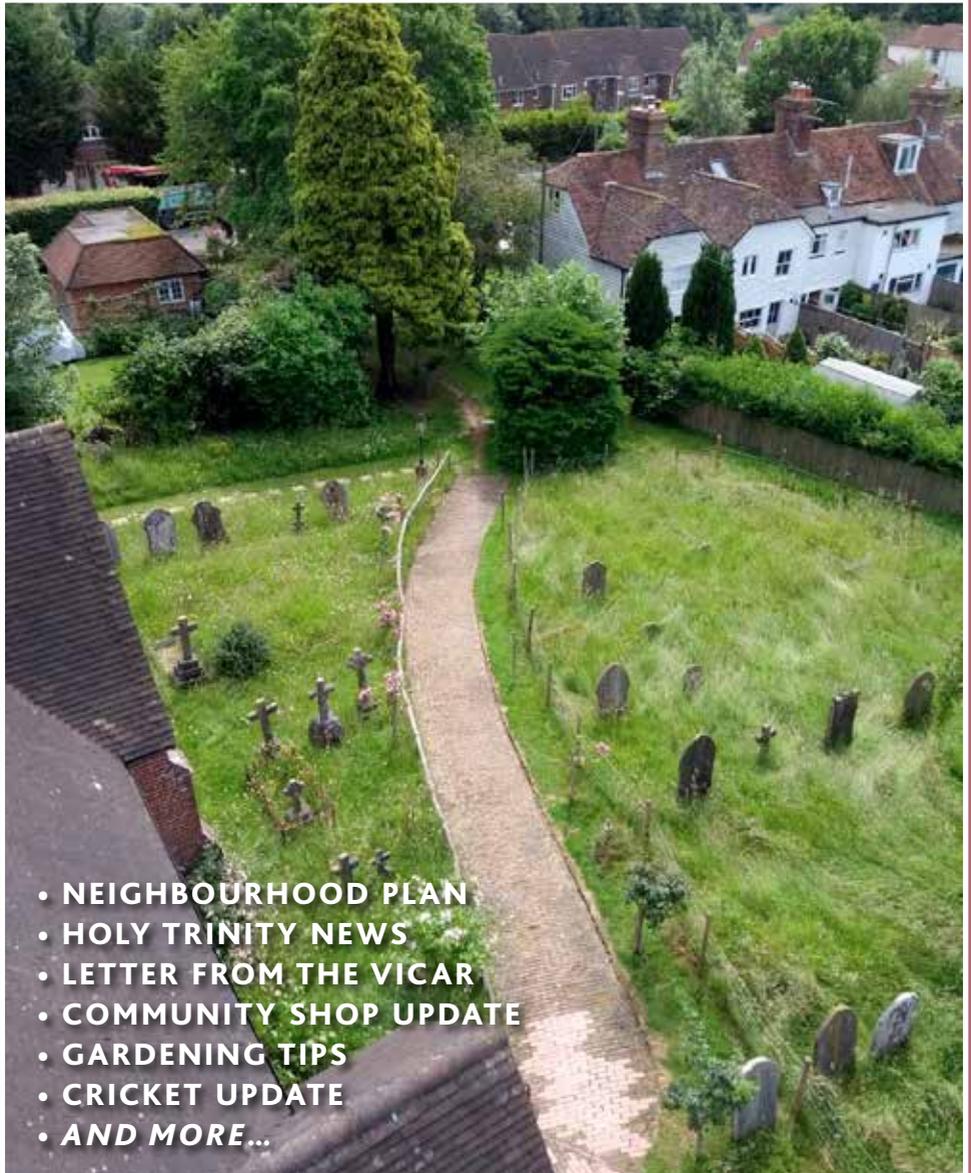


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The photo on the front cover was taken from the top of the church building when the scaffolding was up, things look so different from a bird's eye view! It reminded me of the amazing photos we saw recently of the view of Earth rising over the Moon's horizon taken from the Apollo 11 spacecraft. I guess we take it for granted now but views from the air are relatively recent for us humans!

Whilst walking around the village I am struck by how beautiful many of the front gardens look. So much hard work goes into maintaining and caring for a garden, it's a real labour of love but what a joy to see all the displays of colour, fragrances and textures. To help us negotiate into the Autumn we are delighted to introduce our resident gardener who has kindly shared some helpful tips to keep our gardens in good order.

There is also an update on the Neighbourhood Plan which is shaping up well. The aim is to create an environment that encourages residents to live active, social, meaningful lives that promote good health and well-being. It covers a wide range of planning policies which will enhance and promote the village, making it a more desirable place to live and work. There will be a public meeting in the near future to give residents an opportunity to respond to the proposals put forward by the Steering Group. This is our chance to have a say in the future of Hurst Green.

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USEFUL CONTACTS

- Allotment Association 01580 860251
- Breakfast Club (75+) 01580 860760
- Brownies 01580 860742
- Comedy Capers 01580 860221
- Community Shop & Café 01580 860070
- Cricket Club 07796 976809
- First Responders 07837 224905
- Holy Trinity Church 01580 880282 (Vicar)
01580 860649
- Hurst Green C of E School 01580 860375
- Nursery School 01580 860375 x211
- Parish Clerk 01580 860111
- Rother District Council 01424 787000
- Short Mat Bowling 01424 773478
- Twinning Association 01580 860977
- Village Hall Booking Agent
01580 860111/860425

WHAT'S ON

Mondays Brownies 6pm Short Mat Bowls 8pm	Tuesdays Pilates 8:45 & 10am Jive 7pm Parish Council Meeting 7:30pm (last Tue of month) Neighbourhood Plan 7:30pm (3rd Tues of each month)	Wednesdays Upholstery 10am Fitsteps 6pm Historical Society 7:30pm (last Wed of month)
Thursdays Pilates 8:45am Short Mat Bowls 2pm Jump Squad 6:30pm Zumba 8pm	Sundays Comedy Capers 10am	Saturdays Yoga 10am

HURST GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Hall is available to hire for parties, meetings and other special occasions. Call 01580 860425 To Book.

Neighbourhood plan in a nutshell

If judging by the number of resident surveys, public events and articles in this magazine is anything to go by, you would be hard pressed not to know by now that Hurst Green is creating a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The plan's Steering Group and the various task groups producing the plan are made up of Parish Councillors of volunteers from the community, all who freely give up their time.



The plan will supersede the 2009 Parish Plan for Hurst Green and is a document that allows local people to create a blueprint for our future. It allows the community to develop planning policies that reflect local priorities and has real legal weight. The whole community will then decide at a local referendum vote whether or not to bring the plan into force.

Following public feedback gained throughout 2018 and 2019 a number of key aims for the plan were initially proposed. These aims were subsequently confirmed and prioritised during public engagement events held in July 2019 and also via an electronic survey which was promoted on social media.

The Steering Group are keen to confirm that the following key aims, as voted upon by the community will form the basis of the Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan.

Key Aims

1. Protect against inappropriate and speculative development and to provide greater control over how Hurst Green should be developed in the future.

2. Improve public safety and reduce the harmful impact of road traffic, while providing sufficient parking for the community.
3. Develop local planning policies for Hurst Green which development proposals need to adhere to.
4. Create an environment that encourages residents to live active, social, meaningful lives that promote good health and well-being.
5. Bring forward action on facilities and improvements, which are needed by the village of Hurst Green; and the hamlets of Silver Hill and Swiftsden.
6. Improve the visual appearance and overall perception of Hurst Green as a place where people want to live, work and visit.
7. Enhance our existing, and create new open green spaces and improve access to the countryside.
8. Increase business, retail and tourism opportunities to encourage local employment, and grow the local economy.
9. Conserve and enhance the built and historic environment and improve the general street scene around the parish.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meets in public on the third Tuesday of each month, while the various task groups meet as needed and tend to work together electronically. If you would like to get involved, we are always looking for more volunteers. Please do come along to our meetings – where you can be sure of a warm reception and the offer of a cup of tea!