

Newsletter from Maresfield Parish Council

Summer 2024

The Annual Parish Report – is available on the Council's web site www.maresfieldparish.org.uk. I do hope you find it interesting and we would appreciate any feedback.

The Annual Parish Assembly - was held on 21st May and the many parishioners attending enjoyed an interesting question and answer session with our county councillor, Roy Galley, and our district councillor, Ian Tysh. Topics aired included potential over-development in Maresfield, inadequate infrastructure to cope with new development, livestock casualties from road traffic accidents on the forest, the very poor state of our roads, the high costs of changing a speed limit and the apparent lack of planning enforcement.

Applications to the Parish Council for a Grant – should be made no later than 27th September and should be submitted to the Parish Office. A copy of the Parish Council's Grants Policy and the relevant application forms are available from the Parish Office (714555) and on the website. For this current year the Parish Council approved and has paid out 26 grants and donations totaling some £16,000.

Pavements are for people! Does your property adjoin a footpath or pavement? Hedgerow, bush and shrub growth this spring has been very prolific. Is there any of your overgrowth of trees or bushes that may be restricting the safe passage of pedestrians, including those pushing prams or riding on mobility scooters? If so, it is your responsibility not to allow such overgrowth so please cut any offending trees, shrubs and bushes back to your boundary; but remember whilst it's illegal to cut your hedges during bird nesting season, which runs from March to August, there are exemptions if they are obstructing the passage of users. Thank you!

Adult exercise equipment. It has been suggested that the Parish Council installs in Maresfield and in Nutley outdoor gym facilities which can be utilised by individuals of all ages, those with disabilities, personal fitness trainers, and more. An outdoor gym provides a comprehensive workout with various equipment designed to increase heart rate and muscle activity. A site suggested in Maresfield is on the Recreation Ground by the former Bowls Club green. We have not located a suitable site in Nutley so ideas will be welcomed.

Litter Picking. For many years we've been very lucky in Nutley to have a public-spirited lady collecting litter along the A22; sadly, she can no longer continue. We're all very grateful to her but the best thanks we can give is that we all step up and keep up the good work. Some residents do pick up litter but to avoid our roads becoming cluttered with litter we are suggesting that all residents in our villages, on a regular basis, take responsibility for clearing litter from the sections of road near to their properties.

Be informed - To keep up to date about local matters the internet and social media are invaluable resources. Useful links are:

<https://my.wealden.gov.uk/> <http://www.maresfieldparish.org.uk/>

<http://www.uckfieldtc.gov.uk/> <https://www.ashdownforest.org/>

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