

# Horne Parish Council

## Winter 2013/14 Newsletter



### Horne Parish Council Survey 2013

Horne Parish Council (HPC) circulated a survey to all 260 households in Horne in October 2013. The survey had 41 replies - a response rate of 15%. The purpose of the survey was to consult with local residents regarding objectives that HPC had set out over the past two years and to help guide HPC with setting its long and short term objectives for 2014.

Many thanks to those who took the time to complete the survey.

**HPC's objectives will remain largely unchanged but there will be a greater focus on the issues which were repeatedly raised.**

### Flood Forum

HPC have been trying to drive the flood forum forward and are putting pressure on Surrey County Council to address the issues that we have identified, to help prevent some of the major issues that occurred over Christmas 2013 and early 2014.

The Flood Profile document for Horne can be viewed on the Horne Parish Council website or the Parish Clerk can send you a copy.

### Superfast Broadband

HPC recently received a presentation from the Surrey County Council Superfast Broadband Engagement Manager Katie Brennan. Most of the postcodes in Horne are anticipated to have Superfast Broadband coverage by June 2014. The Superfast

Surrey Postcode Checker ([www.superfastsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.superfastsurrey.gov.uk)) is updated weekly so residents can see when their postcode is due for installation as well as find out when installation has been completed - you must call your Internet Service Provider to upgrade to the Superfast service, you will not necessarily be alerted that the service is available.

### Re-routing HGVs

HPC is working closely with Surrey County Council's Transport Planner, who is undertaking a review of re-routing HGVs in the Tandridge District Council area. As part of this scheme HGVs may be rerouted along West Park Road; HPC wants to ensure that measures will be put in place to restrict HGVs from using some of Horne's lanes as rat runs.

### Planning Issues

HPC have been active in providing comments and liaising with Tandridge District Council regarding some recent controversial planning applications. HPC appreciated local residents' communication with the Parish Council to understand the issues better and to enable HPC to represent their views. Objections and observations have been made and will continue to be made regarding the Traveller Accommodation Assessment Review which has shown a need for additional traveller pitches to be provided in the Tandridge District Council area. Strong objections have also been made against the wind turbine at Horne Park Golf Club, which will not benefit the wider community and will have a negative impact on the local environment and quality of life of local residents.

**The full survey and response from Horne Parish Council can be downloaded from the Horne Parish Council website or request a hard copy from the Clerk.**

### Horne Parish Council Meetings

#### Upcoming meetings:

Monday 17th March  
Monday 14th April  
Wednesday 14th May  
(APA)  
Monday 19th May (AGM)

Commencing at 7pm  
Centenary Hall,  
Whealers Lane, Smallfield

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to come along and observe the meeting. The first 15 minutes of the meeting are available for the public to raise any issues with the council.

### Maintain your Ditches and Hedges

It is the lawful responsibility of landowners to maintain all the ditches on the perimeter of their property. We would like to respectfully point out that it is not only lawful but in the interest of your local environment and community to ensure that your ditches are maintained in good working order. In addition, hedges must not obstruct the public highway and particular attention should be given to sightlines.

**Many thanks to those who have kept their ditches maintained.**

## Annual Parish Meeting

Wednesday 14th May, 7pm

### Your Council-Your Meeting-Your Say!

A high profile member of Surrey Highways will be attending to answer your questions. **HPC would very much appreciate your support in attending to raise issues such as the flooding, HGVs and any other Highways-related issues that are important to you.** Wine, cheese and nibbles to follow.

## New Horne Parish Councillors

Welcome to John Reaks, East Park Lane, and Guy Wates, Smallfield Road, for contributing their time and expertise to Horne Parish Council which now has its full complement of seven Parish Councillors representing Horne.

## Tandridge District Council's Chief Executive Louise Round

will be attending Horne Parish Council's next general session on Monday 17th March at 7pm for a general question and answer session. Local residents are welcome to attend the session.

### St. Mary's Church, Horne

[www.achurchnearyou.com/horne-st-mary-the-virgin](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/horne-st-mary-the-virgin) | 01342 842 224

#### Saturday 1 March, 6.30pm

'Celebrating St David: an evening with a Welsh flavour.' Celebrate St David's Day at St Mary's Church. Welsh songs and readings, three-course buffet meal at Church Farm – bring your own drinks. Tickets £10 each (concessions £7.50) from Julie (01342 841752).

#### Ash Wednesday 5 March

Service and imposition of ashes at 8 pm at St John's Church, Outwood.

#### Maundy Thursday 17 April, 8pm

Service at St Mary's Church

#### Easter Sunday 20 April

Sunrise service at 7 am on Outwood Common. Family communion at 10 am at St Mary's Church, Horne.

## Brickhouse Lane

Many thanks to Surrey County Council for the new road surface on Brickhouse Lane. Some adverse consequences to the new surfacing have been repaired, are undergoing repairs, or are being kept under observation for the next couple of months.

## Make your voice count, says Sam Gyimah MP

Active citizenship is the key to a successful community. The right to vote is one of the greatest privileges of our society, and a vital way in which we can shape our country and community for the better.

Too many people are still not registered to vote, including nearly half of adults under the age of 24. That is why, in support of the UK's first National Voter Registration Day (February), I would strongly encourage everyone - whatever your age or views - to make sure that you are on the register, and that your voice gets heard.

I would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to visit the Houses of Parliament, to see for yourself how our democracy works. To arrange your visit please contact me: [sam@samgyimah.com](mailto:sam@samgyimah.com) 020 7219 3504.

**Streetlife.com** – a local community website for Surrey. Aims to connect local people across Britain.

How people could use Streetlife:

- discussing nearby news, events, crime and public services
- sharing local information, advice and recommendations
- finding locals with common interests, organising social groups and street parties
- swapping and lending skills and belongings with neighbours
- discovering and supporting local businesses
- campaigning and volunteering for community causes and projects

## Keep in the loop



Sign up at:

[www.horne-pc.org.uk](http://www.horne-pc.org.uk)

to receive occasional emails from Horne PC e.g. circulation of documents such as the Flood Profile or Survey Report, upcoming meeting agendas and requests for input on local issues.

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