



Bobbing Reporter

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The Parish Council supports local community projects and is consulted on planning applications and many other matters. **Parish councillors are unpaid volunteers.**

Bobbing Parish Council meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. Local residents are invited to come along for a drink and biscuits from 7pm when they will have the opportunity to speak to a Parish Councillor prior to the meeting regarding any issues they might have.

Parish Council agendas and minutes can be read online at: <https://www.bobbing-pc.gov.uk/>

Bobbing in Bloom is back this Summer

Our traditional Bobbing in Bloom garden competition returns this year!

Around Saturday 1st June our judges will be travelling around our area on the lookout for front gardens in the following categories:

- Front Garden Winner and Runner Up
- Hanging Baskets Winner and Runner Up
- Merit Award Winner and Runner Up
- Wildlife-Friendly Garden Winner and Runner Up

Residents are welcome to nominate gardens that they would like the judges to look at. Just e-mail: bobbinginbloom@bobbing-pc.gov.uk



We can use our gardens to help reverse the decline in bees and other essential pollinating insects

The Parish Council has voted to take part in "No Mow May" and not cut grass during May. This will help pollinating insects.

"In 2022, the citizen science survey Bugs Matter reported a decline in flying insects by 59% between 2004 and 2021. More worrying was that in Kent this figure was a staggering 72%." Kent's Plan Bee

■ Hot summer? Cavity wall and loft insulation can help keep houses cooler in summer (and warmer in winter)

This summer is predicted to be the hottest yet!

Did you know that there are grants available for cavity wall and loft insulation? You do not have to apply for grants because registered cavity wall insulation installers can do this on your behalf.

The Bobbing Reporter is a newsletter from Bobbing Parish Council. Serving Bobbing Village, Grove Park, Keycol and Bobbing Hill, Howt Green, The Meads & surrounding rural areas.

■ Friends of the Meads Community Woodland

We are a group of volunteers dedicated to looking after our community woodland in the Meads area. The group meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm at the Jenny Wren pub.

We will also be holding a family-friendly event open to all on: Monday 6th May 2024 (Early May bank holiday)

The location and time are to be announced.

Find us on Facebook by searching for:
“Friends of The Meads Community Woodland”

■ You may be eligible to get your cat microchipped and neutered for £10. Check the Cats Protection website to get a list of local participating vets:

<https://www.cats.org.uk/what-we-do/neutering/find-a-vet-new-scheme>

■ We would like to thank Bobbing Church and Newington Cricket Club for allowing us to host our meetings.

The Parish Council is holding its regular meetings in a range of different places in order to be accessible to more residents. The meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month.

Useful contacts

■ **Parish Clerk:** E-mail: clerk@bobbing-pc.gov.uk
Tel: 01634 553 273

■ **Report fly tipping:** Swale Borough Council customer services. E-mail: csc@swale.gov.uk Tel: 01795 417 850

■ **Report a pothole or other highways issue:**
Kent County Council Highways Services
Online at: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel>
Tel: 03000 41 81 81 (Mon - Fri)

MENTALK HEALTH SITTINGBOURNE

MenTalk Health – Sittingbourne is a free weekly group for men who are struggling with their mental health.

Every Tuesday at 7:30pm in Holy Trinity Church (next to Lidl) – no appointment needed. Just come down, meet the guys and have a tea or coffee and a chat.

“We see a lot of pain in our community, and with the recent suicides over the last year, I made the decision to do something about it.

Due to the way that most of us are conditioned, Men struggle to be vulnerable and talk about their issues through fear of being weak, judged or having it used against them.

We have created a relaxed group where it's ok to talk, laugh, share, cry, make new friends and work towards a healthier way of thinking.

Please, spread the word, message us your interest, be it you would like to attend or even get involved in some way.”

Our website is: mentalk-health.org