



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

APRIL 2025



**A Date for your Diary**



## Newington Summer Fete

**Saturday 12th July 2025**

Fun Dog Show • Children's Entertainment • Stalls & Attractions

Food and Drink • Fun Fair



### HELP

All this is made possible with the help of our team of amazing volunteers.  
If you are able to help in anyway, even for an hour, please contact Tony Mould Tel:  
07590464700 or email: [cllrmould.npc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrmould.npc@gmail.com)



### The Great British Spring Clean

The Parish Council is grateful to everyone who met at 9am on Saturday 29th April to takepart in the Great British Spring Clean. Before setting off the Rapid Relief Team and the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church provided all the volunteers with a bacon roll and a hot drink. The above photo is of a few of the nearly thirty volunteers who helped litter pick the village



10 bags of litter collected

### 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.



## Planning

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This is the Fernham Homes application, not to be confused with their development next to the School, currently under construction.

### **Newington Parish Council Planning Committee meeting Wednesday 16 April 7.00pm in the Newington Room of the Village Hall.**

Fernham Homes will give a presentation; followed by factual questions from residents; then the chance to state views on the application.

Full details on

<https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/>

where you can lodge your own comments

### **Pond Farm (Land South of London Road, Newington)**

Outline approval for 135 homes was granted by the planning inspectorate in August 2023

‘Dandara’ have acquired the site and held a consultation event on Wednesday 2 April at the Newington Pavilion (off Orchard Drive) We sent notification in a ‘Stop Press’ insert in the Spring Village Voice. A full planning application is likely to follow

## Also in our village:

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

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

New documents recently on the planning portal.

## And, nearby

### **Application: 22/503654/EIOUT Land To The West Of Bobbing ME9 8QL**

Outline application (all matters reserved except for access) for a mixed used development comprising up to 2,500 dwellings, a 5.21 ha commercial employment zone including doctors’ surgery, a 4.35 ha sports hub (and sports pitches), 3FE primary school, community facilities, local retail provision, public open space, children’s play areas and associated parking, servicing, utilities, footpath and cycle links, drainage, ground and other infrastructure.

Revised details recently on the planning portal.

## Keep track of all village planning applications:

<https://www.newington-pc.gov.uk/community/newington-parish-council-15445/home/>

and

<https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/>

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## Upchurch Choral Society

Invites you to a concert to commemorate VE Day

At St Mary’s Church, Upchurch

On Sunday 11th May 2025 at 7.30pm

There will be a varied selection of music and words to honour the occasion  
(with some audience participation}.

Tickets £12 available on the door (cash or cheque only please) or contact:

Liz Walters 01634 361897/ [kbl.walters@talk21.com](mailto:kbl.walters@talk21.com) for more information or to reserve tickets.

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## Restoration Draw 2025-2026

Renewals notices will be sent out over the next weeks for our new draw, 2025-2026, to begin in May. We thank all current draw members for your support and hope you will be able to continue for the coming year. Please spread the word to friends and family to see if they’d like to join. Tel: 01795 842478 or Email David Lane on [laneatborden@btinternet.com](mailto:laneatborden@btinternet.com).

## Reporting Potholes

Report potholes and other highways issues on the portal:

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

If you get no response, contact Councillor Neil Baker, [Neil.Baker@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Neil.Baker@kent.gov.uk)  
quoting your fault reference number

## 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 Cemetery

The Parish Council has upgraded the ashes internment area, originally a gravel path it has now been paved with a sun dial and bench. There is an opportunity to add a plaque to this bench to remember your loved one, for further details, please contact the Clerk.



### 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.



## 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 27th February 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](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)



## Parish Council meetings

The Amenities Committee will meet on Tuesday 22nd April at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council monthly Meeting is on Tuesday 29th April 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions during our ten minute agenda slot. For details on how to attend please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, email: [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)



## Village Voice

### Online

May 2025  
July 2025  
September 2025

### Paper delivery

June 2025  
August 2025  
November 2025

### 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 [cllrmould.npc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrmould.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](mailto: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 01622 739324 Email: [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 [nwt@delucy.plus.com](mailto:nwt@delucy.plus.com)



# **Planning Committee meeting**

**Wednesday 16 April 2025**

**7.00pm**

**Newington Room of the Village Hall**

To discuss:

## **Application:**

**25/500761/FULL Land West Of Church Lane, Newington**

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This is the Fernham Homes application for a 90 home development off Denham Road/Hasted Road; also 9 parking spaces for residents of Denham Road, Hasted Road and Church Lane as 'double yellow line parking restrictions will be implemented along the southern side of Denham Road and along the eastern and western sides of Church Lane within the vicinity of its junction with Denham Road, in order to maintain traffic flow and visibility.' Inevitably there would be a further increase in traffic using Church Lane.

(This is not to be confused with the Fernham Homes development currently under construction next to the School.)

## **Format for the evening:**

**Fernham Homes explanation of their planning application**

**Questions of straightforward clarification**

**Opportunity for comments by residents**

You can read the full details of the planning application

[https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/\(insert application reference number\)25/500761/FULL](https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/(insert application reference number)25/500761/FULL)

also, see the Parish Council website

[www.newington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.newington-pc.gov.uk)

## **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 has 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**

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 talk:** Influential women who made their mark during the first millennium will feature in this month's Newington History Group talk in the Village Hall on Thursday, April 24 at 7pm.

The talk, Powers Behind the Thrones, will be given by Imogen Corrigan, a lecturer in Anglo-Saxon and Medieval history. She will speak not only about saintly and worthy women who led with a firm, guiding hand, but those who are remembered for their cruelty and monstrous behaviour.

Those women had a voice, sometimes ruling those who ruled:  
down-trodden and marriage chattels they were not!

The evening is open to all (£4 at the door, members free).

Stay for a chat and free hot drink afterwards - we're a friendly group.



Next month, Sue Flipping will bring the inside story of Invicta Radio, Kent's first independent radio station in Behind the Mic on Thursday, May 22 at 7.30pm (NB: Note change to the usual start time).

**Membership:** Newington History Group meets monthly (except Jan. and Aug) and membership is available at £18pa.

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.

**School 175:** Newington CE Primary School is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year. NHG is working with school staff to commemorate the occasion and hope you will be involved.

Did you or anyone in your family attend the school? We'd love to collect your memories, however vague, or see any mementos you may have. Contact the history group and please spread the word.

The school is hoping to organise an event for the summer so contact us asap.

**Village archaeology:** The Newington Community Archaeology Project, NewCar2025, resumes on Sunday, April 20, and continues the following day following its winter break.

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.

An extraordinary number of Late Iron Age and Roman items have been unearthed at the site along with more recent artefacts.

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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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## Medway Arts Society

The Art Society of Medway meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month for lectures on a wide variety of Arts subjects. Also day visits to places of interest.

New members & visitors welcome

Meeting starts at 11am at, Franklin Rooms

Franklin Road, Gillingham, ME7 4DG

[info@theartsocietymedway.org.uk](mailto:info@theartsocietymedway.org.uk)



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 (259107) and in Scotland (SC037554).



## Newington newsletter



**Kent  
Police**

### Incidents of Note

On Sunday 30th March 2025 approximately £3,000 of damage was caused to Sittingbourne and Milton Golf Club, Wormdale Hill, Newington owing to three off road bikes churning the ground up. It is thought they are being dropped off in a white van and then riding along a bridleway between Chestnut Street and the golf course. All riders were wearing dark clothing with no crash helmets but balaclavas covering their head. Two of the bikes were black and one was red and white in colour.

If anyone has any information regarding this incident, please call 101 and quote Kent police investigation 46/53982/25, or alternatively you can email quoting 46/53982/25 to:- [reply@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk](mailto:reply@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk)

Your local officer is Police **Jez Chittim**



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engagement tool  
brought to you by  
Kent Police

[mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk](http://mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk)

### Other numbers

Report on line – [www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/](http://www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/) Crimestoppers – Call 0800 555 111

Call your local Police 101 – in an emergency always call 999



## News from Citizens Advice Swale April 2025

Are you worried about debt and rising bills?

With energy, water and broadband bills on the rise, it's getting increasingly difficult for many people to cover their expenses. It's important to know you're not alone in finding things difficult and that financial support might be available to help ease the burden.

### Checking benefits eligibility

A significant number of eligible people don't claim the benefits that are available to them, so it's important to understand what you're entitled to. You may be able to claim benefits if, for example, you're at working age and on a low income, you're sick or disabled, are of State Pension age with a low income or no income, or if you're a carer. Contact us for help with checking you're receiving everything you're entitled to.

### Reducing outgoings

If you claim benefits or are on a low income, you may be eligible for a reduction in Council Tax. Discounts can also be given to students, those living with a carer, or people who live alone, to name some examples. If you have children and claim certain benefits, or are on a low income, you may qualify for free school meals, transport to school, or support with the cost of uniform.

We may be able to help you pay for things like energy and water bills, food or other essential costs, through the Household Support Fund. Contact us to find out more.

To reduce other expenses, you may be able to switch to a cheaper broadband deal, get a water meter fitted, or access discounted travel options. We can help with this too.

### Creating a budget and prioritising bills

If you're finding it difficult to stay on top of bills, budgeting tools like the one on the MoneyHelper website can be very useful in helping you understand what money you have coming in and going out each month.

If you're behind on bills, you should prioritise paying rent, mortgage payments, Council Tax and energy bills, as these are known as 'priority' debts which have the most serious consequences if missed. Once you've got priority debts under control, you should look at credit card or store card debts, missed Buy Now Pay Later payments or payday loans.

Whatever debt you're dealing with, it's important to speak to the person or company you owe money to as early as you can. You could show them a copy of your budget to let them know what your financial situation is and then see if there are any steps you can take to start dealing with your debt.

Just remember, you're not alone and we're here to support you.

Here's how to contact us for advice:

### 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 & 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.



## 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: 01622 739324

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.

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### Village Bowls

Newington Short Mat Indoor Bowls Club is currently welcoming new members. We meet at Newington Village Hall for two hour sessions starting at 2pm on Mondays and 7pm on Wednesdays. Tuition and club bowls are provided for beginners. Just turn up or phone Kate on 07759 626354 for further information.



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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.

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### Help Available:

For updates from Government and local services see the Parish Council website  
[www.newington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.newington-pc.gov.uk)

101 for Police non-emergency or [www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)

PC Jez Chittim E-mail: [13369@kent.police.uk](mailto:13369@kent.police.uk)

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### Appeal from PC Jez Chittim

I still get regular complaints about off road bikes, mainly travelling along Bull Lane and Church Lane, however I still don't have names of those involved. There have been some complaints of a male with a small girl sitting on the front of an off road bike riding along Church Lane and Denham Road. I really want to know who these people are so that I can stop a serious incident occurring. People can report anonymously if they are more comfortable doing this via crime stoppers or by getting in touch with me via



My Community Voice (MCV). For further information on MCV please visit [mycommunityvoice.co.uk](http://mycommunityvoice.co.uk)

Keep in the Loop The Council wants to keep villagers in the loop via e-mail. To register your e-mail address and be added to our database.  
e-mail the Parish Clerk [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)



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

### **Cornerstone Easter Special**

Thursday 10th April 10am – 12 with craft & story – families welcome!

### **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.

### **Lent Lunch**

Saturday 12th April 12.30pm – 1.30pm

St Mary's Church Homemade soup lunch to support Christian Aid

## **Easter Services**

### **Maundy Thursday Passover Meal**

7pm in the church. Contact Andrea for more details: [amstaniforth@gmail.com](mailto:amstaniforth@gmail.com)

### **Good Friday prayer walk around the village**

Meet at the church 10am Finish with refreshments at the church

### **Easter Sunday Communion 10am**

### **Benefice Service 4th May 10.30am with shared lunch**

Saying farewell to Rev Julian & Andrea Staniforth

### **Breathing Space**

St Mary's is open every day 8.00am – 4.00pm Come and find space for quiet reflection & prayer

### **Contact: Rev. Julian Staniforth**

t: 01795 227 329 e: [julian.staniforth@gmail.com](mailto:julian.staniforth@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](mailto: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 Julian who can issue a voucher.

### **Could you help?**

We still urgently need a treasurer for St Mary's Church.

If this is a role you think you could take on, please get in touch.

Help and training would be provided in this process.

For more information please contact Rev Julian Staniforth

tel: 01795 227 329 e: [julian.staniforth@gmail.com](mailto:julian.staniforth@gmail.com)

or David Lane (Church Warden) e: [laneatborden@btinternet.com](mailto:laneatborden@btinternet.com)







# My Community Voice

Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway

MCV is a two-way engagement tool brought to you by Kent Police



**Kent  
Police**



**Find out** what's happening in your area



**Receive alerts** from your local officers

**Tell us** what matters most to you



**Sign up**



**Sign up** today and make your voice count



Find out more [www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk](http://www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk)

## 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 12.30

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: RuthSmith Email [rsmith.rs301@outlook.com](mailto:rsmith.rs301@outlook.com)

### 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@btmail.co.uk](mailto:newingtonmethodistchurch@btmail.co.uk)

### Rambling

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

### Your community information HERE

Contact: Tony Mould 07590464700 email: [cllrtonmould.npc@gmail.com](mailto:cllrtonmould.npc@gmail.com)



## VILLAGE GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

### Ist Neweton 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

Irene Layer  
Email: ericandirene@btinternet.com

### Book Club

Mairi Moulton 01795 843172

### Cornerstone Café

Lis Willmet  
Email: liswillmet@btinternet.com  
01795 841226

### Craft Group

Jayne Dawson 01795 843037

### Lunch Club

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

Ruth Smith President  
Email: rsmith.rs301@outlook.com

### 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 Thomstone  
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 Julian Staniforth Priest  
Email: julian.staniforth@gmail.com  
01795 227329

### 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

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

### The Wickham Trust

Graham Dudley (Clerk  
Email: nwt@delucy.plus.com  
01795 842711 M07790625501

### Newington Charities

Mr David Parker (Sec) Tel: 01795 842143  
Email: david.parker.n31@gmail.com

### 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

Newington Parish Council Wendy Licence – Parish Clerk 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted,  
Maidstone, Kent. ME14 4HT, Tel: 01622 739324 Email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

#### Cllr Tony Mould

##### Chairman

Amenities Committee  
Planning Committee  
Finance Working Group (Chairman)  
HR Working Group  
Events Working Group (Chairman)  
Cemetery Working Group  
Parish Highways Improvement Plan  
School Governor  
Air Quality Monitoring Group  
Friends of Newington Recreation Ground Rep

#### Cllr Stephen Harvey

##### Vice Chairman

Planning Committee (Chairman)  
Amenities Committee  
Events Working Group  
Cemetery Working Group  
KALC Swale Area Committee Rep.  
Parish Highways Improvement Plan  
Roads and pavements  
Air Quality Monitoring Group  
Friends of Newington Recreation Ground Rep

#### Cllr Michael Barlow

Amenities Committee  
Planning Committee

#### Cllr Ruth Brown

Amenities Committee  
Planning Committee (Vice Chairman)  
Events Working Group

#### Cllr Barbara Weight

Planning Committee  
Amenities Committee

#### Cllr Elaine Jackson

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

#### Cllr Eric Layer

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

Parish Highways Improvement Plan  
Roads and pavements  
Air Quality Monitoring Group  
Allotments Representative  
Friends of Newington Recreation Ground Rep

#### Cllr Chris Palmer

Amenities Committee  
Planning Committee  
HR Working Group  
Events Working Group

#### Cllr Richard Palmer

Planning Committee  
Finance Working Group (Vice Chairman)  
HR Working Group  
Events Working Group  
Parish Highways Improvement Plan  
Grants and external funding  
Village Hall Representative  
KALC Swale Area Committee Rep.  
Air Quality Monitoring Group  
Friends of Newington Recreation Ground Rep  
Defibrillator

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Richard Palmer Tel: 07702 674721 Email: richardpalmer@swale.gov.uk

**Kent County Councillor** Mike Baldock Tel: 03000411009 01795 471139 Email: mike.baldock@kent.gov.uk

**Member of Parliament** Kevin McKenna Tel: 07519 087522. Email: kevin.mckenna.mp@parliament.uk  
Parliamentary address: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

## RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS



### 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



TO STOP FRAUD™

## Fake email offering a free electric toothbrush

10,000 reports across the UK and counting. Watch out for fake emails promising free Oral-B electric toothbrushes.

The email asks you to click on a link and complete a survey, but it is all a scam to steal your personal and financial data.

If you get an email like this, then please forward to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other 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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### SCAM WARNING

## Electric toothbrush scam emails reported 10,000 times

Action Fraud has received 9,981 reports relating to fake emails purporting to giveaway a free Oral-B IQ Series 9 Electric Toothbrush. The emails usually impersonate well-known retailers, such as Boots, and claim that the recipient will receive their free toothbrush if they simply follow the links in the email and complete a feedback form. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information.

• If you have any doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly. **Don't** use the numbers or address in the message - use the details from their official website. Your bank (or any other official source) will never ask you to supply personal information via email.

• **Spotted a suspicious email?** Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)



**Kent  
Police**

## Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://www.kent.police.uk/contact)

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)



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## Bank Impersonation/Courier Fraud

We have received reports where victims are being targeted by criminals impersonating their Bank. They will state they are from their Banks Fraud Department and that they are passing them through to the "Fraud Squad" as their Bank account is being used for Fraud. They will ask them to withdraw cash as part of an investigation and to post the money to an address that the criminals supply. The Scam appears all very plausible and is designed to panic the victims into complying with the criminals wishes.

Your Bank or Police will never call like this and ask you to withdraw cash to be posted to an address or to be collected by a courier.

If you get a call like this and are unsure, then STOP. Get their details and then call 159 for your Banks Fraud Department or 101 for the Police but using a different telephone to the one that you were originally called on. If you do not have a different telephone to hand, then wait 5 minutes and ring a family member or friend to ensure the line has been disconnected.

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## HMRC Scams are on the increase

We have received reports recently of criminals impersonating HMRC and telephoning people stating that they owed money for back tax or a fine and that unless paid immediately they would send the Police to arrest them. They will often tell you to pay this by Bank Transfer or to buy gift cards and to call them with the gift card numbers.

It is a SCAM - HMRC would never call you like this and will never threaten you with arrest.

For more advice check the following HMRC website –

[Identify tax scam phone calls, emails and text messages - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/identify-tax-scams)

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## Delivery Scams Happening Now

We have received reports of Kent residents receiving packages addressed to them but found that they contained items that they had not ordered. A short while after the packages were delivered a courier is reported to have re-attended their address to collect the packages, claiming they had been delivered in error and that they will take them back for them.

However, it is a scam. As the criminals have ordered the goods and then arranged delivery to the victim in the victim's name and to the victim's home address, with the criminals then collecting the goods stating that they were delivered by mistake.

The first time the victim knows that there is a problem, is when they are contacted for payment of the goods. Often the items ordered are high value Mobile Phones and Laptops.

If goods are delivered that you have not ordered and are marked with your address, then you should inform the company that sent it and wait for them to send a courier. Always check with them which courier company is making the collection and when they will arrive. If someone knocks on the door claiming to have come to pick it up after it was delivered by mistake, then do not hand the items over.

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