



Newsletter June 2022

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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

We are here to represent all residents, so if there is something you think we could help with, why not tell us?

Parish Clerk—Teresa Irving. 7 Firs Close, Aylesford, ME20 7LH. Tele: 01622 717466 Email: clerk@downswoodpc.org

Your Parish Councillors are: Gordon Newton (Chairman), Roz Cheesman (Vice-Chairman), Anne-Marie Butler, Kate Alden-Morris, Pete Fincham, Alex Pallant, John and Barbara Cottis & Jennifer Tournay

Full council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, (August is subject to agreement), in the Community Centre at 8pm. Future 2022 meetings will be held on: 5 July, 6 Sept, 4 Oct, 1 Nov & 6 Dec.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Garden Competition.

Overall best garden: 20 Church Road

Best use of a small space/ baskets: 17 Grampian Way
Best hanging baskets/pots/boxes: : 11 The Beams

A special thank you to Dale Evans - Coolings Garden Centre, Ashford Rd - for selecting 3 worthy winners from DPC's shortlist.

We are delighted to confirm that this year's Deputy Mayor of Maidstone is Downswood's Cllr Gordon Newton.

In the mayor's absence the Deputy Mayor will be asked to attend and to perform a wide and varied array of duties in the borough and also duties in other boroughs and towns in the county.

Christmas Carols & Lights Ceremony; Sat, 3 Dec from 4 pm in the Community Centre.



Surrounded by a wildflower border, the Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Stone was unveiled on 2 June on Deringwood Drive. The unveiling was also attended by (not featured in the photo) the Queen's representative, Trevor Sturgess - Deputy Lt of Kent.

The PCs next meeting with Bellway Homes will be held on Tuesday, 2 August.

If you have questions relating to the Church Road development that you would like the PC to ask on your behalf, please contact Teresa the Clerk.

The notes from the meeting will appear on DPC's website and Facebook page as soon as possible.

USEFUL CONTACTS:

Community Centre—For all enquiries regarding booking the Community Centre please contact the Booking Secretary on 0771 563 2684 or email: bookings@downswood.co.uk

Downswood & Otham Borough Cllr, Gordon Newton: Tel 07769 676238 or email: gordonnewton@maidstone.gov.uk

Kent County Councillor, Gary Cooke. Tel: 03000 415 978 or email: gary.cooke@kent.gov.uk

PCSO 46061210 Anna Hick: Anna.Hick@kent.police.uk (providing maternity cover for PCSO Kirsty Greaves)

MP Helen Whately. Westminster Office: 020 7219 6472 or email: helen.whately.mp@parliament.uk

Temporary Road Closure - Various Roads, Otham and Downswood - 27th June 2022 (Maidstone District) It will be necessary to close various roads in Otham and Downswood from 27th June 2022, with estimated completion by 7th April 2023.

The works will be carried out in phases, as detailed below.

Phase 1: Deringwood Drive, Downswood will be closed from 18th July 2022, between the hours 08:45 and 15:30, with estimated completion by 22nd July 2022. The road will be closed at the junction with Church Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via Church Road, Gore Court Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Deringwood Drive.

Phase 2: Church Road, Otham (North) will be closed from 25th July 2022, with estimated completion by 9th September 2022. The road will be closed from outside Rectory Cottage to outside number 18, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via Church Road, Gore Court Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Deringwood Drive.

Phase 3: Church Road, Otham (South) will be closed from 12th September 2022, with estimated completion by 11th November 2022. The road will be closed from outside number 18 to outside Rectory Cottage, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via Church Road, Gore Court Road, Sutton Road, Willington Street and Deringwood Drive.

Phase 4: Willington Street, Otham will be closed from 6th March 2023, between the hours of 20:00 and 05:00, with estimated completion by 24th March 2023. The road will be closed from at the junction with Deringwood Drive, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, New Cut Road, A249 Bearsted Road, Sittingbourne Road, Andrew Broughton Way, Ashford Road, Wat Tyler Way, Mote Road, A229 Upper Stone Street, Loose Road, A274 Sutton Road.

Phase 5: Spot Lane, Otham will be closed from 27th March 2023, with estimated completion by Friday 7th April 2023. The road will be closed from at the junction with A20 Ashford Road, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site. The alternative route is via Spot Lane, Mallards Way, Deringwood Drive, Willington Street and A20 Ashford Road.

This phase of works will cause no disruption to the A20 Ashford Road.

Please note, the above dates are subject to change and an update of works programme will be issued, where necessary. For the most up to date information on these works please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=129185032>