

SELLINDGE VILLAGE NEWS

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HI KENT Reg Charity 1052036 www.hikent.org.uk

The local charity for people with a hearing loss. Hi Kent provides FREE NHS hearing aid aftercare, advice and battery supply. The local hearing aid maintenance clinic will be in Coffee & Company in the Main Hall, Sellindge Village Hall on – **October 14th from 10.15am to 11.15am.**

Hi Kent at Coffee & Company every 2nd Tuesday Other 2025 dates – Nov 11th – Dec 9th

COME AND JOIN US FOR A
FUN AND SPECTACULAR

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Saturday 25th October
Sellindge Village Hall
2pm - 3.30pm
£10
Special Appearance from Fortnite
Pumpkin Man
Halloween Bouncy Castle
Halloween Arts & Crafts
Halloween Tattoos
Refreshments provided

Thanks to
Candytan Events

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE SELLINDGE

HALLOWEEN PARTY

AT 19:00 PM
31 OCTOBER, 2025

COME ALONG, FANCY DRESS IS HIGHLY
ENCOURAGED!

SELLINDGE SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB
69 SWAN LANE, SELLINDGE, TN25 6HB

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

LET'S SLOW DOWN SPEEDING IN OUR VILLAGE



Local volunteers, working with the police, monitor traffic to encourage safer driving.



Slower speeds mean safer streets for children, cyclists, and pedestrians



Get involved — make a difference in your community!

JOIN TODAY!

✉ admin@sellindge-pc.gov.uk

☎ 01303 813271

Together, we can make our roads safer for everyone.

SELLINDGE WALKING GROUP

– **Please note new meet up time and set off time.**

We meet at the Village Hall on a Tuesday morning at approximately 10am and set off at 10.15am.

We walk for 1 and 1/2 hours around the village using local footpaths.

This does involve crossing fields and climbing over stiles, so appropriate footwear is advisable. We are no longer part of the NHS Walking for Health Scheme just a group of locals who enjoy walking.

Everyone walks at their own risk.

Think you've seen an Asian Hornet? Report it!



Report through the Asian Hornet Watch app or www.bit.ly/asianhornetreport



Asian Hornet – Although no sightings were reported in Sellindge last year. There were sighting in our close neighbour village Lympe.

2025 - Asian Hornets have been found in the Romney Marsh area and now in Hythe and Saltwood.

SELLINDGE PARISH COUNCIL

www.sellindge-pc.gov.uk 01303 813 271 clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk

The next meeting of your Parish Council on **Tuesday October 14th** starting at 6.30pm in the Durling Hall.

Dog Poo Bags – Dog poo bags are still available from the Parish Council Office on Tuesday mornings or Friday afternoon. Dog poo bags are also still available from Nigel at Trust Cottages in Moorstock Lane, he puts them on a patio chair or table outside his house.

Also now available from the Dog Poo Bag dispenser which is located at the entrance to the Village Green.

Parish Councillor Vacancy – There have been no requests for an election to fill the recently advertised vacancy. So, if you would like to become a **Parish Councillor**. Please contact the Proper Officer / Clerk for more details – clerk@sellindge-pc.gov.uk phone 01303 813271 (please leave a message)

Come to the office when it is open (Tues morning Fri afternoon) or phone to arrange an appointment.

MOBILE LIBRARIES DATES and TIMES FOR OCTOBER 2025

www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries

Email ashfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk Tel 03000 41 31 31

Lay By on A20 at the bottom of Swan Lane.

Thursdays – 9.15am to 9.45am on **October 9th & 23rd**

St Kathrines Crescent TN25 6FU.

Fridays – 2.50pm to 3.50pm on. **October 10th & 24th**



F&HDC NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD – Cllr Jenny Hollingsbee: (Conservative Party)

Jenny.hollingsbee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk Mobile 07887 918 458

Folkestone – A Brighter Future – As you probably know Bouverie Square is returning to its former use as a garden square and a new linear bus station is being created. The current Folkestone bus station has closed. To minimise service disruption temporary bus stops will operate from 21 September while this work is completed. Stagecoach has created a diagram displaying the positions of these new temporary stops and the routes using them. You can view this diagram and find out more about bus services on the dedicated page on the Stagecoach website.

Stelling Minnis Windmill – the Windmill’s restoration is nearing the end of its 2 year refurbishment and was included in the Folkestone and Hythe Heritage Open Day festivals. For further information visit

[Stelling Minnis Windmill - Celebrating recent major refurbishment and almost 50 Years of being open to the public!](#)

Local Government Re-organisation – At a recent meeting the fourteen Kent Leaders, or their nominated representatives, met virtually to agree which two LGR models should be worked up to full business cases by November. Following extensive analysis of the seven potential models that had been short-listed from the long-list of ten, two models were agreed by consensus to progress:

- The 3 unitary authority model – which puts F&H district in the East cluster with Canterbury, Thanet, Dover and Ashford (known as the 3a model); and
- A 4 unitary authority model – which puts F&H district with Ashford and Swale (known as 4b model).

Other models of different configurations were proposed and discussed but did not have support from the majority to progress through the collaborative workstream co-ordinated by KPMG. However, Medway and Kent Councils, (at their own expense) have decided to put forward their own specific models for analysis.

Annual Canvass – Residents will be receiving an email or a paper form to check that their details on the electoral register are up to date, following the launch of the canvass for 2025. Those required to respond will receive email and telephone reminders or a house call in October and November from an electoral canvasser.

I was sorry to hear that Mary Yarnold died peacefully recently. Mary was a well know character in the village, particularly for her jumble sales in aid of the Pilgrims Hospice where she also volunteered for some time. She was always willing to help support village activities ever since I can remember. She has also been a great support to me over many years. My sincere condolences go to Anne, Alison and all her family. May she rest in peace.

NORTH DOWNS WEST WARD – Cllr Elaine Martin Contact: (Green Party) Elaine.Martin@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

The European Entry Exit system will start to be implemented from the 12th October. It is going to be a phased implementation over the next 6 months from October 2025 to April 2026. The first time you cross to France you will need to provide your fingerprints and a facial scan. This will only happen the first time and will take a few extra minutes so there may be some hold ups at the crossing point, the Channel Tunnel and Dover. This should save time for future visits because your passport will not need to be stamped. In the meantime, the KCC website gives the latest - <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/travelling-around-kent/eu-entryexit-system> and there is an email where you can report any traffic problems - ees@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

Folkestone & Hythe District Council is once again supporting the open-air art festival which happens every three years. This year’s Folkestone Triennial exhibition is titled “How Lies The Land?” and is the sixth edition. It invites residents and visitors to explore the stories and histories that shape the landscape.

As usual at this time of year, those residents who are required to respond will receive an email or a paper form to check that their details on the electoral register are up to date. They will receive email and a telephone reminder or a house call in October and November from an electoral canvasser.

I have some Ward Members grant still to be awarded so any local groups can contact me with their proposals and I can advise them how to apply.

Disclaimer – The views are the views of those making the submissions and is not necessarily the views of the Editor or Parish Council



KCC CLLR Christopher Hespe – (Reform UK) – **Elham Valley** – christopher.hespe@kent.gov.uk

Local Government Reorganisation – Kent's Leaders from the district councils and KCC met on 3 September 2025 to determine which of seven options for the future structure of local government in Kent should go forward for detailed appraisal by consultants KPMG. The districts selected an option involving three unitary authorities and one with four unitaries to be appraised. KCC's option was not favoured by the districts. KCC will now commit to undertaking a detailed business case for its favoured model, which it believes will compare well against the other two options. The KCC option involves the creation of one Unitary Council ('Kent Council') that includes three Area Assemblies. In addition, there would be Parish, Town or Community Councils at local level. With this option, there would be no need for a Strategic Mayoral Authority. Hence, this proposal would be less expensive, easier to establish and have a mix of local and strategic capability compared to the other options. It would also have only two tiers, rather than the three tiers being put forward by districts.

Submissions from Kent are due to be made to government by 28 November. KCC is keen to consult widely on the proposals. Every one of Kent's district council Leaders stated or voted that they did not wish the joint consultation to ask whether the public and stakeholders believe there is a need for major restructure of local government in Kent; whether cost should be a major consideration in any restructure, and whether Kent residents would be prepared to pay more in Council Tax due to reorganisation. These questions will be asked by KCC as a core part of its consultation.

Road Repairs – KCC has earmarked £67 million for new road repairs, including carrying out a record number of pothole repairs. Recent road repairs and resurfacing works in Elham Valley have included Spitfire Way, Hawkinge, the High Street in Etchinghill, and a section of Stone Street (B2086) near Petham.

Home to School Transport for Special Needs Children

New software is being implemented to simplify journey planning and make savings where possible.

Women and Girls Safety Partnership – KCC is establishing a new working relationship with the organisation with a number of initiatives being planned to make streets safer for women and girls in Kent.

Savings – KCC has announced more than £40 million of new savings from its future spend, in addition to £45 million of revenue savings achieved to date in 2025/26 and debt reduction of £16 million, following the difficult financial position the new Reform administration inherited from the outgoing administration at County Hall.

Property and Land Disposals – KCC has a legal duty to dispose of any land and property that is surplus to its needs. KCC is stepping up its disposals work in order to strengthen its reserves.

Small Member Community Grants – Small grants in the region of £250 to £500 are available for community events and activities. Voluntary sector and not-for-profit organisations who wish to explore whether they could receive a grant should contact Christopher Hespe on Christopher.Hespe@kent.gov.uk

SPEEDWATCH - 🚦 Volunteers Needed – Join Community Speedwatch! 🚦

Do you care about road safety in our area? Would you like to help reduce speeding and make our roads and streets safer for everyone? We're looking for volunteers to join our **Community Speedwatch team**. Speedwatch is a local initiative where trained residents work together, with support from the police, to monitor vehicle speeds and raise awareness about the dangers of speeding.

✅ Full training is provided

✅ Flexible volunteering – even a small amount of time helps

✅ A chance to make a real difference in keeping our community safe
If you'd like to get involved or find out more, please contact:

✉️ admin@sellindge-pc.gov.uk

☎️ 01303813271 Together, we can slow down speeding and keep our roads safer for all.





Saturdays and Sundays – Our special Summer Menu is now being served plenty of choice, see website for the menus.

Wednesday Noodle Night takeaway and local delivery available.

Thursday Pizza nights, takeaway and local delivery available.

Fridays Fish and Chips, takeaway and local delivery available.

Open from 9am Saturdays and Sundays

serving Breakfast Rolls and full menu.

Mondays **Crafty Crafters** – 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Junior Darts – 6pm to 7.30pm

Tuesdays **Whist Drive** – 7pm

Wednesdays **Pilates** – 9.30am

Thursdays **Bingo** – 8pm

Tabletop Sale – **Saturday October 4th at 9am** Tables available to book/info contact Jane on 07850 722 319

OPENING TIMES

Monday 3pm – 7pm

Tuesday 3pm – 9pm

Wednesday 3pm – 9pm

Thursday 3pm – 10pm

Friday 3pm – 11pm

Saturday 9am – 11pm

Sunday 9am – 6pm

Closing times subject to change

AFC Sellindge Play the Ashford & District Sunday League – Division 3 – KO 10.30am

Oct 9th – Away V Ashford Spartans KO at 10.30am

12th – Home V Woodchurch Res KO at 10.30am

19th – Away V Burton Grove Res KO at 10.30am

Sellindge Ladies Football Club play on a Sunday afternoon at 2pm they compete in the Southeast Kent Women's League in Division 1

Oct 5th – Home V Ramsgate KO at 2pm

12th – Home V Herne Bay Development KO at 2pm

19st – Home V Hawkinge KO at 2pm

Nov 2nd – Home V Biddenden KO at 2pm

Sellindge Ladies Football Club Under 15 mixed play Sundays in the Kent Girls/Ladies League Division 2 KO 10am

Oct 5th – Away V Canterbury Eagles – Kent U15 Cup

12th – Away V Margate Youth – Pro 2 Pro Cup

19th – Home V Margate Youth

26th – Away V



Fireworks Night is coming up, as before we have tickets available in advance from the club house Adults £6, Children £4.

Family ticket 2 adults 2 children £15 only available in advance from the clubhouse.

Village Hall Weekly Events

Registered Charity No. 302822

MONDAY	SUPERSTRIKERS	9.30am -10.30am	Main Hall	www.superstrikers.co.uk
	RAINBOWS	4pm – 5pm	Main Hall	01303 812 297 (Term time)
	BROWNIES	5.15pm - 6.45pm	Main Hall	01303 812 297 (Term time)
	LINE DANCING	7.30pm – 9pm	Main Hall	07753 274 913
TUESDAY	COFFEE & COMPANY	9am – 12.30pm	Main Hall	
	MOTHER & BABY GROUP	1.30pm – 3pm	Main Hall	
	LINE DANCING	6pm – 7.30pm,	Main Hall	07989 210 449
WEDNESDAY	BABY MASSAGE/TUMMY TIME	10am-12.00 Noon	Durling Hall	
	PLAY GYM 0 – 6 mths	1pm - 2pm	Durling Hall	
	L+S TABLE TENNIS - afternoons		Main Hall	
	BEES BODS	5.45pm – 6.45pm	Main Hall	
	AEROBIC BODY BLAST	7pm - 8pm	Main Hall	
THURSDAY	TINY TALK	10am – 11am	Durling Hall	
	PILATES	9.30 – 10.45am	Main Hall	
	PLAY GYM 6 – 12 months	Noon – 1pm	Main Hall	
	PLAY GYM 12 months +	1.30pm – 2.30pm	Main Hall	
	TAEKWONDO Various classes	5.15pm	Main Hall	
FRIDAY	RUGBY TOTS	9.15am – 10.15am	Main Hall	
	1st SELLINDGE SCOUT GROUP CUBS - 6 -7.30pm, BEAVERS - 6.00-7.15pm,			
	Both Halls SCOUTS - 7.30-9.00pm,			
	EXPLORERS 7.30—9.00pm. 01303 813 250. 1stsellindgesg@gmail.com			(Term time)

Village Hall Monthly Events

TUESDAY	PARISH COUNCIL 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6.30pm Durling Hall – Parish Clerk 01303 813 271
WEDNESDAY	GET TOGETHER CLUB 2nd Wednesday of the month 2pm – 4pm Durling Hall



Sellindge Village Hall

Halls available for hire.
Meetings, Clubs, Parties,
Wedding receptions etc

01303 813250 sellindgevillagehall@gmail.com



Stour Downs Parish Brabourne, Mersham, Monks Horton, Sellindge, Smeeth & Stowting Churches
 Rev Susan Manners (Interim Curate in Charge) 01233 500 414 www.stourdowns.org.uk also on Facebook

STOUR DOWNS PARISH Vicar's letter – October 2025

Rev. Susan Vicar, Stour Downs (Brabourne, Mersham, Monks Horton, Sellindge, Smeeth and Stowting).

Dear all

It seems that autumn is well and truly upon us, and the nights are drawing in. It's a time when we close the doors and almost batten down the hatches and get things ready for winter. The clocks change later this month (26th October). It is so important that we still look out for each other, and you keep an eye on those who might need a bit more help. It is also important that we all try and still go out and do things. Community is so important, and it is something that Jesus focussed on in telling his disciples to love your neighbour as yourself and community is so good for both our physical and mental health. The early church worked hard to live in community and to look out for those in need and churches now do the same. Through coffee mornings, film nights, foodbank, visiting people in their homes to name but a few. You would also be very welcome to join us on a Sunday whether you have never been in a church and have questions or haven't been for a while or are an old hand. Sellindge church has a service on the second Sunday at 11am. In our services we sing hymns, pray, have a talk and in some services, we also offer communion. All are welcome of any age so why not come and see.

God Bless,

Rev Susan

Services in the Stour Downs October 2025

	Smeeth 9:30am	Mersham 9:30am	Brabourne	Stowting	Monks Horton	Sellindge
5th October (12 th Sunday after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship - Iona	10am Family Service		6pm Harvest Evensong	
12th October (13 th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Praise	Parish Harvest Communion				11am Communion
19th October (14 th Sunday after Trinity)	Parish Communion	Morning Worship	11am Communion			
26th October (15 th Sunday after Trinity)	Morning Praise	Communion for all		11am Communion		
Wednesday 1/10, 8/10, 15/10, 22/10, 29/10			9:30am Midweek Parish Communion			