

Northern Rother District Councillors' Report October 2023.

The full District council is meeting on the 6th November and various issues are being discussed. In our report some of the items below are on the agenda.

We have a report from our two PCSO'S

Bodiam

27/10 – RTC Van v Bridge Wall – Elderly male was trapped in vehicle – no serious injuries – road was closed for 3 hours.

22/10 – Graffiti reported at Bodiam Castle. Shapes carved into wall. Unfortunately, no CCTV or witnesses to follow up. PCSO Holter aware and is in contact with National Trust regarding this.

05/10 – Car vandalised Park Farm Campsite – Bodiam, appears to be a one off, targeted act of vandalism.

Ewhurst, Staplecross, Cripps Corner

15/10 – Sus male reported near to school – extra patrols undertaken; male not found.

16/10 – Ellenwhorne Lane – Reports of poaching – nothing seen but has been passed to our Rural Crime Team to look at.

25/10 – Ellenwhorne Lane – Stolen quad bike, overnight from Farm, fencing removed to get bike out.

Northiam

23rd October – Graffiti on Northiam Parish door

18th October – Van broken into in High Meadow, power tools stolen.

Beckley – Nothing to report.

CAR PARKING FEES

Car park charges are going up between 27 % & 30% if they are approved by the cabinet.

An example of the charges at Camber.

For 2024-25, the following Camber tariffs are proposed for the summer 2024 season:

Duration	Current Summer 2023 Charges	Proposed Central and Old Lydd Road summer 2024 charges	Proposed Western summer 2024 charges
Up to 1 hour	£4	£5	£4
1-3 hours	£8	£12	£8
3-6 hours	£16	£24	£16
6+	£20	£30	£20

Car Parking Tariffs (all car parks excluding Camber summer tariffs)

1.191 Most car park tariffs have remained the same since 2015. It is recommended that they are increased in line with inflation from that date, which means that tariffs will increase by an average of 27% to 30%, for 2024-25. Permit fees have been increased by a similar amount, except for annual permits, to which an increase of 20% is proposed, to encourage take up.

GARDEN WASTE BINS

The cost of Garden waste bins is due to be raised if the Cabinet agree to the proposals. At £55 per annum per subscription, Rother District Council currently has the joint lowest charge for garden waste collections within East Sussex alongside Wealden District Council. It is recommended to increase the garden waste subscription to £73 in 2024-25 in line with Hastings Borough Council's charges. It is, however, acknowledged that many properties require more than one garden waste bin, and that the costs to the council for the collection of additional bins is less than for the first bin; consequently, a charge of £60 for additional bins is proposed.

Councillors Tony Ganly and Tony Biggs.