

Shorne Parish Council

— Borough of Gravesham —



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

November 2016

A Spate of Vehicle Crime in Shorne

A number of cars in Shorne suffered malicious damage during the night of 20th/21st October. At least 11 cars parked in The Street were badly scratched, and it is believed that other vehicles in other streets may have also been attacked. This comes just a year after 5 cars had their windows smashed in two separate incidents in the village.

On the 19th and 20th September, three vehicles were stolen from Shorne.

During the afternoon of Monday 19th September, a silver Mercedes Benz 220 reg. KV14 MLL was stolen from the owner in The Street. The male suspect is described as slim, in his mid to late 40s, possibly Asian, with black hair and a beard.

In the early hours of Tuesday 20th September, a red Jaguar E Type 2+2 coupe reg. LGL 336K was stolen from a garage in Tanyard Hill.

During the night of 19th/20th September, a silver Ford Transit van reg. YD56 VCK was stolen from Ridgeway Bungalows, Pear Tree Lane. The vehicle has since been recovered.

If anyone has any information regarding these incidents, or has also suffered damage to their vehicles, they should report it to the Police on 101.

Lorry Watch

The Parish Council has taken delivery of four “Lorry Watch” signs from Kent County Council.

Vehicles wider than 6’6” (2 metres) are prohibited from entering Shorne village, including Shorne Ridgeway, except to gain access to locations within the zone. The prohibited zone extends from Brewers Road in the south to the junctions of Forge Lane and Pear Tree Lane with the A226 Gravesend Road. In addition, vehicles weighing more than 7.5 tonnes are prohibited from using Green Farm Lane.

The Parish Council is considering implementing a scheme where parishioners are invited to report any non-compliant company vehicles observed to the Council. On receipt of the required information, the Council will contact the company concerned to ask why the offending vehicle was in Shorne, and to request that they remind their drivers that non-

compliant vehicles are not allowed to enter Shorne except for access. Further details of the proposed scheme will be published in due course.

Street Lights at Shorne Crossroads

We are pleased to report that the street lights on the A226 at Shorne Crossroads have been switched back on, following representations from the Council.

Tree Surveyor Appointed

Following the adoption of a health & safety policy for the management of trees on parish council owned land, the Parish Council has appointed Invicta Arboriculture to carry out surveys of trees on those parts of parish owned land where there is a higher potential risk to traffic and members of the public. These areas have been identified as Shorne Common, Shorne Recreation Ground, and the outside perimeter of Shorne Common Rough.

The Council invited bids from 5 qualified arboriculturalists before awarding the work to Invicta Arboriculture.

Welcome to New Councillors

Two new councillors have joined Shorne Parish Council, following the resignations of George Dent and David Hart earlier in the year.

Clive Rea of Wykeham Close was sworn in at the Parish Council Meeting on 22nd September, and he will shortly be joined by Robert Hardy of Fairfields. Both will represent Shorne West ward, bringing the Council back up to full complement.

Parish Council Meetings in November

Thursday 17th November – Footpaths Properties & Greens Committee.

The meeting will start at 7.45pm in the Committee Room in Shorne Village Hall.

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Shorne Parish Council