

DYMCHURCH NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

CLLR DOUGIE YOUNG



Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Dougie Young and I was elected Chairman of Dymchurch Parish Council at our first meeting on 15th

May this year. In the first instance, I would like to thank our previous Chairman Cllr. Chris Mc Creedy and vice Chair Cllr. Deana Coker for their hard work and leadership. I would also like to welcome our new councillors to The Parish Council and look forward to working with them for the benefit of our community. The Council have already made some changes in the village. The Joyce Cockerill memorial garden on the slipway has been newly landscaped and is very popular with residents and visitors alike. We now have a Dementia Cafe in Dymchurch which is housed in the Village Hall. We also have local volunteers who have created a group known as Dymchurch Gardening Community, and the Friends of Dymchurch Rec have recently opened a charity shop on the High Street run by volunteers, with all profits earmarked for the new Pavilion on our Recreation Ground. The Parish Council will continue to oppose the building of 132 houses at High Knocke.

Parish Council will continue to raise issues regarding potholes, lighting, transport etc. with the appropriate authorities on your behalf.

Further information on any of the above can be obtained by contacting the Clerk at Dymchurch Parish Council.

The Parish Council were delighted to be informed that Dymchurch Beach has been recognised with a **Seaside Award for 2023**.

The award is given for reaching the required standard in the following areas:

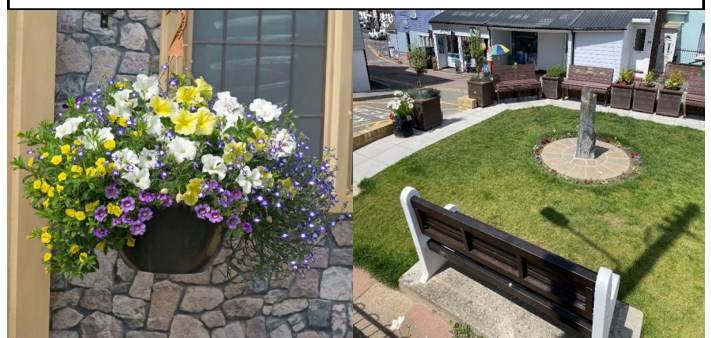
- Water quality (sampled every 2 weeks in season)
- Safe access to the beach
- Beach cleanliness and provision of litter bins
- Well maintained accessible toilets
- Encouraging responsible dog ownership
- Provision of information points

Well done and congratulations Dymchurch !



Work has now been completed on the memorial garden by the Central Slipway. The area has been levelled with new seating, paving and planters and is proving very popular. The work was funded by the Parish Council supported by a grant from the District Council High St Regeneration Fund with the Dymchurch community gardeners now tending to the floral displays.

In June, the Parish Council took delivery of a number of Hanging Baskets from the Canterbury Oast Trust, the baskets make a welcome colourful addition to the High Street.



High Knocke Development

At a recent meeting of the District Council Planning Committee, permission to build up to 132 dwellings on land adjoining High Knocke Farm was refused due to the significant harm to the visual amenity arising from the development of this previously undeveloped open site. Cllr Young and District Council Cooper had both spoken against the development during the planning meeting. The District Council had also received 35 letters of objection to the development.

District Councillor Surgery

Cllr Tony Cooper

at the Parish Council Office

3rd Saturday of Month 10am to 12 noon

Drop in surgery, no appointment necessary

Do you give blood or know someone who does?

The Blood Donor service is returning to Dymchurch Village Hall with the first session on

Wednesday 4th October 2023

Afternoon and evening.

Please ask to make your next appointment at Dymchurch. **Free parking for donors.**

Sunflower Memory Café
in the Peter Sloper Room
Dymchurch Village Hall

10:00am to 12:00pm
The 1st Thursday of every month



The Sunflower Memory Café is a social get together for those with dementia and their carers. There will also be memory games and activities and in time day trips.

For more information call
01797 363888

Our meeting dates for 2023

- 1st JUN 2023 **LAUNCH**
- 6th JULY 2023
- 3rd AUGUST 2023
- 7th SEPTEMBER 2023
- 5th OCTOBER 2023
- 2nd NOVEMBER 2023
- 7th DECEMBER 2023



ROMNEY MARSH COMMUNITY HUB

JUNE 2023

The Parish Council have commissioned Orgarswick Forge in the Village to design and install a decorative iron-work gate depicting life on the coast for the central slipway access ramp. Work is well underway and the unique installation should be taking pride of place very soon.

Dymchurch & District Twinning Association



At the end of May this year members of the Dymchurch and District Twinning Association travelled to France on their annual visit to Salbris in the Loir et Cher Department. As always, we were very well looked after by our hosts over the long weekend. We visited some very interesting places including a clock museum and were wined and dined in true French fashion. We are looking forward to hosting members from the Salbris Association when they visit us 7th-11th September. Plans are already in place for the weekend with a visit to Eltham Palace planned for the Saturday.

If you enjoy meeting new people, why not come to one of our monthly fund-raising activities which are open to all. If you want to visit France you can join the association for £8 single or £15 for a family membership. To find out more, just visit the Parish Council website and fill in the form so we can contact you to provide more information on the benefits of joining the association.

Kent County Council have been allocated £6 million of funding to be used to accelerate highway repairs across the Counties roads. KCC Councillor Jenni Hawkins has asked that residents keep reporting potholes via the KCC online reporting tool

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

You can also email Jenni regarding any that are of particular concern or that don't appear to have been attended to. Work on fixing potholes on the A259 through the village is scheduled to be completed before next winter.



New Charity Shop Now Open

The Friends of Dymchurch Recreation Ground have opened a pop-up charity shop on the High Street to help with fund raising for a new pavilion on the recreation ground. The shop at 51 High Street sells Clothing, CD's, Books, DVD, Crockery and Glassware, Art Works, Books etc and has something inside for everyone!

The shop is open every day, and if you'd like to donate goods, volunteer your time, or make a donation to the charity, pop into the shop and talk to the team.

Dymchurch Beach Wardens

For the 2023 summer holidays the Parish Council have employed Beach Wardens, Charles and Luke (Pictured), to help keep both residents and visitors safe while enjoying the coastline. The Wardens will be based at the rear of the central slipway ice cream kiosk and will be on hand 7 days a week for beach safety advice and information.



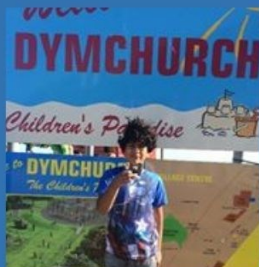
FREE BEACH ACTIVITY WORKSHOPS

Living History Workshops will once again be providing FREE Beachside entertainment for the Parish Council over the school summer holidays. The events will take place near the central slipway on the seawall. The workshops start on Monday 1st August with Pewter Jewellery and will run from noon to 4:30 pm on various dates through out August.

Other workshops will include: Mosaic Seascapes, Nature Mobiles, Ancient Games, Sea Creatures, Key Rings & Fridge Magnets, Bouncing Bats/Owls/Spiders, Wooden Models, Leather Bracelets, Beaded Dragonflies and Chalk Carving. Workshops times and dates are subject to weather conditions.

For the latest information on when workshops are taking place please scan the QR code below or look for Living History Workshops on social media.

Workshops on Dymchurch Seawall 2023 FREE, family craft workshops & activities throughout August



Look out for the **blue trailer** near the slipway in Dymchurch



- Drop-in workshops - no need to book!
- Days, times and activities tbc.
- Check the Living History Workshops FB page for details.



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Dymchurch Parish Council

Your local council working locally for you



Cllr Dougie Young
Chair



Cllr Chris McCreedy
Vice Chair



Cllr. Cathy Young



Cllr Marc Wright



Cllr. Ann Pegler



Cllr. Liam Finch



Cllr. Chrissie Cooper



Cllr. Andy Weatherhead

VACANT POSITION

DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries regarding local issues, or any other matters you wish to raise, you can contact Dymchurch Parish Council as follows:

In writing to

The Clerk, Dymchurch Parish Council,
13 Orgarswick Avenue
Dymchurch TN29 0NX

By E mail- dymchurchpc@outlook.com

By Phone- 01303 872 708

If you wish to contact an individual Councillor please contact the Clerk
Council meeting dates are published.
Please check our website and notice boards
Council meeting are open to the public and
all are very welcome to attend.

If you have any District or County Council issues that you wish to raise please contact the following with your concerns

KENT COUNTY COUNCILLOR

JENNI HAWKINS

Jenni.Hawkins@kent.gov.uk

FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

TONY COOPER

Tony.cooper@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Liz Grant

Liz.grant@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk



DYMCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

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QUARTER SO WHY NOT KEEP UP TO DATE BY USING
OUR WEBSITE THIS CAN BE FOUND AT

www.dymchurch.org

Help make our website more interesting.
Are you a budding photographer and want to
show off your artistic skills.
If you have any photographs of Dymchurch and
the surrounding area that you could donate to us
for use on the website please email them to
dymchurchpc@outlook.com

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NEW KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

Giles Barnard can be contacted on
07969 583915 or giles.barnard@kent.gov.uk

For help and advice on home security and safety and how to
access Council services

Supporting you in the local community