

Village Update – At the time of writing the next issue of the Village Update is scheduled for distribution at the end of October. Most of the Updates are delivered by a great team of volunteer distributors but we do have to post some. If you are interested in helping with the distribution please contact the Parish Office.

New Way to Report Incidents to the Police – Kent Police have launched on-line reporting facility for crimes and incidents as well as non-injury road traffic collisions. It can be found on Kent Police's website at <http://www.kent.police.uk>. On-line reporting is currently being test-piloted and members of the public will be given the opportunity to provide feedback on their experience and use of the report forms at the end of each submission. By introducing on-line reporting Kent Police hope to reduce the number of 101 calls, making it easier and quicker to report non-urgent issues. For emergencies (when life is in danger or a crime is in progress) continue to dial 999.

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. Next PCSO surgery: Saturday 4th November 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.

Kent County Council Phone 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
Young Person's Travel 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.

Street services – Maidstone Borough Council is responsible for some street services such as street sweeping, street nameplates, street naming and numbering, park and ride facilities. Telephone MBC on 01622 602162 to report issues or go on-line to

<http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/parking-and-streets/street-problems>.

Dog Issues – Put bagged dog waste in any ordinary litter bin or domestic waste bins. Report fouling or persistent mess to MBC Environmental Services on 01622 602202. Report a stray or problem dog to 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 collection day and no earlier than the evening beforehand. Visit <http://www.maidstone.gov.uk/residents/binsandrecycling/my-bins> for more information.

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 – To report non-emergency crime incidents telephone **101** or go on-line to www.kent.police.uk. 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 604398 or go to <http://www.maidstonenhw.co.uk>.

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

Monday 6th November & Monday 20th November – Planning Committee followed by Full Council.

Parish Council Contact Information

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