



St Mary Hoo Parish Council

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Working with and for the Community

WELCOME TO ST MARY HOO

A message from the Parish Council

Hello and welcome to the Village and Parish of St Mary Hoo. People have made their homes here for more than two centuries, and we're delighted that you are now part of our community's ongoing story in your new Esquire home.

About Our Parish

St Mary Hoo is a Civil Parish, the first tier of local government. Although the term comes from the old church system, it no longer relates to church administration. Our historic church, St Mary's, still stands proudly on the hill beside the village pond alongside the old School House—both now private residences.

Your Parish Council

Your elected Parish Councillors work on your behalf and alongside the Ward Councillor for All Saints Ward of Medway Council. You may contact either whenever you need assistance.

On your Council Tax bill, you will see "Precept – St Mary Hoo." This is the portion of your Council Tax that comes directly to the Parish Council to support local services.

What the Precept Supports

The Parish Council maintains several community assets held in trust for all residents, including:

- The Nature Reserve off Fenn Street
- The Village Pond and surrounding grounds
- Verges, ditches, drains, and other essential infrastructure
- Liaison with Medway Council on road safety and maintenance
- Monthly publishing a newsletter which is delivered free to every resident
- Running and maintaining the Parish Website and WhatsApp Group
www.Stmaryhoo-pc.gov.uk

All Parish Councillors are volunteers who give their time freely for the benefit of the community.

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Being Part of the Community

You may see Councillors out and about checking parish areas or dealing with issues. We usually wear hi-viz jackets identifying us as Parish Councillors—please feel free to say hello, we would be pleased to meet you.

The Official Parish Noticeboard is on the corner of Newlands Farm Road, opposite the entrance to Honeywood Mews. All statutory notices etc. are displayed there for public viewing.

Any resident who has lived in St Mary Hoo for at least 12 months is eligible to stand for election. It can be demanding but is also rewarding and valued by your neighbours, and community friends.

Parish Meetings

Meetings are held monthly in one of the halls in High Halstow. All residents are welcome to attend, listen, and ask questions. Your involvement is encouraged.

A Warm Welcome

St Mary Hoo is a wonderful place to live.

We hope you will enjoy being part of our community and help shape its future.

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<https://stmaryhoo-pc.gov.uk/new-residents/>

