



# THE VIEW FROM THE HILL

THE KINGS HILL PARISH COUNCIL QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 2010

## Community Broadband

### Statement from KHPC

At an extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 24th June it was decided to put the community broadband project on hold. The following statement was made by KHPC at the end of this meeting.

*"Kings Hill Parish Council has never prevented any internet provider from coming onto Kings Hill and they would welcome any broadband solution. To safeguard public money, Kings Hill Parish Council cannot release any more funds to Quiccanet at this time."*

### The future

Since this meeting Vfast have started to install their wireless service onto Kings Hill. If you want more information please contact [sales@vfast.co.uk](mailto:sales@vfast.co.uk) or **0845 121 1257** (24hrs).

Another supplier Callflow, has also announced that it will be installing their service to Kings Hill. Their solution uses the BT infrastructure to provide 20Mbps broadband over your phone line. They aim to go 'live' in 12 weeks. Please check their website [www.cfsbroadband.com](http://www.cfsbroadband.com) for more information.

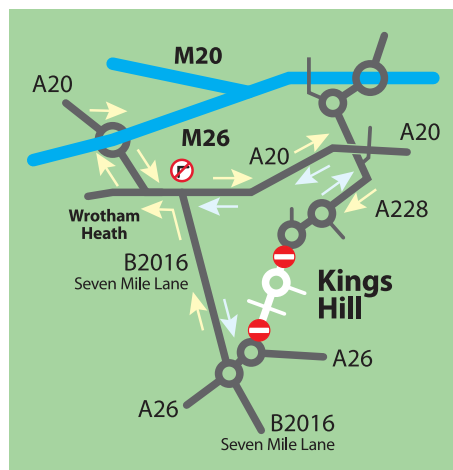
## Post Office Licence Denied at Kings Hill's P&P Warehouse

Royal Mail has declined to grant P&P a Post Office 'Essentials' licence; given the close proximity to West Malling Post Office. The application was intended to support the local community by extending the range of Post Office services in Liberty Square to include financial services. P&P currently offers all mail services usually associated with a traditional PO (Stamps, 1st & 2nd Class, Recorded, Special Delivery, Airmail, Parcel Force, etc.) plus a wider range of courier, mail and fulfilment options.

## Gas Mains Renewal A228 Malling Road

- Work starts on **Monday 26th July 2010** at the A228 Malling Road at Mereworth (Kent Street) to renew a 60 year old gas main. The Work is expected to take 6 weeks to complete.
- Malling Road will be closed in two sections (north and south of Kent Street).
- Access to businesses and residential areas off the A228, between Gibson Drive and Beaufighter Road, including Typhoon Road, Mosquito Road and Kent Street will be maintained at all times.
- Access to Kent Street will be available through the open section or via Butchers Lane.
- Beech Road will be closed at Beaufighter Road to prevent diverted traffic using narrow back lanes to avoid the main closure. Going north, right turns from Seven Mile Lane into Willow Wents, Beech Road, Comp Lane, Teston Road and the A20 will be banned.

- A signed diversion will be in operation via Seven Mile Lane (B2016) to join the A20 and M20 at Wrotham Heath.
- Liberty Property Trust are also carrying out improvements to the roundabout at the A228 junction with Gibson Drive. Work will start on **Monday 19th July**. This section of road will be closed from Monday 26th July until Sunday 5th September and a diversion will be in operation via Kings Hill Avenue, Tower View and Ashton Way.



Download our **FREE** report '**REVEALED: The 7 Most Costly Postal Mistakes**', by visiting [www.ppkh1.co.uk](http://www.ppkh1.co.uk)

### Discover How To Save Postal Costs

- The pitfalls of buying postage online
- Why you shouldn't always take eBay's advice on postage and couriers
- Why leasing or buying a franking machine can be a waste of time
- Why Royal Mail collections don't make sense for small businesses
- How not to waste your precious time on postal administration
- How to make your mailshots more cost efficient and save time

You can dip into this report really easily, allowing you to hone in on the valuable tips just right for you.

### Free Internet Hotspot at P&P

For anyone struggling to gain a broadband connection in the area, there is a completely free internet hotspot at P&P. Simply bring in your laptop and in a few clicks you'll be browsing online.



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# The Parish Council

Kings Hill Parish Council has 10 councillors. All councillors on the parish council are volunteers and are residents of Kings Hill. They have volunteered as they want the needs of this community represented to the Borough and County Councils and Central Government.

The monthly meeting schedule for the Kings Hill Parish Council is:

First Wednesday	<b>Planning</b>
Second Monday	<b>Finance</b>
Second Wednesday	<b>Community Centre</b>
Third Wednesday	<b>Full Council</b>
Fourth Wednesday	<b>Amenities</b>

All meetings are held at the Community Centre and start at 7.30 pm. All Parish Council Meetings are open to the Public.

## Your current Parish Councillors are

### Sarah Barker

Chairman and Chair of Amenities

### Sue Woodcock

Vice Chair & Chairman of Planning and Finance

### Graham Hall

Chairman of Community Centre Committee

### Tony Carlton

Chairman of the HR Committee

### James MacMahon

David Murray

Brian Pearson

### Tony Petty

Julie Pilbeam

David Waller

## Contacting the Parish Council

To raise an issue with the Parish Council please contact:

**Helen Munro** Parish Clerk  
clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk

**Hanje Martin** Assistant Parish Clerk  
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Kings Hill Community Centre  
70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, Kent ME19 4LG

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**www.kingshillparish.gov.uk**

## Kings Hill Borough Councillors

### Chris Brown

christopher.brown@tmhc.gov.uk

### Trevor Robins

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## County Councillor

### Richard Long

richard.long1@kent.gov.uk

# Annual Parish Meeting 2010

This year's meeting welcomed Inspector Adrian Allen of Kent Police, discussing resident's concerns, and Andrew Blevins, from Liberty, giving details of the plans for the Central Area and Control Tower.

Minutes from the meeting can be viewed on the website [www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/parishcouncil](http://www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/parishcouncil)

## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 24th July** from 10am to 3pm  
**Kings Hill Summer Fete** at Kings Hill Market Square

**Sunday 25th July** from 10am to 4pm  
**Italia in Piazza** Kings Hill Market Square

**Thursday 12th August** 9.30am to 3pm  
**Junior Rangers day**  
at Manor Park Country Park, West Malling  
For further details call **08458 247 600**

**Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th September**  
**Heritage Open Days**

## Heath Farm Update

A statement was expected for this issue but none was available from Liberty Property Trust. As soon as we have any information it will be available on the KHPC website [www.kingshillparish.gov.uk](http://www.kingshillparish.gov.uk)

## Plans for Central Area and the Control Tower

Plans for 46 dwellings have been submitted to Tonbridge and Malling. KHPC planning have also received these plans for comment. These will be discussed at the KHPC Planning Meeting on Tuesday 3rd August at 7.30pm. Full information is on [www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/parishcouncil/planningapplications](http://www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/parishcouncil/planningapplications)

# The Kings Hill Community Centre

The Community Centre has three halls and three meeting rooms which are available to hire out for private functions (parties etc) or corporate functions (meetings, training, seminars, etc), or for ongoing classes and groups, subject to availability.

## New Activities

### Fitness Pilates

### Pussycat Poles –

keep fit by pole dancing!

### Kings Hill Gymnastics Academy

with ex international gymnast Debbie Willard

### Hi Kent Lip Reading Classes

### Charlotte's Talent Show

### Children's Sewing Club

now on Monday evenings too!

## Yoga during Pregnancy

### Learn how to massage your baby

with Marianne

### Rugby Tots

### Baby Ballet

### Baby Massage with Charlotte

### Little Bubble

For details of any of these activities, a full list of all activities at the centre, or hire charges, please contact:

**Hilary Wren**, Community Centre Manager,  
office opening hours – Monday to Friday,  
9am to 2pm, Telephone: **01732 220 919** or  
email: [khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:khch@kingshillparish.gov.uk) or  
checkout our website: [www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/communitycentre](http://www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/communitycentre)

# Kings Hill Cricket Club

The dream of Kings Hill Cricket Club playing cricket at Kings Hill is now a reality with the first match played on Saturday 17th July against Town Malling. The next match Kings Hill Cricket Club will play at Kings Hill is scheduled for Sunday 8 August against Stockbury at 2pm.

The 2010 cricket season has begun and unfortunately Kings Hill lost its first game to

Hadlow. Other fixtures planned for this season include local matches against Mereworth, West Peckham and Addington. In total thirteen games are scheduled for this summer.

We are always looking for new players to join the Club, for further details about Kings Hill Cricket Club please email [kingshillcc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kingshillcc@hotmail.co.uk)



## Policing on Kings Hill Neighbourhood Policing Team

PCSO Anne Roots and PCSO Wendy Stanley are the community police for Kings Hill.

Contact details are

**PCSO Wendy Stanley** 07989 992 435  
**PCSO Anne Roots** 07772 226 003

Please report any **non-emergency matters** to: 01622 690 690

**Anti-Social Behaviour** (ASB) Hotline (Tues-Sat, 16:00-22:00): 07500 157 866

**In an emergency**, please call 999.

If you would like to discuss a local policing issue, or receive crime reduction advice, you can call one of the team on 01732 529910 or email them at [mallington.pnn.police.uk](mailto:mallington.pnn.police.uk)

**Public Engagement Meeting** (formerly PACT)

The next meeting will be held in September. Full details will be available at

[www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/communityinformation](http://www.kingshillparish.gov.uk/communityinformation) and also in the local press.

### Police Surgeries

PCSO's Wendy Stanley and Anne Roots will be holding surgeries at the Kings Hill Community Centre, Gibson Drive on

**18 August 2010** 19:00 – 19:30 and  
**19 August 2010** 13:30 – 14:30

## Garage Security

In recent months there have been thefts from garages on Kings Hill

The value of property kept in sheds, garages and outbuildings can be much more than you would imagine – lawn mowers, trailers, power tools and bicycles are just some of the items that are targeted regularly by thieves.

The following crime prevention advice may help to keep your property safe:

- Shut and lock your garage doors, even when you are at home. People passing by can see all the property inside if they are left open.

- Put all property away after use and lock the garage or shed.
- Garage alarms can be fitted quite cheaply and hanging curtains or nets at windows prevents the thief from viewing your property.
- Outdoor security lighting can also be installed at a low cost. Security lighting should be fitted at a height of at least 2.5 metres (eight feet).
- Do you have a clear line of sight to your shed or garage? If not, consider trimming bushes and trees to rectify this?
- If your garage is attached to the main building ensure that connecting doors are locked and as secure as external doors.

- Make Garage doors more secure by fitting extra locks
- Security mark your property with your house number and post code. Take photographs and keep a record of makes, models and serial numbers.
- All ladders should be locked and chained inside garages or sheds preventing thieves using them to gain access to the rest of the house.
- Expensive mowers and bicycles should be secured to a fixed object or the floor to make them more difficult to move.
- And don't forget about house security – make sure your doors and windows are locked if you are spending time out in the garden.

## Neighbourhood Watch

Paul Harfleet, is the new Neighbourhood Watch Liaison for Tonbridge & Malling of which Kings Hill is part. Over the last year, with the aid of Rosemary Carter, who is West Kent Neighbourhood Watch

Association area representative, new schemes have been started in Kings Hill and Rosemary and Paul intend to continue that trend. If you would like more information about joining or setting up a new a scheme please contact Paul or Rosemary.

### Contact details:

**Paul Harfleet** 01732 529 910  
[paul.harfleet@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:paul.harfleet@kent.pnn.police.uk)

**Rosemary Carter** 01732 355 329  
[racarter@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:racarter@blueyonder.co.uk)

# Football on Kings Hill

Established in 2003 Kings Hill Football Club has experienced incredible growth in that time and now has over 200 players ranging from 5-16 years olds, as well as a Vets team, all committed to playing for, and representing the community of Kings Hill. Over 80% of players live on Kings Hill.

With a philosophy that focuses on participation, development and enjoyment, coupled with qualified coaches and local facilities, the club's vision is to build an identity for the club with a balance of team spirit and a desire to win.

In March this year the club was awarded the coveted FA Charter Standard Award, a best practice guide that sets standard of coaching, administration and child protection for all clubs outside the Football League and Premier League. For more details

on the FA Charter Standard scheme please visit [www.kentfa.com/development](http://www.kentfa.com/development)

## Looking Forward - Heath Farm

Following the public open meeting in September 2009 the football club eagerly await the revised planning application for Heath Farm.

The consent to this application is vital to the ongoing development of the club in order that it can continue to grow and provide playing facilities for an ever expanding club. The current pitches do not allow for changing rooms, wash areas or toilets, all of which are vital to provide football in the coming years to the children of KHFC and Kings Hill residents.

KHFC is very concerned that if Heath Farm does not get approved, they will have no

choice but to cut the number of teams or not take on any new teams post 2010/2011 season.

## This Season's Highlights...

### Maidstone Invicta Primary League:

The Under 9's FC and Under 10's Colts both finished runners up in their respective divisions. The U9's FC will play in next season's Premier division and the U10's Colts in Division 1

### Express Cabs Maidstone Boys Primary League:

The Under 13's team also finished runners up in their division and will play in Division 1 next season.

The club are already starting to look ahead to the new season. Anyone interested in playing for the club should get in touch via the club website. [www.kingshillfc.org](http://www.kingshillfc.org)

## Skate Park Update

Liberty Property Trust have considered the Skate Park Working Group's proposals, discussed them with KCC and have agreed to lease a plot of land for the Skate Park.

The area of land is situated between 'The Nursery On The Hill' and the Community Centre. This is an ideal plot as it does not affect any residential areas and allows the young people to hang out somewhere other than Liberty Square.

The Skate Park Working Group will be reporting back to the Full Council meeting on July 21st. If you want to help in any way or wish to register your support please contact us via our facebook site 'give kings hill a skate park.'

## Pedestrian Crossing on Discovery drive

The PC have applied for a grant from KCC and funds have been allocated in the Parish Council 2010-2011 budget for this project.

## Tennis Courts on Gibson Drive

These tennis courts are provided free of charge to the residents of Kings Hill. They are open from 8am to dusk

They are used a First Come First Served basis – with priority given to anyone who has BOOKED a court.

To book a court please phone Hanje on **01732 870 382** between 9:30am and 12pm Monday-Friday or email [office@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:office@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

## Preschool

Our pre-school has proved a big success and as such is now full for the 2010 intake. We have a full waiting list for 2011, although you are more than welcome to put your name down, however we would strongly suggest you apply to other settings. Places for 2012 are also going fast so please ensure you put your child's name down as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Helen Collinson, who has passed her NVQ level 3 in childcare and Education.

For more information on our pre-school visit our website at [www.kingshillpreschool.co.uk](http://www.kingshillpreschool.co.uk).

## Reporting abandoned trolleys

If you see a trolley away from ASDA please ring **01732 229 000** to report it. The store will need an exact location if possible.



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If you have any comments about the articles in this edition of **The View from the Hill** or wish to give us any other comments you may have on any Parish Council matters, please write to: The Clerk, Kings Hill Parish Council, Kings Hill Community Centre, 70 Gibson Drive, Kings Hill ME19 4LG. Alternatively please contact us on **01732 870 382** or email [office@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:office@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

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