way (footpaths/bridleways) Social Services, Trading Standards.

Contact- 0300 41 41 41  
[www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk)



## **Kings Hill Estate Management**

Multi Use Games area at Gibson Drive (Tennis Courts, Hard courts which will become the new site for the church), Play areas: (Pippin Way, Gibson Drive, Waterloo Walk, Emerald Walk, Tiffen Way, Ruton Square, Linear Park, Melrose Avenue), Dog Bins (GREEN AND NUMBERED), Some roads and walk ways in Kings Hill- they have a map on their website ([www.kings-hill.com/estate-management](http://www.kings-hill.com/estate-management)) which will tell you which roads/ green areas / pavements they are responsible for.

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# Kings Hill Community Centre

## Regular Classes at the Centre

For babies and toddlers we have music groups, baby relaxation sessions and early communication sessions.

For pre-school children we have Spanish lessons, dance classes, music and singing sessions, play groups and sports sessions.

From young to 7 we have ballet classes, dance and musical theatre classes, Martial art and self-defence sessions, boxing, Spanish lessons as well as English and maths lessons.

For 12 - Teens we have Martial arts and self defence sessions, Spanish lessons, boxing, dance and musical theatre.

The adults aren't forgotten with kickboxing, self-defence, exercise classes, boxing, painting classes, yoga, Pilates and Zumba.

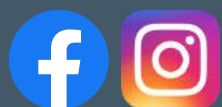
We also have regular retirement groups which hold monthly meetings, art classes, bowl groups and many more classes.

There are regular blood donation days too, please contact the office for future dates.

For more information about our regular classes, please visit [www.kingshillcommunitycentre.org.uk](http://www.kingshillcommunitycentre.org.uk)



**Scan the code to go directly to our 'What's On' Section of the website.**



**@kingshillcommunitycentre**

## Rooms For Hire

At the Centre, we have two small rooms which are available to hire Monday-Sunday. These rooms are ideal for meetings, workshops, smaller classes as well as training sessions.



Braham Suite



Gibson Suite

Both rooms include a whiteboard and projector screen. There is an additional charge to hire the projector.

The Braham room has access to a small kitchenette which includes sink, kettle, crockery and glasses.

Both rooms can hold a capacity of 15 seated at tables.

## New at the Community Centre 2023

At the Kings Hill Community Centre, we have lots of new exciting classes joining us in 2023. These classes specialise in dance, martial arts, children's train play and baby massage classes.



A major UK bank has now launched a local branch at the Kings Hill Community Centre. If you're a customer of this branch, you would have received a notification and can now book your appointments, 3 days a week. No cash or cash transactions will be held on site, however, you will find a friendly face to come and talk to. Here to help you with anything from money management and financial health, to improving your home or supporting your business.



## Notice Board Reminder

The Parish Council have 4 noticed boards located around Kings Hill to a keep you up to date with local news. All Full Council meetings are posted on the notice boards with 3 days clear notice. The notice boards are located outside the Community Centre, Pippin Way, Anson Avenue and on the Cricket Pitch.



# Dates for your Diary...

- 23rd March- Annual Parish Meeting
- 6th-8th May- Kings Coronation- event planning is in progress- please contact us with your ideas on how to mark this special occasion.
- 'Community Cosy Club' starting on the 23rd January 2023, every Monday at the Kings Hill Community Centre (more information on page 1)



# Suggestions Wanted...

We want to hear from you.

The Kings Hill Parish Council welcome your suggestions on how to improve and facilitate to all residents on Kings Hill.

Simply scan the QR and fill out the feedback form with your ideas and suggestions. All forms will come directly to us.



# Message from the Climate Change working group at Kings Hill Parish Council

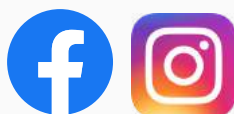
A discussion took place on the next steps to be taken in order to progress the councils Climate Change initiative. Also discussed were initiatives for future projects such as insect havens and community ponds.

Kings Hill Parish Council are actively working towards driving our 20 point Climate Change Strategy forwards, in light of recently declaring a Climate Emergency.

We aim to hold a Climate Change meeting for residents to attend in February 2023. And very much look forward to collaborating with you in order to create a 'greener environment' for us all to enjoy.



Please follow our Facebook/ Instagram page for updates on this @kingshillparishcouncil



## New Allotments Plots

Kings Hill will have new plots which will be available for residents in 2023.

Plots will be limited so if you are interested in putting your green fingers to work with an allotment plot of your own, please email [allotments@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:allotments@kingshillparish.gov.uk) for more information about becoming a tenant and joining the waiting list.

If you are currently on our waiting list, you can email the address above to find out your position.



# Know Your Councillors



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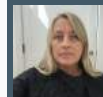
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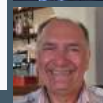
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## Upcoming Full Council Meetings

19 JAN 2023, 19.30h

23 FEB 2023, 19.30h

23 MAR 2023, 19.30h Annual Parish Meeting followed by Full Council Meeting

All held at Kings Hill Community Centre and open to the public. Agendas are posted on the website and noticeboards with at least 3 clear days notice.



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