

Centre Piece

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Get Involved in Your Community – Volunteers Needed!

We wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to the amazing individuals who already give their time, skills, and energy to support our community – and to let you know that **there are plenty of opportunities for you to get involved too.**

Many of the groups who spoke at the Annual Parish meeting are actively looking for new volunteers. Whether you can offer a regular commitment, help once a month, or simply lend a hand occasionally, there is a place for you.

Perhaps you have a skill, craft, or hobby you'd be happy to share?

Local groups such as the Guides, Brownies, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers would love to welcome guest speakers or demonstrators. Even a one-off session can make a huge difference and inspire young people in our village.

☀ Why Volunteer?

Volunteering isn't just about giving back – it's also about what you gain:

- **New skills**
- **New friendships**
- **New experiences**

If you're thinking about returning to the workplace, have recently finished education, or simply want to try something new, volunteering can open doors and build confidence.

Drop us an email with a few details about yourself and any interests you have, and

we'll help connect you with the local groups in our community.

The Parish Council also has a vacancy for a new councillor (co-option) and is also seeking volunteers to join the Flood Warden team.

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Pedestrian Priority for new footpath.

It's been great to hear the positive feedback about the first section of the new footpath in the Recreation Ground. As more people begin to use it, we'd like to gently remind everyone to stay mindful of each other, with pedestrians having priority at all times.

A few residents have mentioned some near misses involving cyclists, so a little extra care from all users will help keep the path safe and enjoyable for everyone.

Pedestrian priority



You are eligible for free PSR services if you:



Parish Council Encourages Residents to Join the Priority Services Register

With ongoing water shortages continuing to affect Kent, the Parish Council is urging residents to sign up to the Priority Services Register (PSR). This free service offers additional support during water, electricity, or gas outages, ensuring vulnerable individuals receive timely help when it's needed most.

The PSR provides several key benefits, including:

• Support and information during supply interruptions

Residents on the register can contact UK network operators at any time and receive priority updates during power cuts. If essential maintenance requires electricity or gas to be temporarily switched off, those registered will receive advance notice to help them plan ahead.

• Connection to local emergency services

Energy companies work closely with local authorities, emergency services, and organisations such as the British Red Cross to offer extra assistance to those on the PSR.

• Emergency power and water support

For individuals who rely on medical equipment or aids that use electricity or water, the PSR helps prioritise support during prolonged outages. This may include the delivery of portable generators or bottled water when necessary.

The Parish Council encourages residents to check the eligibility criteria below and to help spread the word—particularly to neighbours who may benefit from being registered but are unaware of the scheme.

www.thepsr.co.uk

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