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Community Coffee Mornings 8 December 2021 & 12 January 2022

The monthly Community Coffee Mornings organised by Loose Parish Council continue to be well supported, despite the increasingly colder weather. If you are stuck indoors with nothing to do, why not come along? Anyone is welcome to attend.

Alongside the friendly chats, coffee/teas, cakes, etc., there is also a book and jigsaw swap service (50p per item). Many thanks to all those who bring contributions.

Coffee mornings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 9am-12 noon at the parish pavilion, King George V playing field, Walnut Tree Lane, Loose ME15 9RG.

Annual Finances

It has been a busy few weeks for parish council members, as the various committees have been meeting to review the budgets for the next financial year, which runs from 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023. The budgets form the basis of the precept received from Maidstone Borough Council.

Activities taking place around Loose

Members of the Loose Parish Council's Environment Committee have been particularly busy over the last few weeks.

Not only has Brooks Field wildflower meadow been rotovated and seeded, but all the planters at the top of Old Loose Hill have also been re-planted.

Meanwhile, volunteers from the council and local community have been undertaking the annual clear-out and maintenance of Loose stream and pond.

The railings at the top of Old Loose Hill have also finally been repaired.

Well done to all those involved in helping to maintain the local area and keep Loose Clean and Tidy.

LPC - Council & Committee Meetings

The December meeting of the full parish council takes place a week earlier than normal, on Monday 13 December 2021 from 7.30pm.

Members of the public are welcome to attend this or any committee meeting. These are all held at the KGV parish pavilion ME15 9RG.

Agendas are published the week prior to the meeting on the parish council website and the noticeboards along the Loose & Linton Road (outside Loose Primary School, top of Old Loose Hill – Post Office end & Holmesdale Close). *Please see the website for details of upcoming meetings in January.*

Seasonal Reminders

At this time of year, it is important to ensure that valuables are not left on display in cars and homes, particularly items such as Christmas presents, etc.. Where possible, please put house lights on timers, etc., to deter potential thieves. Also make sure that all external property such as sheds, bikes, etc., are secured.

The season also brings the potential purchasing of new luxury goods. Whilst refuse services will continue (weather permitting), breaking down the boxes of 'big ticket' items will help not to advertise your new items to all and sundry.

When it comes to disposing of your old items and recycling/upcycling/charity is not an option, ensure that whoever offers to dispose of your "unwants" has a valid KCC waste disposal licence.

Winter Weather

As the weather becomes increasingly colder, the gritter lorries will be out to ensure main roads are kept clear for traffic.

In previous years, the gritter lorries have sometimes been unable to access Old Loose Hill due to inconsiderate parking. This has meant that the village potentially runs the risk of being cut off.

Residents are reminded that Salt Bins are provided for use on the public roads and footpaths and not for personal use.

Welfare Visits

If you have any concerns about the welfare of specific residents in Loose, particularly those who may be living alone, elderly or vulnerable, please contact the Community Warden Liz Lovatt on 07813 712107.