

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year

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## Ide Hill Defibrillator

# Ide Hill News Christmas

It was wonderful to see so many residents, especially our youngest residents, at the annual Parish Council Carols on Ide Hill Green. Thank you to Cllrs Martyn

## Stubbs Wood

A new short-term plan has been agreed with the Stubbs Woods Volunteers Group, SWAG and the Parish Council. The general thrust of the plan is to have a “more gentle” approach with the woods over the next 5 years. There is quite a lot of clearing of dead, diseased and dying wood to clear up. Starting in the East the volunteer group will slowly work their way through the woods.

This more gentle regeneration is to allow light to the woodland floor, it is highly beneficial to wildlife and flora species diversity. The idea is to create habitat of all different bugs, birds and mammals, including joining up areas for Dormice.



We would welcome anyone who would like to get involved and volunteer. Tuesday morning is the usual meet time. If anyone would like to get involved in planting and are green fingered, we need some Hazel and Honeysuckle propagation, these are both favourites for Dormice.

## Ide Hill Green

## Goathurst Common Playground

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## General News

## Planning

The Planning Committee is a committee is comprised of members from both Ide Hill and Sundridge to ensure an even balance of views and local knowledge. We consider the details of all relevant planning, conservation and tree preservation orders bearing in mind the affect that they might have on our village and/or environment. A large part of our

Parish is in a conservation area and/or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and therefore great care has to be taken in consideration of each application and specific planning policies in these respects.

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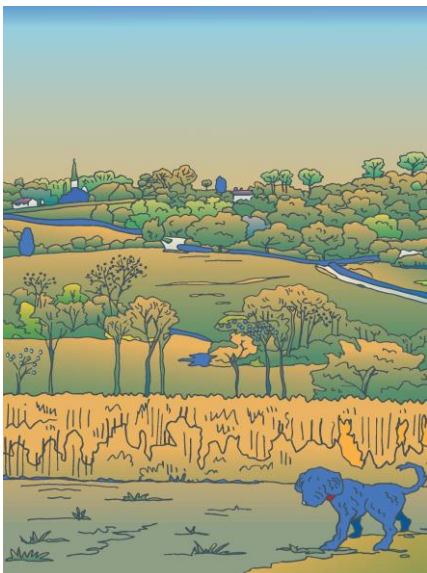
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## Sundridge Defibrillator

The Parish Council defibrillator is located at the Sundridge and Brasted Social Club. The defibrillator was serviced in November and training on how to use the defibrillator took place.



## Sundridge News

### Christmas

The Parish Council with Fundridge hosted the annual Christmas Funderland, this year's event was held at the New White Horse.



There was mulled wine and mince pies along with lots of stalls, great fun was had by all who attended and the event culminated in the traditional singing of carols and the turning on of the spectacular Christmas lights in Sundridge. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers at Fundridge who work so hard for the enjoyment of all our residents.

### Sundridge Village Hall

The renovations at Sundridge Village Hall have continued and there are preferential hiring rates for residents. There are lots of activities taking place at the hall including dancing for both children and adults, Pilates and Boogie Bounce. Please contact the Clerk for further information.

### Sundridge Recreation Ground

The recreation ground is let to Ide Hill & Sundridge Football Club, Sundridge All Stars Football Club football season and to Radnor House during the school term. The income from these lettings enable the Parish Council to maintain this and other assets. The Parish Council has secured a grant to renovate the outside of the pavilion.

### Remembrance Sunday

Cllr John Evans, Chairman, placed a wreath at the Church on behalf of the Parish Council.



## General News

### Finance

The Parish Council finances have been challenging over the past years due to a huge increase in the cost of energy particularly with streetlighting. Councillors strive to balance taxation and spending to ensure that we are in the position to meet unexpected demands and continue to maintain our village assets. The Parish Council will be setting the precept for 2025/2026 at the January Council meeting.

### Streetlights

The Parish Council own and maintain 68 lights through the Parish, 60 in Sundridge and 8 in Ide Hill. The Parish Council has a maintenance contract with Streetlights. If you notice a streetlight is not working, please email the Clerk with details of light and if you can, please include the number of the light (on the lamppost).

### Grass and Hedge Cutting

The Parish Council have appointed Landscape Services to undertake all the grass and hedge cutting in the Parish. A new contract will be discussed in January and agreed if appropriate. Grass cutting is one of the largest expenses of the Parish Council.

### Highways

The Parish Council met with Kent Highways at the end of August and are working with our Highways Engagement Officer to prepare the updated Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) which will include the main priorities for each village.

**All residents are warmly invited to attend Parish Council meetings and we look forward to welcoming you to our meetings in 2025.**

**The next meeting of the Full Council is on  
Monday 27 January 2025  
at 7.45pm  
in Sundridge Village Hall.**