Shorne Parish Council

Borough of Gravesham

THE PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

September 2025

Crabbles Bottom Apple Baking Competition

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!

Tanyard Hill Bus Shelter

Residents may recall that after the wooden bus shelter in Tanyard hill suffered damage during Storm Eunice in 2022, Shorne resident Robert West spent a lot of his own time and money reinstalling and refurbishing it. He did a great job. So it was disappointing to find that someone had broken one of the windows on the shelter recently.

Once again, Robert came to the rescue, replacing the broken window and giving the bus shelter a general spruce up. Thank you once again Rob!

Potential Land Exchange

Shorne Parish Council carried out an informal consultation between 27th June and 31st July to seek the views of Shorne residents regarding the proposed land exchange at Shorne Common. A total of 33 responses were received, of which 27 were in favour of the proposal. The Parish Council will continue with the proposal, whilst taking account of reasonable concerns or objections raised.

Shornemead Crossing

The long-awaited new stepped footbridge across the railway at the northern end of Queens Farm Road was finally erected in July, and it is hoped that it will be open for public use imminently.

Michael Gardens Adult Gym Equipment

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 equipment, and it is expected to be installed during September.

Civic & Patronal Service, Sunday 29th June

This year's Civic & Patronal Service took place at St Peter & St Paul's Church on Sunday 29th June. In addition to Shorne Parish Councillors, it was attended by The Mayor of Gravesham Cllr Jenny Wallace, Dr Lauren Sullivan MP, and Gravesham Ward Councillors Helen Ashenden and Jordan Meade.

Parish Council Meetings in September

The meetings scheduled for September are:

Thursday 11th September - Planning & Highways Committee

Thursday 25th September - Parish Council Meeting

Please note that this is a change from our previously-published schedule of meetings. The meetings will commence at 7.30pm in the conference room at Shorne Village Hall.

Bob Lane
Shorne Parish Council