

# Community Alert

Loose Parish Council (LPC) – Keeping you updated

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## Rewilding of Brooks Field



Using external (non-precept) funding and local volunteers, Loose Parish Council has started to create a new wild flower meadow area in Brooks Field, located in the centre of the village, by the stream. A digger has removed the turf and topsoil ready to receive a mix of wild flower seed.

Hopefully, next year, this area will be vibrant and colourful with poppies, daisies, cornflowers, yellow rattle, ladies bedstraw and white campion. This mix had been specially selected to attract bees, butterflies and pollinators.

The next task will be to deter the birds from eating the seed. **If any families would like to create a scarecrow, please let us know and we will locate it in the middle of the new meadow. Contact the Parish Council at [office@loose-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@loose-pc.gov.uk)**

## Scams

Several residents have mentioned receiving scam phone calls or emails. If anyone has responded to a scam in any way, please can they get in touch with the Community Warden, **Liz Lovatt** on **07813 712107**, as there are steps that can be taken to reduce the risk of becoming a repeat victim of this.

Trading Standards work closely with Action Fraud. All scams should be reported to Action Fraud on 03001232040. If money has changed hands, the police should also be notified. If a scammer is believed to be in the area dial 999 and report it to the police.

## Keeping Property and Sheds Secure

There have been a number of incidents over the past few months of damage and thefts from vehicles and sheds. Please can residents report any suspicious activity and ensure nothing of value is left in vehicles. It is important to ensure all items are securely locked and not to have any items on display, particularly as the nights get colder and darker.

## LPC Council & Committee Meetings

The Parish Council is continuing to hold monthly meetings electronically, via the Zoom platform. Some committee meetings are also taking place.

Members of the public are welcome to participate in any council or committee meeting (there is an agenda item on all agendas specifically for this). If you would like to attend, please contact the Clerk for the Zoom access code.

**Please note:** If you are interested in making any representations or commenting on any item on the **Planning Committee's** agenda, decisions are currently being made by Round Robin emails only. Emails need to be received by 5pm, on the Friday preceding the Monday meeting.

Loose Parish Council is currently looking at the budgets for April 2021-March 2022. What would YOU like YOUR council to be doing? Ideas to [office@loose-pc.gov.uk](mailto:office@loose-pc.gov.uk).

## LPC Upcoming meetings

**02 Nov 7pm LPC Planning Committee**  
**09 Nov 7.30pm LPC Environment Com.**  
**16 Nov 6.45pm LPC Planning Com.**  
**16 Nov 7.30pm Loose Parish Council**  
**23 Nov 7.30pm Pavilion & Community Hub Committee**  
**07 Dec 7pm LPC Planning Committee**  
**14 Dec 7.30pm Loose Parish Council**  
**21 Dec 7pm LPC Planning Committee**

## Loose Parish Pavilion

The parish pavilion hall is gradually being reopened for existing regular hirers, given permission to operate and having provided risk assessments which meet with Government Covid-19 guidelines. Currently, these are primarily Slimming World and organised children's groups.

Due to the size of the hall, the Rule of Six, and the changing Covid situation, other groups and activities have not been able to restart and, to date, there are no plans to open the pavilion to non-regular hirers.

## Other News

### Remembrance Day Service

This year there will not be a remembrance service at the War Memorial in the Closed Cemetery. Instead remembrance will be part of the service in All Saints' Church, Church Street. It will be held on Sunday 8 November 2020, from 10am-11am. Anyone wishing to attend will need to book. Wreaths can be laid at the event and afterwards will be placed on the Memorial in the Closed Cemetery. More details including booking, can be found by visiting <https://www.allsaintsloose.org.uk/calendar-item/remembrance-sunday/>

### KCC Kent Together Helpline

The Leader of KCC has stated that Kent's most vulnerable families and children should not suffer hardship or hunger throughout this half term week, or at any time in their lives.

Help is available for anyone struggling to provide for their children, or indeed for any Kent vulnerable residents, who may need help, support or assistance, to improve their quality of life.

Please contact the **KCC Kent Together** 24 hour Helpline on **03000 41 92 92**.

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