



UPDATE - OCTOBER 2018

Over the past few months Ryarsh Protection Group (RPG) have been in contact with organisations and experts in the best interests of our communities including working closely with our Parish Council. This is a summary of what we have been working on. If there's something extra you think we could or should be doing, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

1. **Following further delay by Kent County Council (KCC) to discuss the M8 quarry** at their July and then September meetings – a number of the RPG committee met with KCC Planning and Waste Policy Team in September. We had a very informative meeting and it now transpires that the subject of the quarry could be discussed at the next Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee (E&T) meeting due to be held on 28th November 2018.

The RPG believe the reason for the delay is that the KCC are not satisfied with the technical details submitted by the proposers, and are therefore requesting additional information.

How to Help: RPG will keep residents updated and please note that members of the public are permitted to attend the KCC meeting and we would encourage as many of you as possible to join us. We propose to have a very large presence at the KCC meeting on 28th November 2018.

2. **Petition** – we are continuing with both the handwritten and on line petition – we have already collected 2,600 signatures and really want to get over the 3,000 mark.

How to help: Do please share the details of the petition with as many people as possible. Look out for the email link on petition details to follow.

3. **“Why Ryarsh is an inappropriate location” report.** We have prepared a comprehensive document to be delivered to the KCC councillors prior to their next meeting. We have collated lots of local information, much of which is in direct response to residents' concerns. We are also including photos of the recent accident on the A20 / corner of Hawley Drive, Leybourne Chase, which caused lengthy delays recently. The accident on the M20 (4 Oct' 18) which led to traffic diverting along the A20 also caused over two hour delays for many residents.

How to help: If you see anything when you are out & about and even better are able to capture a picture with your phone then please
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4. **M20 – smart motorway** - We have received some good news following our intense and powerful campaign working alongside both Ryarsh Parish Council and our local MP's Tom Tugendhat and Tracy Crouch. This has resulted in Highways England agreeing to resurface all lanes with the quieter surface and enhancing the planting scheme which will make a difference at the end of the project. Unfortunately, the issue of noise barriers is still not resolved. We are continuing with our efforts.
5. **Media** – we continue to reach out to media with our stories and have an ongoing presence on local media. See link to recent coverage KMTV – with the angle to highlight the petition:
<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/kmtv/video/kent-tonight-monday-8th-october-2018-22409/>

How to help: If you have a story you think would be interesting – please get in touch – email: gill@tangney-tours.com