

Sussex Police - 'Keep your home secure this winter'

Keep a light on...

Why let burglars know you're not home?

Keep your home secure this winter

- * Use an automatic time switch on an indoor light, either upstairs or in a room that cannot be peered into from the road. Regularly change the timing on the switch.
- * Put a time switch on a radio tuned in to a chat station, giving the impression that the house is occupied. Again, regularly change the timing on the switch.
- * Fit security lighting – either dusk to dawn energy efficient lighting that will come on automatically as dusk sets in, or infrared activated lighting which draws attention to movement.
- * Ensure that doors and windows to the rear of the house are locked and secure. Don't forget to lock your shed – your tools can be used to break in.
- * Trim overgrown plants – don't give burglars a hiding place.
- * Secure your windows, paying particular attention to those on the ground floor and above flat roofs. Use locks and bolts and keep all your keys, including car keys, out of sight and out of reach.

Property mark your valuables with your postcode and your house number or name. Some articles are unsuitable for marking so photograph them – with a ruler in view to show scale.

Intruder alarms are an effective deterrent against burglars. Before choosing a system seek advice to ensure it is the most suitable for your needs.

The best defence against burglary is prevention.

Snooker Room

Fancy a game of snooker? Well you're in luck! Did you know there is a dedicated room upstairs in The Village Hall equipped with a full-sized snooker table? Cost is £4.00 per hour fully inclusive.

For bookings please contact :- Carol Hodgson on 01424 893526

Catsfield 55 Lunch Club

There are currently a number of places available at our regular Friday Lunch Club. We urgently need to fill these places or sadly we will lose this valuable facility from our village.

If you would like to enjoy a good meal with friendly company, waitress service and a monthly raffle, why not join us for lunch on Fridays at the Village Hall.

Please telephone Libby on 892360 and book your place.

Finally.....How to contact Parish Council

Visit our website at www.catsfieldpc.co.uk
Email your comments regarding any Village matters to: 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 Parish Office on **01424 893526**



Welcome to Issue 7 of Parish Council's Newsletter 2012

With very best wishes for the Festive Season

Defibrillator

Have you noticed a white cabinet appear on the front of the Village Hall between Parish Council's and Sussex Police's Notice boards?



This cabinet contains a Defibrillator which has been kindly donated by South East Coast Ambulance Service and the British Heart Foundation.

A Defibrillator is a life-saving machine that gives the heart an electric shock in some cases of cardiac arrest. When someone has a cardiac arrest, defibrillation needs to be prompt. For every minute that passes without defibrillation chances of survival decrease by 14 per cent. Research shows that applying a controlled shock within five minutes of collapse provides the best possible chances of survival.



Anyone can use an AED (Automated external defibrillator), but it's preferable that people receive training first. The rescuer turns the machine on which then gives voice prompts, telling the rescuer what to do. The rescuer will be asked to put pads into position on the person's chest. These pads detect electrical activity in the heart and will be able to tell if a shock is needed.

SECAMB have offered to provide training on how to use the Defibrillator.

If you are interested in attending - please let The Clerk know.

01424 893526

clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk

Potholes and damaged roads and pavements

East Sussex County Council maintain and repair most of the roads and pavements in East Sussex.



Reporting a pothole

You can use the ESCC online reporting system to let them know about a problem.
www.eastsussex.gov.uk

Emergencies

If you spot a dangerous pothole (see below) that could cause immediate risk to public safety, speak to their contact centre on
0345 60 80 193.

Location of the pothole

To help their crews find the pothole, be as detailed as you can.
i.e. road name or junction / nearby landmarks or house numbers / town or village.

Describe the pothole

- * **How** big and deep it is (only measure it if you can do it safely), eg golf ball, tennis ball or football-sized.
- * **Where** on the road it is, eg the edge or middle.
- * **Finally** your contact details in case they can't find the pothole and need to find out more.



What happens next?

If the pothole is dangerous, they will make it safe within two hours and fix it within 24 hours. Less urgent potholes will be fixed as soon as they have a crew working in the area. This is usually within a week.

Completed works are monitored to ensure the road is safe for public use.

Dangerous potholes

Roads A pothole in a part of the road that would be dangerous to all vehicles, including bicycles and motorbikes and which measures: on the busiest roads more than 40mm deep and more than 300mm in diameter on all other roads more than 100mm deep and more than 300mm in diameter.

Pavements On tarmac pavements, a pothole would be considered dangerous if it is more than 25mm deep and more than 600mm in diameter.

Hedges and Verges

During late Summer Parish Councillor's took a 'Village Walkabout' to review the hedges / verges. As you can see there are a number of areas for concern.



A neat and tidy hedge is a joy to see. As landowner you are responsible for all vegetation growing on your land and, in some circumstances, where vegetation is growing in the roadside verge. Please help us keep our footpaths and highways clear and safe.



The Highway Authority can take action if a hedge, tree or shrub overhangs a highway or footpath to which the public have access to so as to endanger or obstruct the passage of vehicles or pedestrians, or obstructs or interferes with the view of drivers of vehicles or a public lamp or light from a public lamp.



Please don't let this be **you**.

