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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



www.facebook.com/littlebourne

Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for:

Wednesday 7th October
LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

Thursday 15th October
Bingo in the LWMH lounge 2pm

Wednesday 4th November
LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

Tuesday 10th November
Mature Drivers & Passenger course in the LWMH lounge 2pm

Thursday 19th November
Bingo in the LWMH lounge 2pm

Sunday 22nd November
The Barn Christmas fayre

Village email distribution list

If you would like to join and receive useful information such as road closures, village activities and City and County Cllr reports please sign up by emailing the Clerk on villagenews@littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Contact Us

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Chairmans report

Dear Residents,

This is my first Chairman's Report since becoming Chair of Littlebourne Parish Council in May this year, and it is both an honour and a privilege to take on the role.

I look forward to continuing to work closely with our parish councillors, residents, community groups and other local organisations and stakeholders to help make Littlebourne an even better place to live, work and visit.

I would also like to formally welcome our two new parish councillors, **Peter Fowkes and Edmund Arcadian**, to the council. We have a really varied mix of experience, ages and knowledge around the table, and I am confident that, working together, we can continue to make a positive contribution to our village and the wider parish.

It is also important that I acknowledge our previous Chairman, **Peter Farrow**, who stepped down earlier this year after many years of service to the parish.

Peter led the Parish Council through the difficult period of COVID, including the introduction of our first online meetings, and worked tirelessly on the long-running planning issues surrounding the proposed development on the Hill by Gladman. He leaves behind a real legacy of calm leadership, experience and thoughtful oversight. He will certainly be missed around the council table, although I am sure he will continue to take a keen interest in all things Littlebourne and beyond!

A busy few months

Over the past few months, the Parish Council has continued to work on a number of local projects.

We have taken steps towards acquiring the former telephone box on the High Street, with plans to restore it and explore an alternative community use.

Our village Speedwatch group has also been active throughout the summer. Alongside the introduction and bedding-in of the 20mph zones around the school, play area and other areas where there are limited or no footpaths, it has been encouraging to see a reduction in average vehicle speeds.

Our KCC Community Warden, **Roger**, has also been very active, and it is great to see him regularly out and about around the village, speaking to residents and helping to keep an eye on local issues.

The Parish Council has also agreed improvements to the car park, including new bins and signage, while continuing to monitor and maintain our community spaces with the help of our local contractors.



Local government reorganisation

One of the biggest issues affecting our area has been the Government's proposals to reorganise local government, including the proposed abolition of Kent County Council and the existing district councils such as Canterbury City Council.

The original proposal was for a new East Kent unitary authority, bringing together Canterbury, Dover and Thanet and taking on the functions currently provided by KCC and the district councils. The process had been moving forward at considerable pace, with the Parish Council, Clerk and councillors involved in briefings, meetings and discussions about what the changes could mean for our parish.

However, in recent weeks the Government unexpectedly paused the process, including the planned timetable for the 2027 elections. We are still being told that devolution and local government reorganisation will continue, but at present there is understandably a lack of clarity about the timetable and what happens next.

We will continue to keep residents informed as more information becomes available.

Looking ahead

As we move into autumn and towards the end of another year, the Parish Council will continue to meet regularly and work on the issues that matter to our community.

As always, please do get in touch with any of the parish councillors, our Clerk or myself if you have an issue, question, concern or suggestion. You are also very welcome to attend our parish council meetings and see the work that we do on behalf of the community.

Finally, I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. As the evenings draw in and autumn arrives, I look forward to continuing to work with and for you all over the coming months.

Lee Castle
Chairman
Littlebourne Parish Council

Mature Drivers Course

In collaboration with KCC Safer Roads Team LPC are pleased to offer a Mature Drivers & Passengers Course in LWMH, see below for details and how to book your space.



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Mature Drivers & Passenger Course

Aimed at drivers over 55, topics include: general health, fatigue, alcohol, hazard awareness, crash causation and speed limits

 **Tuesday 10th November**

 **2.00pm**

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LPC Community Fund

This fund facilitates the distribution of the rent received from the Parish Council funded extension to the 4 Villages Shop, by providing finance for events and projects in the Parish of Littlebourne through the village organisations and/or others and where funding from any other source is not available or is incomplete. This year so far funding has been provided to Littlebourne Cricket Club.

If you have a project/or are a group in the parish that needs additional funding, please consider applying to clerk@Littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk or Cllr.Giles@Littlebourneparishcouncil.gov.uk

Chill Out and Chat
with your local
KCC Community Warden

Thursdays
2pm – 3.30pm
at the
Ivy Barn, Court Hill, Littlebourne CT3 1TX

(Drinks not supplied)

There may be times when the event is not available at short notice, due to dealing with Kent Community Warden Service's priorities and operational needs



COMMUNITY WARDENS

Fault reporting Tools

For a quick and easy way to report various issues in and around the village:

KCC Highways for problems with roads, lighting, trees, grass and drainage:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement>

03000 418181 (Mon-Fri 9-5pm)

03000 419191 (out of hours)

Canterbury City Council for missed bin collections:

<https://www.canterbury.gov.uk/bins-and-waste/report-missed-bin>

KCC PROW for issues with public rights of way (overgrown/blocked routes/broken stiles):

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- Get crime prevention and safety advice.
- Hear about community meetings, events, and engagement opportunities.
- Share your views and help shape local policing priorities.

My Community Voice is completely free to join, and you can choose the type of information you receive and how often you hear from us.

Strong communities are built on communication and partnership. By signing up, you can play an active role in helping make our neighbourhoods safer and better informed.



Scan the QR code. If you would prefer, I am happy to register you for the service or provide further information. Please feel free to contact me via email at: kevin.beatty@kent.police.uk

If you see me out and about in the community, please do not hesitate to stop and speak with me. I am always happy to engage with residents.

Thank you for your time. I look forward to working with you to keep Littlebourne a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

Yours faithfully,

PC Kevin Beatty 15505
Rural Beat Officer
Kent Police Neighbourhood Policing Team

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