



Westbere Parish Council NEWSLETTER December 2020

Welcome to the latest edition of your Westbere Parish Council newsletter. Any comments, suggestions or contributions for consideration in future editions would be most welcome!

Your Parish Councillors

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You can visit WPC website for more local information at:
<https://westbereparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Cllr Responsibilities

- Cllr Stephen Laws – Vice-Chairman, Planning, Fire Hydrants
- Cllr Sylvia Harlow – Planning, parish plan, KMBR reports
- Cllr Kathy Wilson - Neighbourhood Watch, Chair Village Hall committee
- Cllr Karen Williams – Monitoring salt bins; Village events, and parish council representative on the Village Hall committee
- Cllr Maria Morcom – Parish Council rep for Westbere Village Preservation Society (WVPS) and attend WVPS meetings; and rep for the Sturry, Fordwich and District / Aire-Sur-La-Lys Twinning Association
- Cllr Ian McLean – Roads, traffic and street lighting
- One other councillor – vacancy at present

WESTBERE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MEETING DATES

Regulations enabling town and parish councils to lawfully conduct virtual meetings by video and telephone conferencing until May 2021 have been published. The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 came into force on 4 April. The legislation allows for virtual meetings if required up to May 2021.

Our virtual meetings are still open to the public and we have an adjournment early in the agenda proceedings to give any resident the opportunity to speak.

The next virtual meeting will take place at 6pm on Tuesday 19 January 2021.

This meeting will be held using Zoom as a virtual hosting platform.
Members of the public may still “attend” the meeting either online or by telephone but will need to contact the Clerk for the meeting link or phone number and the PIN code for access to enter.

Proposed further meeting dates for 2021: Third Tuesday of each month: 16 February, 16 March, 20 April, 18 May, 15 June, 20 July, No meeting in August, 21 September, 19 October, 16 November, No meeting in December.

Coping with coronavirus in Westbere

If you are self-isolating and need help with anything contact Cllr Kathy Wilson on 07969 093715 or email kathrynwilson365@gmail.com and give your name, address, phone number and email address and details of what you can offer, or what you need, and we will do our best to help.

Or email Cllr Maria Morcom at maria.westberenetnetwork@gmail.com

Please be assured that under GDPR requirements your personal data will be protected and not be shared for any other purpose. We also recognise that the situation may change and of course that adherence to government guidelines is crucial and these government guidelines may of course also change.

SOURCES OF ADVICE

The [government's main source of advice on coronavirus](#) includes information on the social distancing alongside a wide range of other information at <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The government instructions on what is allowed/not allowed in each Tier is at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know>

Public Health England (PHE) has FAQs at <https://publichealthmatters.blog.gov.uk/2020/01/23/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-what-you-need-to-know/>

If you are self-isolating, you could contact one of these organisations for help and support:

Age UK 0800 678 1602

Asthma UK 0300 222 5800

BHF 0300 330 3311

Diabetes UK 0345 123 2399

Mind 0300 123 3393

Scope 0808 800 3333

The Silver Line 0800 470 8090

The Kent Together Service - If you are vulnerable and have an urgent need that cannot be met through existing support networks, you can contact the Kent Together helpline at www.kent.gov.uk/KentTogether or by calling on 03000 41 92 92. It is a 24-hour service.

The new #NHSCovid19app, is the fastest way of knowing when you're at risk from coronavirus. You can download the app from:

→ Google Play Store:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details...>

→ Apple App Store:

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1520427663>

Find out more: <https://covid19.nhs.uk>

Our new Website Is now Live with a fresh look and feel!

Please go to

westbereparishcouncil.gov.uk

The website is the best way for you to know what is going on and communicate your views.

- You can read the minutes of our council meetings.
- Subscribe to our newsletter and get automatic updates by email.
- Get useful information.
- Read the Agenda
- Communicate your views and concerns

Be an active member of our local community. Remember it is your right to attend and observe our meetings. The dates and venues are always posted on the website.

Go to:- **westbereparishcouncil.gov.uk** and bookmark it on your computer, laptop, mobile phone or tablet.

Press Release 30 November 2020 - Kent Resilience Forum outlines end of transition contingency plans

Plans on how Kent will deal with potential traffic disruption at the end of the Brexit transition period on January 1 have been published.

When the transition period ends, the UK will no longer be a member of the Single Market or the Customs Union. Therefore, new border controls and checks will be implemented which will impact the short Channel crossings.

The UK will be treated by the EU as a third country and will be subject to full third country controls and a variety of border checks.

This has the potential for an increased likelihood of delays to the crossing of the short straits and the need for a multi-agency plan for management of the congestion consequences.

Known as Operation Fennel, the plan was developed by the multi-agency Kent Resilience Forum (KRF) in partnership with national government.

The Forum includes organisations such as Kent Police, Kent Fire and Rescue Service, South East Coast Ambulance Service, Kent County Council, Medway Council and the district and borough councils, working alongside government departments including Border and Protocol Delivery Group, Department for Transport and Highways England and HMRC.

Now available to view on the Kent Prepared website at www.kentprepared.org.uk/end-of-transition-plans

Resignation of Cllr Tom Hopkins

We are saddened to advise residents of the resignation of Tom Hopkins on 31 August 2020. We thank him for all his hard work while on the council and wish him all best wishes for his future. His resignation left us with two vacancies on the parish council.

We were delighted to welcome and co-opt resident Ian McLean to the parish council at our meeting held on 20 October 2020.

We still have one further vacancy to fill and the council have been given the power to co-opt to fill this.

Nominations are welcomed from local residents – You don't need to be a member of any Political Party – you do need a genuine interest in what happens in your community. You would be expected to attend Parish Council meetings – usually once a month; Report any issues raised by residents to the parish council on the residents' behalf; and take an interest

in the village facilities, environment and new planning applications within the parish.

If you wish to become involved, require more information, and to check the eligibility criteria, contact the Clerk Amanda Sparkes: Telephone 01304 365 972, Email: amanda.sparkes@sky.com

Air Ambulance Kent Surrey Sussex. Christmas Appeal.

We appreciate that Christmas might not be the same this year, with restrictions limiting our chances of parties and drinks with colleagues and friends, so why not spread the festive cheer with some KSS ideas:

- **Brew with the (Christmas) Crew – Join us virtually at 6:30pm on the 15th December. Register for your invite below.**
- **Why not give your virtual Christmas get together a KSS twist and download our fun party pack.**
- **Or simply donate to our Christmas appeal to help our life-saving work.**

For more information on our festive activities:

Call: 01634 471 944

E-Mail: community@akss.org.uk

Visit: www.akss.org.uk/christmas-with-kss/

A picnic table for the Village Green?

Two WVPS Members living close to the Village Green have now provided and planted some spring bulbs to “prettify” it for next year. They wondered whether it might be possible in addition to have some sort of picnic table/bench too as they would welcome the opportunity to lunch there.

The parish council has now made some precept budget provision for 2021-2022 to provide this although a picnic table could form the basis of a capital grant application to CCC for 2021-2022 assuming CCC offers the scheme again next year.

CCC Capital grant for 2020-2021 - Update

We have ordered a mature replacement tree to be planted on the village green. It will become the feature tree when the existing Cherry tree finally “retires” and needs removal.

An order has now been placed for a 10-12 foot mature “Snow Goose” Cherry tree and protective cage. Our thanks too, to the nearby residents who have offered to help water it while it establishes itself in its new home.

PLANNING DEVELOPMENTS

Westbere Parish Council keeps a watching brief on planning applications that affect the village or parish.

To view planning applications visit the home page of Canterbury City Council www.canterbury.gov.uk then select ‘planning and building’ then the option to ‘search and comment on planning applications’ Then click on the pink box in the middle of the screen “search planning applications”. You then have the option to search by postcode, ward, parish or Application Number.

CCC’s planning call centre should be able to assist with any difficulties – call 01227 862178 Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.

Changes to the call-in arrangements for planning applications

From 23 September 2020, CCC has made changes to the call-in arrangements for planning applications:

- The call-in rights of Parish Councils and the amenity groups of the Whitstable Society, Herne Bay Residents Association and the Canterbury Heritage and Design Forum have been removed. Parish Councils and the amenity groups will in future liaise with their local ward councillor(s) about concerns.
- The Ward councillor may still request that an application is brought before the planning committee, provided material planning grounds are given for doing so – and only for applications for which wider public interest necessitates consideration by the committee.
- Currently if four or more objections are received from four or more people the application must be reported to committee – this provision has been removed.

An update on the Sturry and Broad Oak major housing developments and the Sturry link road:

A28 Link Road - KCC/CA/0091/2019 -

Construction of part of a new road (A28 Link Road) including viaduct between A28 Sturry Road and A291 Sturry Hill and associated on-line improvements. View documents at:

<https://www.kentplanningapplications.co.uk/Planning/Display/KCC/CA/0091/2019>

This application will be determined by Kent County Council’s Planning Committee. CCC has been a statutory consultee. The relief road is to mitigate the effects of the two large strategic housing applications CA17/01383/OUT (Sturry) and CA/18/00868/FOS (Broad Oak).

These two housing applications and the KCC link road application are intrinsically linked together.

APPLICATION NO. CA/17/01383/OUT - LAND AT STURRY/BROAD OAK, STURRY

Outline application (with all matters reserved) for the development of up to 650 houses and associated community infrastructure comprising

primary school, community building, public car park and associated amenity space, access, parking and landscaping; and detailed/full application for the construction of part of the Sturry Link Road and a local road from the Sturry Link Road to Shalloak Road.

APPLICATION NO. CA/18/00868/FOS - BROAD OAK FARM, SWEECHGATE, BROAD OAK, CT2 3QR

Hybrid planning application comprising: detailed/full application for development of 456 residential dwellings comprising 402 houses and 54 flats, with associated open space, landscaping, car parking, access and other infrastructure (following demolition of 52 Shalloak Road, existing agricultural buildings and structures); and outline application (with all matters reserved) for development of a commercial area with up to 212sqm of Class A1 and up to 593sqm of Class B1 use.

The Officers' Recommendation for both housing applications was to: Defer to the Head of Planning to grant planning permission subject to appropriate safeguarding conditions and the completion of a Section 106 agreement

The above two planning applications for the new Sturry and Broad Oak developments went to CCC Planning Committee on 17 November 2020. View the meeting at <https://youtu.be/ik4OhR4Syy0>. The meeting lasts 2 hours 26 minutes.

Members felt there were the following reasons for refusal:

1. Over dense, over-development – above national average and when compared with others in the local area
2. Inadequate protection of and significant harm to ancient woodland which is therefore in breach of a para in the NPPF
3. Lack of useable public open space
4. Inadequate and inappropriate health provision locally
5. Site has contamination of lead, as used as a shooting ground for 60 years, so para 178 of the NPPF is breached
6. The lack of affordable housing
7. Poor layout, resulting in division of the layout by the road

The Head of Planning said he found all the reasons proposed for refusal by Members difficult to defend and urged Members to rethink through the reasons/grounds for refusal.

However Members voted 10 : 3 (with no abstentions) to REFUSE the application.

The planning committee was therefore unable to hear the next Broad Oak application – this application relied heavily on the Link Road through the Sturry application and as Members had just

resolved to refuse that application the position of the highways impact on that needs to be reviewed. The Broad Oak application was therefore withdrawn from the Agenda.

The future is uncertain but it is possible that there will be an Appeal lodged by the developer.

KCC Cllr Alan Marsh has confirmed that the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) funding of £5.9m to cover the shortfall in funding to build the road and the viaduct bridge has been extended to March 2021 but this is reliant on these applications getting approval.

CCC Cllr Glover has advised that she has been told that the Sturry application will come back to the Planning committee by early 2021. The Head of Planning at CCC is talking to the developer about making amendments to the application.

Possible lengthening of the Sturry train station platforms – an update for you

At Sturry station there is train overhang across the level crossing at Sturry with the barriers in the down position for 17 minutes in every hour, leading to engine idling and traffic congestion.

This is only going to get worse with the 2,000 or so new homes planned for Sturry, Broad Oak and Hersden.

Westbere Parish Council has had a long desire for Network Rail to lengthen the platforms at Sturry station as a solution to avoid train overhang across the level crossing, thereby enabling the barrier down time to be reduced and keep the traffic flowing. It's not quite as simple as just lengthening the platforms; it would require signal moving and that does involve significant costs – in the region of £1m for each platform. Network Rail has the East Kent Resignalling Scheme – phase 3, which includes the route between Canterbury West and Ramsgate via Sturry and Minster. At present this scheme is not scheduled for short-term delivery, but if this scheme were to be brought forward, there might be an opportunity to include the required re-positioning of signals in the vicinity of Sturry station.

Westbere Parish Council has spoken to both Network Rail and Southeastern, and the KCC Cabinet Member for Highways. The KCC Cabinet Member suggested that we ask our MP to get the project included in a wider signalling project. Westbere Parish Council's MP, Sir Roger Gale raised this with Chris Heaton-Harris MP, Minister of State Department for Transport.

A letter from Chris Heaton-Harris MP was sent to Sir Roger Gale MP dated 27 October 2020 about the lengthening of the platforms at Sturry train station, and I have been sent a copy of it through

the post. It runs as follows:

"I appreciate your concerns around road congestion owing to the level crossing near Sturry station, and I recognise your related concern around the impact of future housing developments. I also understand that the lengthening of train services as a COVID-19 measure may have contributed to the extended level crossing times closure currently being experienced.

Having consulted with Network Rail, and as outlined in your letter, I understand that the works required to extend the platforms to allow trains stopped at Sturry station to avoid the level crossing would also require the relocation of signalling. Network Rail are exploring the possibility of carrying out these works as part of the London Victoria re-signalling programme, however this programme is still under development. Please be assured that you and other key stakeholders will be kept apprised as proposals develop.

In the shorter term, I understand Network Rail are exploring smaller improvements that could be made at the level crossing which have the potential to improve waiting times. I am assured that Network Rail will contact you directly should any of this work progress significantly.

As you may be aware, we are progressing works to improve rail services in Kent, including a journey time improvement scheme on the Ashford to Ramsgate line. This scheme will reduce journey times between Sturry and Minster stations, which will either flow through directly to passengers or be used to facilitate the introduction of a new station onto the network. Further, these works will improve safety for level crossing users in Kent."

Two fields, Staines Hill, A28:

We have two applications lodged with KCC:

- i) **To have more paths registered as Public Footpaths across the land** (application made July 2019). There is a backlog of 3 years for the Footpaths application to be assessed and for a decision. [We will keep you updated.](#)
- ii) **To obtain Village Green status for the Two Fields site** - The Sturry and Westbere Two Fields Action Group submitted an application for the Two Fields to be designated a Village Green to KCC at County Hall on 08 November 2019. Two of the four landowners submitted objections to which a response was delivered. The two landowners responded again and their response was considered once more by The Two Fields Action Group and a reply submitted to KCC by the 22 September 2020 deadline. [We will keep you updated.](#)

Fordwich looking forward

An email from the Mayor of Fordwich, Cllr Philip Lewis, was received on 24 September 2020, giving the latest information on potential developments in the town, as follows:

"Two potential building development sites have sprung to the fore in the last months; The Old Nursery site to the south, and the Bretts site to the North. At the same time much of the river bank, the roads and the river itself have been overwhelmed by numbers of people wanting to come to enjoy our most beautiful stretch of the river Stour, and the town and countryside around it. Such was the feeling of being submerged, that a Town meeting was held on 10th September in the church.

It was attended by just over 10% of the population, with many others expressing their support but not wanting to attend because they were shielding themselves, or otherwise occupied. The Town council had already expressed its opposition to any development on the Old Nursery site to the potential developers. At the meeting while expressing distress at the problems facing the town, there was a ground swell of opinion in favour of establishing a residents' group to look at how we would like to see Fordwich in 2030. This has begun to focus down to working towards establishing what could be called Fordwich Historic country Park. Ideally this would involve the wet woodland to the North and along the river bank held largely by Bretts, having a car park and the usual country park facilities, including accessible footpaths leading into the network of footpaths that presently exist along the river and round Westbere lake. To the South of the town, there would be a car park and similar facilities, accessible footpaths leading on to the Stour Valley Way and up towards Stodmarsh and Stodmarsh Road.

With country park status it would, hopefully, be easier to manage and protect the watermeadows and the river bank making it safer to launch the plethora of vessels that have taken to the water this year, and to facilitate greater safety on the water itself, whilst protecting the environment and the privately owned land along the river. Within the town itself, the aim would be to work towards making the rat run more difficult, the pavements safer, parking for residents possible, and for the story of Fordwich and its historic core to be recognised, explained and enjoyed.

In the Appraisal of Fordwich dated 1989 this sentence appears, "From now until a hundred years into the future, the 'town' we leave to our great-great-grandchildren will be the 'town' we have made." It was felt at the meeting on 10th that we have one opportunity both to preserve the best, conserve what we can, whilst offering

education and enjoyment of the beauty of this area. At the same time working also to make a little impact on climate change and the preservation of biodiversity.

Obviously with a vision of this type we are needing to embrace all who are involved and our neighbours. We recognise the need to work together as productively as possible.

With best wishes,

Philip Lewis, Mayor of Fordwich

Faster broadband?

Lots of Westbere homes do not have high speed Internet and poor-quality Internet became apparent during Lockdown when many residents were working from home and children educated remotely via online lessons and live links.

At present the village has Fibre to Cabinet (FTTC) which does offer higher speeds to those living close to the cabinet (this is near the convent on Island Road), however, for those living at the pub-end of the village, furthest away from the cabinet, the Internet remains slow.

Low broadband speeds already diminish property values and that is an effect that is only likely to be magnified by the growth of home working and likely technological developments, which will likely require higher speeds for new services.

BT Community Fibre Partnerships

A Westbere resident, Corinne Garstang has researched BT Community Fibre Partnerships which can secure fibre optic cable where homes may enjoy Internet speeds of up to 1,000 Mbps rather than the 14 Mbps we currently endure – although participating homes have to make a financial contribution.

The new modern development at Hoplands has already had fibre optic cabling laid down. It runs past the top of Bushy Hill Road (opposite Spires School). This means it should be easier to bring fibre optic cables into the village. Hopefully, this will reflect in the cost. Furthermore, it should not entail digging up the road as the cables would be brought into the village via existing overhead electricity lines.

FTTP can be supplied to just a small handful of homes or to the entire village. Unfortunately, it is not cheap. Case studies put the cost per household at £1,500 plus. However, there is a chance it could be as low as £300. BT will give a ball park price once the number of interested premises in our area is known. **Obviously, the more people who come on board, the cheaper it will be. Plus, the government's UK Rural Gigabit Broadband Connectivity Programme pays £3,500 to businesses and £1,500 to homes to help cover the costs.**

In order to get a better picture of what it would cost per household, for a £250 fee, Open

Reach will conduct a survey. Westbere Parish Council has agreed to fund this fee.

In order for the survey to be completed, Corinne needed to know how many homes would be interested in participating. 35 households have expressed interest and the BT survey requested.

More information on the community-fibre-partnerships can be found here: <https://www.openreach.com/fibre-broadband/community-fibre-partnerships>

More information on the Rural Gigabit Voucher programme can be found here: <https://gigabitevoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

The 100 Club - Belated results

April:

Number	Name	Amount
110	C Dawson	£100
32	M & J Morcom	£50
37	C & M Milchard	£40
8	D Elliott	£30
90	S Carter	£20
103	B & F Rossi	£15
119	R & R Kay	£15
22	P Lambert	£12
116	J & A Batt	£12
96	J Crowland	£12
123	S Fisher/D Thompson	£12
50	F & G Miller	£12

May

7	Jean Boyce	£10
25	A Ardolino	£10
32	M & J Morcom	£10

June

15	R Marsh	£10
17	S & J Gough	£10
79	K & I Gandon	£10

July

13	M & D Cudby	£10
64	L Prince	£10
94	A Cooper	£10

August

51	A Hearn & B Buggins	£10
81	T Wright	£10
115	A & D McDonald	£10

September

11	M Laslett	£10
54	L Roger	£10
75	L & M Horner	£10

October

20	L & S Laws	£10
22	P Lambert	£10
43	D & K Fagg	£10

November

24	M Clarke	£10
45	D & J Engwell	£10
56	S Harlow	£10

Parish Council precept for 2021-2022

At their parish council meeting held on 01 December 2020 Westbere Parish Council resolved its precept budget for 2021-2022 as £14,855.70. This is £432.70 more than the 2020-2021 precept and is a 3% increase.

The full precept budget may be viewed on the parish council's website at westbereparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the Clerk for further details. Summarised details are:

Item	Precept for 2021-2022:
Provision for surveyor report every 10 years linked to lease renewal (due in 2023)	100.00
Insurance and Audit	540.00
Annual Ground rent of village hall/VHMC	300.00
Clerk's salary and other administration costs including employers' pension contributions	9980.00
Postage	91.60
Chairman's Allowance (held in bank not given to the Chairman)	100.00
Councillor's Expenses/Mileage	50.00
Stationery/Office supplies	325.00
Subscriptions	293.00
Rock salt for refilling salt bins, if needed	100.00
Events	200.00
Concurrent function shortfall / contingency / to start an earmarked reserve for future possible reduction in funding from CCC	1000.00
Tree works	
More new trees for the parish - savings annually to create a trees reserve. First year of allocation was £50 in 2020-2021 - to be added to earmarked reserves at 31 March 2021	50.00
Contingencies	200.00
Website hosting - It is a statutory requirement for the parish council to have a website to satisfy the Transparency Regulations	100.00
NEW for 2021-2022:	
Annual Pro Zoom Account to enable virtual meetings	115.10
Provision for traffic related initiatives	500.00
Capital project - provision of picnic table for the village green	811.00
Totals	14855.70

Calling all Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators & Deputies for Canterbury and the surrounding areas - we NEED YOU!

There is now a new Facebook page for Canterbury and District NHW, and we would love you to join this page as a member and show your support!

The page will be updated regularly as information comes in regarding crime trends, daily police reports, lost / stolen pets, good news stories within our district and relevant community information....plus much more!

What do You need to do?

Login to Facebook and search 'Neighbourhood Watch Association for Canterbury & the Surrounding District' and you will find us! There will be 3 questions on joining, simply answer those and we will add you to the group.

Alternatively, you can find the group by putting this link into your browser.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/15813489820341/1586081564890416/?comment_id=1586251318206774¬if_id=1595688663997275¬if_t=group_comment_reply&ref=notif

This is a brand new, very exciting, venture for Canterbury & District NHW Association which we hope will be well supported, so please help us get it off the ground by joining right away.

Rachel Pearson, Secretary – Canterbury and District Neighbourhood Watch Association.

Report incidents to Kent Police

Parish Cllr Kathy Wilson would like to remind residents to please keep the comments and observations coming in to her, but as she cannot report what any resident sees to the police, to log a report with Kent Police themselves too: It is a simple procedure to report anything on-line. Report to Kent Police at <https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Cllr Wilson comments that it is important that we keep the village safe and we keep each other safe. So, no matter how trivial you think something might be, do let her know. It might be of a bigger picture and others might have further vital information. Email: kathrynwilson365@gmail.com

Report crimes and incidents on the Kent Police website:
Report **crimes and incidents** as well as **non-injury road traffic collisions** ONLINE directly to Kent Police through www.kent.police.uk . Once a report is made online, the user receives a unique reference number and a return email confirming receipt. If you prefer non-digital contact, continue to call 101 on non-urgent issues.

PCSO and KCC Community Warden

Westbere is covered by a Police Community Support Officer and KCC Community Warden, who occasionally patrol the village in uniform.

Our KCC Warden is Susan Beeney;- susan.beeney@kent.gov.uk . Susan also covers Sturry and Fordwich. Contact number is 07811271257. Our PCSO is Christopher Healy [<mailto:christopher.healy@kent.pnn.police.uk>] or call and leave a message for him through Kent Police in any non-emergency situation on 101 anytime day or night. You can also call 101 to report a crime.



Lifeline.canterbury.gov.uk
01227 862 540

A lifeline alarm, which can be fashionably worn on your wrist or as a pendant, is a service provided in East Kent by Canterbury City Council's CCTV control room, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Having a lifeline alarm would help you or a family member feel safe and independent in the home. To book your free demonstration or to make an enquiry please call 01227 862540 or visit www.lifeline.canterbury.gov.uk

Sturry, Fordwich and district / Aire-Sur-La-Lys Twinning Association



Join our mailing list to be kept up to date with events
Follow us on Facebook: Sturry, Fordwich and District Twinning Association @Sturry Twinning
Email: info@sturry-fordwichtwinning.co.uk
Website: <http://sturry-fordwichtwinning.co.uk>
Phone: 07563 962 505

Keep Kent Clean - A reminder that rogue traders are fly-tipping across Kent.

If your waste is fly-tipped by a fake waste disposal service you'll face a £400 fine.

Before you hire a waste disposal service ask:

- For a copy of their Waste Carrier Licence
- Where they dispose of their waste
- A receipt or invoice

Electricity operators' number 105: 105 is a national phone number to call to report or obtain information about a power cut. Dialling 105 is free of charge, and will connect you to the local electricity network operator – the company that manages the cables, power lines and substations that deliver electricity into homes and businesses in your area. Call 105 if you spot damage to electricity power lines and substations that could put anyone in danger. If there's serious immediate risk, call 999 too. Vulnerable customers can sign up to the Priority Services Register on 0800 169 9970, email psr@ukpowernetworks.co.uk or apply at www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority (For a gas emergency – dial 0800 111999)

For enquiries regarding the **Westbere Village Preservation Society** please contact the Westbere Village Preservation Society secretary, Alison Grubb, email: vvpreservationsociety@gmail.com.

Westbere Charities

The Charities are keen to ensure that anyone in need within the Ancient Parish of Westbere, roughly the present parish plus areas of Island Road and Fordwich Road, (ask the Westbere Charities Clerk for details) receives assistance in accordance with the terms of the Charities. The Charities are aimed particularly at residents over the age of 55 and students undertaking tertiary education. If you know of anyone who might benefit, please contact the Charities' Clerk for information and application forms: Malindi Tucker – 01227 710209. All communications will be treated in the strictest confidence.



Westbere Parish Council wishes all its residents a very merry, safe Christmas and a happy new year

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