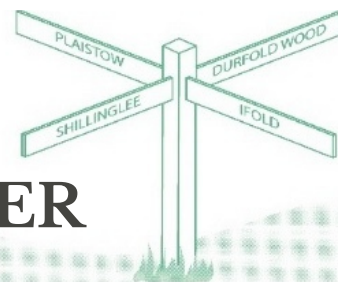


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PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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VE DAY 75

Despite the ups and downs of 2020, the Parish Council and Plaistow Pre-School planted 3 memorial trees on Plaistow Village Green in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The trees were planted with the National Trust's full support on Remembrance Day.

The heartwarming event was covered by the West Sussex County Times and Petworth & Midhurst Observer.

Before Covid-19 cancelled the 2020 Maypole Fete, the Pre-School and Parish Council were organising an afternoon tea party for all those in our community who participated in the war effort.

Nevertheless, the children's fantastic 'Dig for Victory' card of a war-time farmer was sent to eleven residents, identified by the community as having participated in the war effort, to mark the occasion in recognition, remembrance and thanks.

The children's card can be enjoyed on the Parish Council's website (VE Day 75 tab, children's activities).

The Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has been preparing the Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. The Plan will help manage development in the parish with particular focus on what may be built and where it may be built. It also has policies to help protect our special rural environment, our trees, hedges, wildlife and Local Green Spaces.

The Neighbourhood Plan is designed to encourage improvements to how we live and work in the parish. Focus is on a number of areas including traffic management, public protection and support of community facilities, the use of public open space, and improvements to technology and the support in 'working from home'. The draft Plan can be read on the Parish Council's website.

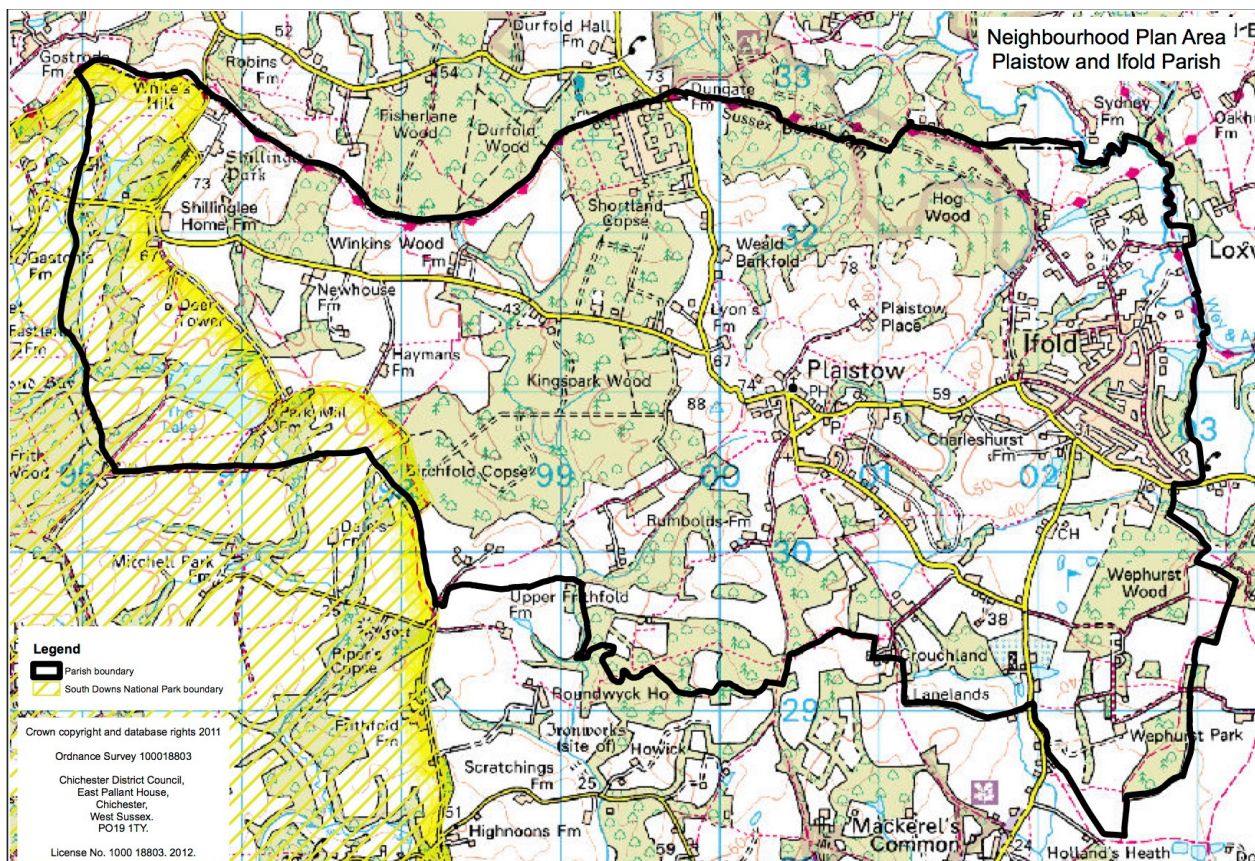
You may have been wondering what has happened to the Neighbourhood Plan. The process has been lengthy, but it has now completed its final public consultation which was delayed by pandemic restrictions through 2020.

It is now with the Examiner, Janet Cheesley, who is preparing her report on The Plan which will consider the soundness of The Plan's content. Due to the pandemic restrictions, a further delay has occurred as Ms Cheesley cannot currently visit the parish in order to complete her report.

If Ms Cheesley finds The Plan soundly made and requires no amendments and Chichester District Council (CDC) considers it meets the basic conditions then it can proceed to referendum. This will be after May 2021.

A referendum will be your opportunity to vote on The Plan. If 51% or more voters approve The Plan, then it will be a legally binding planning document administered by Chichester District Council and is an essential tool for the Parish Council to direct improvements in the parish and to manage future development.

To follow progress of the Neighbourhood Plan, reports are made to the full Parish Council meetings. Questions from the public can be raised at these meetings.



Census 2021



Census day will be on March 21st

You will receive a letter with your unique access code allowing you to take part from early March.

First results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

Later this year the 1921 records will be released, no doubt eagerly awaited by members of the Plaistow Ifold and Kirdford Local History Society, and others interested in tracing their family history!

Any local organisations which work with those in the community who may need additional help can contact John through john.heaton37@field.census.gov.uk

For more information, visit census.gov.uk

Households across the parish will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021. The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households able to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

“A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,” Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said. *“This could mean things like doctors’ surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That’s why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device with additional help and paper questionnaires for those who need them.”*

John Heaton, the Census Engagement Manager for the South and West of West Sussex, who lives locally, added: *“All these services, and other aspects of life in your beautiful rural community, are really important, now and going forward, and it is vital that we get an accurate picture of all of the residents here so that the right resources can be put in place to meet their needs.”*



Lady Hope Playpark Plaistow

During spring 2020, the Parish Council ran a public consultation to canvass the community's views about making improvements to the playpark. The response was overwhelmingly positive. The Parish Council is in the final design stages with the playground specialist Redlync Leisure to implement updates and improvements to the facilities. The playpark has not been updated for over a decade. The public consultation called for better safety surfacing, in keeping with the Green, and equipment which appeals to older children. Therefore, in addition to the new design within the playpark itself a zip-wire will be installed on the upper green running in parallel with the hedge along Common House Lane.

On 13th January and 10th February 2021 the full Council resolved to seek the approval of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government to apply for a Public Works Loan Board loan of £50,000 over the borrowing term of 5 years to fund the project. The annual loan repayments will come to around £10,000. It is not intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments. If you have any views or opinions you wish to feed in, please contact the Parish Council.

For more information please visit the Projects page of the website.

Councillor Vacancies

Could you make a difference?

The Parish Council is a Local Authority - the first tier of governance - democratically elected to represent residents and provide services to meet local needs. Councillors are community leaders who work together to make decisions on behalf of the people they serve.

Would you like to see the community change for the better, because of decisions you have helped make?

Parish Councils have wide ranging powers, such as crime prevention, managing open spaces, campaigning for and delivering better services and facilities, street lighting, bus shelters, car parks and planning matters, to name a few!

Your eleven Councillors meet on the second Wednesday of the month. All Parish Council meetings are open to the public and press. Due to the pandemic, meetings are held via Zoom – so you don't need to leave the comfort of your home to attend! In better times, the Parish Council alternates between the Kelsey Hall in Ifold and the Winterton Hall in Plaistow. Meetings usually last for two hours, depending on the agenda. Committees and steering groups deal with specific matters such as planning, the Neighbourhood Plan, or specific projects such as the rejuvenation of the Lady Hope Playpark in Plaistow.

To find out more, please visit the Council's website, or contact the Clerk for an informal chat.



Covid -19 - If you would like some FREE help...



Getting provisions from the shop



Picking up prescriptions



Walking the dog



Posting Letters



Or a friendly ear on the other end of the phone

Email: LCAV.Scheme@plaistowandifold.org.uk

Covid-19 Support LCAV Scheme

The Local Community Action Volunteer (LCAV) Scheme was launched by the Parish Council in Spring 2020 in response to the Pandemic and continues to support the community during these unprecedented times.

The LCAV Scheme 'buddies up' community volunteers with those who need additional support.

The Parish Council has been greatly encouraged by the community support and willingness of those wishing to help at this time. Demand for the Scheme's services reduced over the summer, however, requirements for support and help have picked up again this winter with concerns resulting from the new variant, the colder and wetter weather and particularly in the further lockdown as the pandemic vaccination programme is implemented.

If you would like to receive support, or know anyone who might; or perhaps you would like to volunteer? then please contact the LCAV Scheme via email, or call the Parish Council.

Email: lcav.scheme@plaistowandifold.org.uk

Ifold Telephone

Box Restoration

The first of the two iconic K6 telephone boxes, purchased from BT for £1 as part of their 'adopt a kiosk scheme', has recently completed its transformation from a dilapidated redundant phone box to a fully renovated kiosk that now houses a lifesaving defibrillator.

The kiosk, situated on the corner of The Drive and Plaistow Road in Ifold, was meticulously renovated by Ralph Restorations, a small West Sussex company which specialises in the restoration and repair of historic items of street furniture.

Now restored and watertight, the kiosk has been fitted out with one of the latest semi-automatic defibrillators, which is expertly cared for by Billingshurst Emergency Assistance Team (BEAT).

BEAT ensure that the equipment is checked on a regular basis, ensuring that the batteries are adequately charged, the pads are in date and the defibrillator is 'rescue ready'.



Connection Quiz

The answers to the following 9 questions are all connected. The answer to question 10 is the connection between the previous 9 answers. Enjoy the challenge. The answers can be found on the Parish Council's website.

1. Which word, of Portuguese origin, is used in English to describe the white variety of the brown rat used extensively in biological experiments?
2. What is the collective name for the group of islands that include Majorca, Minorca and Ibiza?
3. What was the name of the famous gate in Berlin which was closed on the 13th August 1961 to prevent the exodus of people from communist East Berlin into West Berlin?
4. Fought in 1916, which was the only major sea battle of the First World War?
5. Which English based car manufacturer has produced models known as the +4, +8, the Roadster and the Aero 8?
6. Which adjective is used to describe the origin of the Kings and Queens of Great Britain from George I in 1714 through to the death of Victoria in 1901?
7. What name do the Americans usually give to an amount of 25 cents?
8. In the context of this connection which word can precede Downs, Marsh and carriage?
9. According to the 1967 hit by Wilson Pickett, what type of car was associated with "Sally"?
10. What is the connection between the previous nine answers?

Introducing your quizmaster! *"Hi, my name is Doug Brown. I was elected to the Council on 13th January 2021. I live in Plaistow and am looking forward to being of service to the community in my new role.*

I have been setting quizzes since 1991; originally for pubs but now for various charities. I will set a monthly quiz on the Parish Council's website. Please visit the Quiz page to join in the fun. Good luck!"



Ifold Bus Stop

Regeneration Project

The Parish Council is working with Ifold Estates Ltd to revamp The Drive, Ifold bus stop area. After all, it's currently an unsightly derelict mess!

However, with the guidance of Butterfly Conservation and support of Natural Gardens, the aim is to turn it into a biodiverse conservation heaven for our rare Wood White butterfly and other minibeasts.

How can you help with the project?

As part of this project and the Parish Council's ongoing Safer Bus Stop initiative, the current bus shelter will be carefully dismantled and a new one built at a different location on the site. Some of the shelter material will be retained to be reused.

We are looking for volunteers who can help to dismantle the bus shelter and help with scrub clearance and planting once current restrictions allow.

If you would like to get involved and/or find out how this project will be 'Covid secure' please contact the Parish Council Clerk.

Plaistow, Ifold and Kirdford Local History Society - Life in World War II

The re-established Ifold Local History Society, now re-named Plaistow, Ifold and Kirdford Local History Society (PIK LHS), have put together an exhibition to celebrate the lives of those who lived and worked in our three villages during the Second World War.

It was their intention to have an exhibition at the 2020 Maypole Fete, but due to the current pandemic it was cancelled. The members of the History Society continued, during the period of the first 'lockdown', to try and research material; but with very limited access to records it proved difficult.

They hope you will enjoy reading the information they have been able to gather and forgive any gaps or inaccuracies.

The exhibition can be found on the Parish Council's website via the VE Day 75 tab. In the future the Society hopes to be able to have a more traditional exhibition in the Village Halls.

PIK LHS would very much welcome any feedback and additional recollections, information, photographs and documents to add to their local archive and to share with the County Records Office. This can be about any part of our local history from any period of time - we are all still making history!

You can contact the Plaistow, Ifold and Kirdford Local History Society via the Parish Council.



Online Notice Board

Did you know the Parish Council's website has a virtual notice board?

This virtual board is regularly updated with articles of interest ranging from public consultations, information about financial support for local businesses and families, local reports and newsletters from our PCSO, CDC, WSCC and the South Downs National Park and updates about Parish projects and community matters of importance.

Regularly checking this online resource is a good way of keeping up-to-date.

You can also suggest articles for publication by contacting the Parish Council.

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Sussex Police - Introducing the new Specialist ...
26 January 2021
Sussex Police have launched a new enforcement unit to track and catch dangerous and wanted criminals using the Sussex road network to commit crime. For further details please refer
[View Report](#)

Lady Hope Playpark, Plaistow Renovation Works
25 January 2021
We are pleased to announce that the Lady Hope Playpark in Plaistow will be undergoing an upgrade in March 2021.
The playpark will be closed to the public during the works, which are
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West Sussex Waste Prevention
25 January 2021
 West Sussex recycles
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New Covid support schemes launched to help b...
15 January 2021
New Covid support schemes launched to help district businesses during lockdown
New Government schemes have been launched in the Chichester
[View Report](#)

30mph Extension Along Rickman's Lane, Plaistow

Following on from the Parish Council's successful application to reduce the speed limit from 40mph to 30mph along Plaistow Road in Ifold, the Parish Council is considering making another Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) application to West Sussex County Council to extend the 30mph speed limit along Rickman's Lane. TROs are legal documents that enable WSCC, as the local highway authority, to manage traffic in the County.

Rickman's Lane does not benefit from adequate pavements and/or street lighting. Consequently, the Parish Council is concerned for the safety of school children, who walk along Rickman's Lane to and from the Bushfield bus stop and other non-vehicular road users, due to the speed of traffic entering and leaving the village.

The Parish Council recently instructed SW Transport Planning Ltd to commission a speed survey along Rickman's Lane. The data results can be found on our website - Projects tab.

The Parish Council is considering whether to make an application to extend the 30mph speed limit to the 'please drive slowly through the village' sign along Rickman's Lane.

Before the Parish Council applies for a TRO it is important to canvas the support of the community, especially from those who will be impacted by the change. TROs are prioritised on safety, traffic conditions, environment and economy and how people will benefit from the new proposals.

The Parish Council has written to residents living along Rickman's Lane and invited their comments and experience of living along the road to guide its decision making. The deadline for comments is 4pm 3rd March 2021.

Community Speed Watch

The Parish Council is looking to invigorate support and participation in the Community Speed Watch (CSW) initiative which has been set up in the parish. The CSW team is currently active along Plaistow Road in Ifold. The volunteers report speeding drivers to the police with the aim of educating them to slow down.

This initiative is supported by the Parish Council, although it is being organised and run independently.

The team wish to expand into Plaistow and other areas of the parish but need more volunteers! If you can give an hour or so of your time each month to help fight the adverse impact excessive speed has on those who live in this parish that would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like more information, or would like to volunteer, please contact the Clerk.



Please note - all future newsletters will be electronic.

Please sign up via the website homepage to receive your biannual E-Newsletter via email.

However, if you do not have access to the internet and therefore need a paper copy, please contact the Clerk and this will be arranged.