



**Working for the Community
in Rotherfield, Mark Cross, Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas**

MAY 2020 NEWS

Rotherfield Parish Council Business as usual:



The Parish Council, even though not being able to meet formally have continued to work on your behalf. We have been pleased to be able to support the work of Rotherfield St Martins and Parish Pals in leading the community response to the Covid-19 situation. The legislation has now been passed to enable us to meet virtually and we have held our first two online

meetings. Members of the public are welcome to attend our online meetings, but you will need to contact the Parish Clerk to arrange for your virtual access.

Parish Pals:

We were very proud to support and endorse Parish Pals. Our Vice Chair Louise Henrick and Cllr Dave Hiles spent the evening stuffing envelopes with the RSM team to ensure every household across our Parish had the contact information for Parish Pals in the most recent Parish Council newsletter (which does feel like light years ago). As a council, we have provided an emergency grant to RSM to ensure that anyone who needs shopping and does not have access to cash can still get shopping and provided card readers to help RSM set up a virtual payment system to pay back RSM over the phone.



We have been hugely impressed at how our community has come together to support those who need help and with the response of local businesses; from virtual art classes, yoga sessions, dinner deliveries, take-aways and our local shops going more than the extra mile to stock up for weekly shopping orders and providing delivery. Our thanks to the creators, organisers, technical contributors and community coordinators.

With the lockdown being extended for a further 3 weeks and uncertainty of when our parishioners can go back to work, we wanted to share some useful information from Parish Pals, East Sussex County Council and Wealden District Council



**Working for the Community
in Rotherfield, Mark Cross, Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas**

Repeat Prescriptions:

During the Covid-19 crisis if you have difficulty requesting repeat prescriptions you can call Prescription Ordering Direct (POD) for Sussex on 0808 1647678 which is a new and convenient way to order your repeat prescription. You need to confirm your Doctors Surgery, your name and date of birth and the pharmacy you want the prescription to be dispatched to.

If you are self-isolating or shielding, please arrange for your prescription to be dispatched to Rotherfield Pharmacy and Parish Pals/RSM can organise a delivery to your doorstep.

Emergency Food packages:

Morrisons have generously donated to RSM/Parish Pals food to distribute to vulnerable households in our community. If you would like to sign up to receive a weekly food parcel please contact your Parish Pals Co-ordinator.

Wealden District Council Business Rates Grants:

Wealden Council have been administering the payment to local businesses of the Government grants of either £10k or £25k to qualifying businesses. To date, they have paid out over £19m in grants to almost 2000 local businesses. If you would like to apply fill in this online form on <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/news/covid-19-financial-support-for-businesses/>

Wealden District Council Tax support:

Wealden have administered the Government's Hardship fund for local council tax payers who receive Council Tax support. They have processed credits of up to £150 per resident for over 3000 residents across the District.

Garden Waste – Brown Bin Collections:

The garden waste collection will be reinstated from Monday 20th April.



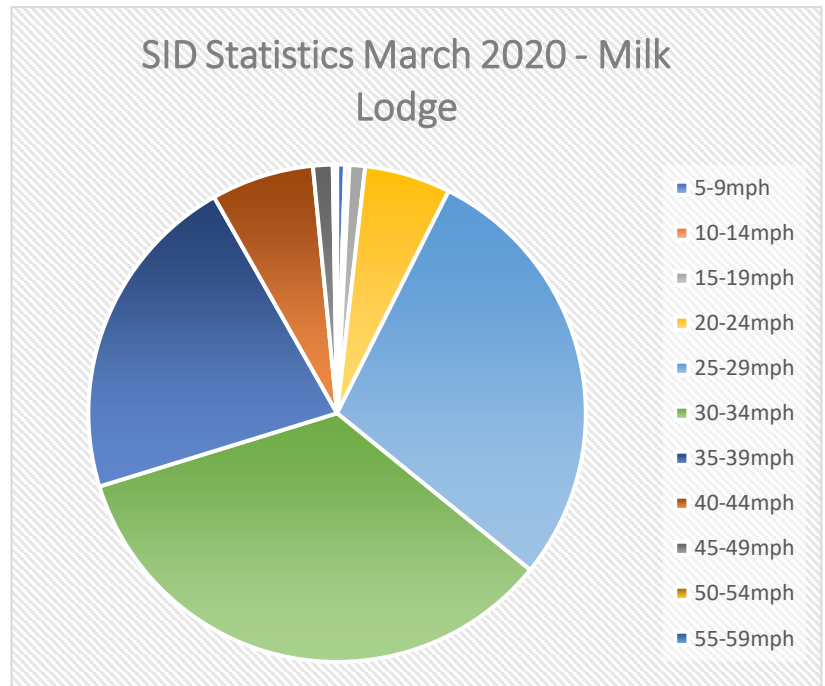


**Working for the Community
in Rotherfield, Mark Cross, Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas**

SID Statistics March 2020:

During March, the Parish Council Speed Indication Device (SID) was deployed in Rotherfield leaving the village heading towards Crowborough. The highest speed recorded was 68mph and the slowest 5mph. The majority of drivers were driving at 30-34mph. This is an increase since last year of about 2 or 3 mph per vehicle. Please remember that this is a 30mph limit and this part of the road is often shared with pedestrians.

The Parish Council will continue to deploy the SID around the parish and share its findings with East Sussex County Council Highways.



Rotherfield Surgery:

Following the recent replacement of the fascia boards and gutters, new tarmac in the car park and fitting of the new boiler in Rotherfield Surgery, the Parish Council has had an electrical survey undertaken as well as a visit to the premises by a council sub-committee to assess any more work that needs to be done. Patients who have been to the Brook Surgery recently will have seen the smart new blue seating and blinds and the council intends to treat the ripped seat covers in the Rotherfield waiting room to a similar makeover. We will also be replacing some of the carpets that are showing their age and many of the lights will be improved so that our doctors can spot a mild rash in the gloomy days of winter, as one of them said.

Eventually we would like to replace all the windows of the surgery with higher-efficiency units and repaint certain areas. The car park will be slightly extended and marked with white lines to make it easier for staff and patients to park. These improvements will take place over a period of time and are obviously unlikely to start until the coronavirus emergency is well and truly behind us.

Postponement of the Annual Parish Meeting:

We have had to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting which was originally scheduled for 13th May. It is our aim to reschedule this meeting for late September or early October.

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.



**Working for the Community
in Rotherfield, Mark Cross, Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas**

Forthcoming Council 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.

May 2020:

Tuesday 12 th May	Planning & Building Committee	Virtual
Tuesday 26 th May	Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee	Virtual
Thursday 28 th May	Parish Council Meeting incorporating the Annual Council Meeting.	Virtual

June 2020

Tuesday 2 nd June	Planning & Building Committee	Virtual
Tuesday 16 th June	Communications & Social Media Committee	Virtual
Tuesday 23 rd June	Planning & Building Committee	Virtual
Thursday 25 th June	Parish Council Meeting	Virtual

All of the above meetings are currently being held virtually. Members of the public are welcome to attend, please contact the Clerk for access arrangements. Draft minutes of meetings are added to the Parish Council website, and circulated via Twitter and Facebook, approximately 5 days after each meeting.

Trevor Thorpe, Clerk to Rotherfield Parish Council,
82, Fermor Way, Crowborough, TN6 3BJ. Tel: 01892 664245

Email – clerk@rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk Website - www.rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk

For up to date news from the Parish Council please follow us on Twitter [@RotherfieldPC](https://twitter.com/RotherfieldPC) and on Facebook