

# EPPC NEWS - JANUARY 2018

## Working on behalf of your community

Dear All,

Happy New Year.

A huge thank you for supporting our Christmas Lights Switch On. The lights were spectacular and we've been overwhelmed by your wonderful complimentary messages. Thank you also for your donations on the night which raised £203.80 which will be put towards the 2018 Christmas Lights. We've embarked on an ambitious project as far as the Christmas lights are concerned with the installation in 2017 of the two new cheer flake motifs alongside the lights which were debuted in 2016. We hope that this year we'll be able to add to their number and we're already thinking of fundraising ideas. The Christmas lights and the Switch On event costs almost £10,000. The Parish Council contributes half of this money; TMBC contributes £560 and the remainder – almost £4,500 we have to find by fundraising and donations. We've been fortunate to have been selected by the Co-op as one of their 2018 Local Community Funds and we hope this together with our fundraising during 2018 will enable us to provide more Christmas lights throughout the village. If you've any suggestions for fundraising events, we'd be pleased to hear from you, we've tried Quiz Nights and auctions and whilst they've been successful we're always keen to consider new ideas that residents might have.

Following the resignation of Jenny Macdonald at the end of 2017, we have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor which we're able to fill by co-option. If you're interested in joining us, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Being a Councillor can be fulfilling. It requires dedication and hard work (unpaid of course,) but in East Peckham it can be especially rewarding as it brings the additional opportunity to play a significant role in shaping our dynamic and ever growing community.

Each year we set a budget which reflects the services you want, whilst fulfilling our statutory obligations. Our 2018/2019 budget has been challenging but we've been able to make some budgetary reductions whilst including funding for our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary which we shall be celebrating in 2019 and our new Shop Local Loyalty Scheme which we aim to launch in April. Our provisional budget requires a precept of £140,000 which is an increase of £50 on 2017/2018.

We're looking forward to the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting. Details are currently being finalised. Amongst our guest speakers we hope to introduce Tom Tugendhat MP or his representative to you.

We know you are keen to know what is happening with regard to the surgery. In December, the Working Group consisting of representatives from EPPC, the CCG and Woodlands Health Centre met and are currently working on a joint statement which will be released shortly.

We continue to strive to make East Peckham a desirable place to live. Please help all our community groups and continue to do your bit where you can and don't forget that if you have any interesting photos from in and around the village we'd love to see them and if you'd like any information or advice on a Parish matter, please feel free to call into our Office during normal opening hours. Coming soon will be our new Parish Council Facebook as a means of communication alongside our existing media methods which include the EPPC App, the website [www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk), twitter @EastPeckhamPC, monthly newsletters, annual report and our notice board.

Kind regards  
Chairman, Councillors and Clerk



### COUNCILLORS AREAS

Parish Councillors represent the village collectively but for administrative and Emergency Planning we have divided the village into areas and an area assigned to each councillor. The areas are:

Hale Street, Bardsley Close, Hale Court, Medway Meadows, Cates Court & Maidstone Road	Serina Page
Smithers Lane, Pattenden Gardens, Hop Bine Close, Smithers Court, Beltring Road, Branbridges Road & Maidstone Road (A26)	James Hockey
Old Road, Strettitt Gardens, Pinkham & Pinkham Gardens	Penny Graham
Addlestead Road, Chidley Cross Road, Caysers Croft & Tonbridge Road	Lynton Wright
Pound Road, The Old Dairy & Snoll Hatch Road	David Roberts
Orchard Road, The Freehold, Red Roses, Marvillion & Crown Acres (Odds)	Colin Silver
Whitebine, Golding & Henham Gardens & Crown Acres (evens)	Mick Barton
Fell Mead, Stockenbury, Bramley Road, Pippin Road & Russett Road	Steph Watson
Hatches Lane, Bullen Lane, Bells Farm Road, Grove Close & Stanford Lane	TBC
Westwood Road, Drage Road, William Luck Close & Cotman Way	Heidi Harratt
Court Lodge, Roydon Hall & Bush Roads, Seven Mile, Martins & Church Lanes	Michael Ferguson

### 2018/2018 BUDGET

Our draft budget has been published on our website [www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk). Included within our budget will be provisions for two new projects one will be the introduction of an EPPC funded Shop Local Loyalty Scheme other is the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the EPPC which will be celebrated in 2019.

### CUSTOMER PANEL

We'd like to set up a Customer Panel to provide an opportunity for residents to comment on our activities and budget proposals. If you'd like to participate, please let us know.

### EAST PECKHAM BUSINESS COMMUNITY

We'd like East Peckham to have a business forum. We'd be delighted to hear from you if you'd like to be involved.

### PLEASE USE OUR LOCAL SHOPS – THEY NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Please support our local village shops and businesses. If we don't, we might lose them. The village shop, pub or post office are often beating hearts of a community so when one is threatened with closure, we'll pull out all the stops to keep it going. This isn't about propping up failing businesses; it's about providing assistance or putting new community-run facilities in place, so vital services that people rely on are maintained and every option explored to keep them running for the benefit of local people.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPONSOR A COMMUNITY PROJECT?

There are many projects you could help. If you're interested please let us know.

### COMMUNITY GRANTS

If your group or organisation would like to apply for a small grant please visit our website where you will find details of our grants policy and an application form. So far this year we have been able to help East Peckham United Youth Football Club and the Village Hall who both received grants of £500.00.

### TWINNING

East Peckham is twinned with Chéreng in the Nord de Pas de Calais. Twinning activities are funded by those taking part and fund-raising with no use of parish funds. For more information on Twinning please contact Karen Bell by email to [councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk).

### EAST PECKHAM VILLAGE CENTRE

The paved area in the village centre does not belong to us but we're aware that it needs some maintenance work. Over the years we have helped where we can by arranging and paying for work to be carried out to eliminate trip hazards. We want to be proud of our village centre and are making enquiries with Kent County Council with the view to ascertaining the feasibility and costing implications of the land being transferred to us. We have also asked the County Council to carry out a risk assessment and to repair all identified risks such as trip hazards, loose bricks and decaying trees.

### **JUBILEE HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS**

We own and manage the Jubilee Hall complex comprising of the Playing Fields, Sports Hall and Meeting Room. The complex hosts many regular activities such as East Peckham United FC, pre-school music, table tennis, step and bodypump, boot camp, keep fit, badminton, bowls and Zumba, we're also the venue for a twice monthly carers group and regular first aid training. The facilities are perfect for any occasion such as a children's party, sports activity or business function. A programme of activities and the contact details for the activity organisers can be found on our website. Our aim to widen the number of indoor and outdoor activities on offer and we would be pleased to hear from you if there are any activities you would like us to provide or if you would like to start up a new activity.

**Children's Party Packages:** We have some fantastic packages, offering hassle free solutions to make your life easier and your event a great success.

**Business Event Solutions:** We offer solutions for business events such as one-to-one consultations to a classroom or meeting venue. We can provide a great space for training, meetings and exhibitions.

The playing fields are a beautiful open space, available all year round and free to use. We want them to be a safe haven for everyone to enjoy and will continue to develop the facilities so that the village; is well equipped with leisure facilities for everyone.

**Car Park:** Some users of the twice monthly bulky refuse service and those attending home matches of East Peckham United FC have ignored the one way system which has inconvenienced and disrupted residents of Pippin, Bramley and Russett Roads. Our groundsman will be marshalling the car park when the bulky refuse freighter is on site and managers of East Peckham United FC will be patrolling the car park at home games. It's a fact that there will always be some people who will ignore the car park one way system but we'll do our best to ensure that inconvenience to residents is minimalised.

### **FANTASTIC VENUE AVAILABLE IN EAST PECKHAM VILLAGE CENTRE?**

The Jubilee Hall has two rooms available, a large sports hall and a small meeting room. It can cater for most activities such as sports activities, children's parties, book clubs, meetings, group gatherings



Surrounded by 15 acres of playing fields we offer very competitive hire rates, a large car park, FREE WIFI, kitchen, projector and screen

Whatever your activity we look forward to receiving your enquires.

Please email [admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk) for more information

### **COMMUNITY DEFIBRILATOR**

The defibrillator is housed in a secure box attached to the wall of the Jubilee Hall, it's an intelligent item of medical equipment which 'talks' to the operator and gives easy to follow instructions. SECAmb know of the location of the defibrillator so when someone dials 999 about a possible heart attack, they can immediately see if there is a defibrillator near the caller, give them the access code and direct them to it.

### **FREE - First Aid Training**

We are delighted to be able to offer residents and users of the Jubilee Hall FREE defibrillator training. Please contact the parish office to express an interest or find out more

### **ALLOTMENTS**

Allotments are provided on land adjacent to the Playing Fields. The annual rents are very reasonable and we currently have a few vacant plots.

### BLOOMING IN EAST PECKHAM

We'd like to form an East Peckham in Bloom group, it will have our endorsement and comprise of residents whose aim is to enhance the appearance of the village. The Group's first step would be to become a member of 'Britain in Bloom' an organisation set up by the Royal Horticultural Society. We'd also like to encourage residents and retailers to keep their frontages clean and tidy. If you're a local business and would like to sponsor this project or make a donation, please let us know. Similarly, we'd like to hear from you if you're interested in becoming part of East Peckham in Bloom. We're looking for garden enthusiasts, carpenters/DIY'ers, artists or just residents who want to be involved.

### LOCAL WINTER MANAGEMENT POLICY

We have no statutory duty to prepare for and deal with snow and ice (except around our own property) neither do we have resources to commit to providing a snow clearing service but we'll assist where we can. Our policy clarifying what can be expected from EPPC was printed in our December newsletter; you can also download a copy from our website [www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk).

### COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

**YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU.** Would you be prepared to help your community and support the Community Emergency Planning Team? There are many ways you can help, if you're interested and would like to find out more please let us know. Free training is available via Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council and all Flood Wardens are given a flood preparedness kit.

**Flood Warning System:** To receive flood warnings from the Environment Agency please visit the website [www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk) and register with Floodline Warnings Direct. If you would prefer to register by telephone, or need help during the registration process, call 0845 988 1188.

### POWER CUTS

UK Power Networks own and maintain the electric cables and lines in the area. Whilst power cuts are rare please keep these details safe in case you need to contact UK Power networks:

**Text POWER and your postcode to 80876, website: [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut), Tel 0800 3163105 Tel (Mobile) 0333 32 32 105, facebook and Twitter @ukpowernetworks**

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Planning & Transportation Committee aims to represent the views of the community when consulted on planning applications and to improve transportation issues in East Peckham. The Committee has recently considered the following planning applications:

TM/17/03096/FL	Single storey rear extension at 26 Crown Acres	<b>NO OBJECTION</b>
TM/17/03111/FL	Small ground floor in-fill extension and change of use to two dwellings at 13 Old Road, East Peckham	<b>NO OBJECTION</b>
TM/17/03266/FL	Conservatory to the rear of Kilmory, 18 Old Road	<b>NO OBJECTION</b>
KCC/TM/0328/2017	Importation of inert materials by road until April 2020 at East Peckham Quarry	<b>NOTED</b>

### DOG FOULING

We take dog fouling, particularly in the Playing Fields, seriously. We can't overstress the dangers dog faeces poses – Toxocariasis, found in dog faeces can cause partial blindness. It's a shame that just a few dog owners spoil things for others. Bagged up dog deposits can be put into any street amenity bin but ***not*** private household bins. If you see anyone failing to clear up after their dog contact the Community or Dog Wardens. Failing to clear up after a dog is an offence and TMBC enforces dog fouling through the Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996 which applies to all land within the borough which is open and where there is public access. If you have a dog fouling complaint obtain as much information as possible as it will assist investigations. For a found, lost or straying dog telephone 01732 876181, for fouling, dangerous dog, a dog on dog attack or anything else telephone 01732 876147 or Email: [dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk). If a person has been bitten then report the incident to the Police on 101

### **DOG AND LITTER BINS**

Complaints regarding overfull dog/litter bins should be reported to [waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk) or use the online forms at [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk). There are 18 dog waste bins around East Peckham, so specific locations for the ones that may have been missed would assist.

### **FLYTIPPING**

The village has experienced many acts of flytipping and littering recently. We've asked TMBC to increase the emptying of litterbins in the village and to be more proactive in identifying those responsible for flytipping. We've also asked that they liaise and support landowners. It is everyone's responsibility to report incidents of flytipping direct to TMBC. We are pleased that TMBC has a no tolerance policy with regard to fly-tippers and that those who are identified will be prosecuted.

### **LITTERING**

Litter doesn't clear itself away. The cost of clearing up litter runs into hundreds of pounds. It's an offence to leave litter and a person is guilty of an offence if they throw down, drop or otherwise deposit and then leave it in a public place. TMBC will respond to complaints and have the power to demand a person's name and address in order to issue fixed penalty notices. It's such a shame that an uncaring few spoil it for the rest of us. Remember if you want to report a litter issue or fly-tipping, go to TMBC's website. To help keep East Peckham beautiful, can we please encourage residents and businesses to regularly clear up their frontages and collect rubbish along their roads. Let's keep our village tidy. We're aware of a number of residents who regularly collect litter and our thanks go to these unsung heroes - what caring citizens you are. If you would like to nominate a special village person, please let us know.

### **IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR HIGHWAYS – WE NEED YOUR HELP**

We recently asked Kent Highways to improve the junction at Bullen Lane with Bush Road and the exit on Branbridges Road near the Co-op and Petrol Station. Kent Highways have said that current evidence doesn't justify any improvements but they'll continue to monitor the safety records at both locations. We'd like to create a portfolio of evidence and need your help. If you're involved in or witness an accident or a near miss we'd like you to send details to us.

### **SPEED REDUCTIONS**

In response to our request for village wide speed reductions, KCC advised that all requests are reviewed and prioritised using an evidence-based approach to ascertain if there are any patterns of personal injury crash records. Having reviewed East Peckham, KCC concluded that it's difficult to prioritise East Peckham against a number of sites across the county, where a pattern of incidents is occurring and therefore KCC has no plans to undertake any changes to the highway in East Peckham.

### **ABANDONED VEHICLES**

These can be reported via <http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/abandoned-vehicles>, this info is contained in TMBC's Street Monitor Guidance booklet available on our website.

### **PARKING ON PAVEMENTS**

With the problem in the village of inappropriately parked vehicles on pavements, we've joined Guide Dogs for the Blind who are campaigning against pavement parking. It's being proposed that motorists should be banned from parking on pavements because the practice forces vulnerable pedestrians to walk in the road and blocking the pavement is inconsiderate and dangerous. This is a far too common problem across the county partly because many of our roads were built in the days before motor cars and partly because of inconsiderate drivers who wish to park as close as possible to where they live. In areas where there are no parking restrictions the borough councils Civil Enforcement Officers will not be able to help and the police can only enforce against dangerous parking. If you spot a vehicle wrongly parked, please call 101 and our PCSO's will try and attend, contact the owner and get the vehicle moved on. Whilst the PCSO's cannot issue tickets they can issue advice notices.

### HIGHWAYS

The preferred way to let highways know about faults such as potholes or overgrown vegetation is through the website [www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highwayfaults) where details can be uploaded and locations pinpointed on a map. In the event of an emergency you should call 03000 41 81 81. You might be interested in the [roadworks.org](http://roadworks.org) website which gives details of all planned works for the village.

### PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

KCC is responsible for maintaining public rights of way. Regardless of the growing season most rights of ways will be cut twice each year. Please report any problems to KCC by telephoning 0845 345 0210 or online at <http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/countrysideaccessscams/issues/default.aspx>

### ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

If you see any anti-social behaviour or know who's involved, please tell us, the police or the community warden. Anti-Social Behaviour can affect everyone's quality of life and shouldn't be tolerated.

### POLICE

In an emergency, if a crime is in progress or life is in danger, call 999 For non-urgent issues call 101 If deaf or speech impaired, text „Police „and your message to 60066 For news and advice visit [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk) Follow on Twitter @kent\_police or @kentpoliceton Find Kent Police on Facebook.

### Online crime reporting and non-injury Collison - LIVE

The public can now **report crimes and incidents** as well as **non-injury road traffic collisions** ONLINE directly to Kent Police through the website [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk). Once a report is made online, the user will receive a unique reference number and a return email confirming receipt.

The overall aim is to provide another choice for how the public can report crime or incidents as well as try to reduce the number of people calling 101 on non-urgent issues that could easily be dealt with through digital contact (which increasingly a lot of people prefer and have asked Kent Police to provide.

### COMMUNITY WARDEN

Michael Head is our Community Warden. Michael can be contacted by email to [michael.head@kent.gov.uk](mailto:michael.head@kent.gov.uk) or telephone 07811271307.

### SATURDAY BULKY REFUSE SERVICE

The Saturday bulky waste service provided by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is for the disposal of household waste, including bulky items.

**Location:** Pippin Road (*Jubilee Hall Car Park*)  
**Dates and Times:** 23rd December: 08:00 to 09:00  
13th January: 10:30 to 11:30  
27th January: 08:00 to 09:00  
10th February: 10:30 to 11:30  
24th February: 08:00 to 09:00

### JANUARY 2018 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

08 January 2018	Planning & Transportation Committee, 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall
08 January 2018	Finance Committee in the Jubilee Hall
08 January 2018	Parish Council Meeting in the Jubilee Hall (not a full meeting, the only agenda item will be the ratification of the 2018/2019 budget)
22 January 2018	Meeting of the full Parish Council, 7.00 p.m. in the Jubilee Hall

### CONTACT DETAILS

Clerk to the Council, Karen Bell, The Parish Office, East Peckham Jubilee Hall, Pippin Road, East Peckham, TN12 5BT, Telephone/answerphone: 01622 871309, Email: [councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:councilmanager@eastpeckham-pc.gov.uk).

### Kent County Council Bus Funding Review

The Leader of Kent County Council is to meet with Arriva and Stagecoach to establish which routes they will run as scheduled and which will need subsidy ahead of a consultation on Socially Necessary Bus Service funding in January. The discussions with commercial bus operators will look at the likelihood of the bus companies taking on well-used routes which could prove to be commercially viable.

Paul Carter, Leader of KCC, has told members that the authority has not 'axed' any subsidies for bus routes in the last 12 months and that its budget for subsidised buses has remained constant for 2017-18 at £7.5m.

"It is true that bus subsidies are among the potential savings we must look at in the coming budget in February but we understand the importance of these transport arrangements to people and we are progressing a programme that could potentially significantly reduce the list of affected routes in advance of the public consultation, set to start in January. "I think that list of routes was prematurely released and I am sorry it has caused people understandable concern," said Paul Carter.

"Because of that I am making a personal pledge to handle the forthcoming programme of negotiations with bus operators to try to persuade them to keep a significant number of routes going without subsidy, which I believe they should be able to do. "In addition, and in advance of public consultation, I will also be meeting the smaller bus providers to discuss the routes at risk and how they could potentially help us to reduce the impact if bigger companies remove their services.

"But we want to be more imaginative in looking after people's transport needs. We have always planned to invest in alternative, lower cost transport options to make up for any changes the bus companies make to subsidised routes. "To this end I have scheduled meetings with a number of taxi operators across the county to explore the development of a 'Click and Ride' taxi share scheme to support rural communities more comprehensively alongside expanding community minibuses and the Kent Karrier service. An indicative budget has been set for this purpose.

"These actions show a continued commitment to passengers on some of the very marginal routes but we also have a commitment, a duty, to taxpayers who can legitimately question if subsidies of £18.50 per bus ride are the best way to use their money. "KCC's budget for the coming year 2018-19 will be set at the County Council meeting on 20 February 2018 and we are making good progress on identifying the necessary savings. "Demand pressures and inflationary costs, coupled with the reduction in the government's Revenue Support Grant and the removal of transitional grant mean that we need to find savings of some £62.5m next year. Amongst the savings being considered is to reduce by £2m the spend on subsidised bus services with the potential of a further £2m in 2019-20. In the following year another £41m of savings will be required to balance the 2019-20 budget.

"In recent years the amount of money available from government has been decreasing while demand and cost for council services has been increasing. "Through innovation, transformation, productivity and astute commissioning we have been able to deliver over £600m of savings without materially effecting frontline services, whilst at the same time improving the quality of services delivered. "KCC is rightly proud of its achievements to date and is considerably better placed than many of our county colleagues across the country. Counties have had to endure the most severe financial challenges of any part of local government as the attached schedule clearly evidences.

"Figures for the current four year settlement from 2016/17 to 2019/20 show the average Revenue Support Grant per head of population for county councils reduces by 95% from £107.65 to £5.95 compared to a significantly more modest reduction of 59% from £227.68 to £86.02 for the upper tier element for Inner London councils. "There is understandably a limit to what Kent and our colleague county councils can endure in the reduction of Revenue Support Grant from central government. This is why the County Councils Network (CCN), of which I am Chairman, have been putting our case to government, campaigning for the extension and increase of the transitional grant for the coming two financial years. "The grant was introduced by Greg Clarke when he was Secretary of State for Local

Government some 2 years ago, which ceases at the end of this financial year – currently worth £7m per annum to Kent County Council. “In addition to the pressure from government in reducing our budgets we have faced an additional pressure from the bus companies with Arriva and Stagecoach. Both proposing price increases of up to 3.5% in the coming financial year - above inflation for the fifth consecutive year. “It is important to understand that KCC commissions in excess of £40m of business predominantly Arriva and Stagecoach. The breakdown of this is as follows:

English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS)	£17m
Young Persons Travel Pass	(£8m KCC sub, £6m parental contribution) £14m
Subsidised Bus Services	£7.5m
Mainstream home to school transport	(total school transport budget £33m – including special needs) £7m
16+ Kent Travel Card	(£1m KCC subsidy, £2m parent contribution) £3m

Other local authorities have already, or plan to, significantly reduce or completely end bus subsidies for socially necessary routes. Oxfordshire has already removed its subsidy for all routes; Lancashire is consulting on the same whilst Cheshire East and Staffordshire are planning on making significant savings to their bus subsidy budget.

As a discretionary service, this is something that many county areas are considering given the very severe financial pressures they are under, and as they strive to maintain vital statutory services. “Finally, I can provide reassurance that any changes will not materially impact on home to school transport for parents and their children given our statutory obligations for home to school transport, and the continued discretionary subsidy provided through Young Person's Travel Pass which we committed to keep in our manifesto for the County Council elections earlier this year. “I can also reassure you that a full Equality Impact Assessment has been prepared and will be fully updated ahead of any decision on bus subsidies so that KCC meets its statutory duties under the Equality Act.”

# Are you flood aware?



**A Prepared Community is a Resilient Community**

## Sign up for our free **Flood Warning Service**

And receive advance flood warning messages to make sure you and your family have time to prepare and stay safe [www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings](http://www.gov.uk/sign-up-for-flood-warnings).

## See [gov.uk/flood](http://gov.uk/flood)

For more information on what to do before, during and after a flood, community flood plan templates, live flood maps and much more.

## Call **Floodline 0345 988 1188**

To receive up-to-date information for your area during a flood or to register for our free Flood Warning Service.



# Could you be a **Flood Warden**?

Local **Flood Wardens** help their community to be prepared for flooding, playing a vital role in a community's response before, during and after a flood.

Why not volunteer to become a **Flood Warden** and make a difference in your community?

Email: [krf@kent.fire-uk.org](mailto:krf@kent.fire-uk.org)

Call: Kent Resilience Forum on 01622 212409



# Could you be a Flood Warden?



- ➡ A Flood Warden helps and prepares people in the local community that are at risk of flooding.
- ➡ A Flood Warden is important in the development and execution of a community flood plan – do you have one in your community?
- ➡ A Flood Warden provides a vital link between a local community and those responsible for responding to a flood incident

The role of a Flood Warden	
<b>BEFORE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Identify problem areas within your community</li> <li>✓ Identify vulnerable people and properties</li> <li>✓ Write a community flood plan</li> <li>✓ Monitor watercourses within the community</li> <li>✓ Encourage sign up to free Flood Warnings</li> <li>✓ Raise awareness of flood risk within the community</li> </ul>
<b>DURING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Communicate the risk of flooding within the community</li> <li>✓ Heed emergency services advice at all times</li> <li>✓ Disperse information from the Environment Agency and emergency services to residents</li> <li>✓ Collect flood event information</li> </ul>
<b>AFTER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide guidance in the post flood clear up</li> <li>✓ Collect post flood data and photos</li> <li>✓ Take part in the post flood clear up if required</li> </ul>



“Knowing the difference your help makes to people’s lives makes it an incredibly rewarding experience”

**Floodline**  
0345 988 1188

To volunteer contact [krf@kent.fire.org.uk](mailto:krf@kent.fire.org.uk)  
or [jenny.newham@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:jenny.newham@environment-agency.gov.uk)



# DOES YOUR BUS PASS EXPIRE IN MARCH 2018?



## DON'T WORRY -YOU DON'T NEED TO DO ANYTHING!

195,000 English National Concessionary Travel Scheme passes in Kent will expire on 31 March 2018 and cannot be used on buses after that date.

### DON'T WORRY - WE'LL BE IN TOUCH

If you have used your bus pass on a Kent bus in the past year, we will send you your new bus pass by the middle of March 2018.

If you haven't been able to use your bus pass in the past year, you will receive a letter from us during January or February 2018 explaining how you can renew your bus pass if you still want it.

### MOVED HOUSE?

If you have moved house since getting your current bus pass and you haven't told us, make sure you let us know so that your new bus pass arrives at the right place.

Visit [www.kent.gov.uk/buspasses](http://www.kent.gov.uk/buspasses) or your nearest library or Gateway for more information.

