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## **December 2021 Parish Council News**

### **Highways Improvements on Rotherfield Hill:**

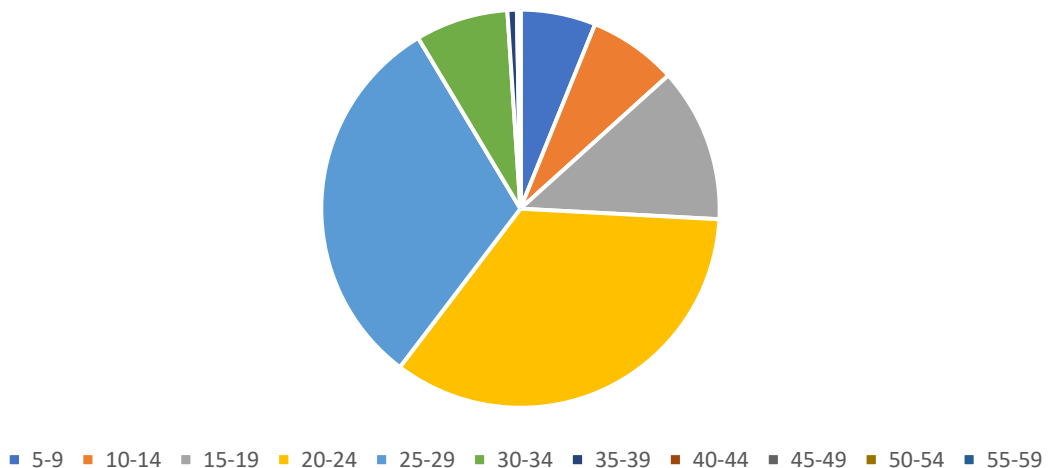
The Parish Council are pleased to note the work of East Sussex Highways on the B2100 Rotherfield Hill installing reflective posts. The council will continue to lobby for further measures on this piece of road.



### **SID – North Street:**

SID has been deployed on North Street recently outside of Rotherfield Primary School.

**North Street Rotherfield - October 2021**





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The data clearly shows that a large number of drivers are exceeding the 30mph speed limit in this area. The council are saddened by this and will be lobbying for further speed awareness measures. We ask all parishioners to take care when driving along North Street particularly around school pick up and drop off times.

**Leaf Blowing:**

Every year it was a tradition in Sussex as well as every other county to sweep up leaves in November and early December to keep lawns and paths clear and then to put them on a bonfire where they would smoulder away for days giving the countryside a blue haze and filling the air with an autumn aroma. Sadly those days have largely gone as people can't be bothered to sweep up leaves and clean-air zealots object to bonfires, so now the rasping sound of leaf-blowers shatters the peace of our parish on a daily basis.

While these machines may be of some use in a confined garden, in recent years it has become a habit for householders or their gardeners to blow the leaves into a pile and then shepherd them out of the property's drive into the road. Here, when wet they can cause skidding or as usually happens are washed down the nearest drain where they slowly block the gully. Your parish and county councils then get many complaints about blocked drains causing flooding, which then costs a great deal of taxpayers' money to rectify.

The parish council would like to issue a gentle reminder to householders to please sweep up their leaves (even with a dreaded leafblower) and then dispose of them either by a bonfire or by leaving them to rot in a leaf-mould heap (makes better compost than some of the rubbish that is sold in many outlets today); use the Wealden green waste bin if you have one or bag them and take them to the recycling centre. But please do not just blow them out into the road and forget about them.



**Merry Christmas from the Parish Council:**

The Parish Council would like to extend its best wishes to all in Rotherfield, Mark Cross, Eridge & Boars Head for a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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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.

**December 2021**

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Planning & Building Committee	Mark Cross Community Centre
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Finance & General Purposes Committee	St Denys' Church
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Parish Council Meeting	Rotherfield Scout Hut
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Planning & Building Committee Meeting	Mark Cross Community Centre

**January 2022**

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Planning & Building Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Highways, Lighting & Transport Committee	Mark Cross Community Centre
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	Recreation & Burial Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Planning & Building Committee	Rotherfield Village Hall
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Parish Council Meeting	Rotherfield Village Hall

**The Parish Council has now returned 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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