



OATEN HILL & SOUTH CANTERBURY ASSOCIATION

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DANGER for LITTERPICKERS

Canterbury City Council has received information that '**Anti-5G**' protesters have been sticking posters on various street furniture including telephone infrastructure, electricity cabinets and lamp posts. Some of these posters **have blades or other 'sharps' placed behind them**, in a deliberate attempt to injure anyone who attempts to remove them. If any posters or stickers with 'anti-5G' messages are found stuck to any monitoring stations, traffic signals post or cabinets, lighting columns, feeder pillars, etc, they should treat them with caution and **do not attempt to remove them**.

Please make a note of where they are and inform **Serco** on 0800 0319091.

PATIENT SURVEY: URGENT REQUEST for FEEDBACK (closing Monday 15th June)

The **NHS Kent and Medway Clinical Commissioning Group** is asking for views from people about their use of the NHS during the coronavirus crisis. The message reads: 'We are in our 10th week of lockdown and the NHS would like to hear from you and your family and friends what your experiences of NHS services were like? We are interested in what you think about some of the changes made to help keep people safe and reduce infection, such as more phone or video consultations with doctors? The survey is online – please use this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KMCCGlockdownPE> or for those without Wi-Fi, you can phone this number: **01634 335 260** and tell us your views.'

As hopefully lockdown eases in the months ahead, **Canterbury Business Improvement District** has asked for regular feedback from the local community including residents associations such as OHSCA. Local businesses in Canterbury are very keen to ensure that they reopen in as safe a way as possible; our observations are a vitally important part of that process. In the meantime the Alliance of Canterbury Residents Associations (ACRA) has written a letter of appreciation to BID for the businesses and their key worker staff, which have been maintaining essential services and facilities since the onset of the pandemic.

Action Plan for POLLINATORS

There has been recent concern that the mowing of vacant fields and meadows has been too drastic, with loss of habitat for insects and small wildlife. It is not only the Wincheap Water Meadows which have been ravaged by Council axemen. Their handiwork is evident on the public footpath from Juniper Close to Boys Langton School. The mixed hedge on the right (hawthorn, brambles etc) has just been razed to the ground. This is not just seasonal trimming: the hedge appears to have been completely removed, and the Canterbury News comments in the piece on the Meadows (regarding the damage from removal of shelter and food for birds, beasts and insects) applies here as well.

Members of Friends of Kingsmead Field and the Canterbury Society are launching an ePetition calling on Canterbury City Council to adopt a **Bee Plan/ Pollinator Action Plan**. It should be uncontroversial as the government adopted a National Pollinator Strategy in 2014 calling on local authorities to play a key role in its implementation, and Kent County Council adopted a Bee Plan last July. A number of district councils in Kent have also adopted Pollinator Action Plans, so we are calling on CCC to follow their lead. It's also a very timely moment for CCC to do so as the Council is beginning to review its Grounds Maintenance contract with a view to bringing it in-house by the end of next year. If 3000 signatures could be obtained by 6 July it would trigger a Council debate on the subject. The link to the petition is:

https://democracy.canterbury.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=120&RPID=16321353&HPID=16321353&fbclid=IwAR1QG1q_bbJmCD7EhwdQhSrocl95zY3milc_XCouIFkKu2CD9MBUX2QA2Mw

Please read the petition in this link, and if you agree, sign and help publicise the petition to others.