

# Newington newsletter



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### Drop-in surgery

I continue to hold termly surgeries at Newington Primary school for parents, teachers and pupils at the school.

I am yet to set a surgery date for February for the wider Newington community, however will inform you once I have.

Your local officer is Police  
Officer

Jez Chittim

## Good work story/stories

On 29/12/2023 I conducted speed checks along Church Lane, Newington. Of the 31 vehicles I checked, 19 of them were travelling between 15mph and 20mph. 12 vehicles were travelling between 21mph and 30mph. Police allow 10% of the speed limit +2mph to allow for a reasonable difference between our recording equipment and the speedometer of the car. 1 of the vehicles travelling of the 12 listed above 21mph was travelling at 27mph. This vehicle was pulled over and the driver spoken to and reminded as to why this road is a 20mph. They were a local resident.

## Community Issue

Cllr Palmer has highlighted further issues with parking on the double yellow lines at the top of Station Road, junction with the High Street. I have raised this in partnership meetings and have received a positive response by the parking enforcement team. However, I am very aware that when they arrive on scene, quite often the owners of the vehicles drive off prior to them being able to take enforcement action. I am also aware that the parking enforcement team is a small team and they cover the whole of Swale.

I am in the process of seeing whether we can retrospectively punish these drivers retrospectively should we receive images of vehicles parked there. If we can, then I may require some community support at a later date. If we can't, then what I will try to do is formulate a police letter similar to those that we send as part of the Speedwatch scheme strongly warning them. On the topic of Speedwatch, I'd just like to thank those that volunteer to do this as Newington's scheme is very much the most active in Swale and in



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recent months, I've delivered various letters to those caught speeding. The majority of whom have been embarrassed to have me at the doorstep.



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