

# Langdon Parish Council

September 2023

Congratulations must go to Langdon's farming community who worked day and night during the recent hot spell to get the cereal harvest in before the weather turned. Seeing the combine and tractor headlights in the dark is a reminder that we live in a rural area where the weather often dictates when essential farm work must be done. The occasional night noises, dust and smells are part of living in a productive countryside, preferable to green fields being concreted over!



## ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Whilst browsing through the on-line Dover Express archives I came across this article:

**"WEST LANGDON.** Darts Match. The Rose Inn team visited the Four Bells, East Langdon, on Wednesday, and won all three games. The winning team was: H.Philpott, P.Giles, G.Underdown, J.Heads and the scorer, H.Miller. Friday 15 January 1937"

Mentioned here are two of the original four pubs in Langdon. Now only The Lantern Inn (formerly The Wheatsheaf) remains open. The East Langdon village shop and Butcher's shop in Martin Mill have long gone. Each provided a community service and

opportunities for residents to meet.

Since 2011, The Localism Act gives local communities the opportunity to bid for buildings and land that are defined as community assets when the owner wishes to sell them. This might include a local pub, green space, or other amenity which contributes to the social wellbeing or social interests of the local community. Such assets are being identified and included in the Neighbourhood Plan. The Lantern Inn at Martin is of particular interest as and when it might be sold. Other sites had been suggested during the Neighbourhood Plan 2022 questionnaire.

Chris Shaw

## MARTIN DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

Martin residents raised money towards a defibrillator, which when added to funding from KCC and the Parish Council, was sufficient to buy one. For public use, it is located by the Lantern's car park entrance, housed in a bright yellow cabinet. The Lantern has generously agreed to run power to the unit, and local residents installed it. A community project well done!



## LANGDON PLAYING FIELD

Our playing field provides leisure, sports and recreational facilities on this 4 acre site for Langdon parish and surrounding communities. Registered in 1979 as a charity, the land is held in trust for the benefit of all local inhabitants.

At the recent AGM, the five long-standing local volunteers agreed to remain on the management committee but more younger residents are desperately needed to help keep this much-valued community asset in good and safe order.

The trust has no regular income and relies on annual maintenance grants from Langdon Parish Council. At present two play items are out-of-service, one being the Cyclops Rope End Swing seat which is £1150 to replace and we do not have the funds.

We are appealing to local residents to help in fund-raising to get essential maintenance underway. The playing field is Gift-Aid registered with HMRC so we can reclaim tax refunds on donations.

Please contact Chris Shaw on 07971 579096 for more details. Thank you.



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Langdon Neighbourhood Development Plan

A new round of funding has been announced by the Government which will help Langdon continue with our Neighbourhood Development Plan. The need for affordable housing in Langdon will be assessed as part of the plan and we will be seeking advice from The Kent Housing Group, including a local housing needs survey.

### Public Rights of Ways (PROWs) in Langdon

Our public paths and bridleways form an important recreational network across the countryside, being enjoyed by local residents and visitors alike. After the harvesting period, footpaths and bridleways which cross fields may be ploughed up during cultivation but must be restored (marked out) within 14 days. (Footpaths 1 metre width, bridleways 2m). Field edge PROWs should never be cultivated. The GOV.UK/PROWs website has the detailed information about this topic. Please report any footpath issues by emailing our parish clerk.

### Dog Fouling on Footpaths

There have been numerous reports of dog waste not being cleared up from the public footpath areas by Langdon Primary School and across to Hollands Hill. The DDC Dog Warden will be monitoring these areas and a new Litter Waste Bin is being proposed at the top of Westside near the school to help keep that location clean. Hopefully this will stop dog waste bags and fouling being left along the waysides and footpath routes.

### Langdon Wildlife Area Projects

A proposal to encourage wildlife spaces in Langdon was discussed and backed by the parish council at the July council meeting. Pippa Foulds (local East Langdon resident) presented an environmental project to create wild flower areas on East Langdon village green, starting with 2 trial areas. Parts of The Fostall green space at West Langdon are also left as seasonal wildlife areas. Pippa's presentation is available on the parish council website [www.langdonpc.org.uk](http://www.langdonpc.org.uk) in the annexe section of the July 2023 minutes.

### Martin Mill Railway Station Car Parking Issues

Residents will be encouraged to display local parking permits in their cars during September to gauge usage of local "on-street" parking in Martin Mill. The data and photographs will form supporting evidence including usage of station car parking in future discussions with southeastern regional representatives.

### New Kent Police Neighbourhood Policy Model

The parish council has recently received a report from PC 12757 Sophie Bramble, Deal Town Beat Officer, who is a member of the Dover Community Safety Unit. A new Neighbourhood Policing (NHP) Model has been implemented which has significant changes including the loss of many of our current PCSOs.

The new model will provide named officers for each ward in the Dover District but at present it has gone live with less than the required number of officers. Currently, this means that each NHP officer has a vast area containing many wards, and even more parishes.

PC Sophie Bramble is the named officer for Deal, Walmer and Kingsdown, plus St Margaret's through to Guston. Another officer is supporting her but also covers Sandwich. Sophie and her team will be doing their very best to provide a quality service to the community and as new officers come onto the team, wards will be subject to change and hopefully the service they can provide will increase.

Finally please continue to report any incidents or make enquiries to Kent Police by:

1. Reporting non-urgent incidents or enquiries online via Kent Police website using [Contact us, Kent Police](#) or Live Chat with a human in our control room;
2. Face-to-Face by attending the front counter in Dover. Please check the Kent Police website for opening hours before attending;
3. Call 101 for non-urgent incidents, enquiries or advice. It's free!

But remember - Always call 999 in an emergency.

### Kent Fire and Rescue Home Safety Support [www.kent.fire-uk.org/safety-home](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/safety-home)

Making sure your home is a safe place is important for everyone. You'll find lots of advice and help in our Home Safety section - from smoke alarms to electrical and kitchen safety, we are here to help you stay safe.

If you have a young family, a long-term health condition or dementia, are an older person or a smoker, you are eligible for a Kent Fire and Rescue Service free "Safe and Well" home visit.

More information is on the website [www.kent.fire-uk.org/safety-home](http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/safety-home) or you can contact a Home Fire Safety Advisor on [0800 923 7000](tel:08009237000) (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm).

### Reporting Pot Holes in our Lanes

Pot Holes are a danger to all road users and more seem to be appearing as the warm weather and heavy rains loosen the tarmac surface. Please remember to report any problems with the roads via the Kent Highways portal <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>. KCC have received an extra £6m from central Government for pot hole repairs, bringing the total spend Kent to £50m. *Let's help KCC spend it!*



## CHURCH NEWS AND OTHER EVENTS

### NEWS FROM ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

Upcoming Events that are open to everybody no matter what age, belief or even no belief. They are there for anyone living and working in our communities of the wider Langdons.

Sunday	1st October	9.30am	Harvest Festival in St Augustine's Church
Sunday	29th October	10.00am	Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church, West Langdon
Sunday	12th November	10.45am	Remembrance Service on East Langdon village green
Sunday	17th December	4pm	Traditional carol service in St Augustine's Church
Wednesday	20th December	6.30pm	Carols on East Langdon village green around the Christmas tree followed by mulled wine and snacks.

**The Allotments** had very difficult growing period in the spring and early summer but the gardeners have produced a riot of colours and a bountiful array of produce. This year the pears in the community orchard have been prolific. We have no vacancies at the present time and two people waiting for an allotment to come free.

However, if you are interested in having an allotment, please call Anthony Hyde (01304 853565) and he will add you to the list.



## MACMILLAN CHARITY AFTERNOON RAISES £770

**A family fun afternoon at East Langdon Parish Hall on 12th August raised a total of £770 towards the MacMillan Cancer Support charity.** Organised by Sara Russell and friends, this very successful event was well-supported by families who enjoyed side show games, a bouncy castle and a great selection of afternoon tea refreshments. Well done, Sara!



## MARTIN MARVELS COMMUNITY UPDATE

### The Big Help Out

Following the Coronation initiative for **The Big Help Out**, Martin residents have completed a litter-pick in the country lanes, a major face-lift of an overgrown front garden, replacing a broken window, and several community lifts for hospital visits. We would love to hear from anyone who would like a **Big Help Out**, no matter what it is. We have a diverse set of skills!

### The Green

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree and the wild Remembrance Poppies are doing well on the tiny village green opposite The Lantern Inn, thanks to the weather we have endured this summer.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### PUBLIC DEFIBRILLATORS IN LANGDON

#### East Langdon:

East Langdon Parish Hall, The Street. CT15 5JF  
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#### Martin:

The Lantern Inn, car park entrance, The Street, Martin. CT15 5JL  
what3words ///powers.refutes.splinters

#### Martin Mill:

Reception Office, Hawthorn Farm Holiday Park, Station Road. CT15 5LA  
what3words ///headings.spearhead.trickle

#### Martin Mill Railway Station: Left-Hand Side Platform Entrance CT15 5JZ

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The first three defibrillators are owned and maintained by Langdon Parish Council, accessible 24/7.

The website [www.defibfinder.uk](http://www.defibfinder.uk) shows defibrillators in the area and their availability.

IMPORTANT: In the event of an emergency **FIRST DIAL 999 and ask for an ambulance.**

Langdon Parish Council Clerk 01304 853565 August 2023



There are now five defibrillator units in our parish as registered at [www.defibfinder.com](http://www.defibfinder.com).

Four are available 24/7, the fifth being at Langdon Primary School and accessible during school hours. The parish council owns and maintains the first three as shown in the notice opposite.

They are checked regularly by local volunteers and expendable items (pads and batteries) are purchased from the Council's budget.

There are plenty of training videos on the Internet.

### Christmas Wreath-Making Workshop 2023

By popular demand this workshop returns  
on Saturday 2nd December  
2.30pm—5.00pm.

Booking is essential!

Look out for more details nearer the time or  
Call Elaine on 07429 360094

### **SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE Sunday 12th November**

East Langdon Village Green War Memorial  
10.45am

**WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM**

This Newsletter is usually published by the parish council four times a year and distributed free to all Langdon households.

To contribute an article or help deliver, please email the editor Chris Shaw on [shawc01@hotmail.com](mailto:shawc01@hotmail.com).

### **LANGDON PARISH COUNCIL**

#### Your Parish Councillors

Cllr Shaun Craft	West Langdon	01304 820097
Cllr John Dyer	Martin	01304 852772
Cllr Sylvia Laidlow-Petersen	West Langdon	07542 152384
Cllr Tony Minns (Vice chair)	Martin	01304 852810
Cllr Barbara Price-Stephens	Martin Mill	07818 851180
Cllr Chris Shaw (Chairman)	East Langdon	07971 579096
Cllr Jane Watson	Martin Mill	07930 828635
Dave Willett (parish clerk)	East Langdon	01304 853527

### **Kent Community Warden Service Review**

#### **Public Consultation - Have your say!**

The financial challenges KCC face mean we are having to consider savings across a range of services, including Community Wardens.

Find out more at [kent.gov.uk/communitywardenreview](http://kent.gov.uk/communitywardenreview)

The consultation closes 3 October 2023

**Post Office:** Tuesday and Thursday 9.00-12.00  
East Langdon parish hall.

**Coffee Mornings:** Tuesdays 10-11.30am in the parish hall

**Milk delivery:** Dairy Crest 0845 606 3606

**Community Warden:** Kerry Skirrow 07977 982184

**PCSO :-** Call 101

**Parish Council website:** [www.langdonpc.org.uk](http://www.langdonpc.org.uk)

**Church Contact:** Anthony Hyde 07850 337124

**East Langdon Parish Hall:** 01304 852097

**Langdon Playing Field:** [langdonpfa@gmail.com](mailto:langdonpfa@gmail.com)

**The Lantern Inn, Martin:** 01304 852276

**Grapevine Café & Shop, MM Campsite:** 01304 853001

**Langdon Primary School:** 01304 852600

**Dover Health Centre:** 01304 865500

**UK Power Networks:** 0800 31 63 105

### **Parish Council Meetings**

*Usually every 3rd Monday of the month*

September 18th - 7.30pm

October 16th - 7.30pm

November 20th - 7.30pm

December 11th - 7.30pm

in East Langdon Parish Hall.

Please check public noticeboards or

[www.langdonpc.org.uk](http://www.langdonpc.org.uk) for agendas and minutes.

### **PARISH CLERK**

Mr David Willett, Forge Cottage, The Street, East Langdon, CT15 5JH. Telephone 01304 853527

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