

FOCUS

Your Local Newsletter



Working for you all year round

Adisham, Barham, Kingston, Womenswold,
Woolage Green & Woolage Village

Freezing temperatures but where's the salt?

The recent cold weather has made our roads and pavements treacherous. Whilst it is understandable that the road gritters cannot get to every rural lane, surely there can be no excuse for the salt bins not being refilled by KCC after each cold snap, in preparation for the next?

Salt bins are provided in key places throughout the ward in Barham, Kingston, Adisham and Womenswold so that residents can get together and ensure that roads in especially dangerous places can be kept clear of ice. Although not for use on private drives or pathways the salt can be used on the public pavement.

In Woolage Village the icy weather left many residents housebound when just a little salt would have allowed them to at least walk safely to neighbours.

KCC state that they will refill salt bins twice a year and "In the event of severe weather further refills will be carried out as time and resources permit."

Well frankly that's not good enough when roads and pavements are impossible to drive or walk on safely. We will continue to put pressure on KCC to ensure adequate salt supplies are provided.



Mike Sole examines the empty salt bin in Woolage Village. What was it like in your village?

Adisham Road flooding update



In our last Focus we reported that we had contacted KCC about the flooding on the B2046 where the Adisham Road meets the A2. We have been informed by KCC that this has now been resolved. If there are any other highway matters that you would like us to contact KCC about please use the reply form on the next page and we will be happy to help where we can.

Reduced costs must not mean reduced services

Did you know that services provided by Canterbury City Council are soon to be provided by a new East Kent authority? By Spring three core services are due to be handed over to 'East Kent Shared Services' and council house maintenance will go over to a separate organisation.



Martin Vye is leading the watchdog committee set up to monitor developments very closely

And this is not the end of the story, another 15 services are planned to go the same way the following year.

Why? Canterbury City Council, and Thanet and Dover District Councils are desperate to save money and think sharing the services will produce savings.

We say: all well and good IF it saves the local taxpayer money. BUT it must not be at the expense of quality of service. And local residents and their councillors must be able to get satisfaction swiftly if they have problems with the service.

We will champion local residents' interests, and keep you informed of developments.

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