

# martlesham monthly

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August edition Newsletter

Martlesham Monthly are looking forward to relaunching the printed edition in October

## 1ST MARTLESHAM SCOUTS

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Becoming a helper or hiring of the Scout HQ please contact Rachel Pennick  
01473 610437

## GIRLGUIDING MARTLESHAM

Currently we have

1 Rainbow Unit (ages 5-7), 3 Brownie Packs (ages 7-10), 2 Guide Companies (ages 10-14) & 1 Ranger Unit (ages 14-18) meeting around the Parish.

If you are interested in joining as a member or helping as a volunteer, please contact [chris.s.cooper@btinternet.com](mailto:chris.s.cooper@btinternet.com) (Martlesham) or [www.girlguiding.org.uk/](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/) interested (HQ).

Come join the fun & start your Guiding adventure today!

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1 September,

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Douglas Bader: 10.15–11.45am  
20 August,

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In case of emergencies please always call 999.

In non-emergency situations call the new number 101.

E-mail: the Safer Neighbourhood Team  
[Woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Woodbridge.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk)

## COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Martlesham Community Responders are a group of 3 volunteers (funded entirely by donations) who are trained to provide first aid and resuscitation skills. We provide a first response to many 999 calls received by the East of England Ambulance Service Trust within Martlesham, Martlesham Heath, Waldringfield, Newbourne and Brightwell, in support of and until the arrival of an emergency ambulance.

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# MARTLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Lockdown is easing – Well done Martlesham but keep going!**

The coronavirus has not gone away so we still all need to do all we can to keep ourselves & others safe. Government advice remains:

### **STAY ALERT CONTROL THE VIRUS SAVE LIVES**

Despite the relaxation in the restrictions, the key messages haven't changed:

- stay at home as much as possible
- work from home if you can
- limit contact with other people
- keep your distance from people not in your household (2 metres apart where possible)
- wash your hands regularly
- Do not leave home if you or anyone in your household has symptoms.

## **Play areas, trim trall equipment & bike trails**

Government guidelines on the reopening of play areas and other outdoor equipment on 4th July 2020 was that this should only be done if it was considered safe to do so following detailed risk assessment.

With little notice of all the requirements, we did not feel in a position to open our facilities safely on the 4th. We are working towards opening our sites but can give no announcement when that might be at the time of writing on 10th July.

When the time comes, there will be new signs in place, and we ask that everyone observes the guidance please.

We have risk assessed the bike trails and, as there are no hard surfaces to touch and social distancing should be the rule of thumb for bikers on the jumps in any case, we have considered that they are safe to open. We have however put up new guidance for use & ask users to respect these to keep everyone safe.

## **Ongoing services**

Our office & Parish Room remain closed to the public. Staff continue to work from home as much as possible, following government rules. The National Association of Local Councils has strongly advised us to continue to meet remotely, without the need for face to face contact. Our meeting on 15th July agreed that, from September, full Council meetings would go back to the normal schedule of the 1st Wednesday of each month, excluding August & December, but still meeting remotely for the time being. We will hold committee meetings as necessary and these will be advertised. Our various working groups can continue to meet remotely, again as necessary.

## **Post Covid-19 crisis**

Opinion polls and research have shown the majority of us look forward to a new and better normal

- Doing things locally whenever possible
- Empowering local communities
- Improving air quality and reduce pollution
- Investing in energy efficient homes and low carbon industry
- Accelerating the transition to renewable energy

### **Is this you?**

If so, you could volunteer to work with the parish council as we are already working towards these aims through our response to the climate emergency, the Neighbourhood Plan, and our future plans in the Neighbourhood Plan Plus.

Help us manage or work on outdoor projects in the following areas on behalf of residents and nature: Recreation Ground, Martlesham Common Local Nature Reserve, Portal Woodlands, Bright's Orchard.

Help us look after footpaths, trees and wildflowers.

Support our efforts to achieve sustainable transport and traffic

arrangements and reduce pollution: an attractive public transport offering, supporting Martlesham Traffic Watch, lobbying for the climate emergency to inform the planning and transport policies and the energy projects which surround us.

Help maintain the leisure facilities we provide, play spaces, the bike trails and the village fete.

You can do this by volunteering to work on any individual aspect of this, or by becoming a parish councillor, or by joining our new climate emergency group please contact the Clerk – details below.

## **A12 and Martlesham Retail Park traffic noise, congestion and pollution**

Three practical suggestions:

1. Please support us and Martlesham Traffic Watch in their ongoing efforts to improve the traffic situation in the retail park and surrounding areas and on the A12. We are investing in speed and traffic noise and pollution measuring equipment to prove the need for change and monitor future developments. We also push for the planners to mitigate the present situation, at planning enquiries and elsewhere. Volunteer to help Traffic Watch, or join the Parish Council.
2. Register every incident of anti-social behaviour or suspected crime with East Suffolk Council (ESC), email [asbu@eastsoffolk.gov.uk](mailto:asbu@eastsoffolk.gov.uk), and the police, ring 101 or report online <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>. This will also help when setting local police priorities.
3. Lobby ESC and Suffolk County Council (SCC) councillors. The problems have arisen by planning permissions being granted by SCDC, now ESC. SCC Highways are consulted on traffic implications of plans, but often don't comment, or don't raise objections.

## **Land off Black Tiles Lane – housing development of 47 dwellings**

The district council approved this development in 2017. The developer has changed and now some work has started, namely archaeological excavations required as part of the permission, and consideration of the provision of a new school car park & access to the Jubilee Playspace area owned by the Parish Council. We have little to report at present but hopefully we can tell you more as time goes on.

## **Out of hours noise problem reporting**

During the summer months anti-social noise complaints increase across the district. In response to this, residents can call the number below and a member of the East Suffolk Council Environmental Protection team will endeavour to visit the site.

Noise problems can be reported from May to September (inclusive) between 19:00 and 01:00 on Friday and Saturday nights on **0800 440 2516**.

## **Sizewell C Update**

The Planning Inspectorate has agreed to consider EDF Energy's application for a new nuclear power station (Sizewell C). From 8th July, the Inspectorate has invited the public and Councils to register as Interested Parties on their website and to submit a written representation summarising their views and opinions on the Sizewell C project. For full details, please go to: <https://www.edfenergy.com/energy/nuclear-new-build-projects/sizewell-c>  
The Parish Council shall keep abreast of developments.

## **Meetings**

NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO OBSERVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC FORUM. To join this meeting, please contact the Clerk, see below, no later than 5pm on Tuesday 1ST September to receive an invitation.

## **Contacting the Council**

Clerk to Martlesham Parish Council, Parish Room, Felixstowe Road, Martlesham, Woodbridge IP12 4PB  
Telephone: 01473 612632 – please leave a message if no reply and we will get back to you as necessary  
e-mail: [clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@martleshamcouncil.org.uk)  
website: <http://martlesham.onesuffolk.net>  
Please "Follow Us" on our Facebook page which is @Martlesham Parish. The full address is <https://www.facebook.com/MartleshamParish>

## **Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd**

### **Publicly Accessible Defibrillator on the Control Tower**

Good News - MHHL working the Martlesham Heath Aviation society have recently installed a Publicly Accessible Defibrillator on the Control Tower. This will provide cover for the immediate area and Deben Avenue and Dobbs Lane area. Access via road is from the bottom of Deben Avenue. It is then a one minute walk to the control Tower. The Cabinet consists of the defibrillator already connected to adult pads which can be changed for paediatric pads (stored with the defibrillator) to cater for children. This was made possible by support from our East Suffolk Councillor, Edward Thompson, who agreed to a Grant from the Enabling Communities Budget. This Defibrillator is only accessible using a code to unlock the door that is issued by the East Suffolk Ambulance Service who will then stay on the line and walk through its use in real time.

### **Trees Vandalised**

It is so disappointing that two of the trees planted by MHHL volunteers on Eagle Way near Demesne Gardens have

been damaged and snapped off just above the guards protecting them during 4th/5th July. This has been reported to Suffolk Police as criminal damage, crime reference 37/37806/20. Unfortunately, this is not the first time that trees have been vandalised in this area and is why MHHL fitted the protective guards from funds provided by residents through your annual maintenance fee. If you have any information, please let the Police know directly.

### **Antisocial Behaviour**

There has been some antisocial behaviour at the control tower where people have been seen climbing onto the balcony area, riding motorised scooters and leaving extensive litter near the bench. This has been reported to Suffolk police and again please let the Police know directly if you have any additional information. Suffolk police have been seen patrolling the area. We hope that a quiet word from the Police will bring an end to this behaviour. MHHL are exploring the possibility of an extra bin by the bench and are waiting for confirmation from East Suffolk Council that it can be emptied.

## **Village Green Wear & Tear**

MHHL have had useful meetings with MYFC concerning their continued use of the village green after concerns were raised that the surface was becoming very worn in some areas. MHHL fully supports MYFC's continued use of the Green but recognises that it is also a valued facility for the whole community and has been widely used for social gatherings during the Lockdown. MYFC have agreed the reduce the number of pitches from four to three which will enable them to be rotated around the green each season. Also, MYFC will carry out inspections during the season and postpone matches during inclement weather. Remedial work has also been agreed.

### **Contact and further Information**

If there are any issues that you feel that need attention please do not hesitate to contact Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd by leaving a voicemail on 01473 612207 or by email to [mailto:martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com](mailto:mailto:martleshamheathhouseholders@gmail.com) or by post to Martlesham Heath Householders Ltd, PO Box 897, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 9PB.

## Portal Woodlands Conservation Group

Sadly, our public glow worm survey and bat walk, normally last Friday of June, did not go ahead due to the virus but two of the Group's members walked the normal survey route. Continuing recent low counts only one female was spotted in the woods, but quite amazingly two males were with her. See last month's article for more information on glow worms.

Regular visitors to the woods may have noticed the appearance of a Stickman trail for a couple of weeks during June. This was kindly created by a local resident and her young son to provide some enjoyment for children and families during lockdown. It was fantastic to see so many people coming along to participate, including local schools and nurseries.

If you would like to do a similar, or any other kind of activity in the woods then it is essential for you to contact us so that we can advise on how to do it safely and without damaging the wildlife environment. Any unauthorised posters or trails will unfortunately have to be removed.

To their delight, a walker spotted some impressive parasol fungi in early July. If you are visiting our woods and spot any interesting wildlife then please do let us know.

### Dates for the Diary

All upcoming events have been cancelled due to the coronavirus. However, if you would like to sign up or get in touch we are always pleased to welcome new faces.

New volunteers of all ages and abilities are always welcome. No experience needed. For further information, please contact us at [pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com](mailto:pwcg.martlesham@gmail.com), phone: 01473 612632 or visit our website: [pwcg.onesuffolk.net](http://pwcg.onesuffolk.net) or join our members' Facebook Group by messaging Duncan Sweeting.

### George Pennick and Sam Cork, Nature Explorers and Young Volunteers



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