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## Welcome

Welcome to the Littlebourne Parish Council's quarterly newsletter. Please also remember to visit our website:

[www.littlebourne-parish-council.co.uk](http://www.littlebourne-parish-council.co.uk)



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## Village Diary

Up and coming events in Littlebourne to look out for:

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
Social afternoon in the Lounge 2pm

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
LPC Meeting 7pm in LWMH meeting room

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Bingo in the Lounge 2pm

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**  
The Barn Christmas fair 10-4pm

**LWMH Christmas Quiz & Raffle**  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7pm in the hall

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**  
LPC Meeting 7pm in the LWMH meeting room

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December**  
Social afternoon in the lounge 2pm

If you would like to advertise your business in this newsletter, please contact the clerk for more information (details at top of newsletter).

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## Freeman of Littlebourne

The Honorary title of Freeman of Littlebourne was presented to ex councillor Ken Shaw at the beginning of the September parish council meeting. Ken had served on the parish council in Littlebourne for twenty-two years. During this time he served on the Flood & Emergency, Traffic & Highways and Charity Committees.



The Chairman Cllr Peter Farrow presented Ken with a scroll and a portrait drawn by Cllr Nick Posener.

## Chairmans Report October 2023

It is now several months after the time that, under usual process, your Parish Council had expected a Canterbury City Council planning decision on the application for 300 houses on the south side of The Hill. Gladman, the potential development company, is evidently still working hard on achieving permission judging by the flurry of new, commissioned documents appearing in the public domain area of the city's planning portal. These range from very technical arguments commissioned from 'specialist' companies to support their statements on habitat and landscape impacts and some more detail on a small-scale private sewage treatment plant for the site which would discharge into the Little Stour river. The Action Group and Littlebourne Parish Council continues to review these new inputs and voice our valid concerns to the city planners. But the whole process of this planning submission with most matters aside from access 'reserved' has caused the matter to be very prolonged and, to us, rather opaque. Now, it looks as if the issue of sewage management is causing the planners to take time out for greater thought given our arguments on the potential effects on the rare Little Stour chalk stream and the Environment Agency's continued objection to the use of a private sewage treatment plant. How the final decision will go remains very unclear at a local level and is likely to be affected by swirling national policies on housing shortfalls which in turn are driving some political moves to free up more green land and to be less fastidious over sewage management – both obviously major issues for this planned village development. The next published version of the Draft 2045 Canterbury City Local Plan, which you may recall included two major pieces of Littlebourne land for development, has been delayed from its scheduled date and may not emerge until the end of this year or even later. When it does arrive, it will be open for further, but tightly timetabled, public consultation before it must be finally completed next year.

Recently, there has been much social media discussion on traffic issues in some parts of the village together with suggested solutions. The parish road system, if one can actually call it that, has grown up pretty much unplanned from historic farm tracks or narrow traffic routes. The continued development of houses across the village over the last century together with a huge

increase in expectation of vehicle ownership and parking is causing friction. Stating the obvious, there are many different perspectives on road usage other than a simple how fast people can move around. People's need for road parking, the attitudes of the householders who abut the roads, the needs of larger commercial and farm vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists etc. We aren't unique in Littlebourne and there is a whole national body of professional expertise in both the assessment and potential amelioration of similar problems. Your parish council has decided to investigate the commissioning of a review of traffic and parking in the village. This should, in time, give us the best chance of employing any solutions that are known to work in practice, avoiding valueless changes, and will also help our responses to housing applications. More on this next year.

The land at the top of the List (essentially from the overhead electric lines going northwesterly) has now been passed fully to the Parish Council and is open to the public together with the footpath from the end of the Evenhill Road to the List. This land will be kept as an open park area (some mowed and some left to be flower meadow) with footpaths and includes a small play area for children. The area has already been planted with a number of trees and, as time passes, we will be able to assess if further planting of trees is required. This marks the final completion of all construction work on the Laurels development by Jenner.

Cllr Peter Farrow, Chairman.

## Court & List Meadows, Littlebourne – Are You on the List?

Do you have a housing need? Please don't forget to register your interest with LPC even if you do not fully meet the 10 years qualifying criteria. This will enable any future vacancies arising in these properties which cannot be filled by anyone meeting the full qualifying criteria to be offered to the applicant with the longest residence in Littlebourne. This will ensure vacancies can be filled quickly and fairly. Please remember that you must also be on the City Council housing list. Please also get in contact if you are already in one of these properties and would like to consider downsizing into a small property. We have families that are looking to swap into larger homes.

Please contact the clerk on 01227 721500 or [clerk@littlebournepc.org](mailto:clerk@littlebournepc.org) for a local connection form or download one direct from the website.



## The Millennium Award 2024

Do you know someone in Littlebourne who deserves recognition?

An unsung hero?

Someone making a difference?

Someone who goes the extra mile?

Since 2000 the parish council has sought to select that special someone who perhaps goes the extra mile or who cares for the people and the environment, who has made a difference to the community through a project or work undertaken for the benefit of the residents of the village. This person might be an unsung hero who is busy helping in the background.

Littlebourne parish council is seeking nominations from within the community for the **Millennium Award 2024**. Please write to the parish clerk at the address or email - explaining why you believe this person should win. All nominations to be submitted by **31 January 2024**. The result will be announced at the Annual Electors' Parish Meeting in March.



## Littlebourne EV Charging

The two EV charge points have now been installed in the LWMH carpark, we are just awaiting the bays to be marked out properly. This was a project fully funded by Kent County Council and gives Littlebourne the opportunity to have public use charging facilities, something that the village would not have otherwise. These can be used by residents without their own charge facilities and those visiting the hall, shop and

recreation ground. Once the bays have been marked, the parish council have a team lined up to remark out the whole carpark, which should hopefully improve the way vehicles use the carpark.

## Slow Ways

Is a new community verified national walking network, supported by the National Lottery Community Fund. 9000 routes, totalling 80,000 miles, have already been drafted by walkers but these routes now need checking on the ground to make sure they are good enough for people to follow. What can you do – Walk the walk. Choose a suitable route from the website <https://beta.slowways.org/> walk it and leave a review.

## Dog Fouling

Dog fouling is a problem for us all with many irresponsible dog owners just refusing to pick up their own dog's mess which is a problem in towns and villages. Many responsible dog owners are unaware that it is equally important to pick up after their dog while on agricultural land. You cannot be fined for not picking up here but do please remember this is food being grown to eat, there are many thousands of bacteria in dog faeces that can contaminate the farmers crops. Please think and bag your dog waste (and no don't leave it hanging from a bush) take it home or place it in a bin. If a red dog waste bin is unavailable, litter bins may be used if the mess is bagged and sealed. We all want to enjoy the countryside.

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