



**Working for the Community
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February 2020 News

Mark Cross Community Centre Clock:

The Parish Council are pleased to report that following an observation from a parishioner at one of our Drop-In Surgeries and in consultation with Mark Cross Community Centre and St Mark's Parochial Church Council, that the clock on the Community Centre has been repaired by Chris Croft and is now up and running again. We would like to express our thanks to all involved in getting the clock working again, especially to Heather Child Churchwarden of St Marks.

Speeding in Town Row & Catts Hill:

A message from the Rotherfield Parish Council Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee:

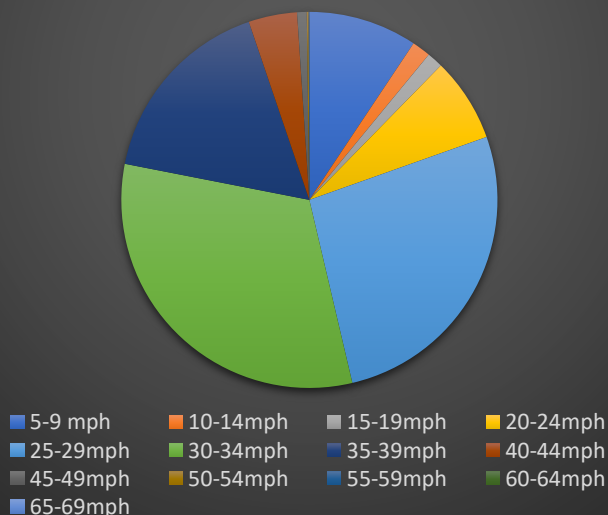
"SID", our speed recording device, continues to be deployed throughout the Parish mainly at locations which are deemed to present a hazard or where there is likelihood of excessive speed.

The latest results, on the B2100 Catts Hill adjacent to Padfield Close, Town Row, cover the period

from 10th December until 7th January 2020. The average speed in this 30mph speed limit was 31.22mph; an average sort of speed for responsible drivers.

But there are several drivers (or maybe just one thoughtless individual) who registered 53mph, 58mph or, in the worst example, 68mph at 2:45pm. This is quite unacceptable on a road that has children walking to school and at sometimes of the day, horses being ridden.

B2100 PADFIELD CLOSE HEADING INTO VILLAGE 10th December 2019 - 7th January 2020



The Speed Indication Device records in intervals of 15 minutes. In one 15-minute slot, a driver was recorded at 53mph at the same time as one was timed at 5mph, presumably just exiting



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Padfield Close. One can only hope that the speeding driver didn't come up behind the slow driver at the same time.

Our data is shared with the Police and other "Safer Roads" partners to identify problem areas and improve safety. We are also now monitoring and reporting illegal and obstructive parking to improve traffic flow.

We would ask everyone to be mindful of their driving and parking to maintain a SAFE PARISH.



Drop-In Surgeries 2020:

Following the success of the Drop-In Surgeries reintroduced at the end of last year, the Parish Council have agreed to hold a Surgery once a month in 2020. The Surgery for this month will take place on Tuesday 4th February at Sussex Country Gardeners Garden Centre in Mark Cross.



Rotherfield Parish Council

Drop-in Surgeries 2020

10:15am – 11:30am

Tuesday 4th February	Sussex Country Gardener Garden Centre Café
Tuesday 3rd March	Deer Park Café
Tuesday 7th April	Courtyard Café
Tuesday 5th May	Sussex Country Gardener Garden Centre Café
Tuesday 2nd June	Deer Park Café
Tuesday 7th July	Courtyard Café
Tuesday 4th August	Sussex Country Gardener Garden Centre Café
Tuesday 1st September	Deer Park Café
Tuesday 6th October	Courtyard Café
Tuesday 3rd November	Sussex Country Gardener Garden Centre Café
Tuesday 1st December	Deer Park Café



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Cutting back and Clearing of Station Road Pavement:

Our contractors have been very busy over the last few weeks cutting back and clearing the Station Road pavement. We hope that it will make walking into and out of Rotherfield village centre easier for all. If you have any concerns about pavements that are overgrown or need tidying then please contact the Parish Clerk.

Lighting up Rotherfield Parish:



The Parish Council own 97 street lights throughout the Parish, and they are annually safety checked by East Sussex County Council who carry out all repairs, maintenance or replacement.

To save energy, a number of the street lights are turned off between 11pm-6am. We are installing low energy LED units when they become due for replacement. All new installations will feature LED units. You might have noticed a beautiful new street light in the centre of Rotherfield Village.

If you wish to report any issues or if you live in an area of our Parish that needs more light then please do let us know. The cost of installing a new unit is in the region of £3000 dependent on the proximity of power supply so we need to make sure that this investment makes the greatest impact.

VE Day 75th Anniversary:

In this issue of the Parish Magazine, you will have no doubt glanced upon a “Save the Date” poster for the Parish VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations. The Working Party of Parish Council and other Village Organisations/societies have now agreed the timings for the Bank Holiday Weekend:

Friday 8 th May 2020:	12:00pm	Street Party and Entertainments (North Street leading into Recreation Ground).
	3:00pm	National Toast
	6:45pm	Lighting of the Beacon
	7:00pm	Ringin out for Peace
Sunday 10 th May 2020	10:00am	VE 75 th Anniversary Service – St Denys’ Church

Further information will be coming out over the next couple months and each household in the parish will receive an invitation. We hope that as many people as possible, from across the whole Parish, will join us to mark this occasion.



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Eridge Station Footbridge:

Parishioners, who use Eridge Station, will be pleased to read that we have received notification that a new footbridge is soon to be installed. A new covered/glazed platform footbridge has been sympathetically designed to replace the existing timber structure at Eridge station. The work will commence early March and following this work, will commence to refurbish the existing canopy.

Whilst we are always pleased to receive posts and tweets from residents on our Facebook and Twitter sites please could any messages seeking or requiring action be made via email to clerk@rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk, or if urgent phone 01892 664245. Thank you for your cooperation.

Forthcoming Council & Committee Meeting Dates

If you have any issue that you would like to raise with the Parish Council, please do not hesitate to contact any of the Councillors or the Parish Clerk. All are welcome to attend our meetings and if you have an issue that you would like to raise please forward it to the Clerk so that a response may be considered. Please be aware that if a matter involves a decision from the Council it must appear on the agenda of a meeting and it is suggested that notification is advised at least a week before the meeting date.

February 2020

Tuesday 11 th February	Communications & Social Media Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 18 th February	Planning & Building Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Thursday 27 th February	Parish Council Meeting	Rotherfield Village Hall

March 2020

Tuesday 3 rd March	Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 10 th March	Planning & Building Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Thursday 26 th March	Parish Council Meeting	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 31 st March	Planning & Building Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall

All of the above meetings start at 19:30 and are generally held in the Parish Council Room at Rotherfield Village Hall unless otherwise stated on the Agenda. Members of the public are welcome to attend. Draft minutes of meetings are added to the Parish Council website, and circulated via Twitter and Facebook, approximately 5 days after each meeting.