

Planning

There are a lot of current planning applications in our village. The two causing most public concern are:

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

Proposal: Erection of 90 no. residential dwellings, together with associated access, open space, landscaping, drainage, infrastructure works and earthworks, and the provision of car parking spaces for existing residents. This is likely to go to Swale Borough Council Planning Committee for decision soon. The Parish Council has sent a substantial objection and commissioned Railton Consulting for their expert work on highways and transport objections.

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

Proposal: Approval of reserved matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale sought) for erection of 135 residential dwellings, including retention of existing farm buildings, public open space, landscaping, sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access pursuant to 22/500275/OUT. You will remember that, despite extensive objections from the parish council and residents, this was granted outline consent at the second planning inquiry in 2023. There are still details being ironed-out between planning officers and the developer.

Keep track of all recent and current village planning applications:
www.newington-pc.gov.uk/
and
pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/



News from Citizens Advice Swale

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.citizensadvice.org.uk/email-general-advice (Monday-Wednesday)

Debt advice

Request a call back from our specialist money advice team at www.citizensadvice.org.uk/debt

To stay up to date with our opening times, please visit www.citizensadvice.org.uk or follow us on Facebook.

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



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NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
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The Great British Autumn Litter Pick

Join the Great British Spring Clean 2025 in Newington on Saturday 20th September, meeting in the Village Hall car park at 9.30. Bags and litter picking tools will be provided, please bring your own gloves. Please bring your family and friends to help make a real difference in our community. Local organisations are also very welcome to take part.



The Village Fete HELP

The Recreation Ground was full: the funfair at one end and the village fete taking up the rest of the space. We had: a 'fun dog show'; traditional stalls such as the coconut shy; plants and produce for sale; vintage-style teas and cakes (run by our brilliant WT); burgers and sausages; speciality foods and ice creams, as well as over forty other stalls from outside organisations and charities. For children, we had: soft play; punch-and-judy; a magician; and, for those with any energy left - races organised by the youth club. We managed all of this with no admission charge.

Everyone who came and those running stalls all said they enjoyed the afternoon

The fete is always held on the second Saturday in July, however we are at a 'crunch point': if there is to be a fete in 2026 we need villagers committed to help.

- We need help planning and organising the fete. (We usually meet for an hour once a month from January to June and then more often in the run-up to the big day). The process has become a 'well-oiled machine' and we will be on hand to advise and help throughout



- We need practical help setting-up and clearing-away: a van with driver and helpers to collect benches from the school and tables from the village hall on the Friday afternoon and to return them on the Monday morning; Saturday morning helpers to mark-out the stall positions, set up the dog show arena and assemble the gazebos, tea tent; and seating; Saturday afternoon helpers to put stuff away at the end of the fete; and Sunday morning helpers to assist in getting things straight.

With enough helpers we can have another successful Fete for our residents; without help, the future of the fete is in doubt.

For offers of help, or questions, please contact Elaine Jackson ejacksonnpc@gmail.com



Bingo at Newington Village Hall

First Thursday of the Month, 2pm £5 for 5 games. Bring a raffle prize worth winning Tea, Coffee & Biscuits included. Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun and friendship.

Newington History Group

Monthly talks: With an intriguing and compelling story that would grace any television drama, Melanie Gibson-Barton brings the tale of Elizabeth Barton to the Village Hall on Thursday, September 25 (7pm).

Elizabeth, known as 'the Holy Maid of Kent', was a Kent servant girl who became a nun, mystic and rose to influence the most powerful men in the country, including Henry VIII, Cardinal Wolsey and Thomas More.

Full of mystery, mysticism, miracles and, finally, treason, you won't want to miss this evening which is open to the public.

It costs £4 at the door (NHG members free) and is followed by free light refreshments and an opportunity for social chat.



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

Talks are monthly (except Jan. & Aug) on the fourth Thursday at 7pm and membership is available for £18pa.

Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com; Website: newingtonhistory.uk;
Call: 07506 239970; Facebook: Newington History Group.

Village fete: The history group was delighted to meet and speak with so many people at the fete and welcomed several new members. Congratulations to the parish council and all the volunteers for their hard work and for making it such a successful event.

Archaeology digs: The Newington Community Archaeology Project continues Sunday and Monday, September 14-15 and 28-29 (10am-4pm weather permitting) before taking a winter break. Email richard@hrgs.co.uk or contact NHG for details.

Village Sign Repairs

The village sign suffered some damage when it was blown over during one of January's storms. The sign is being repaired and a new column has been ordered. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Nisa Local Newington for its generous donation of £500 and also to a local resident who donated £100 towards the cost of repairs.



Vacancy for Parish Councillor

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

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

Village Voice Publication Schedule:

Online

October 2025

November 2025

Paper delivery

December 2025

March 2026

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

Parish Council Meetings

The next Amenities committee meeting is on **Tuesday 23rd September** at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on the Rec. The next full Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 30th September** at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions during our fifteen minute agenda slot.

email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

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

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

Bus Shelter

The inscriptions on the commemorative plaques on the bus shelter outside The Bull have been professionally recut and painted. One plaque marks the erection of the shelter by the people of Newington to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. The other plaque is in memory of J C Harlow who gave the ground on which the bus shelter was built to the village.

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



Restoration Fund Monthly Draw: August 2025

The fourth draw of the Restoration Draw, 2025-2026 took place at Cornerstone on the 21st August with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to winners.

Prize	Value	Ticket	Name
1st	£23	23	Mrs Makkaby
2nd	£18	22	James Ledger
3rd	£15	26	Ian Kemsley
4th	£13	107	Cle Curtis
5th	£10	9	Simon Julier

Thanks everyone. **David Lane**
Acting Restoration Fund Organiser

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.

Help with Newington Community Speedwatch

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