

## **Chiddingly Parish Council**

**Email Lists** thank you for your response last month to my appeal for you to register for the various email lists run by the Parish Council. Numbers are creeping up but the lists still reach only a small proportion of the community. Just email me [mike.goss@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto:mike.goss@chiddingly.gov.uk) and I will add you to whichever of the mailing lists you ask me to. The four email lists are Parish Notice Board (for Agendas and Minutes). Neighbourhood Watch, Village Events and Parish List (for Parish Council notices)

**Highways** Highway matters figure large in Parish Council meetings, about the state of the roads, the amount of traffic on our narrow country lanes and the speed at which it travels. Now we hear that ESCC Highways are looking for residents of East Sussex to join their Highways Customer Panel. The survey, which is sent via email twice a year, will ask for your views on the service that they provide and will help them make improvements based on the feedback given.

If you would be interested in joining, then please sign-up here: <http://eepurl.com/dtHTXr> You can unsubscribe from the panel at any time. More information on the Highways Customer Panel can be found here: <https://www.eastsussexhighways.com/highways-customer-panel>

Only time will tell how effective this initiative will be in improving our roads, but it does give you a chance to tell the people responsible what you think of their service. It only requires you take part in a short survey a couple of times a year and it might help.

**Police & Crime Commissioner.** Last month members of the public were invited to submit questions for Katy Bourne, Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner at the October meeting of the Sussex Police & Crime Panel. Two questions were submitted from Chiddingly Parish Council concerning the cost of PCC's office and the proportion of senior officers in the force. The full answers are available on Chiddingly Parish Council's website under the 16<sup>th</sup> October Meeting's papers or by email from the Clerk.

**Scam Mail** – fraudsters use all sorts of ways of contacting their intended victims, including the Royal Mail. The Royal Mail is actively seeking to prevent illegal, fraudulent or scam post being delivered to your door. They need examples of such post to improve their success rate in blocking it. If you, or anyone you know receives something that they are suspicious of, or know to be fraudulent then there are various ways you can report it to Royal Mail.

- You can write to Royal Mail at FREEPOST SCAM MAIL enclosing the item you are concerned about
- You can call the Royal Mail Scam Mail Hotline at 0800 0113 466
- You can email [scam.mail@royalmail.com](mailto:scam.mail@royalmail.com)

**Parish Council Meetings** are held in the Village Hall on the third Tuesday on the month. They are held in public and you are welcome to attend. There is always a short period near the beginning of the meeting where we suspend our business to listen to what any members of the public present have to say, to hear what questions you may have, and where we can, to answer the questions. At the November and December meetings we will be discussing our budget and the precept for 2019-20. The precept comes out of your pocket in the form of council tax. If you would like to hear how much we propose to take from you, and how we propose to spend it then please come along.

Mike Goss, Chairman, 01825 872016, [chairman@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto:chairman@chiddingly.gov.uk)

And should you want to email the whole council you can use [council@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto:council@chiddingly.gov.uk)

Claudine Feltham, Clerk to the Parish Council, 01435 810439, [clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@chiddingly.gov.uk)

**Talk To Us:** If you have any questions or comments please ask any councillor or the clerk. You will find a councillor in the village shop on the third Saturday of the month 10-11am, or at the Saturday

Morning Market in the Village Hall on the first Saturday of the month 10-12noon . You may also find a councillor or three on most Friday evenings in the Six Bells around 7pm.