**LETTER TO CLUBS AND SOCIETIES – INVITATION TO EVENT 10 MAY 2015**

**Neighbourhood Plan**

On behalf of Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish Council, I am writing to you as the contact for one of the many associations, clubs and societies in the village.

The Localism Act opened the way for parish councils to produce Neighbourhood Plans. These allow councils to have a far greater say on the planning of future development within their parish. Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish Council has agreed to develop a Neighbourhood Plan covering the period to 2028.

The Parish Council has set up a Steering Group of Parish Councillors and interested residents charged with producing the plan. With the number of new homes Robertsbridge will have to provide, there will be funds paid to the Parish Council for new infrastructure projects. The Steering Group would like to hear what new or improved community and recreational facilities you need or would like.

There have been a number of ideas from previous consultations: more and improved footpaths, bridleways and cycle paths; a skate park; and an off-road bike park. Plus there will be another 155 or so households looking for sport or leisure opportunities in the village. Will your club be able to cope? Does it have the facilities for more members?

The Steering Group would be delighted to have the views of your members in writing before 8 May. Please email your ideas to me at the above address. You and your members could also put forward your points ideas at Steering Group meetings.

In addition we are holding a consultation event for clubs and societies on **16 May from 10 am to 12.30 at the Youth Centre**. Could you please urge your members to attend?

Yours truly

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PS If you want to find out more about the Neighbourhood Plan go to <http://www.salehurst-pc.org.uk/neighbourhood_plan.asp>. There is a link to other sites which describe in detail Neighbourhood Plans.