

MANSTON NEWS

MARCH 2019

With all the good weather lately, it has been great to get in the sunshine and get some jobs done.

Councillor Roy Matthews took on the task of replacing a wooden panel on the Play Unit and also with Councillor John Dearing took down a dead tree in the border to Spratling Street. This was to save our precept money by having to pay suppliers at exorbitant prices. Well done!

We still have other jobs that need doing, but the weather has helped us get started.

The new barrier has been fitted to the park as a preventative measure to stop unauthorised access to the grassed area by vehicles. It is extremely well made and should last.

The zipwire has now been tensioned correctly, and this will be checked regularly.

The dog area is still not open due to safety issues.

IT HAS BEEN NOTICED THAT A LOCAL DOG WALKER HAS BEEN ALLOWING HER DOGS TO SIT/CLIMB ON THE ZIP WIRE RAISED BASE WHILE SHE WAS TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS. CAN YOU PLEASE KEEP AN EYE OPEN FOR THIS HAPPENING AND IF YOU SEE ANY INSTANCE CAN YOU PLEASE ASK THEM TO STOP AND REPORT TO YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR./PCSO/ COMMUNITY WARDEN

The Parish Council approached Southern Water regarding the loss of the village sign near Highlands Glade, this apparently was stolen when they were completing the remedial work in Manston Road. They have now had a new sign made and installed on the original site.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

A short presentation was made prior to our meeting from Guildcrest homes. They already have outline planning permission for the land Manston Road/Preston Road. The idea of the meeting was to hear what parishioners thought would be best for the village. They are offering 26 units this includes 2 bungalows, semi detached units, 6 affordable housing units, business units and village shop/ commercial unit. Full planning application will be made in due course and if you have objections please wait until then and send to TDC with appropriate planning number. This number will be put in the news when it is submitted.

The horsebox parked on the road by the Leys is not considered to be abandoned yet, and therefore cannot be removed.

A large amount of litter is being found in the park together with dog mess. Please try and take the offending items to the bins provided. It will make the park a nicer area for everyone.

Tony Gander the community warden has had speed checks on Manston Road and is hoping that a larger operation can be organised with Police /Fire Brigade etc as previously.

Good news!! The land for the footpath at the top of Manston Court Road has finally been signed over to KCC and therefore once the plans have been drawn up the footpath will be constructed.

HMRC Scams - More Developments

We are continuing to see an increase in reports on HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) scams as well as changes to how they can trick you.

How it works:

You may receive a "Delivered by hand" letter prior to the phone call.

Scammers can "spoof" their numbers so it may look like the call is from an official HMRC number.

The scammer claims there is an overdue tax bill or the resident has been overpaid tax credits.

They say the resident must pay up immediately or they will be taken to court where they could face 5 years in prison or someone will come to their address and collect goods to that value.

In some calls, the scammer claims to be a police officer and says that an arrest warrant has been issued.

How they are asking for payment:

By bank transfer and to send a photo via WhatsApp to prove the transfer has been done or

Buying iTunes, Google Play or Amazon vouchers and either sending a photo of the voucher codes via WhatsApp or phoning the numbers through.

These calls are not being made by HMRC!

What to do:

Hang up and don't return their calls.

NEVER disclose any personal information such as bank details or date of birth, no matter who the person claims to be.

Contact HMRC if you're worried about a call you've received

If you have already given money to scammers, contact Kent Police by calling 101
Report it

For advice and to report issues to KCC Trading Standards contact
Citizens Advice consumer service on 03454 04 05 06
Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.



MINSTER SURGERY

NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2019

10th year of our fund raising events we are hoping to make this years events even bigger and better.

Our Spring Fayre is being held on Saturday 11th May. Some tables are already sold so book early to avoid disappointment .

OUR NEW PROJECT - YOU DECIDE!

We will be launching our new project in time for our Spring Fayre, so would like your help please. What additional facilities or equipment would you like to see at the surgery? What do you think would benefit you and your family the most? Please let us know - we welcome your feedback and all suggestions will be put on display on our notice board.

WE NEED YOU!

Following the introduction of new roles and responsibilities, the PLG are looking to recruit new members on to our committee and also to help at our fund raising events, so why don't you come and join us. Further details or contact the numbers shown below.

SURGERY CLOSURE DAYS 2019

Staff Training - from midday onwards:

Thursday 28th March, Wednesday 24th April, Wednesday 15th May

Bank Holidays - all day - Good Friday 19th April, Easter Monday 22nd April

Should you need to see a Doctor when the surgery is closed, please call the "NHS 111 Service" direct on " 111 ", to receive "non urgent" confidential health advice and information for you and your family

For Urgent/Life threatening issues, please dial " 999 " as normal.

MISSED APPOINTMENTS - GP's UP! NURSES DOWN!

*31 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND Their GP,S APPOINTMENT

*39 PATIENTS DID NOT ATTEND THEIR NURSES APPOINTMENT !

SoThat's STILL 70 MISSED AND WASTED APPOINTMENTS, costing the NHS £11200

So a plea, to all our patients - DON'T NEED IT? CANCEL IT!

It's SO EASY: By Phone, By Text, On Line - Just do It! PLEASE!

PATIENT GROUP MEETING

If you have any issues you would like to raise at our meeting in March, or require further information on any of the above, then please contact

KEN SELF on Thanet 821200 or JEANNE LAWRENCE on Thanet 821049

PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED THIS MONTH

FH/TH/18/1748

Cottage Nurseries, Manston Court road, Margate, Erection of a single storey rear extension

FH/TH/18/1685

Vincent Farm, Vincent Road, Margate Change of use of existing building to a mixed use falling within the use class B1 Business and B8 Storage and distribution together with erection of a new building to provide 10 livery stables.

FH/TH/19/0030

Old Forge House, Manston Road, Manston, RAMSGATE

Conversion of outbuilding to residential annex together with erection of single storey rear infill extension, external alterations and alterations to fenestration

L/TH/19/0031

Old Forge House, Manston Road, Manston, RAMSGATE

Application for Listed Building Consent for external works to outbuilding



RAF History Museum, Manston Road, Ramsgate, Kent CT12 5DF

T: 01843 825224

Open: March / April / May / June / July / August / September / October

Open 7 days a week

From 10.00am to 4.00pm

November / December / January / February

Open Sat & Sun

From 10.00am to 4.00pm

There is a small admission charge



Country Eye - Helping Keep the Rural Community in Kent Safe

Country Eye Ltd have built a free App for people living and working in the rural community. The app allows users to record and share information on crime, suspicious behaviour and damage in their home community or whilst out and about.

The Crime, Rural Advisory Group (CRAG) has commissioned the design and build of the Country Eye app. Mike Bax, Chairman, explained, "data suggests that the cost of rural crime in Kent stands at 1.8 million, if you include the additional hidden costs to repair property, replace locks and the time taken out of a working day to address these issues, the cost is considerably higher. CRAG was formed to help combat rural crime and to work with farmers, businesses and residents to find solutions."

The app has been built to help residents and farmers in Kent report information quickly and efficiently. This information is securely stored in a central database and accessed by the voluntary Country Eye team who are fully trained by Kent Police. The team analyse and disseminate the information and then broadcast it out to other local app users.

Country Eye has the full backing of Kent Police with information being sent securely to the relevant authorities. Kent Police is committed to responding to concerns in rural communities and to carrying out high visibility patrols. The information collated through the app will give officers a greater understanding of potential problem areas. The app has been supported by Kent Police and Crime Commissioner, Safer Kent, National Farmers Union and BTF Partnership.

The Country Eye app identifies four different Rural Categories which make up the majority of incidents that occur in the countryside.

Theft: Vehicle, Metal & Cable, Machinery & Plant, Livestock, Outbuilding, Fuel & Oil and Equine.

Farm Crime: Arson, Fly-Tipping, Trespass with and without Firearms, Criminal Damage and Suspicious behaviour with and without vehicles.

Animal, Wildlife Crime: Poaching, Animal Welfare, Endangered Species & Conservation, Hare Coursing and Horse Crime.

Heritage Crime: Off-roading and Metal Detecting (without owner's permission) /Night Hawking

The app has a knowledge section which highlights the key factors for each type of incident above to assist users.

Sign up is simple; the system requires a contact number, email address and postcode. The app records and disseminates information using the phones camera and GPS location settings. Recording information is intuitive; users will click the camera icon, take an image, choose from a drop-down the type of crime, whether a crime reference number has been issued, and any other useful information. The location, time and date will be automatically recorded. The app can also use an existing image from the camera's photo library.

The application is not intended for emergency purposes; users should report to; 999 – (crime in progress) 101 – (crime committed) or report to Crimestoppers if they wish to remain anonymous – 0800 555 111

The app can be downloaded from the Apple App Store and Google Play by searching Country Eye