

ULCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

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After a difficult 18 months, and as we start to open up, we wanted to let you know what the Parish Council has been doing, and to tell you about upcoming events. We would also like to extend a warm welcome to the many new residents who have moved into the parish over the past year. We hope you enjoy living in Ulcombe, and we look forward to welcoming you to our events.

Annual Meeting of the Parish:

This is usually held in May, but due to the covid restrictions we have rescheduled it for **Thursday 9th September 7.00p.m. in the village hall.**

We are planning to hold a more informal evening, with an opportunity for new and old residents to come together - after a very long gap - to see what clubs and activities are available. Also, to have a glass of wine and a chat with your councillors.

Refreshments will be provided by the Smoke and Cured.

Please put the date in your diary!

Recreation Ground:

There have been several changes at the Recreation Ground over the past year - with more in the pipeline. New barriers at the entrance - kindly paid for by local farmer Sean Charlton. New knee rail fencing, 300 daffodil bulbs donated by deJager bulbs. The area at the entrance to the village hall has been deturfed and covered with gravel.

Our prototype planter - made by a group of parishioners - is now in place. A new noticeboard will arrive shortly.

You may have noticed that the cricket pavilion is looking sadly neglected - we had a survey carried out, and it will cost several thousand pounds to get it back to a useable state. As we have no cricket team, and Headcorn Football Club are our only source of revenue, we have taken the decision to mothball it.

This has, of course, left the football team with no toilets, so we are planning to place a specially fitted out steel container next to the village hall. The two toilets will be kept locked - only to be used by visiting groups.

Kent Association of Local Council (KALC) Community Awards Scheme 2021:

The KALC Community Awards Scheme is to acknowledge and give recognition to those that have made a significant contribution to their local community, it is supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Kent County Council and Medway Council.

The parish council nominated **Mimi Humphrey** because she has worked tirelessly to improve the community facilities in our parish. She constantly encourages residents to take part in village events. Her "can do" attitude makes her a worthy recipient of the KALC award.



Mimi receiving her KALC Community Award

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New Parish Council Website:

This new website is far easier to manage and is able to store more information such as agendas, minutes of meetings and other informative material and information. We are offering local groups the opportunity to have their details included. There is also a very useful Planning Application Tracker. Please do have a look .

www.ulcombeparishcouncil.co.uk

Litter and Fly Tipping:

We have had more complaints about litter and fly tipping than almost any other issue over the past year.

You may have noticed that MBC have put up some fly tipping signs around the parish , warning of cameras operating in the area. This does seem to have had some effect, with fewer instances of fly tipping being reported.

Thank you to the many parishioners who go out on a regular basis to pick up litter. We will get back to parish litter pick ups in the autumn, when the undergrowth has died back.

You can report fly tipping directly to Maidstone Borough Council online at :

<https://maidstone.gov.uk/home/do-it-online/report-it/top-6/report-a-street-cleansing/report-fly-tipping>

or call MBC on 01622 602202

All links and information are also available on the parish council website.

Meet your PCSO and Councillors:

We are holding an open surgery at Ulcombe Village Hall on Saturday 17th July at 9.30a.m.

If you would like to talk to our local community policeman John Boyd, our new MBC councillor Ziggy Trzebinski , and parish chairman Fiona Kenward please come along.

(If the weather permits we will hold this event outside)

Your Ulcombe Parish Councillors are:

- Fiona Kenward Chairman
- Rachel Robinson Vice Chairman
- Mary Ann Lovegrove
- Matt Lingwood
- Ian Moir
- Bill Stacey
- Peter Titchener

To contact the parish councillors please email the parish clerk Irene Bowie :

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Ulcombe Parish Council Surgery

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