

Newington Calendar

Take a photograph for the Newington 2026 Calendar.

Following the success of this year's calendar, Newington History Group will produce one for 2026 and your picture could be included.

The theme will be the Village Sign, and Newington History Group is inviting you to send picturesque, imaginative or unusual views of subjects depicted on the sign.

These will include: Newington Manor; St Mary's Church; oast houses; the Romans in Newington; cherries/pickers/baskets; village sports/runners; Tommy-All-Along tree; grazing sheep; the Libbet stream; the school badge/bird in flight and the medieval star (seen on the parish council logo, school badge, wall mural and bishop's chair in the church).

Photos should be hi-res, colour, landscape and taken by you. Photographers selected will receive a free calendar.

Please email your images to newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com or call 07506 239970. The deadline for submissions is July 31.



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External 101 email 13369@kent.police.uk

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Swale wide there has been a sharp increase in fraud incidents. Swale residents have been reporting that they have received phone calls from someone claiming to be a police officer. They give a fake police officer name and force number and state they are part of the Economical Crime Team at Sittingbourne Police Station (There isn't such a department in Sittingbourne). They claim there have been some irregularities spotted within the bank account of the person they are calling before requesting the person hangs up and calls the police. The criminal pretending to be a police officer will keep the line open their end and when the poor victim calls 999, they will pretend to be a police call taker where they then ask for the victim's bank details. Thankfully those that have reported these incidents to the police have not given out their bank details and become a victim of this crime. However, historically this type of crime is under reported through embarrassment and shame. There is nothing to be embarrassed or ashamed of; these criminals are highly sophisticated and unfortunately very good at what they do. If you or someone you know has been a victim of this type of crime, please advise they call their bank first and then call the police on 101 and report it. The sooner it is reported, the more likely it is we can prevent the loss of your money.

I requested Speedwatch Kent carry out some speed checks in Callaway's Lane, Newington following an issue regarding speeding being raised by a local resident. Speedwatch conducted a speed check on Thursday 8th May 2025 between 1600 hours and 1700 hours. The results are as follows:

- Total Number of Cars 56
- Number speeding 6
- Speeds recorded ranged from 25 to 28 mph



VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
SUMMER 2025



Spring wildflowers for the Community Woodland

Over the past 4 years we have been thinning the woodland each year to allow light in (under licence from the Forestry Commission). The time is now right to start encouraging wildflowers, starting with Bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta* – UK native wildflowers). We are hoping residents will subscribe to this scheme: to support your village; to mark a special occasion; or to remember a loved one. Cost £2 for 5 bulbs. We will take advice on the best locations and have the bulbs professionally planted. Details from the Parish Clerk; or the Allotment Association will take subscription orders at the Village Fete on 12 July. Planting will take place in the autumn.

School Anniversary Tours

Newington CEP School is 175 years old this year and, as part of its celebrations, is opening its doors for early evening tours - dates and times will depend on the interest.

Did you or a member of your family attend the school or maybe you have lived in the village for a long time? If so, the school would like to show you around and let you see how it has developed.

If you are interested in receiving more information, send your name, email address, phone number and explain your association with the school [i.e. former pupil] to office@newington.kent.sch.uk or call 01795 842300.

Please register by Sunday, June 15.

Planning

Application: 23/505365/OUT Land To The Rear Of Eden Meadow, Newington ME9 7JH

Proposal: Outline planning application for up to 25 no. residential dwellings (all matters reserved except for access)

Approved by Swale Borough Council Planning Committee on 22 May.

Application: 25/501640/REM Land At Pond Farm, London Road, Newington

Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale sought) for erection of 135 residential dwellings, including retention of existing farm buildings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access pursuant to 22/500275/OUT.

This already has 'outline consent' following the 2023 planning inquiry. Parish Council response discussed at our 5 June Planning Committee meeting

Application: 25/500761/FULL Land West Of Church Lane, Newington

Proposal: Erection of 90 no. residential dwellings, together with associated access, open space, landscaping, drainage, infrastructure works and earthworks, and the provision of car parking spaces for existing residents.

The Parish Council response and the report commissioned by Railton TPC are on our website and the Midkent planning portal.

Keep track of all village planning applications:

www.newington-pc.gov.uk and <https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/>

Newington History Group

Monthly talk: Irina Fridman, an author and local historian, will chart the settlement of Jewish people in Kent at Newington History Group's public talk in the Village Hall on Thursday, June 26 at 7pm.

She'll give an insight into the lives of Medway's Jews with stories about some fascinating characters and moving human experiences.



Medway had one of the largest provincial Jewish communities in Victorian Britain and Irina wrote about it in her 2020 book *Foreigners, Aliens, Citizens*.

The event is open to all (£4 at the door, members free). It'll be followed by free light refreshments and an opportunity for social chat.

On Thursday, July 24 (7pm), Peter West, manager of Eastchurch Aviation Museum, will talk about the Birthplace of Aviation.

Newington History Group meets monthly (except Jan. and Aug) and annual membership (£18) is available now. Special rates for under-25s.

By taking out a membership you'll be supporting the group's community work plus its research and promotion of the village's heritage. In addition, it gives you free entry to the group's monthly talks. Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com; Website: newingtonhistory.uk; Call: 07506 239970; Facebook: Newington History Group.

History items: If you've an item at home that has an interesting history or story that you'd like to share with villagers as part of one of the group's talks please contact us.

We're looking for several people to each talk about their possession for about five to 10 minutes. Email newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com.

VE/VJ Day: In line with the parish council, the group will be using the village fete on July 12th to commemorate the 80th anniversaries of Victory in Europe (May 8) and Victory in Japan (August 15).

Archaeology digs: The Newington Community Archaeology Project, NewCar2025, continues Sunday and Monday, June 22 and 23, (10am-4pm weather permitting).

If you'd like to volunteer – experience is not necessary – email Richard Emmett at richard@hrgs.co.uk or contact the history group for details. Those new to excavation will receive training before working in a trench under guidance.

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community? If so why not apply to become a Parish Councillor. Written expressions of interest must be sent to the Clerk. To find out what's involved and for any other information please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com. Come along to a meeting to see what we do

Village Sign Repairs

The village sign suffered some damage when it was blown over during one of January's storms. The sign is being repaired and a new column has been ordered. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Nisa Local Newington for its generous donation of £500 towards the cost of repairs



Allotment Gardening for the Residents of Newington

The Newington Allotments are situated off of Orchard Drive, behind the Recreation Ground. For availability and enquires please contact the Secretary on 01795 844094



Village Voice Publication Schedule:

Online

May 2025

July 2025

Paper delivery

September 2025

December 2025

To view the Village Voice on line go to: www.newington-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

The next Amenities committee meeting is on **Tuesday 17th June** at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on the Rec. The next full Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 24th June** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions during our fifteen minute agenda slot. email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

Parish Council Website www.newington-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council website contains information about the Council and its meetings. There is a planning tracker which gives up to date information on planning applications in the village. The site is full of useful information and you can also sign up for email alerts. Details of village organisations are available and if you would like details of your group to be included please contact the Clerk

Need a Venue for Groups or Special Occasions?

The Parish Room at Newington Pavilion is an ideal location for group and club meetings as well as children's parties and small social gatherings. It is available for hire at a preferential rate of £5 per hour for residents and village groups or £10 per hour for non-resident or commercial hire. For bookings please contact the Clerk, Wendy Licence 01622 739324 Email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

Twenty is Plenty Bin Stickers

The Parish Council has acquired a number of wheelie bin self adhesive stickers for bins within the 20 zone. If your bin can be seen by drivers when it is waiting for collection or permanently please contact the Parish Clerk Mrs Wendy Licence, and we will get one delivered email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

TWENTY IS PLENTY



Restoration Fund Monthly Draw for May 2025

The first draw of the new Restoration Draw, 2025-2026 took place at Cornerstone on the 15th May with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to winners.

Prize	Value	Ticket	Name	
1st	£25	123	The Lane Boys	Many thanks to all of you who bought tickets again or for the first time, your support is always appreciated. Due to fewer tickets being sold for this year, we've had to adjust the prize money slightly to reflect this. Prizes will be winging their way to the new winners within the next few days. It's not too late to buy a ticket, if you'd like one please contact me on 01795 842478 or email, laneatborden@btinternet.com .
2nd	£20	205	D Blease	
3rd	£18	198	M Moulton	
4th	£15	47	C Mickleburgh	
5th	£10	38	J Adamek	
Thanks everyone. David Lane Acting Restoration Fund Organiser				

Help with Newington Community Speedwatch

Please contact Richard Palmer email RichardPalmer@swale.gov.uk or mobile 07702 674721