

## Sandhurst Parish Council - Chair's newsletter March

Hello everyone,

### **New councillor**

I am delighted to announce that Naomi Scott-Mackie has been co-opted onto the council. This brings the council back up to a full quota of 9 councillors. Cllr Scott-Mackie has lived in the village for many years and brings a passion for preservation and all things green.

### **Adult Gym Equipment at the Recreation Ground**

If you have visited the Recreation Ground recently you will have seen our wonderful new outdoor multi use fitness rig and gym equipment. The purchase of these items was born out of the Neighbourhood Development Plan where a large number of residents expressed an interest in using such equipment. This project could only be achieved with the support of grant funding. I would like to thank Cllrs Caroline Wood, Julie Griggs and Katherine O'Neil for their time and tenacity in gaining a grant of £9,249 from the West Kent Rural Grant Scheme. For those who are new to using gym equipment, or would like a refresher there are plans to hold some introductory sessions in the near future.

### **Speed Watch Update**

Due to the increased number of Speed Watch volunteers we were able to undertake 5 sessions during the month, with PC Jason Wright joining the team on one of the sessions. The team recorded 90 offenders out of 1,034 passing vehicles. That is 8.7% of all passing vehicles (during the sessions) exceeding the limit. The police sent letters to the 18 worst offenders.

### **First aid - CPR training - Final call**

We've had a good response so far and thanks to those that have already contacted me. I'm putting out a final call before hopefully setting a date for the training in late April or May. Are you interested in learning some lifesaving skills? The British Heart Foundation has put together a training package that can be delivered in community settings. The free sessions will be delivered by my wife Julie and I. We are both cabin crew with British Airways and undertake similar training annually. If you are interested in attending, would like additional information or indeed if you are already qualified and would like to help, please email me. Thank you to those who have already contacted me, I'll be in touch with some dates soon.

### **Parish Council meeting**

The next monthly PC meeting is on Tuesday 8th April, 7pm in the Old School Hall. The agenda will be published the week before and will be available on the Parish Council website and on the notice boards. The meetings are open to the public, so please come along. The PC website is <https://sandhurstparish.co.uk>  
The Parish Council office is open on a Tuesday 10am - 12pm and the Clerk can be contacted on [sandparishclerk@outlook.com](mailto:sandparishclerk@outlook.com)

As always, thanks for reading and if you have any comments on anything in this newsletter or indeed if you have any ideas you would like the council to consider please do email me.

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