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### A21/B2244 JUNCTION

What an age it has taken to get repairs done to the illuminated bollards which sit on the islands at the B2244's junction with the A21! The problem has been getting either the Highways Agency or East Sussex County Council to admit they are responsible for this work.

Although there is still some dispute over the responsibility, the County Council has agreed to carry out repairs for the time being.

### SMALL BUSINESS REVIEW

One of the aims in the Sedlescombe Parish Plan is "To support business and rural employment in Sedlescombe". The Council is, therefore, pleased to be able to

One of the entries to the Parish Council/School Wildlife Poster Competition – see overleaf for more



advertise complimentary Start-up Business Reviews, Small Business Reviews and Local Business Clinics that are available locally. Call 0845 600 9 006 for more information on the range of services offered by Business Link.

### RIVER BREDE

The Parish Council is keen to maintain the diversity of the River Brede and was, therefore, dismayed to see that American Signal Crayfish have taken up residence. These creatures are known to be a major threat to the ecosystems of rivers. It is a criminal offence to let any non-native crayfish species into the wild. Although the Environment Agency keeps a note of any sightings of Signal Crayfish, their spread is expected to continue in our rivers.

### SPORTSFIELD PAVILION

Work has started on the groundworks connected with the construction of the new pavilion.

The Parish Council is pleased to acknowledge a £5,000 donation from the Isabel Blackman Foundation towards the pavilion.

Recent fund-raising in the Village has been successful and events continue to be held. A Village Fayre is being organised by the Council on the Green on Saturday 27 September. A similar event last year provided a very happy afternoon and we hope to encourage lots of people to join us this year to help raise money towards the pavilion.

## WORKING WITH THE SCHOOL

During the summer term, the Parish Council and the School co-operated on two environmental projects.

In 2006, Cllr Martin, Sedlescombe's long-term Tree Warden began to be very concerned about the potential loss of all horse chestnut trees which have produced conkers for generations of children. The reason is a new threat posed by the leaf miner moth whose larvae eat the leaves of these special trees. Unfortunately, so far, no treatment has been found. The leaves, once attacked, shrivel and turn brown by late summer and fall early. In order to do something to help, Cllr Martin and his wife Sally collected 350 conkers from a tree in their garden and potted them up for the schoolchildren to grow on. In June this year, they helped the children plant out these trees in the school grounds and around the Village in the hope that some will survive and grow on to become big trees.

The other project was a Parish Council Wildlife Poster Competition. There were 82 entries from children between 5 and 11 (see example overleaf). Eighteen of them were chosen for display in Red Barn Field Nature Park during the summer months. Many of the posters can also be seen on the Parish Council website [www.sedlescombe.org.uk](http://www.sedlescombe.org.uk).



*Tree Warden – Councillor Martin and Marian Ham – head-teacher with the children and their conker trees*

## ADVERTISING VILLAGE EVENTS

The Parish Council would like to remind you that special arrangements are required for advertising any charitable event in the Village. Applications for signs on the Village Green should be made to the Parish Council. Two direction signs are allowed on the day of the event only and size restrictions apply.

Applications for any other advertising should be made to East Sussex Highways on 0845 60 80 193. Plenty of time should be allowed. Two signs may be allowed on each approach road/highway verge. Various other conditions apply.

## HEDGE CUTTING

Hedge owners are reminded that they should not let vegetation overhang a road, pavement or public footpath.

## USE OF VILLAGE GREEN FOR LOCAL EVENTS

The Parish Council is pleased to consider allowing the Green to be used for local events. However, it is most important that the organisers have their own public liability insurance cover and that proof of this is provided at the same time as the application is made to the Council for approval of the use. Without this proof, the application will have to be rejected.

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome to attend meetings of the Council or its Committees and may, at the discretion of the Chairman, speak on matters on the agenda. Please remember that if you would like an item included on an agenda, you should give at least 7 days' notice to The Clerk.

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING  
11 NOVEMBER, 7PM,  
VILLAGE HALL**