

Shorne Parish Council

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THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

May 2020

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Precautions

As reported in last month's article, Shorne Parish Council has cancelled all scheduled Parish Council and Committee meetings until further notice, and will conduct its business remotely. With the exception of routine payments or emergency expenditure, notification of any proposals to incur significant or exceptional expenditure will be published on our website four clear days in advance in order to provide an opportunity for comments to be taken into account when making decisions. We have received dispensation from the Government to cancel this year's Annual Parish Assembly which was scheduled for Thursday 23rd April, and we are finalising the Annual Report for door-to-door distribution later this year. Please keep an eye on our website at <https://www.shornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/> for the latest news concerning the parish, and when the meetings will resume.

In the meantime, residents are strongly advised to follow the precautions published at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and government advice published at <https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>.

If you are able to, please support those more vulnerable residents who may be housebound or unable to collect their prescriptions or get to the shops. If you require help, please contact <https://www.gravesham.gov.uk/home/environmental-health/coronavirus-guidance/help-and-support/overview>. For urgent needs, Kent County Council's helpline is available 24 hours a day for vulnerable people, telephone 03000 41 92 92.

Lower Thames Crossing Consultation

The Lower Thames Crossing supplementary consultation ended on 2nd April 2020. Shorne Parish Council's response can be found on our website at:

<https://www.shornepc.kentparishes.gov.uk/response-to-the-lower-thames-crossing-supplementary-consultation/>

Litter Patrols

Despite the cancellation of the 'official' litter patrol scheduled for 28th March, at least 30 residents have carried out individual litter picks as part of their exercise regimes, whilst following the Government guidelines on social distancing. This included residents from Shorne Ifield Road who collected 43 sacks of litter and fly tipped rubbish! Thank you to all the volunteers who have helped to keep our environment clean and tidy, despite the restrictions resulting from the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

For those of you who are taking exercise, don't forget to visit Crabbles Bottom between Crutches Lane and the far end of Bowesden Lane. We have recently had the meadows and orchard cut, and it is a pleasant alternative to Shorne Woods Country Park. KCC have also recently cleared a path running from NS167 on the Scammells leading down to the steep steps which come out on Shorne Ifield Rd, near Ifield Farm.

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