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## **JUNE 2020 NEWS**

### **Rotherfield Parish Council Business as usual:**

The Parish Council are now well established at holding their meetings online and all council and committee meetings have taken place. Members of the public are welcome to attend and should contact the Clerk if they would like to receive instructions for joining.

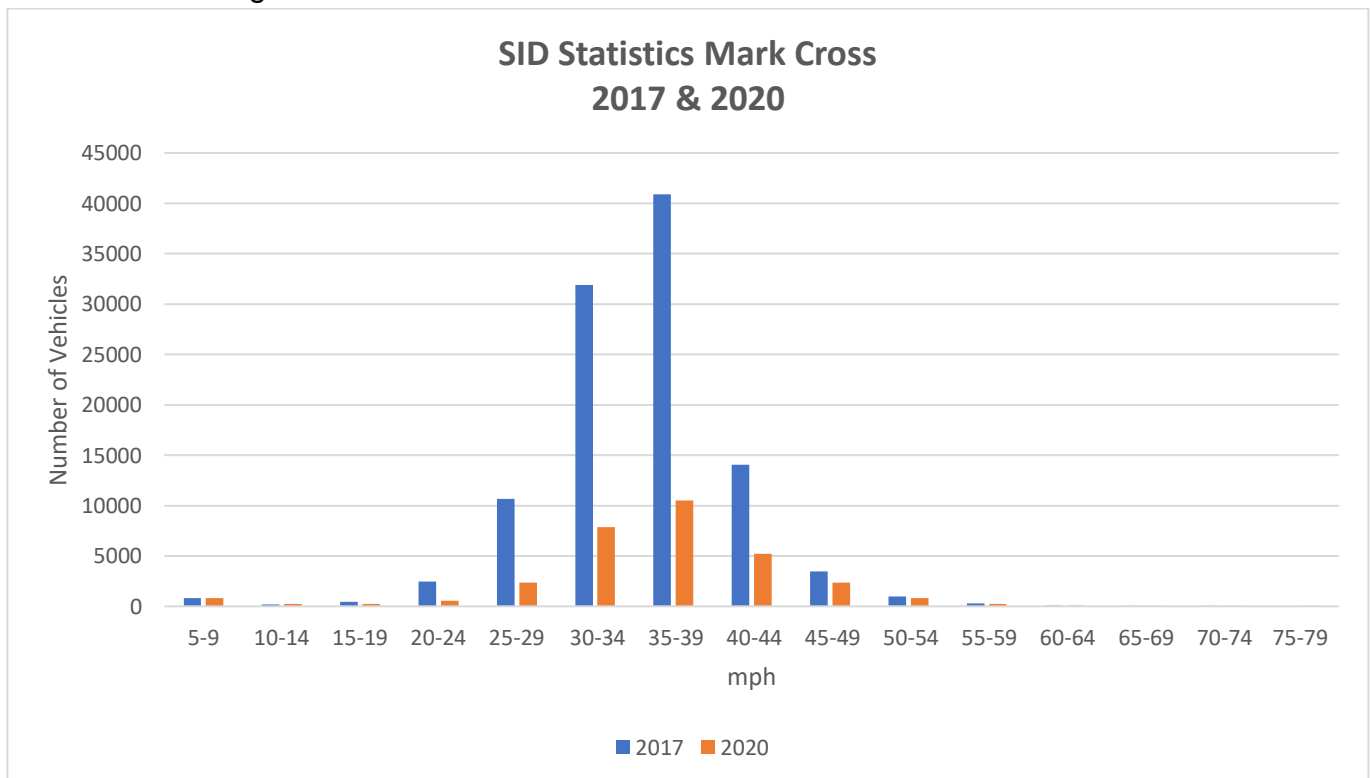
### **Bees in the Old Burial Ground:**

Work is progressing in using an area of the Old Burial Ground to house some Bees, and an enclosure has been constructed ready for the bees to arrive. We will bring you more news about the exploits of the bees soon.



### **SID Statistics Mark Cross:**

The SID device has recently been deployed in Mark Cross and recorded the speed through the centre of the village.





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The graph compares the speed and number of vehicles for the same area and period in 2017 and 2020 for the month of April. There is no significant increase in speed, about 1mph on average speed between now and then but obviously fewer vehicles due to the Coronavirus lockdown. The majority of vehicles travel through the village at a speed of 35-39mph. We are continuing to look at methods for tackling speeding drivers throughout the Parish.

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

**Grants from Rotherfield Parish Council:**

At the April meeting of the Parish Council it was resolved to award the following grants:

<b>Recipient Details</b>	<b>Payment Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
RSM Support grant instalment one	April	£1,500.00
Wealden Citizens Advice Bureau	April	£300.00
Samaritans	April	£200.00
Rotherfield Friendship Club	April	£200.00
Kent & Sussex Air Ambulance	April	£250.00
League of Friends Surgery Coffee Morning Costs Grant	April	£100.00
Pre-School Annual Support Grant	April	£750.00
RSM Support grant instalment two	December	£500.00
Bonfire Society Support Grant – Christmas Lunch	December	£500.00
Hospice in the Weald	April	£250.00
Crowborough First Responders	April	£100.00
Rotherfield Horticultural Society	April	£120.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£4,770.00</b>



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**Council Success 2019-2020:**

As we have had to postpone the Annual Parish Meeting due to Covid-19, we wanted to highlight to you some of the success the council has achieved in the last year:

- The purchase of the surgery was completed at the end of March 2019; hopefully assuring the continuation of the GP practice in Rotherfield village. Continued maintenance and improvements throughout the year including: new boiler, resurfacing of car park and replacement of fascia boards.
- Adoption of Eridge Station through the Adopt a Station Scheme.
- Continual lobbying of East Sussex Highways resulting in the resurfacing of Church Road and Rotherfield Hill.
- Working with Rotherfield & Mark Cross Bonfire Society the first Rotherfield In Bloom took place in April 2019.
- Repair and restoration of the Beacon in Rotherfield Recreation Ground.
- Repairs, restoration, and renewal of the Old Burial Ground behind St Denys' Church with the support of the Sussex Lund Fund.
- Purchased and committed to the restoration of two telephone kiosks in Rotherfield village.
- Installation of a footpath between the School & Community Centre and Millennium Green Car Park in Mark Cross.
- Maintenance of the Rotherfield Village Hall car park.
- Reintroduction of Councillor Drop In Surgeries across the parish.
- Maintenance and restoration of fingerposts across the parish.
- Lobbying with regard to parking situation on the approach to Eridge Station.
- Funding of Christmas lights across the parish.
- Launch of a new Parish Council website to keep the community connected.
- Working in partnership with Rotherfield St Martin to produce two Parish Newsletters sent to all households in the parish.
- Supporting the establishment of Parish Pals to support the community in responding to COVID-19.

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](mailto:clerk@rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk), or if urgent phone 01892 664245. Thank you for your cooperation.



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**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.

**June 2020**

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

**July 2020**

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Recreation & Burial Committee	TBC
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Planning & Building Committee	TBC
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee	TBC
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> July	Parish Council Meeting	

*Depending on how the Coronavirus situation develops it may be possible to hold these meetings physically and venues will be advertised when the agenda is published.*

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.

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