

# Withyham Parish Council - Bulletin 5



## SAVE THE DAY FOR YOUR APA!

YOUR ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY IS ON

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2023 10.00AM - 12.30PM**

AT GROOMBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

**Withyham Parish Council is delighted to be back with its Annual Parish Assembly.**

This year we will have a strong environmental focus.

With attendance from Environmental Community Groups, experts and representatives from external agencies. All tailored to help residents take positive steps to combat climate change.



It will also be an opportunity to see what the Parish Council is doing to protect our planet and for you to tell us what you are doing!



As usual we will be showcasing the wonderful Clubs, Societies and Groups in our Parish.

If you would be interested in a free table for your group, please contact the Parish Office.

Meet your newly elected Parish Councillors following elections on 4th May 2023. More information overleaf.



Find out more about Speed Watch, have a chat with our PCSO's over a slice of cake and discuss any issues at the Mobile Police Station.



**An opportunity to show off your baking skills!**

Withyham Parish Council is running the **Community Café** on 20th May.

If you are able to make a cake please bring it along before the café opens at 10am. Thank you!



### Jubilee Playground Roundabout

We have the opportunity to purchase an additional fully inclusive and accessible roundabout suitable for every child.



**To donate:** Please scan the QR Code or go to:  
<https://pay.collectiv.com/jubilee-playground-fundraiser-98120>



**WIN £25,000**

Your chance to win £25,000, whilst supporting your Community Post Office and Shop

To find out more Scan the QR code or visit

<https://bit.ly/3ynG3Kl>



Supporters must be 16 years or over



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE BECOME A PARISH COUNCILLOR LOCAL ELECTIONS 4TH MAY 2023

- Are you concerned about or interested in what happens in your local area?
- Would you like to help represent the views of your community?
- Do you want to contribute your skills and expertise?
- Are you looking for a worthwhile and rewarding way to help your local area?

**IF SO READ ON!**

***No other voluntary role gives you a chance to make such a huge difference to the quality of life for people in your local area.***

**SMALL  
CHANGES  
CAN MAKE  
A BIG  
DIFFERENCE**

Come and join us to make even more good things happen in the Parish by getting involved with:

- Community Spaces
- Protecting the Environment
- Safeguarding our Rights of Way
- Community Activities such as the Community Café and Amblers
- Larger community projects such as saving Groombridge Post Office
- Responses on behalf of the parish on Planning Matters

**or bring fresh ideas to support the community!**



**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**DON'T LOSE IT**



Bring photo ID to vote

**REMEMBER TO**  
1- Register to vote  
2- Check my photo ID  
3- Vote at a polling station!

The Electoral Commission

Residents are being urged to make sure they are ready to vote in May by checking they have an accepted form of ID.

The full list of accepted ID is available on the Electoral Commission's website, along with more information about the new requirement and details of how to apply for the free ID, at [electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID](http://electoralcommission.org.uk/voterID).

Anyone who wants to have their say in the elections this May must also be registered to vote. It only takes five minutes to register online at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote). Voters wishing to apply to their council for free ID should first make sure they are registered to vote.

**For more information and a Nomination Pack to stand as a Parish Council candidate please contact Wealden District Council Electoral Services**

[elections@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:elections@wealden.gov.uk)

01892 602 417

The deadline for submission of your nomination papers is **4th April 2023**. It is recommended that Nomination Packs are hand delivered to Wealden District Council in Hailsham. Please phone 01892 602 417 in advance for an appointment.

**BUDGET  
2023/24**

Every year the Parish Council considers its budget requirements and the amount of income it will need to meet that budget. This income is called the Precept and makes up a portion of your Council Tax. We spend this money on items such as maintenance of public areas and assets, streetlights, litterbins, grit and dog bins, grants to local groups and supporting the local community.

Withyham Parish Council considered its budget for 2023/24, and were mindful that residents are experiencing a cost of living crisis. A balance had to be struck between providing services to our community at a time when things we have to spend money on are going up, and keeping costs down for residents. Council therefore agreed expenditure of £214,384 and income of £43,550, leaving a precept request of £170,834. This represents an increase in the Precept of 4.6% or 11p per week on a band D property.

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