

NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2014

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Annual Meeting of
all Parishioners
Hartfield Village Hall
14th April 7.30pm



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Do we need more houses in the Parish?

Only those who live here can answer this question. You will recently have received a Housing Needs Survey which gives you the opportunity to have your say. If you want to influence housing development in Hartfield Parish over the next 15 years, it is important that you complete the survey and send it back to Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS) in the prepaid envelope provided.

The survey enclosed with this Newsletter is in addition to the Housing Needs Survey and is explained elsewhere in the Newsletter.

The Hartfield War Memorial was due to be updated with the missing names before the spring. Unfortunately, with the atrocious weather of the winter, this has not yet been completed but it hasn't been forgotten and work should be carried out soon.

The new signs on the Town Croft were completed before the worst of the weather and give a strong visual identity to this important Parish facility while acknowledging its new protected status as a Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Field in Trust. Despite the "Town Croft" being a very familiar name locally, there was no signage to guide visitors. The grass cutters should be out soon to bring the sports field up to its usual high standard.

Many of the roads in the Parish are in a poor state of repair due to being undermined by excessive amounts of rainwater in recent months. The Highways Department have a huge task to repair all the roads in the County and ask for our patience. Let's hope for a dry summer so the work can be completed quickly.

The difficulties experienced by residents when the new waste disposal contract came into force have resulted in compensation being paid by Kier, the new contractor. This is being shared out amongst the towns and villages and Hartfield is due to receive approximately £2000 to be spent on a community project. We will keep you informed about what is decided upon.

I look forward to welcoming you to the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 14 April 2014.

Jo Edwarde
Chairman, Hartfield Parish Council.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

Sadly Faye Horsman who was co-opted onto the council has now moved out of the area so a new vacancy has arisen. Prospective candidates are invited to contact our Parish Clerk, Emma Fulham, parishclerk@hartfieldonline.com or by telephone, details on the back page of this newsletter. A desire to serve the community, enthusiasm and time to get involved in various projects is important. The role of a Parish Councillor can be a very satisfying one as part of a decision making team serving our Parish.



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Last year's consultation and questionnaire indicated a demand for some new houses - for first time buyers' starter homes and for those looking to downsize. January's meeting on Business and Employment proposed support for existing businesses by allowing organic growth on the sites of commercial or agricultural buildings (rather than requiring development of greenfield sites). The March meeting in the village hall focussed on how people view the various community buildings and facilities in the parish and how they might evolve or change in the future. We also considered the present village Conservation Area boundary seeking opinions on whether it should alter or remain the same. We are now asking Hartfield residents to complete two separate questionnaires to enable views captured at the consultation meetings to be backed up with hard evidence:

- The first is a Housing Needs survey which has been mailed separately. Everyone is encouraged to complete the first section to tell us about their current housing, but those who have a specific housing need now or in the near future should complete one of the other sections, depending on whether they want to buy or rent on the open market, or may be eligible for social housing through Wealden District Council. To protect the confidentiality of respondents, and ensure the validity of data gathered, this work is being carried out for us by an independent organisation, Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS), so the Neighbourhood Plan team will see a report on their findings rather than each individual response. **NB - Deadline for return 21st April.**
- The second, included with this newsletter, is a survey which invites all residents to comment on the Business and Employment consultation findings and to consider the future of our community buildings and facilities (and whether any new building is likely to be required between now and 2027.) **NB - Deadline for return 30th April**

Tight constraints on building close to the Ashdown Forest mean that identifying a need for new housing or community facilities won't automatically lead to development going ahead, but if we don't understand where the need exists and consider whether appropriate sites can be found, then no additional development is possible. Whether you consider that no change is needed, or that some modest development is appropriate, it is important that as many people as possible complete and return both surveys, to enable any resulting proposals to reflect the views of residents

Different options for meeting needs will be brought to another public consultation, which we hope can take place in June, working towards a public vote on the whole Neighbourhood Plan in May 2015.

If you'd like to find out more please see our Hartfield Future website at www.hartfieldfuture.co.uk, send your email address to the Clerk to hear about future meetings, or keep an eye out for banners in the village.

Thank you to all who have been involved so far – please remember to fill in the questionnaires and return them on time so your voice can be heard.



Kevin Hawes – Chair Neighbourhood Planning

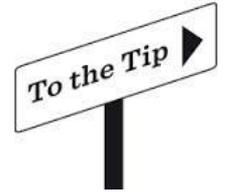


ANNUAL ASSEMBLY - CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!
14TH APRIL, VILLAGE HALL 7.30 PM this is a chance for us all to meet as individuals or representing groups to discuss various topics concerning the Parish. Local Groups will have the opportunity of highlighting their own organisations and perhaps gain new members or helpers. If you have just moved into the area, it is a great opportunity to meet new people too. Hartfield is a lively parish with lots going on so plenty of opportunities to join groups that might be of interest to you. Annual reports from all Parish organisations will be available to take away. Refreshments will be available and everybody is welcome, we really look forward to seeing you.

Broadband Update. We were pleased to learn that ESCC had appointed BT as their business partner and in 2014 would start rolling out faster broadband to parts of East Sussex including Isfield who were incredibly still the only parish in the county on dial up! County Cllr. Francis Whetstone announced at a Parish Council meeting that Hartfield Parish was down for connection in 2015 and this has been confirmed by Katy Thomas from the ESCC broadband team although events beyond their control could alter this expectation. **The Power of the People!** Thanks to all those who signed up for faster broadband.

FOREST ROW AMENITY TIP – update.

We are most grateful that East Sussex County Council has responded to the strong campaigning by the people of Forest Row, Hartfield and surrounding districts to keep the site open. Due to their severe budget cuts ESCC have, however, had to compromise by reducing the days the tip will be open. Luckily our open days will be Friday, Saturday & Sunday, which are the most popular. The Monday to Thursday closures are due to start around the 1st June but do check at the site for any updates.



The Power of the People! Thanks to all those who lobbied against the closure of the Forest Row tip.



BONFIRES We get many complaints about bonfires and whilst it is perfectly legal to have a bonfire at home, you must take all reasonable steps to ensure it doesn't cause nuisance to your neighbours. A single event of a bonfire for a few hours is not usually enough to be of concern but numerous bonfires or one lasting for more than a couple of hours can constitute a nuisance and the District Council can take action if it is reported to them. Especially on sunny days, bonfires can cause a lot of irritation for neighbours with windows open or enjoying the good weather in their gardens or drying their washing. Think... would you be happy if someone else was doing the same thing to you, making your house and garden smell of smoke when you are trying to enjoy your surroundings with family or entertaining friends? If the answer is no then you probably shouldn't be having the fire. Be considerate to your neighbours and consider more appropriate times to light your bonfire.



Garden Waste Brown Bins. Wealden District Council now collects garden waste from these bins on a separate day from other household waste. You can order a bin by calling WDC 01323 443322



Community News

VILLAGE HALL AGM 8pm – 29th April. Wine & Nibbles - all are welcome. Remember the village hall belongs to all parishioners and relies on your support!
Sunday 27th April Bags2 to the Future. 2pm-4pm Bring along your unwanted clothes, curtains, bed linen, belts, paired shoes. Please note bric-a-brac, duvets and pillows are not accepted.



Murder Mystery event Saturday 7th June limited tickets £15 to include supper.



6TH SEPTEMBER, FETE, DOG SHOW & EVENING BARN DANCE. There are many ways to get involved, contact secretary Pauline Burnett-Dick 01892 770708. All proceeds shared between local organisations who participate.



HARTFIELD ARTS AND THEATRE SOCIETY promotes professional theatre in Hartfield for all age groups. We meet at 8pm last Friday of the month in the Anchor. In May (date to be confirmed) we will picnic in the bluebell woods at Perryhill by kind permission of Chris & Sally Sugg. The Rude Mechanicals perform on **Sunday 20th July** 'The Wife' a wacky take on life adapted from Chaucer's Wife of Bath
More info: Genevieve 01892 771472 - Caroline 01892 770730 - Vicky 01892 770589



The Farmers' Market have changed venue to The Anchor Car park. The market will continue to be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month 9-12 Noon. This could be an opportunity for local people as new stallholders are very welcome. A vacancy was advertised recently for a new market manager – contact davidwestphal@hotmail.com 01892 871355 or 07551 391786

HARTFIELD FUN RUN 2014 –SUNDAY 13th APRIL

Town Croft, Hartfield, East Sussex, TN7 4AD

10k (6 miles) 5.6k (3.5 miles) and 2k (1.2 miles)

There is something for everyone, Families, Runners and Walkers.

Further information from www.Hartfieldonline.com click Fun Run or phone Eddie 01892 770201

Advance registration fees £10, £5, and £2. Walkers £2.50 per family

All proceeds this year to St Mary the Virgin Church, Hartfield, Improvement Fund



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FROM YOUR LOCAL NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

We have three priorities for this quarter set by members of the public at our last panel meeting. If you would be interested in joining the Hartfield panel

where we meet to set the local policing priorities, please get in touch with us.

- **SPEEDING.** We are always looking for more volunteers for the Hartfield community speed watch group, so if you are fed up with speeding vehicles in and around your village and would like to do something about it, do contact us.
- **ASHDOWN FOREST CAR PARK BREAKS.** It is that time of year again when more people are using Ashdown Forest and we have already had some parked vehicles broken into and handbags stolen. Please do not leave anything of value in your vehicle when you park on the forest. If you have to leave items, please make sure you hide them in the boot before you drive into the car park because we know thieves are sitting in their vehicles just watching people before they go for a walk, thus directing them to the goods. We are always on the forest spreading this message and continually meet people who have played straight into the thieves' hands, so please spread the word to your family and friends.
- **WORRYING LIVESTOCK.** In the last few months we have seen an increase in sheep being attacked by dogs. Some have been killed others have been so badly mauled they have had to be put to sleep. Dog owners are reminded that farmers are entitled, as a last resort, to kill dogs that attack livestock. In January, two farmers shot four dogs that killed or maimed sheep in Chuck Hatch and Groombridge. These dogs had escaped from their owner's gardens, so please check your garden fences to keep your dogs secure. Also, with the better weather now on its way sheep will be put out to graze on the forest so please make sure your dogs are on a lead when you are walking around livestock. We all love our dogs but it is really essential we keep them under control.

PCSO Sharon Dersley - 07787 685769 - sharon.dersley@sussex.pnn.police.uk

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Our Parish Clerk and Councillors are here to help – Do contact us!

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Other Useful Numbers

POLICE [Contact us online](#) or call 101 when it's less urgent than 999 for Police, Fire or Ambulance.

Contact for our Neighbourhood Police please see article above.

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