

**The Ticehurst Village Centre Project (TVCP)
part of your Parish Council, dedicated to
improving our village**



LATEST UPDATES

VILLAGE CENTRE EVENTS

We are very sorry, the Covid-19 advice is that we do not hold any events in the square, for the remainder of the year.

However, please check the update on the website for information about the Christmas lights.

VILLAGE CENTRE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The resurfacing, the change of colour, and the imprint strips have been well received overall as part of our strategy to reduce speed through the village.

The imprint on the western approach to the village centre has been of some concern to a few people living alongside the road with regard to the noise it makes as vehicles drive across it. As a result, East Sussex Highways (ESH) has been asked to take a look at how it has been laid and to offer some possible solutions if it proves to have been done incorrectly.

It is felt that the speed of the traffic approaching from the west appears to be faster than from the east and that it could be the extra speed of cars as they cross the strip that is causing the noise. The intention of the imprints is to help slow the speed of traffic, together with our proposed flashing speed limit signs, which are currently awaiting a licence from ESH. Once installed, we are hopeful that people will begin to take responsibility for their speed as they negotiate our village and that we can look forward to a safer road for everyone.

Unfortunately, the white lines painted along the road in the centre of the village, which some of you may have noticed are now covered over, were done in error and we are currently in discussion with ESH.

The Ticehurst Village Centre Project is working hard to resolve these issues and has enlisted the help of Cllr John Barnes, who very kindly agreed to take the matter up with East Sussex County Council lead member for transport, Claire Dowding, and asked her to visit.

DRAFT VILLAGE SQUARE PLAN

The Project team had a successful Zoom meeting with the new Village Business Group and Matthew Cruddy, our traffic consultant from i-Transport. We discussed the initial draft plan and agreed:

- Herringbone parking within the Square is deemed unpopular and that a plain open space without markings would facilitate more parking

- Businesses agreed to encourage their staff to park elsewhere to leave more spaces for their customers
- It was confirmed that there won't be any yellow lines or restricted parking in Church Street
- For issues of safety, parking as they do so close to the junction with the High Street, the fast food vans will be encouraged to park elsewhere in the village. A suitable alternative site close to the centre is being investigated.
- Additional provision of parking in the Bell Field with good lighting and a dry access path along Milk Maid's Alley would help local residents from the Square (with no parking space for their car) to park there, leaving more spaces in the Square and along Church Street for potential shop customers.
- The revised plan from i-Transport will be shared with the Ticehurst Business Group
- It was agreed that the formation of the new Business Group will be a real asset to the village
- TVCProject will fundraise for planters and extra benches for the square.
- The grant that the TVC Project obtained from Rother District Council should cover the cost of:
 - the civil engineering work needed for the new surfacing in the square
 - a contribution towards the new access to the village shop
 - a contribution to the Bell Field parking area
 - lighting and signage
 - informal crossing over the High Street.

Ticehurst Tidy Up Team

We were delighted to see the autumn lamppost basket displays planted this month, we hope that you are enjoying them.

We have cleared more of the bank at Hillbury and added some new plants. We are hoping to hold more socially distanced meetings of the team, to clear more overgrown areas.

Thank you to those who have done sterling work litter picking in the square and their local area. If you would like to get involved, we have litter picking grabbers available for anyone who wants to keep their area tidy.

We would also be very grateful, if when you are out taking your daily exercise, you collect any discarded litter. Any help that you can give to tidy up the village would be appreciated by everyone.

Teresa Killeen and Liz Young for Ticehurst Village Centre Project