

# The Catsfield Flyer...

Welcome to Catsfield Parish Council's  
Newsletter 2015 - Issue 12



## Catsfield Neighbourhood Plan

.....Let us know if you would like to help shape the future of Catsfield

The Catsfield Local Plan Action 2009 - 2014 expired at the end of 2014 and with all the items for 'Action' having been tackled, it's time to decide what happens next.

We live in a forever changing social environment. Changes in central funding mean we are increasingly asked to do more with less, while the relaxation of planning law means our world can be affected drastically by those outside our community.

The Village is currently faced with accommodating 47 additional dwellings within the next 13-14 years. It is therefore vital for Catsfield Parish Council to know what the residents of Catsfield want for the future of their parish. The Plan we chose will assist Catsfield Parish Council as it works with other local authority departments, and it will be a platform from which positive action will be determined. Please take a few minutes to complete & return the enclosed survey by **20<sup>th</sup> March '15**

## Catsfield Annual Parish Assembly

At Catsfield Village Hall

On Thursday 23rd April 2015 commencing at 7.30pm

All residents of Catsfield are invited to the annual Parish Assembly.

This annual gathering is an interesting and informative social event when your elected representatives at Parish, District and County level along with our PCSO report back on their year. Local groups and organisations are warmly invited to attend and to report on their activities over the previous 12 months.

Please accept this invitation to come & find out more about the community in which you live & work.  
Refreshments will be served.



## Concerns over speeding vehicles outside Catsfield School

As part of their learning journey children in the Leopards Class (year 5/6) at Catsfield School have been focussing on Democracy (Rights and Responsibilities).

Their particular topic has been to monitor the speed of traffic passing the school with the aid of Parish Council's 'Speed Indication Device'. The results were so shocking that the children wrote to the Parish Council and MP Greg Barker (who recently visited them at school) about working together to make the school and village a safer place.

MP Greg Barker issued a press release in the Rye and Battle Observer on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in respect of the children's work and their concerns over speeding vehicles outside the school. He also raised these concerns with ESCC Highways department on the schools behalf. ESCC Highways response - which was released to the Observer on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 - was that 'No action is to be taken as a child has not yet been killed or seriously injured.....'

Our County Councillor Kathryn Field has written to Rupert Clubb - Director of Communities, Economy and Transport at ESCC voicing Parish Council, residents and her concerns on ESCC's reported attitude to traffic calming outside Catsfield School. Cllr. Field acknowledged the cost/benefit issues which ESCC has to take into account before a budget can be allocated but she appealed for a firm commitment by all parties to getting this work done, within a timescale.

A meeting has been convened in March with Parish Council, Catsfield School + School Council + PTA, ESCC Highways, Sussex Police, County Councillor Kathryn Field and District Councillor Angharad Davies to start discussions on what appropriate traffic calming measures can be implemented.....watch this space!

**Our PCSO Daryl Holter is also the Wildlife and Heritage Officer.....**



**Police are urging people in Sussex to report heritage and wildlife crimes**

Wildlife and Heritage Officer Daryl Holter says....

"It's important to look after the County's animals. People should report seeing -

- \* Lights in a field at night,
- \* Hearing gunshots or seeing muzzle flash,
- \* Seeing traps being laid,
- \* Animals left at the side of a footpath where it seems death did not occur naturally.....

.....tell us about it!"

Heritage offences include; taking lead from church roofs and illicit metal detecting.....

"Thefts of heritage items, it can be people digging stuff up on scheduled ancient monument sites, people illicitly metal detecting and it can be theft of say lead from church buildings."

PCSO Holter has dealt with reports of criminal damage.....

"I deal with reports of criminal damage, animal persecution, theft, trespass with firearms that may have wildlife and heritage implications. Examples might include the destruction of badger setts or bat roosts, but they are many and varied. I have investigated reports of night hawking (illicit metal detecting) and again had successful prosecutions. Current investigations involve another around night hawking and one involving the theft of post boxes."

And is actively encouraging people to help stop these crimes:

"I feel very strongly that encouraging the reporting of crime and working with and educating communities is the key to reducing all crime. I engage with everyone I can to give me eyes and ears across all the areas I cover. By building trust and rapport, intelligence can be gathered and crime reduced. I would urge people to never hesitate if they are suspicious about something. If it doesn't look or feel right please call it in at the time on 101 or, if urgent, 999.



# Oh no! Pothole season is Here!

## Reporting a pothole

You can report a pothole via East Sussex County Council's website: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/roads/maintenance/potholes/potholes.htm](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/roadsandtransport/roads/maintenance/potholes/potholes.htm)

### What they need to know

- Where it is.... (road name, town, nearby landmarks or house numbers)
- How big it is....E.g. golf ball, tennis ball or football sized (please only measure if safe to do so)
- Your contact details – in case they need more information.

Please be as detailed as you can in your description.

### Dangerous potholes

If a pothole is more than 100mm deep and more than 300mm wide on an A or B road ESCC will make it safe within two hours. If you see a dangerous pothole please contact the Highways Contact Centre.

Phone: 0345 60 80 193. Calls are charged at local rate. If you call from a mobile it may cost more, please check with your provider for details.

Email: [highways@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:highways@eastsussex.gov.uk)

By Post: East Sussex Highways, The Broyle, Ringmer, Lewes, East Sussex. BN8 5NP

Twitter: @escicroads

Facebook: EastSussexHighways

## **An appeal for help..... 😊**

Could you spare a couple of hours 3 times a year to help deliver our Catsfield Flyer?

Our best way of communicating to all residents is by a letter through your letterbox but with 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamps currently costing 53p each, each mail drop for the Village costs over £170! Not that we don't think you are worth it but.....£680 could be better used for the benefit of the village. Please let The Clerk know if you would be willing to help out. The next 'Flyer' is due in 4 months time.....a lovely 'Summer' walk away..... 😊

## **The Great War Remembered**

In remembrance of 100 years since the outbreak of WWI Catsfield History Group has commissioned a brass plaque to commemorate the contribution the Parish of Catsfield made to the Great War. The plaque will hang inside St. Laurence Church.

The Brass Plaque wording reads.....

1914-1918

An exhibition was held in St Laurence Church to commemorate the contribution the Parish of Catsfield made to the Great War

"Parish Council would like to thank the members of the History Group for their time and effort in bringing together a very successful exhibition of The Great War".

## **How to contact Catsfield Parish Council.....**

**Visit** our website at [www.catsfieldpc.co.uk](http://www.catsfieldpc.co.uk)

**Email** your comments regarding any Village matters to: [clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk)

**Write** to Parish Council at The Village Hall, Church Rd, Catsfield, East Sussex. TN33 9DP

**Read** the information on Parish Council's notice boards

**Phone** the Clerk on 01424 893526