

# BULLETIN



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**ROAD SAFETY** has been the focus around the School area since November when our PCSO Demi led a campaign to improve the situation in Brede Lane particularly. Three road safety meetings were held for parents at the School and the Village's Speedwatch Volunteers were out on the streets. Demi's message is that the traffic can run smoothly in Brede Lane at school arrival and departure times as long as people keep to the rules by not parking on corners or driving up onto paths.

**POSSIBLE MEASURES TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC AND PARKING IN THE VILLAGE.**

Earlier in 2013, Cllr Eldridge carried out a comprehensive traffic survey in the Village and made a long list of possible measures that might be introduced to help alleviate some of the problems. At the beginning of December, parish councillors met with Brian Banks (Team Manager, Road Safety, East Sussex County Council) in the centre of the Village with a shortened list of items that parish councillors had agreed should be focused on. A more detailed report will be included in the 2014 Annual Report & Directory (see overleaf). This will include the results of a short survey to find out whether The Green should be made one way or not.

Speedwatch volunteers are expected to carry out further exercises in the Village soon.

**A21/B2244 JUNCTION.** Because of well-known road safety problems with the A21/B2244 junction, the Parish Council has asked our MP, Greg Barker, to see if anything can be done with our junction as has been proposed at other junctions along the A21. The Council has suggested either traffic lights with a pedestrian crossing or a roundabout with an overhead footway.

**OVERGROWN HEDGES, TREES AND POTHOLES.**

At the November Council Meeting, the Clerk reported that contact with the County Council's Highway Steward for this area had improved considerably. From the beginning of January, Sedlescombe has a new Highway Steward so we hope that a good relationship can be built up quickly so we can continue to get our potholes repaired reasonably, if not very, quickly.

Please remember to report any highway fault or flytipping or missing signs etc. on the County Council "Report-a-Fault" part of the [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk) website.

**POND PROPOSAL FOR VILLAGE GREEN.**

A request that the Council should allow a pond to be dug on the Village Green for the local geese has been refused by the Parish Council because it would not be allowed under Village Green laws.

**2014 ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH MEETING.** Why not make the date for Sedlescombe's annual special community evening one of the first entries in your new diary? It will be on Tuesday 29 April 2014 starting at 7pm. Those who attended the 2013 meeting will remember that it was full of interest and centred on the Village of Sedlescombe. A panel of experts will be there to answer your questions. Tables can be booked for business or organisation displays as usual.

**MULTI-USE GAMES AREA (MUGA).**

Sedlescombe's two old tennis courts have been turned into a MUGA with new fencing and surfacing. The official opening took place on 30/09/13 with Cllr Vine-Hall cutting the ribbon. Most ball games can be played at the MUGA but users must make sure they are wearing footwear with smooth soles. The area is not suitable for scooters, bikes or skates as this type of use will damage the surface. Even during these dark winter months, Nick Montague has been running tennis coaching sessions for children and adults. See the notice at the MUGA for his contact details. Dogs are not allowed in the area.



*Members of Sedlescombe Rangers Football Club and Cllr Jonathan Vine-Hall at the opening of the MUGA*

**POWER CUTS.** Throughout the period of power disruption around Christmas, UK Power Networks kept the Parish Council updated. In Kent/Surrey/Sussex, power was initially interrupted to more than 300,000 customers but most were back to normal by Christmas Day.

If you have a power cut you can call 0800 783 8866 to report it and get advice. One important piece of advice is that, if you see a damaged power line, you should stay well clear and report it to UK Power Networks.

Their website site is [www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk](http://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk).

**SEDLESCOMBE 2014 DIRECTORY.** The closing date for submission of entries by local businesses, charities, societies or organisations is 5PM ON FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY. Late adverts cannot usually be accommodated.

**Commercial Advert Size:** 60mm (high) x 55mm (wide) (black and white only). No larger advertising space available.

**Cost:** at least £21 including VAT for a printed advert only (no price increase for the last two years) or £25 to include a short entry on the Business section of the [www.sedlescombe.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk) website.

Free entries for local charities, societies or organisations.

Please contact The Parish Clerk at Woodland Cottage, Chapel Hill, Sedlescombe TN33 0QX or e-mail to [sedlescombe@freezone.co.uk](mailto:sedlescombe@freezone.co.uk) for further details.

In April, The Directory will be delivered to every house in the parish together with the Parish Council's Annual Report. It is expected that advertising will again meet the cost of printing the Annual Report/Directory. Thank you to all those businesses who have supported the Directory in the past.

**SPORTSFIELD.** New gates are to be installed across the disabled parking area next to the sports pavilion. The gates will be kept locked unless the field is in use to ensure that parking is available for authorised users of the field or pavilion. The cost of the gates is being shared between the Sports Association and the Parish Council.

**PLAYGROUND AND OTHER REPAIRS.** Sedlescombe is very fortunate to have a hardworking band of volunteers who carried out repairs and maintenance work in the parish in 2013. This has included litter picking, seat and fence repairs, playground equipment repairs, installation of a litter bin, Pumphouse roof and footpath repairs and sweeping of leaves and twigs from play areas. This voluntary work is expected to save the parish about £5,000 over the 2013-14 financial year.

**POLICE PRECEPT.** The Parish Council has supported the Police & Crime Commissioner's proposal to make a 3.6% increase in the Police precept to tackle serious issues.

**JOBS NETWORK.** Just before Christmas a free community page was set up on Face book to connect business, organisations or individuals who are offering employment and local people who are seeking work. This platform is open to individuals as well as business and organisations. Perhaps you are seeking IT assistance or a decorator, gardener or domestic help or looking for a job in the Parish?

We have already connected with 52 people but need a wider audience to make this a productive option to post employment opportunities. Go to 'Sedlescombe Jobs Network' on Face book and 'Like Us' to connect and post positions. If you're not on Face book you can still participate by emailing [sedlescombejobs@hotmail.com](mailto:sedlescombejobs@hotmail.com) or call **Michelle Brister on 01424 870589** for further information. If you have a smart phone scan this QR code to take you straight to the page.



**It's free for both employers and those seeking work.**

#### **SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

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**DONATION.** The Parish Council is to make a grant of £150 towards Battle Area Community Transport in recognition of this useful service.

**SEDLESCOMBE BAND D COUNCIL TAX.** The Parish Council plans to keep the 2014-15 Sedlescombe Band D Council Tax at about the same level as last year.

**INTERNAL AUDIT OF SEDLESCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL ACCOUNTS.** A new Internal Auditor, Alison Hillman of Pevensey, has been appointed to audit the Council's 2013-14 accounts.