

Summer Play Scheme – It's here! After the open morning at 11.00am on 31st July the summer play scheme will hold sessions at Staplehurst School on weekdays until 18th August. The first week's sessions will run between 9.00am and 12.00pm. In weeks two and three there will be morning sessions (9.00am – 12.00pm) and afternoon ones (12.00pm – 3.00pm). Further information is available on the play scheme page of the village website or contact Toni at Play Place by telephone on 01689 867358 or by e-mailing toni.chincharo@playplace.org.

Village Clean-Up – At the time of writing the tentative date for the next clean-up is Saturday 16th September: more news next month.

Surgeries at the Library – Parish Council: every Saturday in the library between 10.00am and 11.00am; Borough Councillor Perry: 10.00am – 12.00pm last Saturday of the month. PCSO: Saturday 12th August between 10.00am and 11.00am.

Parish Council on-line – Visit www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk for local information. The Parish Council is also on Facebook.

Contact Kent County Council – Some useful Kent County Council numbers:

KCC Main Number 03000 41 41 41

Highways Helpline (1) 03000 41 81 81 (office hours - see options below)
Highways Helpline (2) 03000 41 91 91 (out-of-hours emergency)

Option 1 - Driver Education and Speed Awareness
Option 2 - Vegetation Enquiries
Option 3 - Potholes
Option 4 - Street lights enquiries and problems (most village lights are KCC-owned)
Option 5 - Drainage problems
Option 6 - Items not covered above

Speed Awareness 03000 41 82 82
Concessionary Fares 03000 41 83 83
Kent Freedom Pass 03000 41 84 84
Public Rights of Way 03000 41 71 71

Report a highways problem on-line at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>. For motorways and trunk roads contact the Highways Agency on 0300 123 5000 or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk.

Maidstone Borough highway-related services - MBC is responsible for some highway services such as street sweeping, street nameplates, street naming and numbering, park and ride facilities. Telephone MBC Contact Centre on 01622 602162 to report issues requiring attention or go on-line to <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-streets/street-problems>. For other highways and public transport issues contact Kent County Council Highways.

Dog Issues – Bagged dog waste can be put in any ordinary litter bin or domestic waste bins. Report fouling or persistent incidents of mess to MBC Environmental Services on 01622 602202. To report a stray or problem dog, telephone MBC's Dog Warden on 01622 602117.

Rubbish & Recycling Collections – Use black bins for rubbish. Use green recycling bins to dispose of paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, food and drink cartons, plastic bottles and food trays and containers. Leave bins and sacks at the boundary of your property by 7.00am on the day of collection and no earlier than the evening beforehand. For further information go to MBC's website at <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling/my-bins>.

Garden Waste – Two sizes of wheelie bin can be hired from Maidstone Borough Council: <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling/my-bins> or telephone 01622 602600.

Bulky Collection Service – Phone MBC on 01622 602600 or go online to <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling> to arrange a collection. KCC Household Waste Tip at Burial Ground Lane in Tovil is open Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 4.30pm, Sundays and most bank holidays from 9.00am to 4.00pm.

Planning Enforcement - Breaches of planning conditions or unauthorised development should be reported to MBC via its website: <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-enforcement>.

Reporting Incidents to the Police - All non-emergency crime-incident reports should be telephoned to **101**. For emergencies dial **999**. Local contacts: Community Warden Mira Martin (mob: 07969584179 or mira.martin@kent.gov.uk) and PCSO Pete Gardner (tel: 101 or email: peter.gardner@kent.pnn.police.uk).

Neighbourhood Watch – For information about local Neighbourhood Watch contact David Ralph on 01580 891656 or a NHW liaison officer at Maidstone police station on 01622 604395 or go to <http://www.maidstonenhw.co.uk>.

Parish Council Meetings in Staplehurst Village Centre from 7.00 p.m.

Monday 7th August (Planning Committee only) & Monday 21st August – Planning Committee followed by Full Council.

Parish Council Contact Information

Parish Office, Village Centre, High Street, Staplehurst TN12 0BJ (open Mon-Thurs 09.00-13.00; closed Fridays)

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