

# DYMCHURCH NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

### CLLR CHRIS MCCREEDY

I always think this is a lovely time of year as we see spring breaking through and the landscape starts to fill with colour. During the winter we have seen progress on several projects, including the completion of the public bench renovation programme, which has generated a lot of positive feedback and our thanks must go to the local contractor who did an excellent job.

By the time you receive this newsletter, work should also have been completed on improving the appearance and accessibility of the war memorial. In addition to this, we are currently working with the 5<sup>th</sup> Continent who has available grants, to create an Information Hub and bespoke bench in the eastern corner of the Recreation Ground. This will include a direct access from the RHDR station that will be open during their times of operation.

After the success of the garden competition last year, I am looking forward to the judging this year with my colleagues and would encourage everyone to enter or nominate a garden for the competition.



The Parish Council are once again inviting entries for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Bloomin' Dymchurch" competition a celebration of all things floral.

The following categories are open to all Dymchurch residents:

- \*Best Hanging Basket\*
- \*Best Container\*
- \*Front or Back Garden\*
- \*Children's Tallest Sunflower\*

Prizes for winning entries  
Judging to take place in August 2022

Either nominate yourself or a neighbour (with their permission) by emailing

[Dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:Dymchurchpc@outlook.com)

## THE PEOPLE SHOUT A RESOUNDING "NO" TO DEVELOPMENT

Almost 100 members of the public attended the February Parish Council meeting at the Methodist Church to express their objections to an outline planning application to build 132 homes on land adjoining High Knocke Farm Dymchurch (planning reference 21/2525/FH). Residents set out their objections clearly highlighting flooding and sewerage, affordable housing, effects on local infrastructure and services, not to mention the loss of a historic landscape and effects on wildlife. The developers had published a design statement which appeared to indicate that the Parish Council were in full support of this development. This was explained to those attending as a misrepresentation of the Council's views and what followed was all Council members speaking individually to those gathered giving their full support to residents. A vote was held and the Council unanimously objected to the application. This application will now be heard by the District Council Planning Committee who will make the final decision as to whether this will be approved or not. The hearing is expected in April or May this year.



The Parish Council are in the process of applying for a 2022 Seaside Award. The award is a mark of quality management and clean water for beaches across the whole of the UK.

The Seaside Award works towards sustainable development of beaches through strict criteria dealing with water quality, environmental education and information, environmental management, safety and other services.

The Award winners will be announced in mid-May. Fingers crossed the award flag will be flying on the seawall for the summer season.



**GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE ON SCHEDULE**

The works commissioned by the Parish Council to make the War Memorial and Garden more accessible are near to completion. The area now has a flat path from the entrance to the memorial itself and the ground has been raised. Planting will take place over the next few weeks to be ready for the Remembrance Service in November 2022.



**BEACON TO BE LIT**

To mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee the Village Beacon situated at main slip way will be lit at 945pm on the 2nd June. Please come along to celebrate this momentous event. We are

looking for a piper to play Diu Regnare prior to the lighting of the beacon- If you are able to help please contact the Parish Clerk at [dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:dymchurchpc@outlook.com) or ring 01303 872708

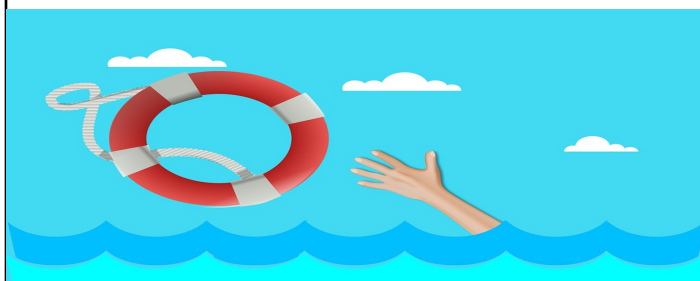
**DYMCHURCH RESCUE**

Dymchurch Beach is set to see some changes this year with lifeguards being introduced starting in April this year. Dymchurch Parish Council suspended the Beach Manager Service back in 2011 and since 2019 after being elected the Parish Council have been working to reintroduce this service to enhance safety and education for those entering or being around water.

Folkestone Rescue an independent charity which provides lifeguards and lifeboats are going to be operating from the main kiosk at the slip way in the centre of the village. They work in partnership with HM Coastguard, RNLI and National Coast Watch.

The service is financed through fund raising and donations and will be a real asset to residents, businesses and visitors to our wonderful beach.

You can donate to the charity through their website which can be viewed at [www.folkestonerescue.org](http://www.folkestonerescue.org) and soon there will be donation pots around the village.

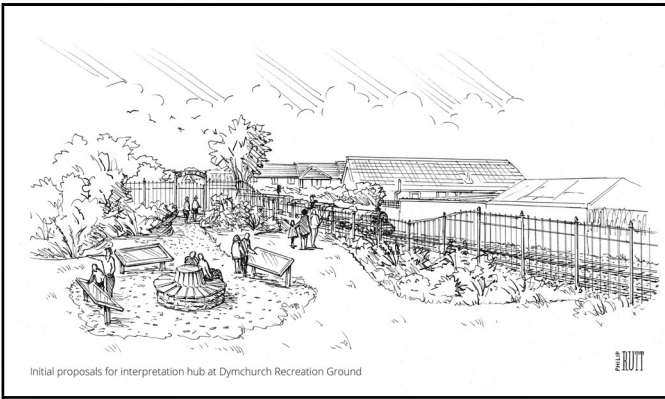


**GET INVOLVED-NOW RECRUITING**

Why not get involved, if you are over 18 (or 17 with a parents consent) you can volunteer. Working as a volunteer beach lifeguard you will be assisting the team with ensuring the safety of visitors and the local community on Dymchurch Beach. This role has many benefits such as in house training, career progression and developing key skills.

If you want to find out more about the role visit [www.folkestonerescue.org](http://www.folkestonerescue.org) or contact the Parish Clerk at [dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:dymchurchpc@outlook.com)

Visit our website at [www.dymchurch.org](http://www.dymchurch.org) for more information



## **RELAX AND REST A WHILE**

A partnership between Dymchurch Parish Council, the Romney Marsh 5th Continent and the Romney Hythe and Dymchurch Railway has resulted in an exciting addition proposed for the Eastern corner of the Recreation Ground. The area, which will be a meeting place, information hub and a link between the recreation ground and the popular miniature railway, has been created using funds obtained by the 5th Continent from the Heritage Lottery Fund. An artist impression is of the proposal. A new entrance will be created to

join the recreation ground with the railway station. Information boards will provide information on the history and heritage of our area along with local information with a central circular designed seating area and planting. Work is due to start very soon and we will bring you an update in the next edition.



## **ELECTIONS 2023**

No we haven't gone mad we do know it is 2022. May 2023 seems a long way off but it is never too early to consider if you wish to stand as a Councillor for the Parish Council. Local elections take place next year and we wanted to ensure that all those people who have sat at home thinking I want to make a difference in my community or who have watched in bemusement when decisions

are made and have said "I could have done better than that" now is your chance. In order to stand for Council you must be at least 18 years old, be a British or Commonwealth Citizen. You must also meet at least one of the following:

1. You must appear on the electoral register for the Parish or
2. You have occupied land or premises for 12 months prior to being nominated or
3. You have worked within the Parish for 12 months prior to being nomination or
4. You have resided within three miles of the Parish for 12 months prior to being nominated

We are looking for people young and old to stand on the Council to represent the views of all of our residents and businesses. Nearer the time nomination papers will be made available. In the meantime if you are interested in finding out more please contact the Parish Clerk by emailing [dymchurchpc@outlook.com](mailto:dymchurchpc@outlook.com).



My Community Voice is a new messaging service from Kent Police that helps residents, businesses, and community groups across the county keep in touch with their local policing teams. Officers will post real-time messages about local matters that may affect you or your community, such as updates on scams, appeals, anti-social behaviour, events and more. This innovative system is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts officers upload, share information and tell officers about the issues affecting you. You will be able to play an active part in police

appeals as well as being kept up to date with what's happening in your local area. Unlike social media, My Community Voice is a secure and personal messaging system that allows you to determine what type of messages you receive and how. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves. Superintendent Pete Steenhuis said: 'My Community Voice is a great tool that gives the public a chance to get useful information specific to their area while also being active participants in helping to prevent and detect crime and anti-social behaviour. 'It gives local communities the chance to decide exactly what information they receive from Kent Police and enables them to be notified via email, text or voice note. 'Kent Police is committed to engaging with communities across Kent and Medway to help protect people from harm and My Community Voice can further enable the police and public to work together to both reduce and prevent crime.' My Community Voice will allow Kent Police to hear your voice on the issues impacting you in your community either through direct engagement with officers following an alert or through surveys provided by your local officer to the local community. Sign up and make your voice count. To start getting alerts, register your details at [www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk](http://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk). Its quick, simple, and completely free. This service is not monitored 24/7 and is not for reporting crimes or incidents. You can report a crime online or via LiveChat at [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk). If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service on 18000. In an emergency, call 999.

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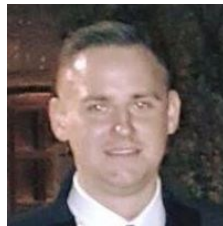
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Cllr. Deana Coker  
Vice Chair



Cllr.  
Sandra Leverick



Cllr. Dan Noonan



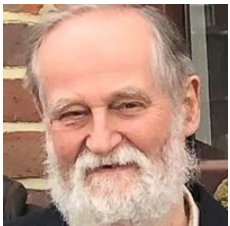
Cllr. Marc Wright



Cllr. Dougie Young



Cllr. Ann Goode



Cllr. John Williams



Cllr. Cathy Young

## 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](mailto: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

ANDY WEATHERHEAD

[Andy.Weatherhead@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Andy.Weatherhead@kent.gov.uk)

FOLKESTONE AND HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

TERRY MULLARD

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**Kent  
County  
Council**  
[kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk)



NEW KCC COMMUNITY WARDEN

Grace Walker can be contacted on  
07969 583915 or [grace.walker@kent.gov.uk](mailto:grace.walker@kent.gov.uk)

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

Supporting you in the local community



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OUR NEWSLETTER WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY  
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OUR NEW WEBSITE THIS CAN BE FOUND AT

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show off your artistic skills.  
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the surrounding area that you could donate to us  
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