

**Christmas Lights** – Last year’s display of 20 new Christmas light motifs attracted favourable comments. This year we hope the display will be even better. We have worked with KCC to secure the repair of four lamp columns so that they will bear the load of a Christmas light. As a result our full set of 24 lights will be displayed along the High Street this year. We hope you enjoy the display.

**Village Planters** – It has been disappointing to see how the planters have been vandalised in recent weeks. The flowers that our friends at Growing Concern have brought on and planted have been trampled and the displays ruined. Incidents have been reported to the police and anyone with information that may prove helpful to their enquiries is encouraged to contact the police by telephoning 101.

**Village Update** – The Autumn issue was distributed at the end of October. If you did not receive a copy and would like one please contact the Parish Office.

**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.

**Parish Council on-line** – Visit [www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.kent.police.uk). For emergencies dial **999**. Local contacts: Community Warden Mira Martin (mob: 07969584179 or [mira.martin@kent.gov.uk](mailto:mira.martin@kent.gov.uk)) and PCSO Pete Gardner (tel: 101 or email: [peter.gardner@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> December & Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Planning Committee followed by Full Council.

#### **Parish Council Contact Information**

Parish Office, Village Centre, High Street, Staplehurst TN12 0BJ (Mon-Thurs 09.00-13.00; closed Fridays)  
Telephone: 01580 891761 / emergency only out of hours contact: 07539 692588

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