



# Hordle Parish Council

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Deputy Clerk: Chris Halling

## Parish Council Update - April/ May 2023

### Thank you!

Our Deputy Parish Clerk - Chris Halling - is retiring in May after 8 years' service to our community. The Parish Council would like to thank Chris for her hard work, skills and experience which she brought to the role in this time and which made a real difference to the parish. We wish her well on her new adventures.

### Parish & District Council elections

10 Parish councillors were elected in a non-contested election. There is one vacancy remaining which will be filled by co-option in the coming months. If you are interested in this role please contact the Parish Office. District Elections are still happening on 4th May—you will need to provide **photographic ID** when you vote.

### Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, Vaggs Lane. We will also present the Parish Heroes awards at this time. Do come along and find out about the work of the Council—everyone is welcome.

### Clean for the Coronation

There will be a parish-wide litterpick on 29th April 10am—12 noon. Meet at either Hordle or Everton pavilions—all equipment is provided and there will be refreshments.

### Do you know a Hero?

The Parish Council is seeking nominations for its annual Parish Heroes awards. If you know someone who has gone above and beyond for the benefit of their community over the past year then drop a quick email with the details to the Parish



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### Join our team of Speedwatch volunteers !

Hordle Parish Council is working with a team of volunteers to reduce speeding vehicles in the Parish. The mobile monitoring equipment (SID) is currently going out to various locations across the Parish which have been identified as having a high number of speeding vehicles by the VASLR (the box fitted to posts which flashes and indicates your speed).

Volunteers all receive training prior to starting at the roadside and all equipment is provided. The project aims to reduce speeding by providing a visual reminder to people of their responsibilities, with speeders receiving a warning letter from the police. Do you have concerns about



speeding in the Parish? Could you spare a couple of hours a month to join our team of friendly volunteers? Want to know more? The Parish Office would be delighted to hear from you.

### **Trees Fit for a King**

The Parish Council has planted 2 new Sweet Chestnut Trees at Hordle and Everton Recs, to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. We hope these trees will grow into fine, majestic specimens with lots of chestnuts for everyone to enjoy in the autumn months.

### **Pinewood Bench Tribute**

We hope you enjoy the fully refurbished bench on the corner of Pinewood Road and Stopples Lane. Local resident and environmental volunteer, Rob Brown, who sadly died recently, paid for the production of the two new plaques to sit alongside the original plaque, to commemorate the long reign of Queen Elizabeth II. The Parish Council has fully refurbished the bench and we hope it is a fitting tribute to Rob and the huge contribution he made to making our village a more lovely place to be.

### **New surfacing at Hordle Rec Playpark**

We have installed all-weather surfacing at Hordle Rec Playpark, around the base of most of the kit there. We hope that the younger members of our community will continue to enjoy playing there and their parents and carers will have a little less washing to do!



the bench on the corner of Pinewood Road and Stopples Lane. Local resident and environmental



### **New Bin at Golden Hill**

The Parish Council has installed a new bin at Golden Hill Woods. It had been noticed that bags of dog mess were being left in the area so the Council hopes the new bin will help address the issue - please use it!

### **Golden Hill Woods update**

The Working Party has been busy over the winter months creating glades and planting native blue bells, snow drops, marsh marigolds and celandines. Most non-native species have been cleared and the arisings left in situ to form beneficial wildlife habitats. The volunteers have also cleared the pond of Fools Watercress. The volunteers will scale back their work for the summer but they always welcome new faces—just contact the Parish Office.

### **Hordle Environmental Group (HEG)**

Despite the challenging weather, the volunteers who look after the Parish Council beds in the Yerville/ Charnock area have worked an astonishing 300 hours. They have planted 500 native bluebells along the pathway to Acacia Road (opposite the bug hotel) and under the Triangle's hedge. Several shrubs and perennial plants were kindly donated by residents. The group has noted an increase in robins, blackbirds and sparrows who are occupying several hedges in the area. Bats, owls, great spotted woodpeckers, foxes, badgers and deer are either heard or seen. Areas being worked on now include the Yerville bench, the shrub bed by sub-station and the bug hotel bed. The Parish Council very much appreciates all the volunteers who give their time freely .

### **Next Meetings**

Tuesday 16th May (Annual Meeting 6.45pm) & 23rd May (Parish Assembly 7.30pm), 20th June, 18th July at Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane@ 7.15pm. Agendas are on the website and noticeboards.

