

Bobbing Parish Council

Newsletter

Autumn/Winter 2024



Bobbing in Bloom 2024 Winners Announced!

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Dear Resident,

It has been an honour to serve our community as one of your local Bobbing parish councillors.

I have helped keep Bobbing Parish Council focussed on your needs as residents. Our fantastic team of Parish Councillors have been busy on many projects:

- Honouring our veterans and armed forces with D-Day commemorations.
- A new defibrillator installed by the Grove Park shops.
- Bobbing in Bloom gardening competition relaunched.
- Support for the Friends of the Meads Community Woodland volunteer group.
- Support the Village Hall volunteer group.
- Taking part in “No Mow May” to help increase the populations of insects that pollinate flowers and food crops.
- Co-operating with other parish councils and community groups to improve our area.
- Improving accessibility for residents by holding meetings at different venues around the parish. These include Gore Court in the Grove, Bobbing Cricket club in Cold Harbour Lane and Bobbing Village Hall.

All residents are welcome to come along to our meetings which are normally on the first Wednesday of the month at 19.00. We look forward to seeing you!

Gareth Randall

Chairman of Bobbing Parish Council

Cllr Ross Richardson - Vice Chair

Since being invited to re-join Bobbing Parish Council in 2023, I have been involved in a number of projects vital to the modernisation of the Parish Council to keep it relevant to modern times, including being involved in several working groups focussed on both community engagement and legal compliance.

Working as a full time health and safety professional, I bring my experience to Bobbing with view to benefitting matters arising for the Parish, which has included reviewing all of our public assets and working closely with the new Trustees of Bobbing Village Hall as they undergo a number of essential improvements.

My role as Vice-chair requires me to take a high profile within the team of Parish Councillors, supporting the Chairman and working closely with the Parish Clerk, various working groups and the wider community including key stake-holders active in community groups, the Church and the Village Hall.

Other working groups I work with include the finance working group and excitingly the VE Day 80th Anniversary working group, planning a commemorative and celebratory event to coincide with the next year's 80th anniversary.

The Parish Council has recently undergone a period of change with several of the longer-serving members having retired and we have been actively recruiting new faces to join the Parish Council, and have recently welcomed two new Parish Councillors who bring a wealth of knowledge and diversity to our team.

I am also Bobbing's representative to the Swale Western Area Committee, who meet bi-monthly and discuss matters in the wider community in conjunction with Borough and County Councillors.

Bobbing In Bloom

18 homes were short listed for the 4 judges to We are delighted to announce the winners of the Bobbing in Bloom 2024 competition! Congratulations to all the participants for their hard work and dedication in making our community beautiful. The winners for this year's awards are as follows:

- Front Garden Award
- Wildlife Garden Award
- Hanging Basket/Window Box Award

Each winner was presented with a trophy for their outstanding efforts in creating stunning and environmentally-friendly gardens that brighten up Bobbing. Thank you to everyone who took part and contributed to the vibrant beauty of our village!

Let's continue celebrating the wonderful green spaces around us and be inspired to create more sustainable and attractive gardens for the years to come! 🌸🌿

Feel free to share your own gardening success stories and start planning for 2025 for next year!





Bobbing in Bloom 2024



Front Garden
Award (left)
Wildlife Garden
Award (right)
Hanging
Basket/Window
Box Award (Top)



Cllr Ann Cavanagh - Parish and Borough Councillor

I am a woman who was born in Faversham 65 years ago. I moved to London when I was a young adult and returned to Kent to support my elderly mother and now have been back for 15 years.

I have always been involved in voluntary groups supporting the local community – treasurer for creches when my children were young, volunteer for Sure Start when first created, block rep when living in social housing (in London, Thurrock and Swale). I was on the steering group of the Housing Action Trust, when our estate was being redeveloped (and chair for a while), I worked closely with LBWF council, civil servants, residents across the borough, and architects.

In 2023 I became a Parish councillor for Bobbing Parish Council, again representing the area in which I live. In May 2023 I was also elected as a Swale Borough Councillor for Borden and Grove Park . I have lived in Grove Park for almost 13 years, and am well known in the area, often seen out walking our dogs, catching the bus, or working in the garden.

In 2024 I joined a very committed, enthusiastic group of people working to improve Bobbing Village Hall, for which I am now a trustee. We are working hard to improve both the facilities there and to create better links with the regular users of the Hall

Professionally I have always worked with people and often their parents or carers – in Mental Health, Learning Difficulties, Physical Difficulties, Elderly, Children, Education, Fostering.

I have 3 grown up children, one of which lives with me and my partner, and one grandchild.

I am a keen gardener and was delighted to have been one of the judges this year, when the Parish Council resumed “Bobbing in Bloom”. I very much enjoyed looking at all the front gardens in the Parish, with my fellow judges, choosing the winners, and chatting to the residents.

I am very committed to making the area in which I live the best that I can help make it.

Cllr Mike Baldock

I first became a Parish Councillor in 2002 for Borden Parish Council and have remained on Borden Parish Council ever since. In 2023 after the initial elections left Bobbing Parish Council inquorate I decided to join Bobbing Parish Council as well, because I believe strongly in the importance of Parish Councils and their ability to reflect local concerns. I also attend a number of other Parish Councils in the area as a County Councillor to help support and understand local concerns.

Although I have been a Swale Borough Councillor since 2015 and am currently a Kent County Councillor as well, it is at the parish level that I think the most important work is done on an ongoing basis.

I am keen to get local people as involved as possible in the decisions that affect them, and getting their voices heard in decision making. Parish Councils enable that direct input at a very local level and help communities prioritise the works that go on around them. Whether it is putting on events, making representations to other councils, or looking to make the local community and environment ever better, it is Parish Councils that are that voice of the community.

Cllr Mariusz Bencych

Having lived in the parish for the past four years, I've always had a strong passion for community involvement and helping others. Whether it's answering a small question or offering support, I've found joy in being a resource for my neighbours.

With several years of experience in management, I've developed strong communication and leadership skills, which I'm eager to bring to Bobbing Parish Council.

Outside of my role, I love spending time with my family, hiking, and exploring new places.

I'm excited to contribute to our vibrant community and work together to make it even better.

Cllr Lewis Blake-Knowles

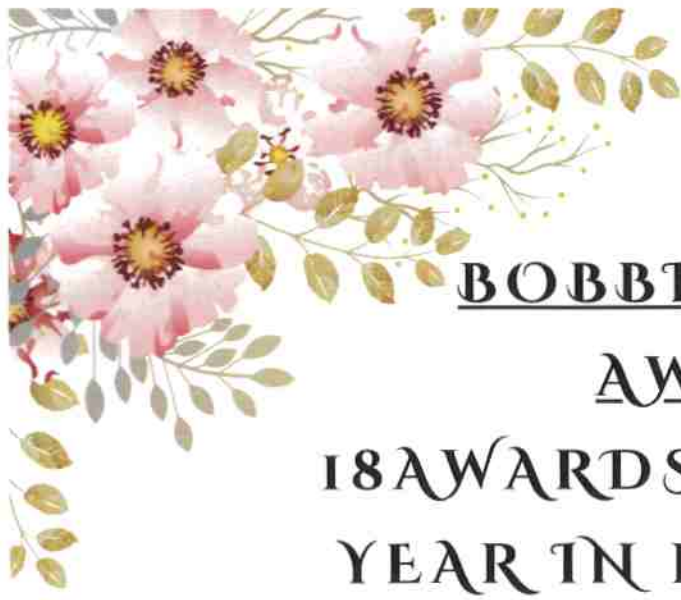
May I take this moment of time to introduce myself and give you a little insight into my reasons for wanting to be included in the making a difference within the local community.

My name is Lewis Blake-Knowles and I live on The Meads. I moved down to Sittingbourne with my family nearly 20yrs ago, from London, wanting to give my family the best opportunity to be themselves with a more peaceful harmonious and better quality of living. The sense of being in community was a great positive and the surrounding geography was a great draw.

Over the 20yrs of living on The Meads, I have seen the whole area change, some good some not so, as my family have grown up they have been able to enjoy the diversity that a small town like Sittingbourne had to offer from local supported council services such as libraries, swimming pool, Christmas lights, respecting important memorial dates such as D-Day landings, Memorial Sunday, lovely areas of natural beauty to walk in. I myself have realised that these opportunities didn't just happen. They have been thought about by small groups of diverse people with a genuine interest to provide a structure, maintain an area so it is available for all with the best interests to offer for as many equally as they can.

This was when I went to a local meeting of the Parish Council several months ago and had the intention of saying my piece to the Parish Council and leaving. Since this meeting I have found that my genuine desire to want to help and be involved to present an idea, a service, a place for the community took hold. I have join the Parish Council as well as the Management Team and restoring the local village hall to a safe, clean space for all who want to use it. There is a team of people that all have the same intentions of providing the best opportunity for the most people. I have been involved with making sure the front of house looks kept, inviting and available.

We are always striving to achieve the best we can safely offer for the diverse array of clients we currently cater for and always looking to the future, the new clients and guests of the Hall and surrounding land that that comes under the Parish of Bobbing.



BOBBING IN BLOOM

AWARDS 2025.

18 AWARDS WERE MADE THIS
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GARDEN

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR
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LET'S LOOK TO MAKE THIS MORE
FOR 2025





St Bartholomew's Church



What's On at St. Bartholomew's Church, Bobbing

We have plenty of exciting events and opportunities to get involved with our wonderful community at St. Bartholomew's Church. Whether you're looking to attend services, join in community activities, or support charity causes, there's something for everyone. Here's a look at what's happening:

Weekly Sunday Services

Every Sunday at 11 AM

Join us for our weekly Sunday services, followed by a time for fellowship with refreshments afterward. It's a great opportunity to connect with others in the community and enjoy a peaceful moment of worship.

Upcoming Events and How to Get Involved:

Railway Club

21st October at 7:30 PM (next meeting)

Whether you're a train enthusiast or just curious, join us for a relaxed evening of railway-related discussions and activities at the church.



It's a fun way to meet others who share a passion for railways!



Bobbing Quiz for Jude's GoFundMe & Tearfund

2nd November

We're holding a quiz night to raise funds for Jude's GoFundMe and Tearfund. It promises to be a fun night with prizes and lots of laughter—all for a great cause.

Keep an eye out for the poster with more details soon. You can form a quiz team or simply join in on the night to support these worthy causes.





Carols by Candlelight 🌲🌟

15th December 2024, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Join us for a magical Carols by Candlelight service at St. Bartholomew's Church! Enjoy the warmth of the season as we sing your favourite traditional carols by the soft glow of candlelight. After the service, stay and enjoy mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine, perfect for getting into the festive spirit.

Mark your calendars for this special evening filled with joy, music, and community spirit. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Carols and Communion 🎵✝️

24th December 2024, 10:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Join us on Christmas Eve for a Carols and Communion service at St. Bartholomew's Church. This special evening will include the singing of cherished carols, followed by a Communion to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. It's the perfect way to usher in the joy of Christmas together as a community.

We look forward to sharing this reflective and joyful service with you and your family.

Feel free to invite others—everyone is welcome!

We hope to see you at one (or all!) of these events as we come together as a community. If you have any questions or would like to offer extra support, feel free to reach out to St. Bartholomew's Church.

info@bobbingchurch.org

<https://www.bobbingchurch.org/news-events/calendar>



Cllr James Hunt

I have been the Swale Borough Councillor for The Meads (Amber Fields, Archers Park, Sonora Fields, and Quinton) since May 2015. Whilst the parish of Bobbing only falls into a small part of the Southwest corner of The Meads it forms a substantial number of electors – around 700.

During my terms in office, I have had assisted many residents in The Meads/Bobbing area. The most significant success for me was to get the installation of Full Fibre Broadband installed to Archers Park. All new developments must now have full fibre connections installed, however this wasn't something that was required when Archers Park was built, even though the development was completed not too long ago. I am aware that this made a massive difference to many residents, especially those who need to work from home.

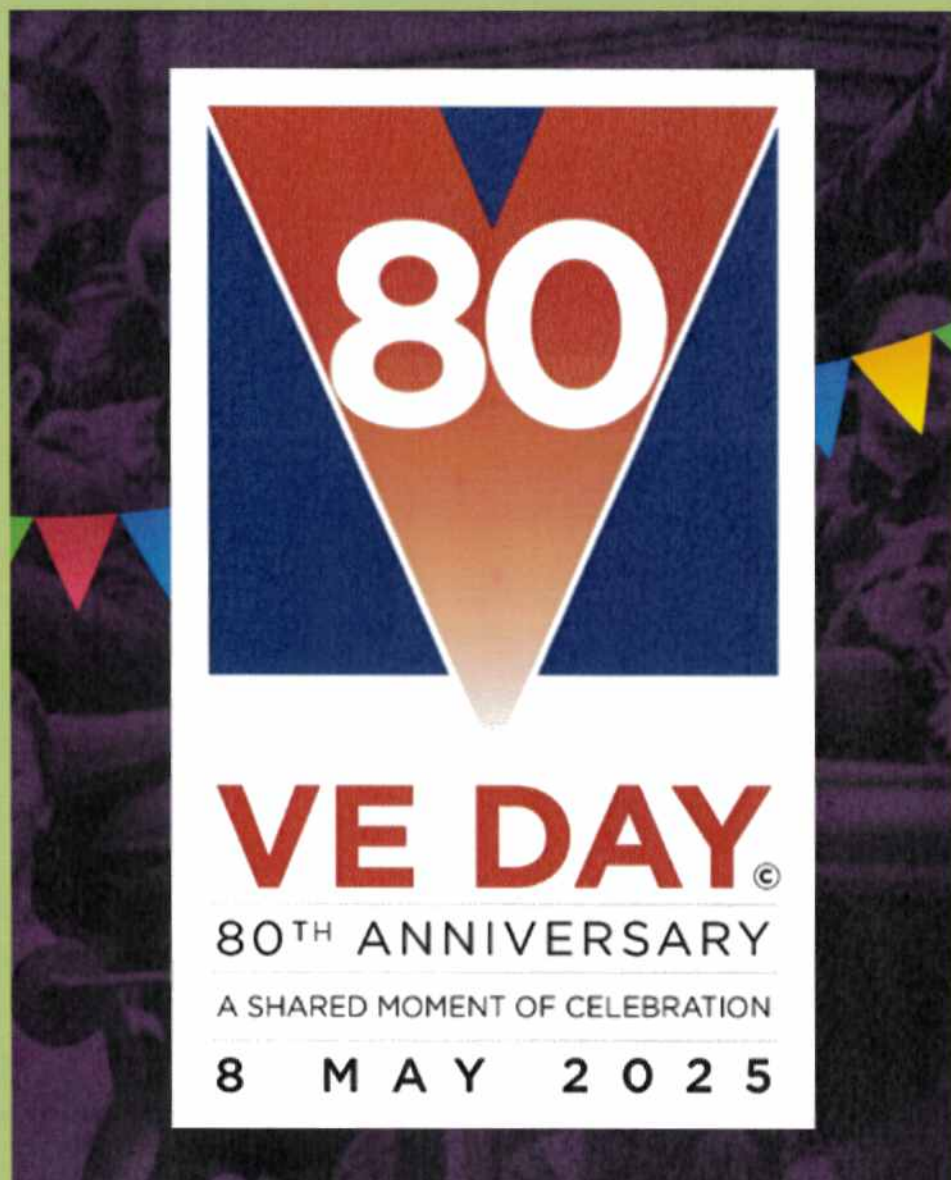
As well as individual issues residents may have, that I assist with, a major problem for many residents is the poor parking by some drivers on Archers Park. Whilst this is an issue which falls to Kent County Council, I continue to push for action to make the roads safer and will continue to work with the parish council to ensure that parking restrictions are installed.

On Sonora Fields, I secured funding to ensure that the play area at Balas Drive was upgraded, which I know was welcomed by the many local families with children who use the park.

The lack of management of the many trees around Balas Drive, Cinnabar Drive and Galena Close has caused many problems for residents, including damage to property. It is a big task to get the work required carried out, due to the funding restrictions the council has, but progress is being made and I will continue to push for better management at any opportunity that I get.

A common misconception is that Councillors are employed Full Time to work for the council. This is not correct, and whilst Borough Councillors do get paid an allowance, the majority of us work full time and juggle council business around work and family commitments. As well as the council work I do, I work for a local Funeral Director, driving the hearse and limousines, as well as supporting families at the funeral of their loved ones. I am also a hairdresser and work as a mobile stylist. With work, council, and a young family growing up over the last nine years, things are always a bit of a juggling act, but the work of a councillor is rewarding, and in all aspects of my work I enjoy helping people in any way I can. Hopefully I will be able to do so in the years to come.

If you have any issues, concerns, or indeed praises, over any Swale Council services, please do get in touch with me and I will do all I can to assist.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*THURSDAY 8TH MAY 2025
RAISING OF THE VE DAY FLAG AT 09.00*

*SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2025
COMMUNITY EVENT AT BOBBING VILLAGE HALL
"A CELEBRATION OF PEACE"*

Stay Tuned

The 80th anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe Day) in 2025 is a profoundly significant moment. This milestone marks eight decades since the end of World War II in Europe on May 8, 1945, a day that brought immense relief and joy to millions as it symbolized the defeat of Nazi Germany and the end of nearly six years of brutal conflict. Celebrating this anniversary honours the sacrifices made by the servicemen, women, and civilians who fought for freedom, while also reminding us of the importance of peace, unity, and resilience in the face of adversity.

Why is the 80th Anniversary Important?

- **Honouring the Past:** It's a vital opportunity to pay tribute to those who served in World War II, including veterans, civilians, and the countless individuals who contributed to the war effort at home.
- **Education for Future Generations:** As fewer veterans remain with us, this anniversary serves as a crucial way to educate younger generations about the war's impact and the importance of preserving peace.
- **Community Unity:** Celebrating VE Day reminds us of the strength and unity that communities showed during difficult times, a spirit that remains relevant today.

How to Get Involved with Bobbing Parish Council's Event on 8th June 2025.

The Bobbing Parish Council is planning a special event to commemorate this historic occasion, and there are plenty of ways to get involved and make the day memorable for everyone in the community.

Attend the Event: The Parish Council will be organizing a community-wide celebration on Sunday 8th June 2025. This will likely include a remembrance service, a parade, historical displays, music, and more. Mark the date in your calendar and bring your friends and family to take part.

Volunteer: The council will need volunteers to help with planning, setting up, and managing the event. Whether you can contribute a few hours or the whole day, your involvement will help ensure the success of the celebration.

Share Stories and Memorabilia: If you or your family have personal stories or artifacts from World War II, consider sharing them with the Parish Council for display. This could include photographs, letters, or items from the era, helping to bring history to life for younger attendees.

Join the Planning Committee: If you have ideas or want to play a more active role in organizing, reach out to the Parish Council and join the planning committee. This is a great way to be part of shaping the event and contributing to the community.

Participate in Historical Re-enactments or Performances: If you enjoy acting or have an interest in history, you could join or organize re-enactments or performances that highlight important moments from VE Day or the war era.

Stay tuned for more details from the Bobbing Parish Council about specific ways to participate.

Bobbing Village Hall: New Trustees & Management Team

We are delighted to introduce the new trustees and management team for Bobbing Village Hall, a vital hub for the local community. With fresh energy and leadership, the hall is set to continue providing a space for events, activities, and social gatherings that bring our community together.



New Trustees:

Gareth Randall

Sarah Poole

Ross Richardson

Ann Cavanagh



These individuals will be helping to guide the hall's future and ensure that it remains a vibrant and well-maintained community resource.

Management Team:

Peter French, Oversees the hall's operations and supports the committee.

Management Committee Members

Mr. Lewis Blake-Knowles, Mr. Mariusz Bencych, Ms. Angela Gladwin

Their dedication to the management of the hall ensures its smooth running, from organizing events to handling daily operations.

Community Representatives:

From St. Bartholomew's Church:

Martyn & Hannah Kitney

They represent the church in supporting the hall's activities and ensuring a strong partnership between the church and the village hall.

Wednesday 27th November is our Annual General Meeting, at 19.30 where we welcome everyone, this is the election of reps from non profit organisations and Charities that use Bobbing Village Hall.





Special Interest Clubs

Alan Smedley (Invicta Arachnid Club) A unique addition to the hall's activity roster, Alan represents the Invicta Arachnid Club, adding diversity to the events held at the hall.

Together, the new trustees, management team, and community representatives will work to keep Bobbing Village Hall thriving. If you'd like to get involved or have ideas for community events, don't hesitate to reach out to any of the team members.

The AGM for the Village Hall is Wednesday 27th November at 19.30

www.bobbingvillagehall.org.uk





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Here you can look at what is
happening at the hall, book
your function, and find out the
prices all at a click of a button.



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WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE PART OF BOBBING PARISH COUNCIL

Bobbing Parish Council plays a crucial role in shaping the future of our local community. By joining the council, you have a direct impact on the decisions that affect day-to-day life in Bobbing and its surrounding wards. Whether it's improving local services, addressing community concerns, or planning for future growth, being part of the Parish Council means being an active voice in your community's future.

Key Reasons to Get Involved:

- 1. Influence Local Decisions:** From road maintenance to planning applications, the Parish Council is responsible for many local decisions. As a member, you can help ensure these decisions reflect the needs and interests of the people living in Bobbing.
- 2. Community Advocacy:** Councillors serve as a bridge between residents and local government, ensuring that community voices are heard. This means raising concerns, securing funding for local projects, and advocating for improvements to services.
- 3. Shape the Future:** Whether it's preserving green spaces, planning new facilities, or promoting sustainability, being part of the council gives you the power to contribute to long-term development plans.

Bobbing Village Hall

Come and join us for a
Coffee and a chat, lets
tackle loneliness together.

Stay turned to our social
media for our first date.



Christmas Season

The holiday season, particularly Christmas, often brings joy, celebration, and togetherness, but it can also be a period of stress and overwhelm. Amidst the flurry of shopping, decorating, and social obligations, it's crucial to prioritize self-care to ensure that you enjoy the festive season without feeling drained. Self-care during Christmas can take many forms, from setting boundaries to indulging in activities that rejuvenate your spirit.

Firstly, it's essential to acknowledge your own limits. It's easy to overcommit to social events, but remember that it's okay to say no. Prioritize the gatherings that bring you joy and allow you to connect meaningfully with loved ones. Additionally, maintain a healthy balance by dedicating time to rest and relaxation. Consider setting aside moments for a quiet walk, reading a book, or practicing mindfulness or meditation. These small acts can help you recharge and maintain your mental well-being.

Physical health should not be overlooked during the festive period. While it's natural to indulge in holiday treats, try to maintain a balanced diet and stay hydrated. Regular exercise, even in the form of a brisk walk or a short home workout, can boost your mood and energy levels. Furthermore, ensure you get adequate sleep. Late-night festivities can disrupt your sleep pattern, so try to stick to a consistent bedtime routine as much as possible.

Lastly, nurture your emotional well-being by engaging in activities that bring you joy and foster a sense of peace. This could be anything from watching your favourite Christmas movies, listening to festive music, or indulging in a creative hobby like baking or crafting. Reflecting on the true spirit of the season—gratitude, generosity, and connection—can also help shift your focus from stress to appreciation.

In conclusion, self-care during Christmas is about finding a balance that allows you to enjoy the festivities while maintaining your physical, mental, and emotional health. By setting boundaries, staying active, getting enough rest, and engaging in joyful activities, you can ensure that your holiday season is both merry and bright.



Parish Wards in Bobbing:

Bobbing Parish consists of several wards, each with unique needs and characteristics. There are 9 Councillors in total, with the three main areas being:

Grove Park (4 seats) Cllr. Randall, Cllr Baldock,
Cllr. Cavanagh, Cllr Blake-Knowles

Bobbing (3 seats) Cllr Gladwin, Cllr French **VACANCY**

The Meads (2 seats) Cllr Richardson, Cllr Bencych

These wards represent the diverse voices of the parish, and by being involved, you ensure every corner of Bobbing is well-represented.

How to Get Involved:

Meetings: The Parish Council meets **once a month** on the **first Wednesday at 19:00**. This is your opportunity to engage directly with council business, contribute to the discussion, and see how decisions are made.

Agendas: Agendas are posted on noticeboards and the council's website prior to meetings, so you can review the topics and get a sense of what will be discussed.

Contact the Clerk, If you're interested in joining or learning more, simply email the clerk at clerk@bobbing-pc.gov.uk for additional details on how you can help make a difference.

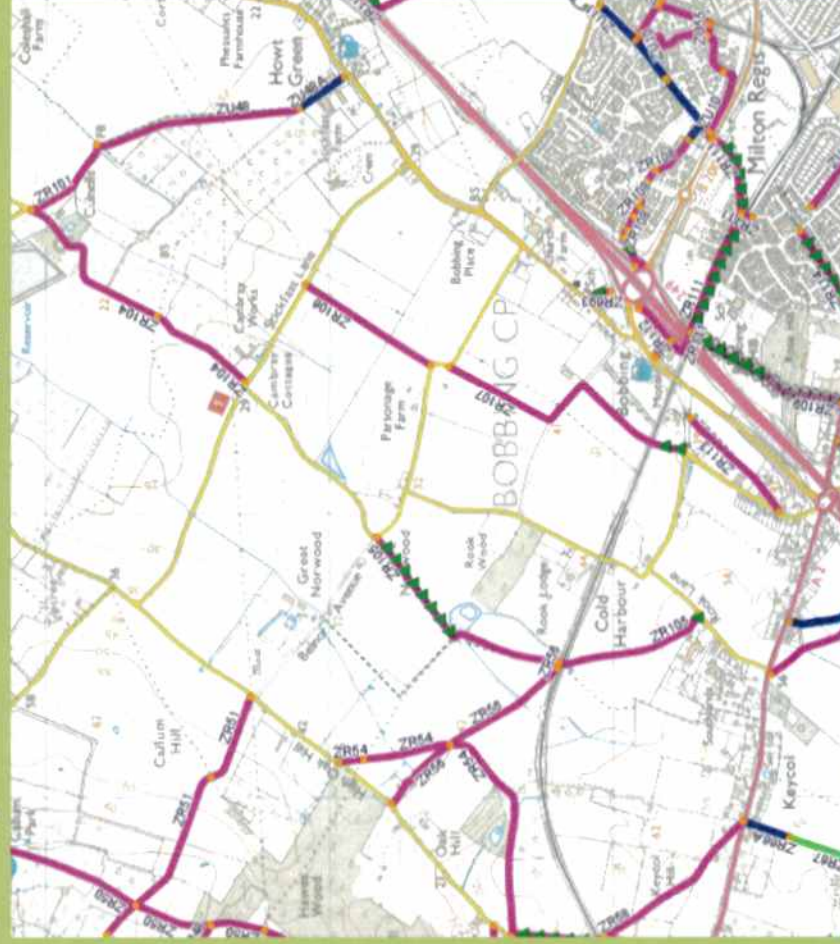
Your parish needs you! By joining Bobbing Parish Council, you can help ensure that the community continues to thrive and address the issues that matter most. Whether you're passionate about local facilities, environmental concerns, or community services, your contribution can make a significant impact.

Bobbing Parish Rights of Way

Walking the Public Rights of Way (PRoW) within Bobbing is vital to keeping them open and accessible. Regular use helps to prevent overgrowth, discourages illegal obstructions, and ensures pathways remain visible and passable for all. When PRoWs are neglected, they can become overgrown or blocked, which may lead to their informal closure or removal from public access maps. By using these paths, residents and visitors help maintain the network for future generations, while enjoying the natural beauty of the parish.

Walking the PRoWs also fosters community health and well-being by encouraging outdoor activity, social interaction, and appreciation for Bobbing's countryside. It supports local wildlife by keeping green corridors open and promotes the parish as a place that values its rural environment.

The map of all the Rights of Way within Bobbing Parish can be viewed [\[here\]\(file:///mnt/data/Bobbing Boundary Map.pdf\)](file:///mnt/data/Bobbing%20Boundary%20Map.pdf) for reference. This map highlights the paths available and ensures you can plan your walks accordingly.



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contact: newsletter@bobbing-pc.gov.uk

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GOOD!

Invitation to Sponsor VE Day "Celebration of Peace"

A limited number of Silver
and Bronze sponsorship
packages still available



Bobbing Reporter Spring 2024

Produced by Bobbing Parish Council and delivered by volunteers

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

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■ The Parish council has recently funded a new heart defibrillator on the outside of Gaddby Road shops.

■ **A quick quiz about Bobbing Parish!**

1. Who was the famous parish priest of Bobbing in 1673?
2. When did the railway line open?
3. When did the railway line close?
4. Rooks View was built on the site of what?
5. What year was the Village Hall opened?
6. Which Saint is Bobbing Parish Church dedicated to?
7. How many Grade 1 and 2 listed buildings are there in Bobbing Parish? (Answers on the back.)

■ **Would you like to help improve your community?**

Bobbing parish councillors are unpaid volunteers working to improve the local area. Meetings are friendly and fairly informal. Our local police sometimes visit. We are currently looking for **two new people** to join. If you would like to find out more you can contact the parish clerk or just come to one of our meetings to see what goes on.

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■ **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
- Wheel 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

■ **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 pay for grants because registered cavity wall insulation installers can do this on your behalf.

■ **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 in the Garden' reported a decline in flying insects by 59% between 2004 and 2021. More worrying was that in Kent this figure was a staggering 73%.** Kent's Plan does

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