

A Message from East Sussex Highways

Summer's here and plants are in full bloom. While this makes our county such a beautiful place to live, it can be bad news on the road, with long grass and hedges covering signs, obstructing pavements and blocking driver's views.

During the warmer months our road teams are out and about cutting over five million square metres of grass at road verges and junctions, so that drivers can see clearly. We trim the grass twice a year in rural areas, and five times a year in busy urban areas, sometimes more if growth is affecting road safety.

Some verges contain rare plants and so are uncut while the plants are flowering. And, to make sure that our budget is used where it's needed, we leave grass clippings uncollected. They are biodegradable and actually help to slow further growth.

To make sure the roads remain safe, we ask for your help. Hedges are regularly trimmed on council land, but many roadside hedges belong to private landowners. If someone tells us there's a problem we ask the landowner to cut them back. If you know of a junction where views are blocked by overgrown hedges or grass, please let us know using the contact details below.

Village Voice

'Village Voice' which is featured in the Battle Observer each Friday provides us with a weekly round-up of village events and activities. Pat Speedy for many years presented us with the latest news and views in Catsfield but she has now moved to pastures new.

All is not lost.....you may have noticed that we have a new 'Editor in Charge' Mrs. Jill Jarrett has very kindly taken over the reigns as avid readers will already know. Anything that you would like included in the Village Voice for Catsfield, please contact Jill by email at Jillincupboard@aol.com or by phone on 01424 830403.

(Preferably before Monday for the current weeks edition on Friday).

Finally.....How to contact Parish Council

Visit our website at www.catsfieldpc.co.uk
Email your comments regarding any Village matters to: clerk@catsfieldpc.co.uk
Write to Parish Council at **The Village Hall, Church Rd, Catsfield, East Sussex. TN33 9DP**
Read the information on Parish Council's **notice boards**
Phone the Parish Office on **01424 893526**

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter 2012

Quote:



A perfect summer day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.
 - James Dent

Diamond Jubilee Celebrations

We would like to start by saying a

HUGE THANKYOU

to everyone involved with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and to all the sponsors who generously donated monies and Raffle Prizes to make it a very enjoyable and memorable occasion.

The event was marked in true Catsfield style.

We hope you all enjoyed it...we did!



Big-Tidy Up

In preparation for the Jubilee Weekend a 'Big Tidy-Up' took place on Friday 25th May. Members of Parish Council together with 30 Children from the Panthers Class and 4 members of Staff from Catsfield CEP School met up outside The Village Hall. Equipped with big green rubbish sacks and litter pickers they headed off to Catsfield Playing Field and spent a busy two hours cleaning up the area. Many thanks to the school for taking the time out to come and help.



Playing Field Access Road



May this year proved to be a very busy 'Maintenance' month! The access road at Catsfield Recreation Ground leading down from the main gate to the playing field car park underwent a make over. The old road had served us well but it was now time for a new surface.

(There is also a little glimpse of the Commemorative Oak at the bottom of the road).

Bus Shelter

We now have a new Bus Shelter located near The Old Police House / opposite The White Hart Pub on The Green.

Its finally here after several months of lengthy negotiations and visits by ESCC Highways to ensure the shelter was correctly sited and not obstructing the view of road users.

Once satisfied ESCC issued a licence permitting Parish Council to erect the shelter.

The project was jointly funded by Parish Council and local business Littlewood Fencing Ltd.

We would like to thank Littlewood Fencing for their generous contribution and also for installing the shelter.



A Message from Sussex Police

Watch your property in summer

SUSSEX Police has relaunched Operation Sunshine to provide simple crime prevention reminders to make homes more secure during the summer months.

Summer is a time of warm days when windows, doors and garages are often left open, and tools and valuables may be left lying around outside.

According to Sussex Police, the most common cases of opportunist summer burglary involve offenders that:

- Enter an insecure front door while residents are in the back garden
- Enter doors that are closed but unlocked at night while residents are asleep
- Reach through windows to take valuable items.

Summer burglary prevention tips:

- If you are out in the back garden, ensure that your front door is secure.
- Put your garden tools and games away into a secure garage or tools shed after using them, they could be used to break into your home, or your neighbours.
- When you leave a room unattended, close the windows and doors - especially on the ground floor.
- If you want to leave windows open while you sleep, fit window restrictors so they cannot be fully opened, or make sure they are not large enough to allow access to a burglar.
- Keep all wallets, purses, credit cards, car keys and other valuables out of sight.
- Consider fitting outside security lighting or a visible alarm to help deter burglars. Even using pea shingle or gravel on a driveway and spiky plants in garden beds can help.

PCSO Update

Our Police Community Support Officer of many years - PCSO Maureen Baker was permanently transferred to Bexhill Police Station in May to cover the needs of the Police service.

We are pleased to advise you that PCSO Daryl Holter has now been appointed to our area along with Crowhurst, Hooe, Ninfield, Ashburnham and Penhurst. He will be holding a 'Meet and Greet' Surgery's to discuss any local community or Policing issues or just to say hello on 20th August at 09:00 at Catsfield Village Stores and on 11th September at 15:00 at Catsfield CEP School

If you need to contact PCSO Holter his details are as follows -

Battle Neighbourhood Policing Team	101 (Non-emergency)
Direct Mobile Number	07788900849
Direct Email	daryl.holter@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Current details can always be found on the Sussex Police notice board outside the Village Hall.