Shorne Parish Council

Borough of Gravesham

THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

October 2025

Shornemead Crossing

The long-awaited new stepped footbridge across the railway at the northern end of Queens Farm Road is still not open to the public, The Parish Council has written to Network Rail to find out the reason for the delay and when we can expect the bridge to be opened, but at the time of writing no response has been received.

Mobility Dropped Kerb Crossing in Manor Field

Residents may have seen painted markings on the kerbs in Manor Field at the junction with The Street. These mark the positions of dropped kerbs to be installed to facilitate easier access for pedestrians with pushchairs, wheelchairs, and other mobility devices to cross the road. The bus stop layby will also be re-marked. Rule 243 of the Highway Code requires drivers not to stop or park where the kerb has been lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles, at or near a bus stop, or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction, and the Parish Council requests residents to respect this rule.

Crabbles Bottom Apple Baking Competition

This is a reminder that Shorne Parish Council invites residents of all ages to come and pick apples from our recently restored Orchard in Crabbles Bottom, and to take part in our Apple Baking Competition. This is a free competition - the Junior competition is open to all children under 12 years old, and the Adult competition is open to anyone 12 years old and over. Just visit the Orchard and submit pictures of your culinary creation via email to clerk@shorneparishcouncil.org before 31st October 2025.

Both winning photographs will feature in the 2026 Annual Parish Report which is delivered to every house in Shorne. The winners will be announced on Facebook and on the Noticeboard outside the Village Hall in November. Good luck to everyone!

Lorry Watch

So far this year, the Parish Council has sent Lorry Watch Notices to over 30 operators of overweight vehicles reported in Green Farm Lane. In virtually every instance, the operators have investigated and apologised for the transgression, and undertaken to address the matter with the drivers concerned and to mark up their route planners to avoid a repetition. A number of other enquiries have been made which identified that the vehicles were legally gaining access to addresses within the restricted zone.

Michael Gardens Adult Gym Equipment

As reported previously, Shorne Parish Council has been working with Gravesham Borough Council to install adult gym equipment in Michael Gardens park in Shorne West. The Parish

Council has agreed to pay Gravesham Borough Council towards the cost of the refurbishment and installation of the apparatus, and we await its installation.

External Audit

We are pleased to report that we have received a clean bill of health in our 2024-25 external audit. The external auditor's report says that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Parish Council Meetings in October

The meetings scheduled in October are:

Thursday 9th October	-	Footpaths, Land & Property Committee
Thursday 23rd October	-	Finance & Budget Meeting

The meetings will commence at 7.30pm in the conference room at Shorne Village Hall.

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