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## **September 2021 Parish Council News**

### **Eridge Station 153<sup>rd</sup> Birthday:**

Eridge hosted its 153<sup>rd</sup> Birthday celebrations last month when the Southeast Community Rail Partnership brought the local community together with Southern and other rail industry partners to celebrate the station's heritage-style restoration. The Chairman and other councillors were delighted to attend:



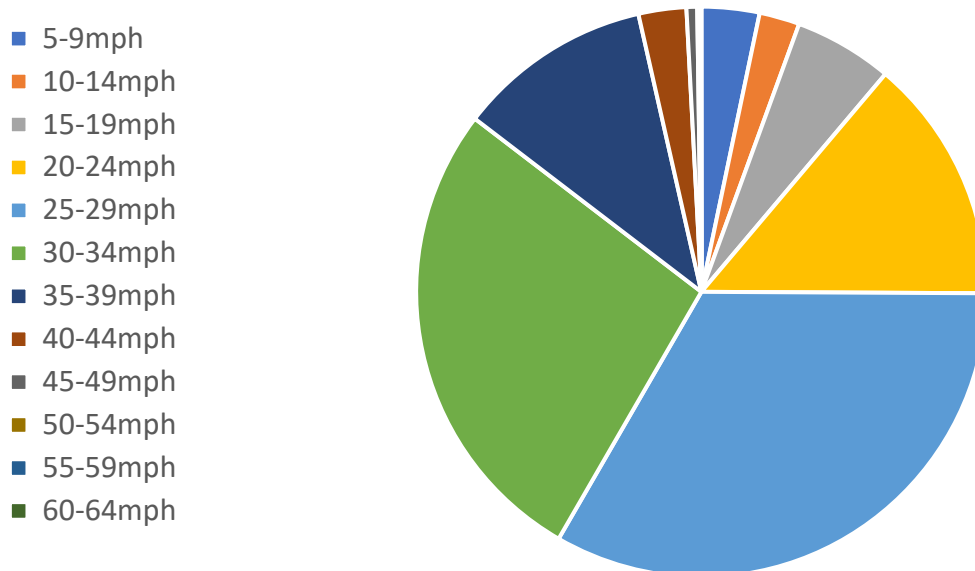
### **SID Statistics:**

The council's Speed Indication Device is up and working again and last week was positioned on the B2101 Mayfield Road. The average speed in this area was 30mph and we want to thank all those who respect the speed limit when driving through and around the parish. However, some motorists were still exceeding the speed limit in an area where there is high potential for an accident.



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**SID Statistics  
B2101 - Mayfield Road**



**County & District Councillors:**

The Parish Council communicates and meets regularly with our County and District Councillors to lobby on issues in the remit of each department. Details of your District and County Councillors can be found on our website: <https://rotherfieldparishcouncil.co.uk/local-gov-overview/>

Wealden District Council is one of 5 District Councils in East Sussex. The District Council, based in Hailsham, has 45 elected Councillors representing 41 electoral wards. Our Wealden Council representatives are Cllr. Phil Dixon (Hadow Down, Mark Cross and Rotherfield Ward) and Cllr. Keith Obbard (Eridge & Frant Ward).

Its responsibilities include:

- Benefits and Council Tax
- Leisure and amenities
- Tourism
- Planning and Building Control
- Recycling and Waste
- Parking, Streets and Travel
- Council Tax and Benefits
- Housing, Health and Advice
- Environment and Pollution







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East Sussex County Council, based in Lewes is the last tier before national government. In East Sussex there are five local Government districts: Lewes, Wealden, Rother, Eastbourne and Hastings. The Council's duties and services are managed by 50 elected Councillors (known within the Council as Members). Our County Councillors are Cllr Bob Standley (Wadhurst Division) and Cllr Georgia Taylor (Forest Row Division).

Its responsibilities include:

- Education
- Fire Brigade
- Emergency Planning
- Highways and Road Safety
- Leisure and Tourism
- Waste disposal
- Economic development
- Protecting the public
- Libraries
- The Environment and waste disposal
- Social Services – Children and Families and Adult Social Care



**Annual Parish Meeting:**

Now that restrictions have been lifted the Council has agreed to hold its Annual Parish Meeting on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7:45pm in Rotherfield Village Hall. Please do come along and meet your councillors and hear about the work of the Parish Council and plans for the future.

**Old Burial Ground Working Party:**



The Old Burial ground tucked behind St Denys church is Rotherfield parish's best kept secret. Many people do not know of its existence, but if you go through the gates you will find the most beautiful gravestones capturing the lives and loves of our ancestors.

It's the home to Sophia Jex-Blake, an English physician, teacher, and feminist who led the campaign to secure women access to a University education when she and six other women, collectively known as the Edinburgh Seven, began studying medicine at the University of Edinburgh in 1869. She is buried with Margaret.



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Over the years, the graveyard has overgrown and as a result, the council put a call out for volunteers to help us with the upkeep. We are working together to tidy up and uncover headstones and markers with the help of Alan Yates who is discovering the stories behind the people buried in the graveyard. We meet every other Friday at 5pm or Saturday morning and we have a big job on our hands, and we'd appreciate your help. If you would like to help us, please contact the clerk.

**Extraordinary Planning & Building Committee Meeting:**

**Notice is given that an Extraordinary Planning & Building Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.**

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.

**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.

**September 2021**

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	Planning & Building Committee	Mark Cross Community Centre
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee	Mark Cross Community Centre
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Parish Council Meeting	Rotherfield Scout Hut

**October 2021**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Planning & Building Committee	TBC
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Recreation & Burial Committee	Mark Cross Community Centre
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Communications & Social Media Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Planning & Building Committee	Mark Cross Community Centre
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Parish Council Meeting	Rotherfield Scout Hut

**The Parish Council has now return to physical meetings. 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.



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