

Report for Sellindge Parish Council June 2024

With the Euro 2024 football championship starting shortly, KCC is reminding people of the help available for victims of domestic abuse which usually increases when England plays in football tournaments (cases of domestic abuse rise 38% when England loses and 26% when they win or draw). There's a campaign called #TheGoalToEndDomesticAbuse which will be running throughout June and July. People are being urged to look out for signs of domestic abuse and to seek help if they are a victim of it. There's information on www.domesticabuseservices.org.uk and a helpline at Victim Support 0808 168 9111.

Work continues on 'Making Space for Nature' which is identifying those parts of Kent and Medway which are most important for nature and how they can be made more diverse, larger and better connected. It's open to organisations and individuals to take part through workshops in person and also online as a workshop of one at a time to suit you. See www.makingspacefornaturekent.org to see what's been done so far. The completed strategy will become part of the planning system so will have a real influence on future development.

Whilst we're expecting significant road repairs to take place in Sellindge over the summer months it still helps if residents keep reporting problems particularly on rural roads that are inspected less frequently than the A roads. The best way to do this is online at www.kent.gov.uk then go to the section on Roads and Travel and select the option to 'report a problem'. You can ring on 03000 41 81 81 in office hours where the call centre staff also use the KCC website to report the problem so it is best to do so direct to make sure the precise location is identified on the map. If there's an immediate danger to life then ring 999. Urgent problems out of office hours can be reported at 03000 41 91 91.

Cost of Living Support is available for those struggling and information on KentTogether which brings together a multitude of schemes to help is available at www.kent.gov.uk or ring 03000 41 92 92.

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