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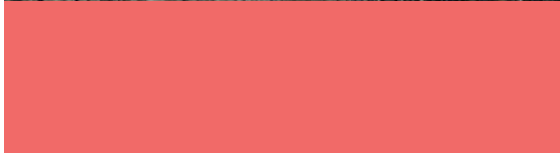
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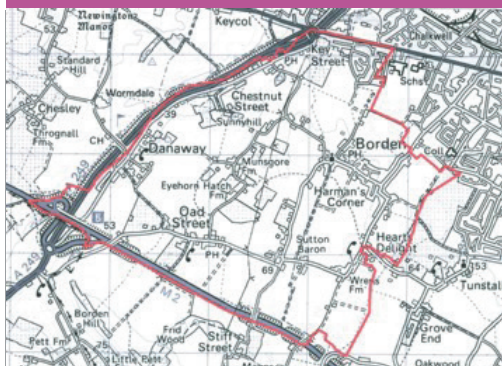
THE HISTORY OF BORDEN

Borden has a known history back to the iron age when it is believed that a fort stood on the high ground near to where the church is today. In the 12th century Borden was recorded as being called Bordena. Evidence of Roman occupation was found by Robert Plott at Sutton Baron when constructing the house in 1695. The Grade 1 listed church is over 800 years old and is dedicated to Saints Peter and Paul. There is a fine Norman tower with a door, which is a splendid example of the architecture of the period. In the tower is a clock and a peal of eight bells of excellent quality.

The parish of Borden pre 1900 was predominantly an agricultural area. The village of Borden was confined to the church end of The Street. Oad Street, Harmans Corner, Danaway and Chestnut Street were small hamlets in the parish. During the

20th century, development gradually occurred. Harmans Corner was joined to Borden Village. There was development along the southern end of Wises Lane towards the church. Houses were built along Watling Street (A2) then along Borden Lane.

The Australia and New Zealand estates were built in the 70s bringing suburban Sittingbourne closer to Borden now separated by a narrow strip currently containing the Nature reserve and the Woodland Area. In the late 1980s the A249 dual carriageway was built. Before that the A249 ran along Maidstone Road and Chestnut Street. The turn of this century saw the construction of Maylam Gardens.



The red line delineates the civil parish of Borden.

The QR code on the front cover takes you to Borden Parish Council's website. This contains a fund of local information.

Borden Parish Council

The civil parish of Borden is extensive and includes the village, Oad Street, Chestnut St, Danaway and the developments around Wises Lane down to the A2.

Borden Parish Council has up to 13 councillors representing an electorate of over 2000. There are currently over 1000 households within the parish. The Council is responsible for the Playstool, Pavilion and Nature Reserve.

The Parish Council meet monthly on the third Thursday of the month at the Pavilion, Wises Lane at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.



The Saints Peter and Paul Church



Borden Primary School

Sports Association

Borden Sports Association oversees the playing areas and pavilion for the local football and cricket teams.

Both pitches are located on the lower part of the Playstool. The teams are always on the lookout to welcome new members

The Playstool

The Playstool is a major asset for the local community, managed by the Parish Council.

On the upper level, it comprises the Centenary Garden, a place for quiet contemplation, a well-provided children's

The Church

The first listed parish priest dates back to 1343, clearly it has stood the test of time! Service days and times are listed on the board at the entrance at The Street and all are welcome. The church runs a Monday Morning Meet from 9am and every fortnight Tea@3. Both are held in The Forge

The Church is open every day from 10am for quiet reflection or prayer. It is also an opportunity to visit and see the beautiful stained-glass windows, particularly the one at the altar.

The Forge

The Forge, which is to be found opposite the Maypole, dates back to c1823. It is a Grade II listed building with the original cart-doors and fanlight window above. It is no longer a working forge but contains a small hall with exposed timbers, 6 tables and 24 chairs, a disabled toilet, kitchenette and small office. This old building is used by the Church, who also let it out for private functions.

It is available to hire for meetings, small groups and family occasions.

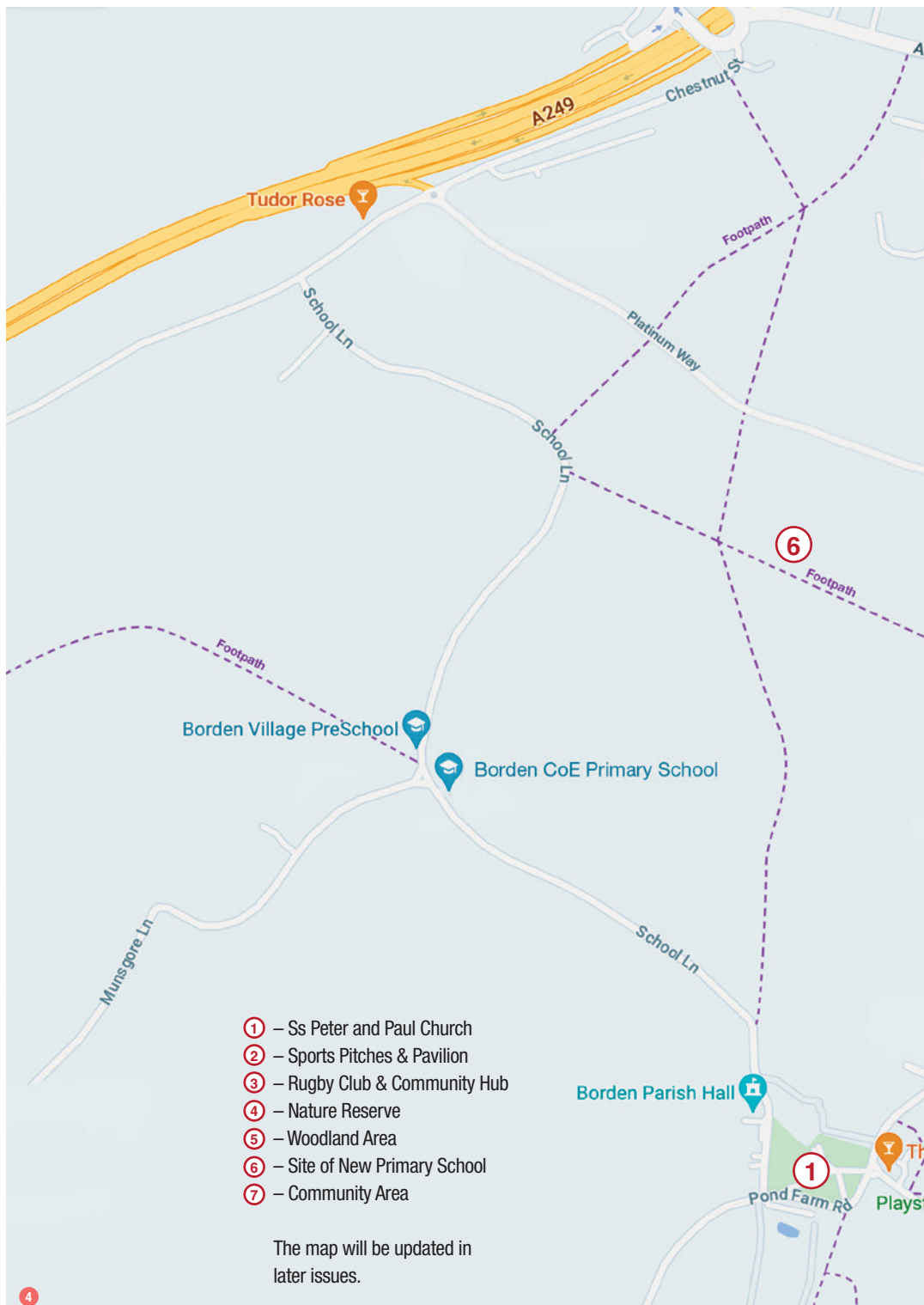
Borden Parish Hall

Regular activities are held in the Parish Hall including Short Mat Bowls, Badminton, Table Tennis, Pilates and the Women's Institute (WI). Contact details can be found on Borden Parish Council website.

The hall is available for hire for private functions such as weddings and parties. The William Barrow room is available for meetings.

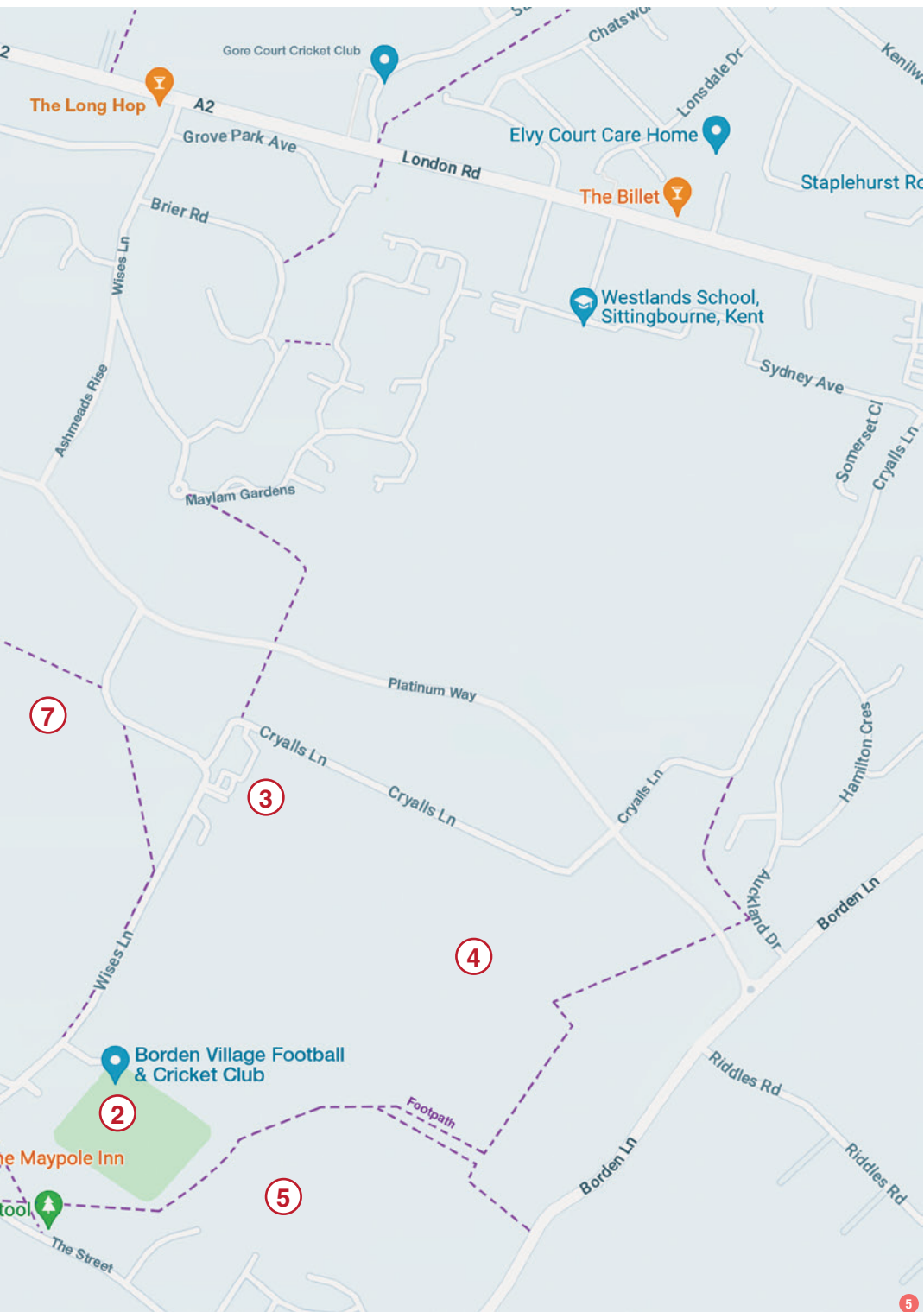
playground, adult exercise equipment and picnic tables. The lower level has The Pavilion, football and cricket pitches.

The open areas provide good exercise opportunities for responsible dog walkers.



- ① – Ss Peter and Paul Church
- ② – Sports Pitches & Pavilion
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later issues.



William Barrow's Charity

The Barrow Charity provides relief of residents in the Parochial Parish of Borden who are in need, hardship or distress, in particular those aged 60 years or more. It gives grants of money or pays towards goods or services needed.

It also helps to advance the education of people under the age of 25 who need financial assistance by offering support to local schools. It also awards scholarships, bursaries and similar awards to those going into tertiary education who are resident in the parish.

Please visit their website for further information.

Borden Wives Group

Borden Wives are a friendly group of women who meet fortnightly on a Wednesday at 8pm in term time. They hold a wide range of activities including interesting speakers and demonstrations, cinema and theatre trips, outside visits, walks, a car rally and garden afternoons in summer. They also support local charities.

Since combining with the Tunstall group, they now meet either in the Midwinter Room at Tunstall Church or in Tunstall Parish Hall.

The Borden United Charities

The Borden United Charities gives monetary grants to aid the elderly, sick infirmed and other persons in financial difficulties (both young and old) from the Parish of Borden, subject to the Trustees approval. It aims to help those in need.

Sittingbourne Rugby Club and Borden Community Hub

Sittingbourne Rugby Club is looking forward to moving to its new home in Borden. It promises to be a great facility managed by the club, Borden Parish Council and Swale Borough Council. The fully accessible clubhouse will also be a community hub providing a flexible space for small and medium sized community groups and private hire.

The club runs senior teams, all age groups from under 6s to under 17s through to a veterans' side. They also run a women's group which they are looking to develop. The club works with local schools and runs both primary and secondary tournaments annually.



Playstool Playground

Walks around Borden Footpaths

There is a wealth of footpaths throughout the parish of Borden. The Borden Heritage Group has published four walking leaflets which encompass most of the historic buildings around the village and within the parish.

These are available from Bredgar Post Office, Borden Church and the Forge at Borden.

NATURE RESERVE

The Nature Reserve covers 6.25ha and is accessible from Cryalls Lane and The Playstool. From 1966 to 1982 the land was used for domestic refuse and other material and was capped in 1985 by KCC. The whole site was returned to grassland.

Inside the boundary line are mature trees, scrubland and two small areas of wider floral diversity providing a variety of habitats for wildlife. There is a small wildlife pond. The paths are maintained by KCC for ease of access to the gas venting system, flame testing and water monitoring.

The current Friends of Borden Nature Reserve group was set up in 2021 with the aim of maintaining and enhancing current habitats for wildlife, ultimately increasing the biodiversity. It is very popular with dog walkers and it is hoped in the future to be attractive to educational organisations.

Borden Heritage Group

It is a local heritage group interested in preserving the history of Borden. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10.30am, for venue please consult their website.

Borden Women's Institute

Borden WI is a group of about 50 women from Sittingbourne and local villages. They meet for friendship, interest and fun. The meetings are held at Borden Parish Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 2.15pm for a couple of hours. They have a varied programme of speakers. Their lunch and walking groups meet regularly and they organise monthly events.

Visitors are welcome to come along for two meetings at no charge before being asked to join.



The Nature Reserve

Borden Cricket Club

Borden Cricket Club plays its matches on the Playstool. The club is keen to welcome players of any age and ability to join. They play friendly fixtures on Saturdays and a combination of league and friendly matches on Sundays. Further information can be found on their website.

Borden Football Club

Borden Village Football Club is reported to be one of the oldest in the county of Kent. They play their home games at Borden Playstool and their First Team plays in the Kent County Premier League. This is the highest level the club has reached in its history.

They also run U16 and U8 teams. The U8s play at Borden Playstool and the U16s at the Appleyard, Gore Court Road, Sittingbourne.

Borden Bells

Borden Church has eight bells with a band of ringers. Bellringing is an enjoyable and sometimes challenging skill to learn and is great for physical and mental exercise. Borden Bells are always keen to accept new ringers.

Please contact them through their Facebook page.

BORDEN PARISH CONTACTS

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Borden Cricket Club	via website
Sittingbourne Rugby Club	via website
Wyvern Table Tennis Club	01795 424037
Borden Racqueteers	01795 470384
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Short Mat Bowls	01795479431
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Women's Institute	wrens_eileen@hotmail.com
Oad Street Food & Crafts	01795 843130

Facebook Groups

There are several Borden Facebook pages that can be found with a simple search.

Websites

BORDEN FOOTBALL CLUB
www.bordenvillagefc.co.uk

BORDEN CRICKET CLUB
borden.play-cricket.com

BARROW CHARITY
www.thewilliambarrowscharity.org.uk

SITTINGBOURNE RUGBY CLUB
www.srufc.com

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
www.thewi.org.uk

BORDEN PARISH COUNCIL
www.bordenparishcouncil.gov.uk

BORDEN CHURCH
www.sspeterandpaulatborden.co.uk

BORDEN HERITAGE GROUP
<https://bordenheritage.co.uk>

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