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# LPC NEWS JULY 2025

Littlebourne Parish Council Newsletter

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## Welcome

Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. Please also remember to visit our website:

[www.littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)



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## Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for:

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

## Speedwatch

Big thanks to all our Speedwatch volunteers on 6<sup>th</sup> June for braving the changeable weather for the East Kent All Out speed watch day. It was also great to get two visits from four different officers and the head of Kent Speedwatch. Four hours on the A257 and lots of presence will maybe help people be more aware of their speeds. If anyone would like to volunteer, please follow the link below.

<https://www.communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Register.php>

## Village email distribution list

This list is now up and running, if you would like to join and receive useful information such as road closures, village activities and City and County Clr reports please sign up by emailing the Clerk on [villagenews@littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:villagenews@littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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## Chairmans Report June 2025

In May, Canterbury City Council's Planning Committee sat to consider the district's planning officer's recommendation to approve the application by Gladman developers for 300 houses on land south of The Hill. Presentations were made by our ward councillor Lee Castle, by myself and by members of your parish council's action group, Tim Bostock and Henry Fitch, highlighting our deep concerns over the proposal including those relating to sewage, flood risk, traffic concerns, loss of top-quality farmland and a lack of sustainability. I think there is no doubt that the supportive presence of many villagers at the meeting together with the hundreds of written letters to Canterbury City Council on this made a huge difference to the committee's thinking. Thank you to all who have participated in this effort on behalf of our village's future.

The discussion seemed at one stage to be going towards turning the developer's application down but, on strong persuasion by the head of planning and the chair of the planning committee, the vote on the evening was to defer a decision for further evidence on 'sustainability' issues. The city council is under considerable pressure from central government to build more houses and is anxious not to risk having planning decisions taken out of their hands. So, this matter, with its huge implications for our village, continues and we await a further city council planning committee meeting - not yet scheduled.

I am delighted that the parish council has co-opted a new councillor, Rebecca Marsh, to fulfil our legal complement of nine members of the council. Unlike some parishes, we are fortunate to have a committed council and a strong ethos of volunteering across the many Littlebourne organisations. Why not join in?

Clr Peter Farrow, Chairman.

### Four Village Eco Group

We founded the Four Village Eco group a year ago as a way of addressing issues of sustainable living, environmental concerns and climate change at a local level within the Four Villages. We were very pleased to receive help with initial room hire costs from LPC Community fund, and 4VPO then awarded us £350 for 'pump priming' the new organisation, which helped with insurance and provides a cushion for putting on events.

Fifteen people met for our first meeting in Littlebourne Village Hall. We agreed it was important to meet face to face not just online, although we have an email list of about 35 members in the group and an active Facebook page for discussion, eco tips and links. A core of about 12 of us now meet monthly to plan and discuss.

We are pleased to have achieved numerous small and not-so-small initiatives. One of our first projects was to set up a collection service for Tetrapaks and similar cartons at the Ivy Barn, who kindly allowed us to site the bin in their car park; a rota of members empties the bin and takes the contents to the recycling container at Canterbury City Council Recycling Centre. We have recently installed a bin to collect used blister packs for recycling in our Primary Care Centre in Littlebourne, and again our members will empty it and take the packs to Boots or Superdrug. Using donated materials, labour and time we have built a bright, colourful mini-library which is being set up at the Ivy Barn as a free book exchange.

In September 2024 we ran a lacto-fermentation workshop, which was well attended – enthusiastic participants learnt how to make fermented vegetables and fruit which are both super tasty and important for gut health. We also provide monthly green tips and information in the Church & Village magazine. For people who are interested in alternative methods of

farming, we have arranged a visit to a local regenerative farm on 27 June.

We arranged for the Refillable Van to come to the village for a monthly visit, where people can buy cleaning products and loose dry food with zero plastic packaging (third Saturday of every month, 1.15 – 1.45, outside the primary school).

To develop knowledge of the local wildlife we organised a bat walk round the village in July 2024 and a beaver walk at Stodmarsh Nature Reserve in February 2025. We are working alongside Littlebourne's Cherry Orchard Nature Reserve on their Open Days and Art and Nature days for children and are actively supporting the reserve in their plans to make the area more accessible in a way that is safe for both villagers and the reserve itself. On 10 July we are planning to hold a "bioblitz" in Turner's Orchard involving children from Littlebourne Primary School and the Scouts. This event is not only open to children: a bioblitz is an intense survey to record all the living species in a given area in a given amount of time, and we encourage anyone interested in any aspect of nature to come along and help us record.

To help those who want to know more about renewable energy, in February we had a demonstration on a member's house of how to use a thermal imaging camera to find out where heat is being lost from a house, while in March we held a Green Energy Day and Electric Car Show. We have organised a visit to the energy-from-waste incinerator at Allington, which is where all the rubbish from our "landfill" bins is taken.

We are really pleased with the engagement that has been shown by people in the village. The ongoing environmental crisis can feel overwhelming and it's easy to feel that it's not worth doing anything as an individual. Being part of a group like this is a great way of feeling connected and a little more powerful. Please check out our Facebook page or email Helen or Kirsty for further info: we would love to welcome more members!

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### Cherry Orchard Nature Reserve



Some photos of visitors enjoying our 4 Open Days and also art/craft workshops with our local artist. Activities on birds, their nests, minibeasts and trees have so far been covered, along with observational drawing, sculpting and painting.

A pond dip also produced some top finds, including a Water Measurer, Water Scorpion, Giant Diving Beetle & many Common Newts. Keep an eye out for posters & on Littlebourne Residents group for information on our events in July.



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