



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

AUGUST 2025



## Newington Summer Fete

Hundreds of people attended the summer Fete this year. There were over forty stalls and other attractions including Punch and Judy, face painting and childrens races. The Fun Dog show was a great success. We would like to thank all those who helped on the day and our sponsors Newington History Group

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## Reporting Potholes

Report potholes and other highways issues on the portal:  
<http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

## Fly Tipping

There has been a significant increase in fly tipping on the rural roads around Newington. Reporting this will encourage more enforcement to be action taken by the Environmental Response Team of SBC. Report to

<https://swale.gov.uk/bins-littering-and-the-environment/littering/report-littering>



## Swale Foodbank

We don't think anyone in Swale should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

### Locations

Here are the opening times and locations for our foodbank centres.

Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher.

They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

We have 4 centres currently open – each centre runs at a different time and a different location.

**Mondays:** Net Church, East Street, ME10 4BL. Open 12.30pm-2.30pm

**Tuesdays:** Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Church Street, Sittingbourne ME10 3EG. Open 12pm-2pm

**Thursdays:** Richmond Academy, Unity Street, Sheerness ME12 2ET. Open 4pm-6pm

**Fridays:** Sittingbourne Baptist Church, High Street, Sittingbourne ME10 4AQ.

Open 10.30am-12.30pm



## Newington WI

We have a varied monthly programme which may include guest speakers, or craftactivities, quizzes, competitions and a chance to natter to your new friends, over tea or coffee and cake or biscuits.

We meet 11 times a year in Newington Village Hall ML97JJ

on the 3rd Thursday of the month 7pm–10pm (7.30pm start) Except for a holiday in August, then in December when it is the 2nd Thursday for a Christmas meal.



## How to Report

To REPORT minor offences. (Stolen Car, Property Damage, Drug Use or Dealing)  
Call 101, Live Chat, [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)



To REPORT Dog Fouling, Abandoned Vehicles, Fly Tipping, Vandalism  
Use the Country Eye App (Apple & Android)



To REPORT anything regarding the Railway [www.btp.police.uk](http://www.btp.police.uk)

To CONTACT your local councillor or MP Find them: [www.writetothem.com](http://www.writetothem.com)

To REPORT to KCC online at: [www.kent.gov.ukroads-and-travel/report-a-problem](http://www.kent.gov.ukroads-and-travel/report-a-problem).

To REPORT issues with village lighting

Parish Clerk Wendy Licence e-mail; [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com) Tel: 0752 2778 334

To REPORT Power Cuts – Call 105 Many people don't know they should contact their local electricity network operator if they have a power cut.

## Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community? you can apply to become a Parish Councillor. expressions of interest must be received in writing to the Clerk by 25th August. 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



## Parish Council meetings

The Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 26th August 7.00pm in the Newington Room at the Village Hall, The Amenities Committee will meet on Tuesday 23rd September at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground The Parish Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 30th September 7.00pm in the Newington Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend our meetings and ask questions during our ten minutes agenda slot.

## Village Voice

### Online

October 2025  
November 2025  
January 2026

### Paper delivery

September 2025  
December 2025  
March 2026

### Delivery help need for the Village Voice

We need help delivering the printed version of the Village Voice every three months. The village is divided up into small runs. If you can help please contact Tony Mould 07590464700 cllrtmould.npc@gmail.com

To view the Village Voice on line go to: [www.newington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.newington-pc.gov.uk)

## Parish Council Website

[www.newington-pc.gov.uk](http://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. Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

## 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 0752 2778 334 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



## Are you looking for funding?

Are you part of a voluntary group or club? Are you based in or associated with Newington?

If the answer to ALL the above questions is yes then contact

The Newington Parish (Wickham) Charity

c/o Graham Dudley on 01795 842711 or Email [nwtcharity24@gmail.com](mailto:nwtcharity24@gmail.com) ♦

## My Community Voice

My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves. My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts we send you, share information and tell us about the issues affecting you.



We are committed to engaging with communities to increase trust and confidence and to help protect people from harm. Police, partners and the public working together can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime. You will be able to play an active part in police appeals as well as keeping updated in what is happening in your local area. [www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk](http://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk)

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## Newington Youth Club

Newington Youth Club meets every Tuesday 4pm to 5.30pm term time at Newington Pavilion (Ages 8 – 12) call 0790 437 8257 for full details

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## Is your child 2 or 3 years old?

### The Cherries Nursery is now part of Newington CEP School

Places are filling up quickly but we still have a few sessions available.

If you are looking for a funded nursery place for your 2 or 3 year old in the next 12 months please contact Jo or Rachel on 01795 842300 option 3 or email [nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk) to register your interest or request a visit to see our recently refurbished space.

For further information please visit the Cherry Class Nursery page on [www.newington.kent.sch.uk](http://www.newington.kent.sch.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Mark your property to deter burglars

### Property Marking

A determined burglar can be difficult to discourage. Good-quality doors, windows and locks are excellent deterrents, but there's even more you can do to stop burglars in their tracks.



### Mark it

Make your valuables less attractive to thieves by using a property or police approved forensic marking solution only visible under Ultraviolet (UV) light. This can take the form of a special marker using ink or paint. Mark or etch your property with your postcode, house or flat number or the first three letters of your address. All of these measures help police identify stolen goods, making it harder for thieves to sell. So make your mark.

And property marking isn't only for things like electrical items and bikes, you can also mark high value belongings like antiques. However, we recommend that you seek specialist advice.

Register your property for free on [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) – it helps the police identify the owners of recovered property. You can register anything that as a serial number with Immobilise.

### Record it

Register your valuables using an accredited property database.

Take photographs and keep documents like receipts related to your property so you can prove ownership.



### Register your bike

If you value your bike, then register it with [www.bikeregister.com](http://www.bikeregister.com). The prominent stamp acts as a great deterrent.

### Flag it it

If you value it, then mark it as protected. Window stickers and signage are extremely effective and are proven to be a powerful deterrent against burglary.

If you would like a property marking kit please pop into Sittingbourne Police Station front counter where we will provide you one.

## Newington History Group

**Monthly talks:** Our talks take a break this month, but we'll be back on Thursday, September 25 (7pm) when Melanie Gibson-Barton will talk about Elizabeth Barton, known as 'the Holy Maid of Kent', a nun and mystic who challenged the king.

It's an intriguing and compelling story that would grace any television drama being full of mystery, mysticism, miracles and, finally, treason. It tells of a Kentish servant girl who rose to influence the most powerful men in the country, including Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey and Thomas More.

On October 23, Carol Stewart will be looking across the centuries to detail the history of Kent's Caribbean community.

The talks are open to all (£4 at the door, members free) and are followed by free light refreshments and an opportunity for social chat.

**Book gift:** Last month Newington CEP School said farewell to 26 Year 6 pupils who will be starting at secondary school in September.

To mark the occasion, the history group presented each with a book, *The History & Meaning of Newington Street & Place Names*, by Thelma Dudley.

The history group regularly visits the school to talk to the children about the history and heritage of their village.



During last month's visit, children from all the classes were shown items of Roman pottery found in the village and were able to handle pieces. They also learned about the history of the school.

**Support your heritage:** Newington History Group meets monthly (except Jan. and Aug) and annual membership (£18) is available now. Special rates for under-25s with free membership for under-18s.

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](mailto:newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com); Website: [newingtonhistory.uk](http://newingtonhistory.uk); Call: 07506 239970; Facebook: Newington History Group.

**Archaeology digs:** The Newington Community Archaeology Project, NewCAr2025, continues Sunday and Monday, August 17-18, and September 14-15 (10am-4pm weather permitting).

If you'd like to volunteer – experience is not necessary – email Richard Emmett at [richard@hrgs.co.uk](mailto: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.

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## Dog Poo

Dog poo doesn't just look horrible, and it isn't just messy and a pain to clean up. It's dangerous. Every gram of dog poo contains 23 million bacteria, many of which can be passed on to humans – including campylobacteriosis, salmonellosis, toxocarisis (roundworms), coccidian, cysticercosis (tapeworms), E.coli, giardia and pario. The symptoms for many of these include fever, vomiting, diarrhoea and dehydration. As dog poo disintegrates, it also pollutes fresh water supplies, meaning it can affect the eco-system and could even end up in our drinking water. In fact, according to one source, dog poo is the number three cause of water pollution. Please clean up after your dog, think of our environment and use the bins provided.

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## Reporting Antisocial Behaviour

Does it feel like the situation could get heated or violent very soon? Is someone in immediate danger? Do you need support right away? If so, please call 999 now. Antisocial behaviour can have a lasting impact on neighbourhoods and communities as it often leads to an increase in crime, particularly violence and criminal damage. If you've witnessed antisocial behaviour of any kind, Call 101: for ASB, including drug dealing (if drug dealing is happening outside of a school or playground, call 999) Call 999 only in an emergency, if there is a crime occurring, someone is injured, being threatened or threat to life.



If you are living with Parkinson's or know someone who is...

We are here so that no-one has to face Parkinson's alone. Speak to your Parkinson's Local Adviser

**Louie McCloskey on 0344 225 3692 or by email at [lmccloskey@parkinsons.org.uk](mailto:lmccloskey@parkinsons.org.uk)**



Parkinson's UK is the operating name of the Parkinson's Disease Society of the United Kingdom. A registered charity in England and Wales (258197) and in Scotland (SC037551).



### Restoration Fund Monthly Draw for July 2025

The third draw of the Restoration Draw, 2025-2026 took place at Cornerstone on the 17th July with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to winners.

Prize	Value	Ticket	Name
1st	£23	86	V Harris
2nd	£18	183	L Thwaites
3rd	£15	211	Frederick Thompson
4th	£13	179	M Hayward
5th	£10	93	Tammy Turcan

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](mailto:laneatborden@btinternet.com).

Thank you everyone and kind regards.

David Lane

Acting Restoration Fund Organiser



### Village Sign

The Village Sign has now been repaired and will be erected shortly. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Nisa Local Newington for its generous donation towards the cost of repairs.



## News from Citizens Advise Swale

### How to spot parcel delivery scams

Parcel delivery scams are becoming increasingly common. They are known as phishing scams, and aim to trick you into giving away your personal information and financial details, so your bank account and money can be accessed.

One way scammers do this is by enticing people to click on links, which can lead to fake websites, in the hope that this information will be entered. This can be in the form of a text, or an email or phone call. There are also reports of fake 'Something For You' cards, which Royal Mail leave when a delivery is attempted, but no-one is home.

Here are some tips on how you can stay vigilant and spot the signs of a parcel delivery scam:

- If you're waiting for a parcel, and get a message that asks you to pay to get it, it's usually a scam. Don't click any links or attachments in the text or email. Delivery companies won't ask you to pay them through a link in an email or text.
- To check if a link is genuine, hover your mouse over the link without clicking on it, or press and hold on the link on a mobile device. You should be able to see the address the link goes to, and check it's the same as the company's official website address.
- Make sure you check the address carefully - fake link addresses can look similar to the genuine address.
- Other signs of a message that is a scam include bad spelling and grammar, and when it starts with a general greeting instead of your name. But, scam messages can sometimes be sophisticated - so don't rely on obvious mistakes only.
- If you get an email, check if the email address matches the sender's name or organisation - you might have to click on their name to see the email address.
- If there's something you're unsure about, don't feel pressured to act. You can find the official details for the company the person who has contacted you says they're from, and ask the company if they've contacted you.

You can check if you think something might be a scam, using an online tool on the Citizens Advice website. If you have been scammed, you can report it on the Citizens Advice website, and check what else you need to do - including protecting yourself from further risks. Find out more at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams)

Being targeted by a scammer or falling victim to a scam can make people feel anxious or embarrassed, but it's important to remember scammers are clever and scams can happen to anyone. Reporting them helps track down and stop scammers, and prevent other people from ending up in the same situation.

### How can we help you?

Drop-in sessions (no appointment necessary)

**Monday:** 10am-12pm: Swale House, Sittingbourne

**Tuesday:** 10am-12pm: Sheppey Gateway, Sheerness (except the second Tuesday of every month, which is held at Sheerness East Working Mens Club)

**Tuesday:** 11.30am-1.30pm: Murston Family Hub, Tonge Road

**Wednesday:** 10am-12pm, 43 Stone Street, Faversham

**Thursday:** 10am-12pm, West Faversham Community Centre

**Friday:** 10am-12pm, 43 Stone Street, Faversham

### Telephone advice

Call Adviceline on freephone 0808 278 7979 (Monday-Friday 10am-3.30pm)

### Email advice

Contact us online at [www.citizensadviceswale.uk/email-general-advice](http://www.citizensadviceswale.uk/email-general-advice) (Monday-Wednesday)

### Debt advice

Request a call back from our specialist money advice team at [www.citizensadviceswale.uk/debt](http://www.citizensadviceswale.uk/debt)

To stay up to date with our opening times, please visit [www.citizensadviceswale.uk](http://www.citizensadviceswale.uk) or follow us on Facebook.







We are local church communities seeking to serve the village.  
We invite you to come and join with us when we gather.



## **St Mary's Church Newington**

### **Normal Pattern of Services with Refreshments**

1st Sunday – Morning Worship 10am

2nd Sunday – Communion 10am

3rd Sunday – Family Worship 10am

Starting with refreshments

4th Sunday – Joint Communion with Methodists 10am at St Mary's Church

### **Special Combined Services**

The August Benefice Service is at Hartlip, on 17th at 10.30am

The September Benefice Service is at Lower Halstow, on 7th at 10.30am

### **Cornerstone Café**

3rd Thursday of each month 9.00am – 12.00pm

A place of welcome to meet friends for a chat with homemade cakes & coffee.

Next one is on 21st August

### **Breathing Space**

St Mary's is open every day 8.00am – 4.00pm

Come and find space for quiet reflection & prayer

### **Contact: Rev. Amanda Lane**

t: 01795 842478 e: revamandalane@gmail.com

## **Newington Methodist Church**

All Sunday services at 9.30am followed by refreshments

### **Coffee Morning**

every 1st Saturday of month 10am – 12pm.

### **Rev. Robert Zachar**

e: robert.zachar@gmail.com

### **Food Bank**

St Mary's supports Sittingbourne Foodbank which plays a crucial role in helping the most vulnerable in our communities. If you are able to make donations of non-perishable items or essential household products, (in date) such donations can be left in the church which is now open every day.

If you are aware of anyone in need,  
please contact Rev Amanda Lane who can issue a voucher.



## Rogue Traders/Bogus Tradesmen

Bogus tradesmen, door-to-door sales or doorstep fraud involves fraudsters trying to scam you after knocking at your door.

Legitimate doorstep selling involves someone selling you goods or services in your home or on your doorstep. Many honest businesses use this technique – but so do fraudsters.

Buying on your doorstep can be convenient. However, a salesman who uses clever tactics can pressurise you into buying something you actually don't want or something that's poor value for money.

Door-to-door frauds can take many forms, including:

- pressure selling
- unfair contracts
- overpriced or substandard home maintenance or improvements
- phoney consumer surveys
- bogus charity collections.



Such frauds involve promoting goods or services that are either never delivered to you or are of a very poor quality. Fraudsters may also bill you for work that you didn't agree to. There are specific laws about door-to-door sales. Many are required to give you a 'cooling-off' period (where you can change your mind or request your money back). Bogus tradesmen will offer none of these, and even if they do, you can be sure their 'guarantee' will not be honoured.

Bogus salespeople will provide false identity or contact information, making it impossible for you to identify or contact them. If you've paid them in advance, you won't get your money back.

Even if your bank or insurance policy covers any loss, you'll still have to contend with a damaged credit rating, continued correspondence over a prolonged period to repair the damage, and the emotional distress and anxiety identity theft can cause.

Also, be wary of opening your door to a potential burglar or someone who wants to get inside your property to enable other people to break in. Once they get through your door, fraudulent salespeople can take note of your valuables and any security measures you have in place.

### The victims

Victims are often vulnerable, elderly and/or isolated people who know nothing of these scams and so are trusting of anyone who is friendly or seems knowledgeable and genuine. After they have become a victim, they often feel ashamed and/or scared and so don't tell anyone. This not only means the original scam goes unreported but it also makes it easy for the rogue trader to return for more. The stress of the victim's shame or fear may also go on to cause physical or mental health problems. And even if the traders are reported they are often untraceable as they will have given the victim false contact details or none at all.

### Are you a victim of bogus tradesmen fraud?

- You've bought faulty, overpriced or substandard goods or services from someone knocking at your door.
- You've paid for these goods or services by credit or debit card.

### What should you do if you've been a victim of bogus tradesmen fraud?

- Report it to Action Fraud.
- You can report the salesperson to the Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133. or to the National Trading Standards if you believe they have sold you faulty, inferior or overpriced products or services.

Similarly, you can seek advice from Citizens Advice about the terms and conditions of any agreement or contract you may have signed.

- If you've made the payment by credit/debit card or by cheque, contact your credit card company and/or bank and advise them that you're a victim of improper door-to-door sales techniques and your identity or financial details may have been compromised. They'll advise you on cancelling payments and ensuring your finances remain secure.



# COMMUNITY PAGE

## Library Home Delivery Service

Kent Library Service can deliver library items to you if you cannot visit a library due to illness, disability or your caring responsibilities.

After visiting you to discuss your tastes and needs, staff will select suitable material for you. A volunteer will deliver your books, DVDs or other items and collect ones you are finished with.

Please contact KCC Libraries 03000 413131.



## Table Tennis at Newington Village Hall

Sturdee and Newington Table Tennis Club would like to invite players to attend on Mondays nights during the summer months of May, June and July. Juniors and Seniors, beginners and ex players are all welcome. Sessions from 7–30pm to 9–30pm, £2.00 for Juniors and £3.00 for Seniors. Casual or competitive play, coaching is available if required. Please contact;

**John Coleman Secretary Tel 07895382173 email [sdttajohncoleman@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sdttajohncoleman@yahoo.co.uk)**

### Newington Pharmacy

44 Newington High Street 01795 844131

#### Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9am–6pm Saturday 9am–1pm  
Sunday closed

### Newington Bingo Club

Meets on the first Thursday, 2.00-4.00 pm  
each month (except January)  
in the Newington Room, Village Hall.

Game cards: £4.00 for five games.  
(Tea and biscuits included).

Raffle: £1.00 a strip. Members who want to enter the raffle need to bring with them each month a raffle prize (one item that they would be happy to win!).

### Cherry Class Nursery

Where learning is fun!, Limited spaces available

Free Government funding  
for 3 & 4 year olds & eligible 2yr olds

Email: [nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk)  
Newington School, School Lane  
Newington, ME9 7LB Phone: 01795 841131

### The Cornerstone Cafe

The Third Thursday in Every Month  
From 9am to 12.00

in the Church St Mary the Virgin,  
Newington – Play area for children – All welcome

### Newington Reading Group

Meets at the Church on the last Wednesday of every month except December at 12 noon.

Please call Mairi on 01795 843 172 for more information or to say you intend to come.  
(Especially if you wish to stay for lunch)

### Newington Village Hall

Booking Secretary Mrs Kristin Julier

For bookings and enquiries M: 07985 711257 H: 01795 843262  
e-mail [kcljulier@googlemail.com](mailto:kcljulier@googlemail.com)  
Registered Charity No 10202925

### Neweton Scout Group

Beavers, cubs and scouts meet Thursdays and Fridays  
at Newington's Scout Hut.  
Explorers 14 to 18 years Tuesdays 7.45 – 9.30pm.  
For more information call:  
01795 475114 – 07716 045209

### Newington W.I.

Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm in the  
Main Hall at Newington Village Hall.  
Contact: Chris Kerr Email [chris.kerr@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chris.kerr@hotmail.co.uk)

### Come and Play Short Mat Bowls

At Newington Village Hall

Mondays 2pm – 4.30pm and Wednesdays 7– 9.30pm  
for more information contact Cleone Curtis (Sec.)  
Tel: 01795 485265 Email: [bowls.cle@gmail.com](mailto:bowls.cle@gmail.com)

### St. Mary's Art Group

First Friday and third Friday mornings  
between 10.00 and 12.00am every month at the Church

### Newington Methodist Hall

For Hire £10 per hour

Contact Robert Zachar Tel: 07504 840781  
[newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk)

### Rambling

A group of ramblers meet every Wednesday at 10am  
outside Newington Surgery

### Your community information HERE

Contact: Ruth Brown 07538107307 email: [cllrrbrown.npc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrrbrown.npc@gmail.com)

## VILLAGE GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

### Isst Newton Scout Group

Stephen Coulter (Group Scout Leader)  
01795 475114

### Age UK Memory Café

Lis Willmet Email: liswillmet@btinternet.com  
01795 841226 Age UK- 01795 532766

### Allotment Association

Cherrill Matthews, Secretary  
Email: john.matthews57@yahoo.com  
01795 844094

### Bingo Group

Meets first Thursday of the month Village Hall 2-4pm Cost £5 Contact Irene Layer  
Email: ericandirene@btinternet.com

### Book Club

Meets at the church last Wednesday of the month Bring a packed lunch. Teas & coffee contact Mairi Moulton 01795 843172

### Cornerstone Café

Lis Willmet Email: liswillmet@btinternet.com  
01795 841226

### Craft Group

Jayne Dawson 01795 843037

### Lunch Club for women

Last Thursday of month Cost £4 Irene Layer Email: ericandirene@btinternet.com

### Newington Concert Party

Derek Friday  
Email: fridayderek@outlook.com  
01795 873056 07985 656486

### Newington C of E School

Mr S Krafft, Head of School  
Email: office@newington.kent.sch.uk  
01795 842300

### Cherry Class Nursery

Email: nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk  
01795 842300 ext 3

### Newington Floral Art Group

Alison Fagg, secretary  
Email: alisonfagg46@gmail.com 01795 843150

### Newington WI

Chris Kerr, secretary  
chris.kerr@hotmail.co.uk 07813 355 494

### Newington Walking Group

Lis Willmet  
Email: liswillmet@btinternet.com 01795 841226

### Newington Village Hall

Booking Secretary: Mrs Kristin Julier  
07985 711257 Chairman: Dave Fagg  
Email: davefagg46@gmail.com

### Newington History Group

Richard Thompstone  
Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com  
07506 239970

### Newington Table Tennis Club

John Coleman Secretary  
Email: sdttajohncoleman@yahoo.co.uk  
Tel 07895 382 173

### Ramases

Annette Crowder  
Email: ramasesociety@gmail.com  
07368436612

### The Short Mat Bowls Club

Kate Beeby 07759 626 354

### St Mary the Virgin Church

Rev Amanda Lane  
Email: revamandalane@gmail.com  
01795 842478

### St Mary the Virgin Church

Rev Amanda Lane Associate Priest  
Email: laneatborden@btinternet.com  
01795 842478

### St Mary's Bellringers

David Lane  
Email: laneatborden@btinternet.com  
01795 842478

### Friends of St Mary's

Pete Jones  
Email: pete\_the\_van@btopenworld.com  
07931301793

### Newington Methodist Chapel

newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk  
or Robert Zachar robert.zachar@gmail.com  
01795 843006

### The Wickham Trust

Graham Dudley (Clerk)  
Email: nwtcharity24@gmail.com  
01795 842711 M07790625501

### Newington Charities

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### Citizens Advice Swale (Freephone)

General advice- 0808 278 7979  
New Universal Credit claim 0800 144 8444  
Consumer helpline- 0808 223 1133

## NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Parish Council

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Amenities Committee  
Events Working Group  
Finance Working Group  
Cemetery Working Group  
HR Working Group  
Parish Highways Improvement Plan  
Roads and pavements

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Planning Committee  
Events Working Group  
Finance Working Group (Chairman)  
HR Working Group  
Roads and Pavements

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Planning Committee

##### Cllr Michael Barlow

Amenities Committee  
Planning Committee

##### Cllr Ruth Brown

Amenities Committee  
Planning Committee (Vice Chairman)  
HR Working Party (Chairman)  
Events Working Group

##### Cllr Barbara Weight

Amenities Committee  
Planning Committee

##### Cllr Eric Layer

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Parish Highways Improvement Plan  
Roads and pavements  
Village Hall Representative  
Allotments Representative

##### Cllr Tony Mould

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HR Working Group  
Events Working Group (Chairman)  
School Governor

##### Cllr Chris Palmer

Amenities Committee  
Planning Committee  
Events Working Group

##### Cllr Richard Palmer

Planning Committee  
Finance Working Group (Vice Chairman)  
Events Working Group  
Parish Highways Improvement Plan  
Grants and external funding  
Village Hall Representative  
Defibrillator

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# **Sponsor Spring Flowers for our Community Woodland**



Over the past 4 years the Parish Council been thinning the woodland annually to allow light in.

The time is now right to start encouraging wildflowers, starting with bluebells (*Hyacinthoides non-scripta* – UK native wildflowers).

Please subscribe to this scheme: to support your village; to mark a special occasion; or to remember a loved one.

We will take advice on the best locations and have the bulbs professionally planted. Planting will take place in the autumn.

**Only £2 for 5 bulbs**



# My Community Voice

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## RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

				
food and drink cans	mixed glass	mixed paper	cardboard	plastic bottles, pots, tubs & trays
 				

### What is contamination?

- It is placing non-recyclable materials or items into your blue recycling bin/clear sacks.
- It is placing items into your recycling bin/clear sacks which have not been emptied or rinsed well enough.
- Placing recycling in black sacks is also classed as contamination as we are unable to see the contents inside the bag. **Placing recycling into the bin loosely is preferred, please do not use carrier bags or white sacks to dispose of your recycling in your blue bin.**

Please help by following the 3 Simple Steps to getting your recycling right:

- **STICK TO THE DRY RECYCLING LIST ONLY:** Paper and cardboard, glass bottles and jars, metal food and drinks cans, foil, plastic bottles, tubs, pots and trays
- **MAKE SURE ALL RECYCLING IS CLEAN BEFORE IT GOES INTO YOUR RECYCLING BIN/CLEAR SACKS:** You do not need to use clean water for this. Once you have finished washing up, just give the recycling a quick rinse before putting it in your blue bin or pop it in your dishwasher!
- **DO NOT PUT ANY OF THE TOP 4 CONTAMINATES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN/CLEAR SACKS**
  1. Nappies/Sanitary Items
  2. Textiles/Electrical Items
  3. Black sacks (we cannot empty bins where recycling is in black sacks)
  4. Food/Unclean containers

Please see the full list of what you can recycle on our website:

[www.swale.gov.uk/recycling-blue-bin](http://www.swale.gov.uk/recycling-blue-bin)

or by using the QR Code



# Memory Café

A relaxed, informal and free drop-in  
providing support for people with memory  
difficulties and their carers.

## **We provide:**

- Companionship
- Refreshments
- Information & Advice
- Occasional speakers
- Fun activities



**Newington Village Hall**

**4th Monday of every month**

**11am-1pm**

**For info call: 01795 532766**

Registered Charity No. 1152234



# New year, new Challenge?

## Volunteer befrienders needed in your local community!

Our wonderful team of volunteer befrienders already make a huge difference in the lives of the local people they visit.

Each week a befriender and their “friend” might enjoy a chat and a cuppa together or perhaps play a game, do puzzles, swap stories and hopefully enjoy some laughs. This should be an hour a week for both parties to look forward to. Befrienders are also a valuable set of eyes and ears to spot potential problems and can work in conjunction with the organisation to sign-post service users when required.

Our befrienders are not allowed to become involved in personal care, domestic tasks, administering medication, financial/legal matters or offer formal advice.

- ☐ Are you 18 or over with about **an hour a week** to spare to bring a smile to someone and reduce loneliness?
- ☐ Are you kind, patient and compassionate with an ability to empathise and engage with individuals regardless of cultural or social background?
- ☐ Could make a difference to someone by bringing the outside world in and brightening their day?
- ☐ Do you have an ability to work with older individuals with a friendly and enthusiastic approach?

If the above applies to you and you would like to apply or find out more, please get in touch with our **Befriending Coordinator** via email [nikki.holt@ageukfs.org.uk](mailto:nikki.holt@ageukfs.org.uk) or by phone on **01795 532766**

**A DBS check and references will be required along with mandatory training.**





# Kent Fraud Alert System



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## Employment Scams linked to TikTok

In the past week, we have seen employment scams linked to Tik Tok.

Often originating on social media and disguised as remote work or content roles, these fraudulent schemes disproportionately target young job seekers, with many cases seen by the bank involving those aged 18 to 34.

Scammers entice victims with fake job offers involving simple online tasks, such as liking TikTok videos or reviewing hotels, promising lucrative commissions and high returns from the comfort of their own homes.

However, upfront fees known as 'advanced fees' are demanded for purported necessities like application processing, training, background checks or visa sponsorship.

Once payments are made, perpetrators typically cease communication, leaving victims blocked.

Some scams involve crypto wallets or platforms for task completion and some victims are even manipulated into forwarding money or acting as intermediaries, unwittingly laundering money, known as money muling. Money mules can find themselves at risk of a criminal record.

Here are some tips from Lloyds Banks on avoiding job scams -

1. Be cautious of unsolicited adverts or job offers promising easy money, especially on social media, which is a key "hunting ground" for fraudsters. If you spot one, report it to Action Fraud.
2. Remember legitimate companies will not ask you to make payments when applying for a job, nor would they ask you use your own bank account to transfer their money. Do not do it under any circumstances.
3. Verify recruiters and companies independently, conduct your own research and do not rely on links and documents they provide.
4. Avoid opportunities where you are added to unknown apps or group chats that claim to be part of the process.

If you think that you may have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

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## Courier Fraud

In the past few weeks, we have seen an increase of reports from victims in relation to Courier Fraud. One victim lost £77,000 and another £16,000.

Residents have been getting phone calls from criminals mostly impersonating Police Officers and some claiming to be from their bank.

- One resident was told to "dial the long number on their card without clearing the line" and spoke to who they thought was their bank.
- Another was told their bank card had been used at Sainsbury's and to call 999 but without clearing their line.
- A few were told their bank cards had been copied/cloned.
- One was told by their bank to "withdraw money to get a new card."
- Another was told to stop using his bank card and go to the bank to withdraw the money for them to collect to help with an investigation.
- The Police will NEVER ask you for financial details on the phone or request to collect your card or cash or gold as part of an investigation. Remember the ABC of Scam Awareness and Never Assume or Believe a call is genuine and always Confirm.

If you get an expected call from someone claiming to be Police or any other organisation, then take their details and end the call. Then call back using a different phone if available. If another phone is not available, then wait 5 minutes and ring a family member or friend to ensure the line has been disconnected and then ring 101. Never call a number they have supplied and never ring 999 whilst still on the call with them. You must always disconnect the call first before ringing 101.



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## Facebook Hacks

A resident in West Malling was targeted by a Facebook hacked account scam.

A Facebook friend had their account hacked and the hacker contacted their friends, sending them emergency messages saying they were in distress and needed money urgently.

This was a SCAM.

If you receive any requests for financial assistance from accounts such as Facebook, WhatsApp etc. Never Assume or Believe the request is genuine but Confirm by contact the person requesting assistance via a trusted number.

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## Fake Parking Fine messages

Whilst attending events, people have been stating that they are still receiving fake messages for parking fines and so I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to be alert to these types of scam.

### What Do These Parking Fine Scam Texts Look Like?



Scam texts may claim you have received a **Parking Charge Notice (PCN)** or **Penalty Charge** for a parking offence. They will often:

- Include **urgent language**, e.g. "Final warning!" or "Your credit score will be affected."
- Contain a **link** to a fake payment page.
- Pretend to come from an official source, like your local council or DVLA (they do not send fines by text).
- Use company names that sound legitimate.

### What to Do if You Receive a Scam Message:

- Do not click any links.
- Do not rely to the message.
- Do not share personal or payment details.

If you are genuinely unsure whether a fine is real, contact the council or company direct using details on their official website – Never the contact information in the message.

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## Winter Heating Scam Texts

We are still receiving reports of the below text message stating that you are eligible to claim for your winter heating allowance, however, it is a SCAM.

The text asks you to click on a link that will direct you to a realistic website under the control of the criminals, where they will look to steal your personal and financial data.

You can report scam text messages by forwarding to 7726.

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### DWP Official Reminder:

According to DWP (Department for Work and Pensions) records, you have not yet submitted your application for the 2024-2025 Winter Heating Allowance. To ensure you receive your £300 payment, please complete your application no later than 28 June 2025. Failure to submit your application by the deadline will result in your ineligibility to receive this allowance. Please act promptly and complete your application via the link below:

<https://gov.uk-subsidyk.icu/uk>

(Please reply Y, then exit the SMS and open it again to activate the link, or copy the link to your Safari browser and open it)



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