

Response to the Highways Questionnaire

Thank you to all the residents who responded to the consultation for the proposed 20 mph speed limit for Borden, as featured in the last edition of the Borden Broadside.

We appreciate your input, which was overwhelmingly positive, and we will now be contacting KCC Highways intending to take this forward.

Regrettably, we are unable to implement some of the helpful suggestions provided at this stage. This is because KCC will not allow width restrictions, speed humps, or a larger 20 mph area.

We hope to work with them in the future to monitor the benefits of completing the approved measures and press for any further action needed to improve residents' safety and quality of life. This will also include repairing potholes, pavement parking, and frequent road closures.

- Cllr Jeremy Bolas - Highways Group Chair.

Borden Heritage Group Talk

"Fortitude - the Secret Success of D-Day" by Len Howell

On 6th June 1944, the allies successfully landed on the beaches of Normandy - an act that a year later would lead to the end of WW2.

But would those landings have been such a success without the massive deception campaign that preceded it?

A 75 minute presentation with a refreshment break.

Borden Parish Hall
May 8th 202 10:30am
Entry £4 for guests / £3 members.

Phone Eileen 01795 479727 for further details

The Borden Broadside

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Dear All

Welcome to the latest issue of The Borden Broadside, and whilst it sometimes feels as if the warm weather has gone for good, we can still look forward to a summer packed with local events and commemorations!

The Parish Council have 3 new Councillors, so there's more of us to share the work amongst and get even more done for our Parish.

There's lot of exciting stuff coming up, and your council continues to fight for what is in Borden's interests on every front!

Yours Truly
Cllr Mike Baldock
Editor



Dates for the Diary

Borden Parish Council -

Third Thursday of each month - 7:00 pm - check notice boards for venue or visit our website www.bordenparishcouncil.gov.uk/.

Knit n Natter in The Sports Pavilion, Borden.

Knit n Natter takes place in the Pavilion. Please join the Facebook group, "Borden Knit n Natter" for more information and confirmed dates.

Womens Institute (WI) - Second Tuesday of each month - Parish Hall 2:15pm.

The Borden Heritage Group now meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10.30am in Borden Parish hall - for further details phone 01795 479727

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Borden United Charities is a local charity that can make grants for people in need of a bit of help or for educational purposes etc. Please contact the clerk Lynda Fisher at bordenunitedcharities@virginmedia.com
Tel: 01795477015

Potholes, Damaged Signs, Blocked Drains, Overgrown Verges - any highway faults can be reported on 03000 418181, or you can report and track them online using the KCC Fault reporter at <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

The Forge, The Street, Borden ME9 8JN is available to hire for all kinds of celebrations, workshops and meetings. Only £15 per hour.
Email: the.forge.borden@gmail.com or call 07790984039

Borden Parish Council Remembering 80 Years since D Day Thursday 6th June 2024 Service of Thanksgiving at the Church 7pm @ The Playstool 8pm until 10pm

- Music from the period
- Beacon Lighting
- Great British Fish and Chips available



BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL

Calling all talented residents of Borden Parish...
We want YOUR creativity to shine...

Unleash your artistic flair and leave a lasting mark on
Borden Parish...

Design a captivating logo to incorporate cherries for
Borden and submit your artwork by 30th June 2024.

To clerk@bordenparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council will choose the best design which will
be proudly featured as the Borden Parish logo.

Help with Transport

Many residents have been hugely affected by the cut of bus services in Swale and in particular through Borden. The Parish Council are looking at affordable solutions to this, but, in the meantime, have obtained the following information which may help some of you.

Swale Community And Voluntary Services

A scheme to help you keep essential appointments, such as Doctor, dentist and hospital. A registration fee and a rate per mile will ensure you can get to those all important appointments.

Telephone 01795 473828 option 1, open Mon-Fri 09.30 – 15.30
or email zoe.deveson@swalecvs.co.uk

Kent Karrier – Compaid

This is a flexible Dial-a-Ride service that will collect you from your door and take you to set destinations. Borden is covered by Bus E which operates on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

First pick up is 10am and return pick up is 1pm. The bus can take you to Asda, Morrisons, Homebase, Train Station, High Street, The Forum, Sainsbury's, Memorial Hospital, Library and Post Office.

You have to become a member and have a mobility impairment or other medical condition that makes travelling on public transport difficult (carers or companions can travel with you) or live in a rural area more than 500 metres from a bus stop or train station or you are 85+.

You have to book up to 7days in advance. A yearly membership is payable and a small fee for each trip.

To become a member and to find out more details call Compaid on 01892 832447 or online go to Kent.gov.uk and search for Kent Karrier

PLAYSTOOL NEW TOILET BUILDING

The extensively used Playstool public toilet next to the children's play area has become tired through age necessitating removal.

People using the whole park including families, sports enthusiasts, dog walkers and those seeking solace in Centenary Gardens were regularly canvassed as to their opinion on whether the toilet should be replaced.

The question was further explored on social media with a resounding "Yes, we would like a new toilet" being the overwhelming answer from all.

The Parish Council responding to public opinion have secured Government and Local Authority funding to build a new public convenience so no Parish Council money will be used for the build and installation of utilities.

It must be understood that this funding, which includes £70,300 from the 'Government Community Ownership Fund' can only be used to build a new toilet. It cannot be used for any other purpose. If the intended convenience is not built the monies must be returned.



Borden Nature Reserve



Proposed Management Plan

2021-2024

Compiled by the Borden Nature Reserve Committee

Friends of Borden Nature Reserve

The Friends of Borden Nature Reserve Committee continues to meet and is currently working on a review of the current Management Plan.

A further reptile survey is to be undertaken again this year, along with an insect census. There will be a litter collection later in the spring, and the regular May Dawn walk.

We are also hoping to have a botanical walk and talk arranged for later in the year plus a bat watch evening.

If you would like to know more about the Friends of Borden Nature Reserve please contact the editor.