

# The View From The Hill

## Your newsletter from Kings Hill Parish Council Summer 2019

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### The View From The Hill Is Now Available Digitally!\*

View your copy on our website at [www.kingshillparish.gov.uk](http://www.kingshillparish.gov.uk).

\*Let us know what you think with regard to this change: Email [clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@kingshillparish.gov.uk)

#### Local Plan Update



The new local plan is at the examination stage. The local plan includes the development of

Broadwater Farm, north of Kings Hill.

The document is with the planning inspector to consider the relevant soundness of the plan in four areas, testing that it is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy. The documents submitted can be viewed on [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk).

The parish council were pleased to see that the plans for 'phase 5' of Kings Hill, put forward by the developer Liberty Property Trust, were halted by the planning committee. This includes the area adjacent to Amber Lane, sites on Kings Hill Avenue and land next to Rolex.

#### NEW Sports Park Parties

If you are looking for a unique activity for a special event, then the Sports Park have plenty on offer.



Goggle Football (wear goggles to distort your view), Shock Football (play whilst receiving electric shocks) or Bubble Football (play strapped into an inflatable bubble) are the fantastic new parties available!

More details can be found at [www.kingshillsportspark.org.uk](http://www.kingshillsportspark.org.uk) under PARTIES.

#### Summer 10k Run



The first ever Kings Hill Summer runs (10k, 5k and 1k fun run) took place on Sunday 9th June under perfect blue skies in the glorious grounds of Kings Hill Sports Park, and what a fantastic turn out we had, with over 200 runners and their families.

Congratulations to all runners, whether you were out to win or just running for fun, you did yourselves proud!

Our fabulous race winners on the day were:

**10k: Henry Young and Georgina Bennett**  
**5k: Luke Anderson and Luciana Anderson**  
**1k: Sam Cooke and Georgina Fronda**

The parish council would like to thank the Mayor of Tonbridge & Malling, Cllr Jill Anderson, as well as our own Kings Hill Parish Council Chairman, Cllr Sarah Barker, for presenting the medals.

Thanks also go to Kings Hill Properties, Nicework and Fix-It Theo for their support, Danni's Fit Squad for a great pre-run warm up and to all our volunteers on the day - we couldn't have done it without you.

The event was such a great success that we hope to be able to replicate it again next year, so watch this space!

#### Community Centre Expansion



Following s106 funding from the building of Phase 3 of Kings Hill, the community centre extension is now taking shape. The developer, Liberty Property Trust, have submitted a plan for a new large hall with an accessible toilet and kitchen area to the planning authority for approval. The new hall will be adjacent to the community centre sales office, with the entrance via the main entrance doors. The hall will be a higher quality finish with an aim to accommodate more local resident functions such as parties and weddings. It is expected that the hall can be used in the day for conferences and meetings to help generate income to invest in the existing facilities. Further parking will be released when Market Square is opened up and the parish council are now looking at how it can accommodate the waiting list of hirers within the new and existing space. If you would like to hire a room in the centre or are interested in the new hall please contact the bookings team on **01732 220919**.

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# Parish Council Committee Updates

## Amenities

The newly formed Amenities Committee oversees the Sports Park, Community Centre, allotments and events. At the last meeting there were a number of allotment holders present giving rise to a lively, but positive discussion, covering all elements of being an allotment tenant. The committee confirmed that the shed, requested by allotments holders, had been purchased. This has now been erected and will be ready for use very soon. The shed will be used for storage of the lawnmower and spare tarpaulins, which will be used to cover vacant plots to stop weeds growing and spreading.

## Planning, Transport & Environment

Following the Parish Council's public consultations, we submitted our response to Liberty Property Trust's "Phase 5" planning applications and are pleased to report that all five sites were rejected by Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council's planning committee, however we are continuing to prepare for the anticipated appeal. The parish parking review is finally underway and we look forward to getting the report from Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council and learning what actions they propose. We are pleased to see that the "Keep Clear" road markings have been painted on the Ashton Way/Tower View roundabout, initial impressions suggest that we are seeing an improvement in traffic flow out of Kings Hill during rush hour.

## Finance & Human Resources

The Finance and Human Resources Committee have been examining the budgets and current financial reports for the Council's new committee structure and are considering a revised reporting system based on an enhancement of the Council's current Omega system. Governance matters on the Council's terms of reference and investment policy have also been considered.

### New Councillors

Kings Hill Parish Council are delighted to welcome Cllr Chris Finlay, Cllr Alva Lewis, Cllr Andrew Russell, Cllr Neil Sherlaw and Cllr Raja Zahidi, who join the parish council with immediate effect.

The five new councillors were co-opted on to the council by unanimous decision at the Full Council meeting held on the 17th July 2019.

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### Kings Hill Wheelers



Interested in joining a local cycling club? Then look no further than Kings Hill Wheelers Cycling Club.

Check out their website at [www.khwcc.org](http://www.khwcc.org) for further information regarding the club, riding schedules, club events, sportives, sponsors and charities.



### Saxon Orienteering

Our local orienteering club, Saxons Orienteers is, with the support of the Parish Council, planning to hold what is known as an Urban Orienteering Event at Kings Hill on **Sunday 6th October 2019.**

Orienteering is an exciting outdoor adventure sport which involves walking or running whilst navigating around a course, usually in a forest or woods, using a detailed map and a compass. The aim is to navigate in sequence between a set of control points and decide the best route to complete the course in the quickest time.

'Urban orienteering' is similar but takes place in urban environments – usually cities or towns, particularly where the geography is interesting. Saxons has identified Kings Hill as an attractive venue for urban orienteering. The complex road and path network and open spaces at Kings Hill provide an extremely interesting navigational challenge for this type of activity.

As part of this event, there will be a 'Kings Hill Newcomers' Challenge' to determine the best local orienteer. Help and support will be available to 'first-timers' from experienced Saxons members. Fuller details of the event will be included in the next newsletter.

Anyone interested in local orienteering should look at [www.saxons-oc.org](http://www.saxons-oc.org)

