



Boost for pedestrians and cyclists in sight?

Fast-tracked statutory guidance, published on 9th May by the government and effective immediately, will tell councils to reallocate road space for significantly-increased numbers of cyclists and pedestrians. In towns and cities, some streets could become bike and bus-only while others remain available for motorists. More side streets could be closed to through traffic, to create low-traffic neighbourhoods and reduce rat-running while maintaining access for vehicles. Let us see if this comes to fruition here.

Garden waste collections and opening of Council tips

Green bin collection will have already taken place for some, and for others commencing 18th May. The council will only empty one garden bin per property to start with as they catch up with the backlog. The KCC tips reopened on 15th May, with a booking system. Find out more at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/rubbish-and-recycling/visiting-a-hwrc-during-coronavirus>

From the Canterbury Society's newsletter: 500 volunteers wanted!

"Help create a network of 5,000+ walking routes connecting Great Britain's towns and cities... without leaving home." Daniel Raven-Ellison, a former geography teacher, is working on a map of all the country's walking routes. This plea is the message on the website (<https://canterburysociety.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3762bd110d82ab3709265602c&id=806131358f&e=103e5991db>). Sounds an excellent idea to encourage more rambling rather than driving around in cars to enjoy the countryside.

Work on the Local Plan is ongoing. The Canterbury Society is inviting suggestions about any sites that could be a good place for homes, offices or a new open space (<https://canterburysociety.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3762bd110d82ab3709265602c&id=52c6e265b9&e=103e5991db>)

The Crisis Hub set up by Canterbury City Council has so far had over 1,800 requests for support by vulnerable residents in our district, delivered more than 800 food parcels and over 160 prescriptions. For help, call 01227 868598 or visit canterbury.gov.uk/help. The city council has identified around 14,000 households who could potentially need its help. About 300 volunteers have stepped forward to carry out vital community work so far. The crisis is far from over despite some easing of the lockdown.

Spitfire success!

OHSCA member Jeff Derham won 1st prize for his decorated Spitfire bin in Ersham Road, entered for the VE Day 'Decorate your Bin' competition. Congratulations. It looks ready to take off!



(Hope the bin men are prepared)

Relating to VE Day, the Canterbury Society has posted the following links for general interest:

Speaking on VE day on 8 May 2020, retired History teacher Chris Daniel (<https://canterburysociety.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3762bd110d82ab3709265602c&id=77e5497a92&e=103e5991db>) compares the British responses now and in wartime. In a separate video, he asks to what extent ridicule can be applied to coronavirus (<https://canterburysociety.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3762bd110d82ab3709265602c&id=369209ff59&e=103e5991db>) (as so successfully in 'The Goose Steps Out' (<https://canterburysociety.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=3762bd110d82ab3709265602c&id=44e59d030a&e=103e5991db>))