

GREAT CHART WITH SINGLETON PARISH COUNCIL



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**SUNDAY
14TH JULY 2024**

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024



The Parish Council usually meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30pm to discuss local issues and to make decisions. The meeting venue alternates between Singleton Village Hall, Great Chart Village Hall and the new Chilmington Cabin within the Hodsons part of the development. The dates and venues for 2024 are confirmed below, why not come along to a meeting to find out more about the Parish Council's activities, and have your say. For more information on agendas and minutes please visit our website

www.greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk and click on The Council tab

The dates for 2024 meetings are:

13th May 2024 - Singleton Village Hall

20th May 2024* - Singleton Village Hall

10th June 2024 - Chilmington Cabin

8th July 2024 - Singleton Village Hall

9th September 2024 - Great Chart Village Hall

14th October 2024 - Chilmington Cabin

11th November 2024 - Great Chart Village Hall

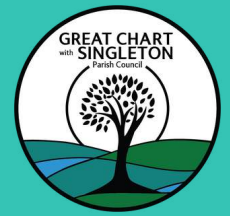
9th December - Singleton Village Hall

* Our Annual Meeting of Electors will be held in Singleton Village Hall in 2024 and will be open to all local groups and organisations to share their achievements over the last 12 months. Please contact the Clerk if you wish to be involved.

If between planned meetings an urgent issue arises, an Extraordinary Meeting can be called. These are announced at least three days in advance and are publicised on our website and social media.



THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Welcome to the second edition of the of this year's newsletter! When you read this we will already have had our first parish council meeting of the 2024 - 2025 financial year. There are no elections for parish, borough, or county councillors in Ashford this May (just one for Police and Crime Commissioner), although we will likely see a general election later in the year. Don't forget that you now need photo ID to vote at a polling station.

Following the resignations of Cllrs. Matthew Peach and Katrina Alexander, we still have two vacancies for the council, one for Singleton West Ward and one for Washford Ward.



MAKE A CHANGE BECOME A COUNCILLOR

If you think you might be interested in one of these places, please contact our Parish Clerk, either by e-mail at theclerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk or by telephone on 01233 635016.

The 20th May sees our annual meeting of electors, this year at Singleton Village Hall, and is your opportunity to engage with parish councillors and find out from local groups that are active in the community what they have been up to in the previous year. And there will be refreshments too, so do come along.

The 6th June this year marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The council is holding a joint event with Kingsnorth Parish Council to commemorate the Allied invasion at Normandy which began the final stage of the defeat of the Axis powers in World War 2. The event, which starts at 8:00pm, will finish with the lighting of a beacon, one of many across the South of England. I hope you will be able to attend this event, which will be held at Kestrel Park on Coulter Road.

I must also mention our Colour Run and Big Lunch events which will run in June and July respectively. They are covered in more detail on our events pages.

As always, your council is here for you; the vast majority of our meetings are public, so come along and get involved.

Cllr Malcolm Wiffen

April 2024

80
D-DAY 6 JUNE 2024

On the 80th Anniversary of D-Day
Great Chart with Singleton
& Kingsnorth Parish Councils
will light a beacon at Kestrel Park (TN23 3HE)
Start time: 8pm
Beacon Lighting 9:15pm

Kingsnorth Parish Council
GREAT CHART with SINGLETON Parish Council



Parish Council News

Projects & Events



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Hopefully, by the time you read this newsletter, nature will be coming out of hibernation and we will be on our way to drier and brighter days. At the top of our to do list are the events we have planned through the spring and summer, see page 7 for more information on those. We are also getting ready to keep on top of our green spaces across the parish.

Over winter work has been done to keep the area clean and maintained, with signage being cleaned and overgrown trees being cut back. The entrances to Great Chart Play Park were also improved to make it easier for scooters, pushchairs and little feet to get in and out of the park during the muddier months, as well as some improvements to surfaces under some of the equipment.



A lot of the maintenance work that is done around the parish is either part of a schedule to prevent breakages, or in response to resident reports. However, the council is always looking to be proactive when it comes to the environment. The website has been updated to include a page on the Environmental Action Plan www.greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk/Parish_Council_Environmental_Action_Plan_47744.aspx showing how the council plans to help tackle the climate crisis by enhancing biodiversity and supporting local ecosystems in conjunction with other organisations

Recently the parish council has been discussing how constructing and owning it's own building could be a possible future project. The current office will not support any further expansion of the workforce and incurs a rental fee. The storage used for the Stewards equipment is scattered across the parish. Every time a public meeting is held, a suitable venue must be found and paid for. It is hoped that any potential building would solve these issues and could be purpose built to provide more community spaces at the same time. We would of course consult with residents along the way, but if you have any thoughts at this early stage, please contact the Clerk so that we can feed them in to future discussions.

Singleton Spaces, the charity that operates Singleton Environment Centre, is raising funds to build a resilience garden. The garden will help visitors to better understand how to adapt to a changing climate. As well as being informative to visitors, the resilience garden will also be a valuable resource to the educational work the centre carries out with schools, community groups and adults. Donations can be made via the link: www.justgiving.com/campaign/resilience-garden-for-sec All donations, small and large are welcome.



Thank you for your support.



Parish Council News

Projects & Events

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At a recent council meeting a discussion took place regarding the name of the Parish Council. Established in 1894 as Great Chart Parish Council, in 1987 the name was changed to Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council as the area of Singleton became more and more developed.

Then in 2012 the planning application was approved for 5,750 homes to be built in Chilmington, but Great Chart with Singleton and Chilmington Parish Council isn't particularly short or snappy! We couldn't easily think of a shorter name which encompasses all three areas but isn't quite so area specific. As a resident, do you have any ideas? If so, please contact the Clerk with your suggestions.



At the same time as we consider a new name for the Parish Council, we also tried to come up with a more attention grabbing name for our quarterly newsletter.

At the moment we just name it after the parish, but as mentioned above, it is a long name and sometimes residents can confuse us with the local church, from which we are different and separate. If you have a catchy idea for a new name for our newsletter, which will also grow with the parish as the Chilmington development grows, please contact the Clerk with your suggestions.



After many (many) months of waiting the CMO cabin opened its doors on the Chilmington development. This is the first community space to open in Chilmington and is being managed by the Chilmington Management Organisation. The parish council held it's March meeting in the building and we look forward to hosting more meetings and our Pop Up Cafe's there in the coming months. If you wish to book a room in the Cabin please email hello@cmo.org.uk



Continuing with updates from Chilmington, we are aware that a number of residents are affected by the lack of footpaths between Singleton and Great Chart through to the development itself, but specifically to the primary school. With the secondary school currently scheduled to open onsite in September 2025 this will become a much bigger issue if action isn't taken soon. Please rest assured that the parish council are fully aware of the impact this is having and we continue to write to KCC members and engage in regular meetings with KCC officers to discuss how these issues can be solved.



If all this mention of Chilmington is making you curious about how the development came to be, we have updated our Planning webpage. It charts the history of how Ashford Borough Council identified the land for development back in the 1990's. Since then parish councillors along with local residents, have campaigned to make the development fit for purpose and, more importantly, contained within a set area to avoid creep towards Tenterden. The page also contains all the recent links to the Planning Committee papers which discuss planning matters across the parish, including Chilmington.

The page can be accessed via www.greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk/Planning_Committee_30600.aspx

Parish Council News, Projects & Events

Spring and Summer are when we run our bigger events, which ones are you going to come along to?

It's back! The Colour Run was so popular that it is back for 2024 and even bigger and better than before!

Run, jog, walk or skip your way round our course with fun obstacles and lots of COLOUR along the way. Be ready to be squirted with water, blasted with bubbles and of course splattered in rainbow colours. There will be obstacles to crawl under and weave through along the course. With brand new obstacles as well as last year's favourites the 2024 course is not to be missed. Start out in white and end multi-COLOURED!! Be prepared to get messy! Book at: <https://thecolourrun.eventbrite.co.uk>



In April we joined forces with Kingsnorth Parish Council to create a poppy display ahead of the 80th Anniversary of D-Day. This will be laid at our beacon lighting service at Kestrel Park on Thursday 6th June. Join the Facebook event at <https://fb.me/e/85BySK139>



The Big Lunch is back again for 2024. Feedback from previous years is always good so we are planning to do the same again, but bigger and better.

Entry is free, the bouncy castles are free, bring your own picnic if you wish and enjoy our various performers. There will also be food and drink stalls and a variety of selling and information stallholders to visit. If you are interested in selling, performing, volunteering or showcasing your local group, please contact paula.cowperthwaite@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk for more information.



MAY

Council Meeting: 13th
Pop Up Cafe: 15th
Annual Meeting of Electors
Monday 20th May



JUNE

Council Meeting: 10th
Pop Up Cafe: 12th
 D-Day 80th Anniversary Event 6th June

Colour Run
23rd June



JULY

Council Meeting: 8th
Pop Up Cafe: 10th
BIG LUNCH 2024
Sunday 14th July



AUGUST

Council Meeting:
No Meeting
Pop Up Cafe: 14th
Craft In The Cafe
Summer Style
14 August



SEPTEMBER

Council Meeting: 9th
Pop Up Cafe: 11th
Photo Competition:
Take a selfie in a recognisable
part of the parish



OCTOBER

Council Meeting: 14th
Pop Up Cafe: 16th
Craft In The Cafe
Halloween Style
31st October



NOVEMBER

Council Meeting: 11th
Pop Up Cafe: 13th
Photo Competition:
Caption Our Picture



DECEMBER

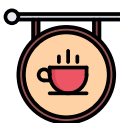
Council Meeting: 9th
Pop Up Cafe: 11th



Christmas Movie:
Details TBC



Parish Council News, Projects & Events



Pop Up Cafe

and Information Hub

Upcoming 2024 Dates



15th May	Singleton Village Hall 10-12pm
12th June	Singleton Village Hall 10-12pm Great Chart Village Hall 2-4pm
10th July	Singleton Village Hall 10-12pm
14th August	Singleton Village Hall 10-12pm Great Chart Village Hall 2-4pm
11th September	Singleton Village Hall 10-12pm
16th October	Singleton Village Hall 10-12pm Great Chart Village Hall 2-4pm
13th November	Singleton Village Hall 10-12pm
11th December	Singleton Village Hall 10-12pm Great Chart Village Hall 2-4pm

Our Pop Up Cafe and Information Hub has had a little shake up for 2024. We now run every month from Lily's Cafe in Singleton Village Hall. The time will always be 10-12 on the Wednesday after the Council meeting. We will run in Great Chart on alternate months between 2pm & 4pm. We also hope to run at the new Chilmington Cabin later in 2024 but we will announce this once it's confirmed.

Each session will still have the same warm welcome, the free hot drinks, cake and chat, but we will also be bringing along some craft activities, board games and our public access laptops for those who don't have the ability to access the internet at home.

Annual Meeting & Meeting of Electors

Join us for the Parish Council Annual Meeting on Monday May 13th! We will elect the next Chair of the Council, and fill the ranks of our committees and outside organisations.

But also mark your calendars for Monday May 20th as it's time to celebrate YOU at the Annual Meeting of Electors! Join us as we shine a spotlight on the achievements of our local organisations and groups over the past 12 months.



D-Day Poppies



In April we joined with Kingsnorth Parish Council to host a poppy craft event to create a display ahead of our 80th Anniversary of D-Day event.

The event was well attended and a number of very colourful poppies were created. Thank you to everyone who came along and contributed. We will be collecting completed poppies until the end of May. Instructions can be found on our website and social media.

On Thursday 6th June we will be joining with Kingsnorth Parish Council to light a beacon on Kestrel Park at 9:15pm. Refreshments will be on sale from 8pm and we hope to have a display of memories from people resident in the area at the time. If you have a story you would be willing to share, please get in touch with us.



Eat Well Spend Less

After the success of last years Eat Well Spend Less roadshow, we are repeating the event for 2024. The event will take place on Wednesday 7th August in Singleton Village Hall between 10am and 2pm. Organised by Ashford Borough Council, there will be a large number of support and information organisations in attendance, along with free recipe bags to take away and make for your dinner. Keep an eye on our social media for more information closer to the date.



SINGLETON ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Thanks to the support Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council continues to give to Singleton Environment Centre lots of events have been run at the centre to help educate young people about their local environment as well as entertain them and foster a love of the environment. In the February half term the centre welcomed over 120 children and their families who participated in a range of activities.

All ages took part in our free Seed Paper Making event. Lots of fun was had with this messy activity! Everyone took away some homemade seed paper which they could use in their own craft projects and then once finished with could be planted to grow a selection of wildflowers.



The popular Nature Stories session returned for those aged 2.5 years +. This immersive storytelling session saw the children travel around the centre grounds on the look out for the Gruffalo. We started by making our own mouse ears to wear. Along the way everyone made their own fox, owl, snake and Gruffalo characters from recycled and natural materials. You'll be pleased to know our clever mice cleared the grounds of all Gruffalos so you'll be safe on your next visit!

We celebrated Valentine's Day with a Love Nature Day where we all got to fall in love with nature. The children made beautiful willow heart wands, planted wild flower seeds in decorated pots to grow at home and wrote nature pledges to help us take care of our local environment. The children listed all the things they love to do outside and local writer Sita Turner turned their ideas into a wonderful poem. This lovely session was completed with marshmallows – unfortunately the weather stopped us toasting them but they still went down a treat!



The half term week finished with lots of creativity on the Make It Day event. We were so impressed with the hats, bags, t-shirts, pencil cases and make up bags the participants made. What wonderful unique items everyone made.



Singleton Environment Centre would like to thank Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council for their kind support in helping us run fun educational events for families, children and adults. During the May school half term we'll be welcoming back Jaws n Claws, running another drop and leave Wild Wednesday event for children aged 6 years + and leading another immersive storytelling session on the next Nature Stories event.



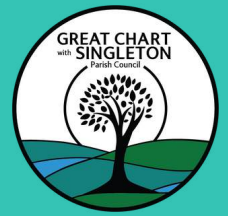
The 'Prosecco with' series of events proved so popular last year that we are now running these adult craft sessions monthly. So once a month. So far this year we've seen stunning cushion covers and beautiful green heart themed fused glass creations. These sessions have been led by The Sewing Circle and Greensand Glass who have shared their tips and tricks with the participants. Keep a look out for our monthly 'Prosecco with' events as they sell out very fast!

The Buggin' About pre-school group has enjoyed a variety of themes so far this year, including Squirrels, Big Garden Birdwatch, Chinese New Year, World Book Day and Spring. The group runs on a Friday and gives children aged 2.5 years + the opportunity to learn about the world around them through carefully selected activities to engage them and focus on their key developmental areas of learning. Each week there is a different theme introduced to the children through nature craft, outdoor activities and hands on practical fun. The mud kitchen and water play are included in all sessions allowing independent play and exploration.





COMMUNITY FRIDGE



Our community fridge project has now been running for just over a year. What started off as just a fridge and a small table run by a couple of councillors, now includes a pantry cupboard, fruit and veg display baskets and bakery shelves run by a whole team of volunteers who stock the shelves and clean them. Some of these tasks take just 15-20 mins once a week, others can take up to an hour once a fortnight, if you are interested in joining our team of volunteers please do get in touch – especially if you are likely to have a little spare time over the summer holidays as many of our volunteers will have holidays booked or childcare commitments so a little help will always be welcome.

In the first 9 months of the project we saved 3.36 tonnes of food from going to landfill, at the same time as helping to feed local residents.

We take deliveries from Fareshare and donations from the co-op shops in Brookfield Road, South Ashford and Hunter Road, Willesborough. We are always on the lookout for more shops and food businesses to donate to us so if you have any ideas or contacts with suitable businesses please do get in touch so we can share more information with you or the business.

And of course we are always open to donations from residents. If you are doing a spring clean any time soon and come across unopened food you know you will never use, bring it down to the village hall and leave it in the fridge or the cupboard. We can take food past it's BEST BEFORE date but NOT past it's USE BY date. A complete list of foods we can and can't accept is on display within the fridge area.



CAN YOU USE THIS PANTRY?

Singleton Community Fridge is a project to reduce food waste. It is not a food bank. It is open to all. We can't take requests, we rely on donations and funded deliveries. Everyone can TAKE. Everyone can DONATE.

DONATING?

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Unpackaged food such as fruit, veg or bread must be in a fit state to donate. Packaged food must be sealed and labelled with allergens as a minimum. The fridge can only accept cooked food that has been cooked and prepared by a Registered Food Business.

DONATING?




WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

We **CAN** accept food past its BEST BEFORE date as it is still edible, but flavours may deteriorate. We **CANNOT** accept food past its USE BY date.

COULD YOU HELP US REDUCE FOOD WASTE?

**Our Community Fridge project is growing!
The project aims to reduce food waste by being a collection point for donations of food, toiletries and more.**

We are in Singleton Village Hall on Hoxton Close.

-  Do you own, work at, or live near a shop, cafe, or production kitchen that has to throw BEST BEFORE food away on a regular basis?
-  Could you approach them to see if they would be willing to label the food and donate it to the fridge, or give us their contact details?
-  Or would you be able to transport food from a venue to our fridge?



GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS



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GROUP REPORTS



MESSY CHURCH AT JOHN WESLEY SCHOOL

United Church Ashford runs a fantastic Messy Church event every month at John Wesley School in Singleton. It's an afternoon full of fun and friendship as families come along to celebrate and worship together. The afternoon begins with a room full of craft activities and fun things to do. Parents and children can explore the different tables and try out all the activities. There is a mixture of things so that even our youngest attendees can join in the fun. After this we have 15 minutes of themed worship with singing, discussions and drama. Over the past few months our themes have included Mountains, Thankfulness and Families. After all that we sit down and share a delicious hot meal together, chatting and enjoying being together as a community.

It's a completely free event and all families are welcome to come along. To book your place at our next event please visit www.ticketsource.co.uk/messychurch



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

I have worked closely with the council for several years now, and I am grateful for the space in this newsletter. Many of the crimes that occur in the community are AVOIDABLE and PREVENTABLE. Examples of those thefts are from Vehicles, you must leave nothing on show in a vehicle when parking especially last park up for the night. Care when parking in long stay car parks like railway stations and shopping centres and any items left in cars. Sheds and Garages please keep as secure as possible, and risk assess the value of items left in sheds with a flimsy door latch. Carports Sadly the modern carport is a criminal's paradise, great care must be taken with what is stored there. Internet shopping parcels stolen off of doorsteps as the delivery vans are now followed by criminals.

With a few moments thought, crimes from the above list can be avoided.

The community can assist greatly with crime prevention and community safety in two ways.

1. Reporting all incidents of Crime, Attempted crime, and Anti Social Behaviour
2. Joining Neighbourhood Watch (it's completely free) to help communities. You just read and stay safe and secure.

"Crime cannot flourish in Communities that care."

I care, your council and clerks care, and I believe the vast majority of the community care! Peter New



Peter New
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DREAM DRAGONS

'Singleton Dreamdragons Community Theatre Group has been at the heart of the community in Ashford since 1993. Dreamdragons are known for their yearly pantomimes but they have staged a variety of productions including, farce, variety shows and drama.

Run by members of the community; Dreamdragons have grown and advanced over the years not only in performance, but in areas such as scenery, construction, props, sound and lighting. Dreamdragons are a member of the National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) which was founded in 1899. NODA is the main representative body for amateur theatre in the UK and has a membership of some 2400 amateur community theatre groups.

2023 marked the 30th Anniversary of Dreamdragons and our last show Camelot the Panto was very successful. Our next performance will be The Adventures of Oliver Twist on Saturday 22nd June and Sunday 23rd June, to find out more details or book tickets for our next show, to learn more about the group or how you can get involved please visit www.dreamdragons.co.uk (cont. over page)



GROUP REPORTS



Dreamdragons usually meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm. Please come along and meet us, no auditions required to join our group and if being on stage is not for you we are always looking for those to help with making props, set construction and working back stage or front of house.'

1ST SINGLETON SCOUTS GROUP

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have again had a busy term gaining many badges and awards.

Beavers celebrated pancake day, made crafts for Mothers day and Easter. They have designed superheroes and brought a friend along to see how much fun they have at beavers. At the end of the term, 5 beavers were awarded their Bronze award before moving to Cubs.

Cubs have made bird feeders, built air fix kits (kindly donated by Hornby) and made their mothers a special gift. We've been on several hikes around the local area to spot the changes each season brings. We learnt about the use of semaphores and how to use radios to pass messages. We finished the term with the Cubs presenting items they have collected over the last couple of months and it was great seeing the variety of items they brought with them.



Scouts continue to work on elements of their many challenge awards and have gained model maker badge using donated Warhammer resources and the figures have captured their imagination and interest. They celebrated Founders Day by completing some old scout challenges.

Now that the lighter evenings and warmer weather are approaching there are many outside activities planned - camps and sleepovers, water sports and visits, hikes and campfires.

Currently our Cub pack and Scout troop are full but we have a few spaces in beavers. We are always looking for help so if you are interested in joining our team of fantastic leaders, either running the weekly sessions or providing other support, then please contact us (details on page 17). Andrew, 1st Singleton.

1ST GREAT CHART CUBS

The Cubs have had great fun working towards several badges this term. They had a competition to see who could make and fire the best ballista, made friendship bracelets, and learnt several knots and hitches to earn their Pioneer badge. They started to work towards their International badge with celebrations of St Patrick's day and they played money and maths games to earn their Money Skills badge.

In February we visited the local Mosque where the Cubs were immensely privileged to hear the Imam call the faithful to prayer, to observe the prayer time, tour the Mosque and learn about Islam, as well as sample some amazing food. We are very grateful to everyone at the Mosque for giving us such a warm welcome and enabling the Cubs to earn their World Faiths badge.

The Cubs also earned their Digital Citizen badge, learning about online safety and how to deal with online bullying, and finding out how to plan a journey and buy a train ticket online.

In March we went to Lower Grange Farm where the Cubs learnt circus skills. They were definitely better at this than the leaders!

The highlight of the term, though, has to be an evening spent learning about owls and how the actions of humans are impacting their numbers. During this session the Cubs dissected owl pellets and used magnifying glasses to identify bones etc from the different animals that the owls had eaten. Akela thought this was gross but the Cubs loved it!

The term ended with an Easter party.

We are currently full but we do operate a waiting list, so do contact us if you are interested in joining us. Equally, we are always looking for adult volunteers to join our team so, if this could be you, do get in touch. Sally Gathern, Akela. 1st Great Chart Cubs



LOCAL AMENITIES



The Great Chart with Singleton Parish is well provisioned with local halls, all open for booking for local groups and events.

SINGLETON VILLAGE HALL



To book at Singleton Village Hall please contact the Bookings Secretary on bookings@singletonvh.co.uk 07887 575647 or visit www.singletonvillagehall.co.uk

The Hall consists of the existing building which has 1 large Main Hall (approx. 140 people seated) and 1 small side room. There are kitchen & WC facilities including disabled.

The new building has the Extension Hall downstairs (approx. 60 people seated) with a fully fitted kitchen & WC facilities including disabled.

On the first floor is the Extension Hall upstairs is of a similar size (approx. 60 people seated) but can be divided off into two halls (approx. 30 people each) with a soundproof partition wall. This is accessed via a wide staircase or a lift for those with mobility issues. There are WC facilities and a small tea/coffee making room with a sink.

GREAT CHART PLAYING FIELDS AND BUXFORD PAVILION

The Great Chart Playing Fields are currently hosting Pilgrims Football Club for the 2024/25 season, and we are in the process of drawing up a new long-term lease with the club. The Playing fields will also be the venue for the Parish Council's Big Lunch and Colour Run in 2024.

For those not aware, the facilities at Great Chart Playing Fields are:

- the main Buxford Room with adjacent kitchen and access to a small outside area to the rear of the building - ideal for meetings or birthday parties. The kitchen should be completely refurbished by June 2024
- There are two lots of changing rooms with showers in each - ideal if you want to host a sporting event or exercise class.
- The playing fields themselves - although activities are restricted in the larger field to preserve the pitches for Pilgrims FC who have invested a lot of money in pitch improvements over recent years.

We are also looking to improve the current car park before the winter.

Please contact bookings@greatchartplayingfields.org.uk if you wish to enquire about your events suitability and the availability for hiring the facilities.



GREAT CHART VILLAGE HALL

Great Chart Village Hall, which has looked over the village of Great Chart since 1908, is now fully reopened to its regular user groups and event hires. It is the venue for the parish councils Pop Up Cafe on the second Wednesday of the month, and every other month it also hosts the Parish Council meeting, but is also a favourite with a number of other clubs and groups. The hall has a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/Great-Chart-Village-Hall-134684416590425> and bookings can be made on 07540 299919.



REPORTING



In the complex web of local authorities and different agencies, it is often difficult to know who to report a problem to. We have put together the list below, which may look long, but covers the vast majority of issues. It is important that any issues you see are reported to the correct organisation so the problem can be dealt with quickly and efficiently.

Kent County Council

To report any emergency issues call **03000 414141** (Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm), and **03000 419191** outside office hours, or go to www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

- Street light faults
- Potholes
- Traffic signal faults
- Overgrown vegetation (including hedges and grass)
- Drainage
- Flooding

Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online

www.kent.police.uk/report

Talk to the Police on LiveChat-available 24/7

www.kent.police.uk/contact

In an emergency, if the crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

For issues relating to any of the areas below, please email the Parish Office at TheClerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk

- Cuckoo Park (opposite John Wesley School)
- Great Chart Playing Fields (the area with the park and outdoor gym)
- The Viewing Point and the path running alongside Singleton Village Hall
- Dog poo bag dispensers
- The raised flowerbed at the bottom of Singleton Hill

Ashford Borough Council

For issues relating to any of the following, please go to www.ashford.gov.uk and click on Report, or call **01233 331111**

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- Abandoned trolleys
- Abandoned Vehicles
- Allotment issue
- Bonfires
- Fly-tipping
- Light Nuisance
- Noise Nuisance
- Odour
- Overgrown Borders/Shrubs/Hedges or Grass Trees

HOUSING

- Squatters and unauthorised occupants
- Repairs
- Tenancy Fraud

COMMUNITY

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Public Toilets and community toilet scheme issue

ANIMAL ISSUES

- Dog fouling
- Lost or stolen dogs
- Stray dogs
- Dead animals

STREETS

- Illegal street trading
- Street cleansing, graffiti, vandalism or litter
- Overgrown Borders/Shrubs/Hedges or grass
- Overflowing/damaged litter bin

BINS

- Assisted collections
- Missed collections
- Replace, lost or broken bin
- Discarded syringes
- Litter/dog bin issue

FOOD AND HYGIENE ISSUES

- Suspected food poisoning
- Poor hygiene practices
- Problem with a food product

PLANNING AND BUILDING CONTROL

- Dangerous structure
- Fly-posting
- Planning breach



USEFUL INFORMATION



VENUE CONTACT DETAILS

Singleton Village Hall	Tel: 07887 575647 Email: bookings@singletonvh.co.uk
Great Chart Village Hall	Tel: 07540 299919 Email: greatchartvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk
Great Chart Playing Fields Buxford Pavilion	Tel: 01233 427407 Email: bookings@greatchartplayingfields.org.uk
Singleton Environment Centre	Tel: 01233 343885 Email: centremanager@singletonenvironmentcentre.org.uk

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

William Harvey Hospital 01233 633331	Kent Highways Service 03000 418181
Environment Agency 03708 506 506	Environment Incident Reporting 0800 80 70 60
South East Water 0333 000 0001	Floodline 0345 988 1188
UK Powernet 0800 029 4285	Power Cut 0800 31 63 105
Samaritans 116 123 email jo@samaritans.org	Kent County Council - Enquiries - Social Services 03000 41 41 41
Emergency Services 999 Press 55 on a mobile if unsafe to speak Text 60066 if deaf/hard of hearing	Kent Police - non emergency numbers Call 101 or use Live Chat at www.kent.police.uk Call 111 for medical non-emergencies

OTHER INFO

Allotments	Contact the Parish Clerk on 01233 616923 theclerk@greatchartsingleton-pc.gov.uk
Dog Warden Colin Leek	Tel: 01233 330340 Email: colin.leek@ashford.gov.uk
Mobile Library	Aske's Court: Friday 14:55-15:25 Meridian Court: Friday 15:45-16:15 Coronation Drive: Saturday: 10:55-11:25



CLUBS AND GROUPS



1st Great Chart Scouts Group - Contact Dave or Sally Gathern 07815 803862
Beavers (6-8.yo) - Friday 5-6:30pm
Cubs - (8-10.5yo) - Friday 6:30-8pm

1st Singleton Scouts Group - Contact Jill Lane 01233 641773/ 07799 886549
Beavers (6-8yo) Wednesday 5:15-6:30pm
Cubs (8-10.5yo) Wednesday 6:30-8pm
Scouts (10.5-14yo) Friday 7-8:30pm

Great Chart & Godinton WI

Secretary Janet Goodwin: 01233 332510
Committee Member Pam Grigg: 01233 878013
19:30 on 3rd Wednesday of the month at Godinton Village Hall

Singleton WI

Meeting at Singleton Environment Centre on the first Thursday of the month. Contact Hannah on 07542 436522, singletonwiekf@gmail.com or @SingletonWI

Ashford Community Woodland

ashfordcommunitywoodland@hotmail.co.uk
www.ashfordcommunitywoodland.org
Meeting on 1st Saturday each month in the (usually locked) car park off Singleton Hill.

Repair Cafe Ashford

Email: ashfordrepaircafe@outlook.com
Every Wednesday 1pm- 4pm at Singleton Environment Centre

Ashford Volunteer Centre

Telephone: 01233 665535
Email: contact@ashfordvc.org.uk
Website: <https://ashfordvc.org.uk>

Speed Watch. Contact area co-ordinator Garry Perry 01233 640110 info@whp.co.uk

Pilgrims Football Club - Contact Anthony 07734 648896 www.pilgrimsfc.co.uk

Paek Ma Taekwondo - contact Master Geoff 6th Dan 07836 621060 at SVH.
Tuesday 5:30-6:30pm /6:30-8 Juniors and Seniors
Thursday 6:30-8pm Juniors

Dream Dragons Theatre - Wednesdays 7-10pm at SVH. Contact 01233 668767 or www.dreamdragons.co.uk

Stardust Studios - Children's dance classes at SVH. Contact Natalie Kitts 01233 625786/ 0984956 or info@starduststudios.co.uk

Flora the Singleton Giant.

Contact Peter 01233 610241
peter@singletongiant.org.uk

Great Chart Cricket Club

www.greatchartcc.co.uk

Ashford Concert Band. Thursdays 7-8:30pm at John Wesley School
www.ashfordconcertband.co.uk
info@ashfordconcertband.co.uk

Grace Fellowship at Singleton Road

www.gracefellowship.org.uk

Friends of Singleton Lake

Website: www.friendsofsingletonlake.co.uk

Local church Sunday services:

St Mary's Great Chart

Great Chart Church 10am

Singleton Community Church

Singleton Village Hall 11am.

Contact: 01233 620433

info@ashfordchurches.co.uk

www.ashfordchurches.co.uk

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Singleton West Ward Councillor:
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Washford Ward Councillor:
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Councillor
Dirk Ross

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COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Ashford Borough Council

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Kent County Council

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Web: www.kent.gov.uk

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Vacant

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WASHFORD WARD

Cllr Ashley
Heathcote

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