

Centre Piece

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Riding Lane Basketball Court Ready for Summer Play

The basketball court at Riding Lane has been given a fresh update, just in time for the summer months! After a thorough jet wash and newly painted lines, the court is ready to welcome players for exciting games and casual shootarounds. Grab your basketball and enjoy the upgraded space!



Residents Act Swiftly to Restore Life-Saving Equipment at West Wood

Thanks to the quick-thinking residents of Hildenborough, vital life-saving equipment has been restored after being thrown into the pond. Concerned locals promptly reported the incident, and before the Parish Councillor arrived that evening, community members had already retrieved



and replaced the equipment. Their dedication and teamwork ensured that the safety measures remained intact for those in need. A huge thank you to all involved!

A big thank you to Charlie from 3 Counties Grounds Maintenance for his generosity—not just in donating his time, but also in providing beautiful bedding plants for the Village Green and War Memorial. Acts of kindness like this truly enhance the community and create welcoming spaces for everyone. Thank you, Charlie!



Play Park Cleaning Notice

Please be aware that the play parks will be undergoing cleaning on the following dates, and will be **closed** during the specified hours:

- **Thursday, 3rd July** –
Westwood Park
 - **Friday, 4th July** –
Recreational Ground
- Closure times: **07:00 to 16:00**

We would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word to avoid any disappointment.

Swift Action Taken on Diseased Trees Thanks to Local Community Effort

Hildenborough Parish Council wants to inform residents that two trees bordering the recreational ground and Oaks Nursery on Riding Lane were found to have stage four ash dieback. Thanks to the keen observation of Hildenborough

Primary School, the issue was swiftly reported, allowing contractors RWE Rural Services to take immediate action.

The nursery shared that the children enjoyed watching the RWE team at work, turning an important environmental task into an engaging learning experience. The Parish Council extends its gratitude to all involved for their quick responses.

Have Your Say!

Hildenborough Parish Council feedback and suggestion form is available from our website under the news section.

Once completed, please return it via email to **clerk@hildenboroughparishcouncil.gov.uk**, or drop it in the **green letterbox** on the side of The Pavilion at the Recreational Ground.

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The Stocks Green Bike Bus is an inspiring Hildenborough initiative making school commutes safer, healthier, and more sustainable. Every Friday morning, children and parents cycle to school together in a joyful "Bike Bus" convoy.

This initiative is more than just a group ride; it's a movement promoting active travel, offering children freedom and an energising start to their day, boosting mental and physical well-being. It provides a cheaper, cleaner, and greener alternative to car-based school runs, reducing emissions and improving air quality.

Safety is paramount, with carefully planned routes and adult supervision. The Bike Bus also contributes to a broader discussion about Tonbridge and Malling's Local Plan. With nearly 16,000 new homes planned by 2041, increased congestion is inevitable. The Bike Bus offers a community-led solution to reduce traffic and emissions, demonstrating a demand for safer, sustainable transport options.

Alice Thomas, the organiser, hopes to share their story to inspire other families and schools to adopt similar initiatives, believing this small idea can create significant positive change.

More information on Bike Buses can found at <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/campaigns/fridedays-bike-bus/> & https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mp_MJAx13pc