

October 2025

# Village Voice

Newington Parish Council

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## The Great British September Clean

A big thank you to everyone who helped out at the litter pick on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Especially to The Plymouth Brethren Christain Church who supplied a superb hot breakfast and much needed warm drinks.



A big thank you to Councillor **Tony Mould** for all his hard work creating and organising the distribution of the Village Voice over the years.



# WE NEED YOU

The fete is due to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2026 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](mailto:ejacksonnpc@gmail.com)



## 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



## Reporting Potholes

Report potholes and other highways issues on the portal: [www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement)

## 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 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 07522 77833  
Email: [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)

## **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)

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### **Newington WI**



We have a varied monthly programme which may include guest speakers, or craft activities, 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 ME9 7JJ 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.

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### **PLANNING**

#### **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 was approved by Swale Borough Council Planning Committee on 11 September. The Parish Council, a resident and our two borough councillors spoke against the proposal.

#### **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 and new details on the planning portal.

In addition to these, there were six new planning applications discussed at the 30 September Parish Council meeting. You can see the planning report on the parish council website.

Keep track of all recent and current village planning applications:

[www.newington-pc.gov.uk/](http://www.newington-pc.gov.uk/) and [pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/](http://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/)

#### **Ref: 25/503472/FULL Plot 12, Wardwell Lane Lower Halstow ME9 7ER**

Proposal: Retrospective application for change the use of land to a 2no. plot Gypsy/Traveller site including 2no. mobile homes, 2no. tourers, fencing, installation of cesspit, hardstanding and landscaping

#### **Ref; 25/501640/REM Land At Pond Farm London Road Newington Kent**

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.

#### **Ref: 25/503473/TCA 37 Church Lane Newington Kent ME9 7JT**

Conservation area notification to remove one Elder.

**Ref: 25/503844/FULL 92 Church Lane Newington Kent ME9 7JU**

Proposal: Demolition of a conservatory and erection of a single storey flat roof rear extension.

**Ref: 25/503755/FULL Lodge Farm House Old House Lane Hartlip Kent ME9 7SN**

Section 73 - Application for removal of condition 2 (agricultural occupancy) pursuant to SW/98/0796 for - Agricultural dwelling.

**Ref: 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.

**Ref: 25/503932/FULL Cherrymere Keycol Hill Bobbing Kent ME9 7LG**

Proposal: Retrospective change of use of agricultural land to residential garden, erection of garage with associated hardstanding.

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## **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.

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)



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## **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)

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## **Parish Council meetings**

The Amenities Committee will meet on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7.00pm

in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. The next Full Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in the Newington Room at the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions during our ten-minute agenda slot.





**Restoration Fund Monthly Draw for September 2025**

The fifth draw of the Restoration Draw, 2025-2026 took place at Cornerstone on the 18th September with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to winners.

RESTORATION FUND DRAW :  
SEPTEMBER 2025-2026

| Pri ze          | Value | Ticket No | Name            |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-----------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> | £23   | 14        | Petra Turner    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | £18   | 191       | Jan Le Good     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | £15   | 144       | Derek Fairlie   |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | £13   | 172       | Clare Stevens   |
| 5th             | £10   | 223       | Jean Itchingham |

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

**Newington (Sittingbourne) Allotment Association**

The Newington Allotments are situated between the recreation ground and the Woodland Walk and are accessed via the track from Orchard Drive.



If you are interested in having an allotment and would like more information about waiting list, contact the Membership Secretary via Email:

[secretary.newingtonallotments@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.newingtonallotments@gmail.com)

**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

**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)

**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.



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**Table Tennis at Newington Village Hall**

Sturdee and Newington Table Tennis Club would like to invite players to attend on Monday's 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 or email at:

sdttajohncoleman@yahoo.co.uk

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**Help with Newington Community Speedwatch**

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of local communities join with the support and supervision of their local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices. The team is made up of local volunteers and the sessions have a positive effect on reducing speeding within the village.

The Parish Council is grateful to the Speedwatch Team for helping to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the village.

The team needs new volunteers, full training is given. If you are able to help, please contact Cllr Richard Palmer by email to [RichardPalmer@swale.gov.uk](mailto:RichardPalmer@swale.gov.uk) or mobile 07702 674721

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**Village Voice**

| Online        | Paper Delivery |
|---------------|----------------|
| October 2025  | December 2025  |
| November 2025 | March 2025     |
| January 2026  | June 2026      |

Delivery help is needed for the Village Voice

We need help delivering the printed version of the Village Voice every three months. The village is divided into small runs. If you can help, please contact Cllr Ruth Brown 07538 107307 [clrrbrown.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clrrbrown.npc@gmail.com)

To view the Village Voice online go to: [www.newington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.newington-pc.gov.uk) or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/share/1bQcFebTx4/?mibextid=wwXlfr>





# 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)

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## 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 @ Rhema Miracle Centre, (used to be Net Church), East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 4BL  
11.30am-1.30pm

Tuesdays @ Holy Trinity Parish Hall, Church Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3EG 11am-1pm

Wednesdays @ The Lighthouse Cafe, Hope Street Centre, Sheerness, ME12 1AJ 2pm-4pm

Fridays @ Church House, St Michaels Church, High Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 4PG 10am-12pm



Your local officer is Police **Jacob Boosey**



The banner features the 'My Community Voice' logo on the left, which includes a stylized city skyline and the text 'Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway'. To the right of the logo are four horizontal bars with icons and text: a pink bar with a bell icon saying 'Find out what's happening in your area', an orange bar with a speech bubble icon saying 'Receive alerts from your local officers', a green bar with a group of people icon saying 'Tell us what matters most to you', and a blue bar with a 'Sign up' button icon saying 'Sign up today and make your voice count'. On the far right, a yellow box contains the text 'MCV is a two-way engagement tool brought to you by Kent Police'. The website address 'mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk' is at the bottom right.

### Other numbers

Report online – [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

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## How to report

REPORT minor offences. (Stolen Car, Property Damage, Drug Use or Dealing) Call 101, Live Chat,

[www.kent.police.uk/ro/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/ro/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.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement)

To REPORT issues with village lighting

Parish Clerk Wendy Licence e-mail; [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com) Tel: 07522 778334

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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## 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, toxocariasis (roundworms), coccidian, cysticercosis (tapeworms), E.coli, giardia and parvovirus. The symptoms of 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.

## **Councillor and MP Details**

### **Swale Borough Councillors**

**Chris Palmer** Tel: 07939992295 Email: [chrispalmer@swale.gov.uk](mailto:chrispalmer@swale.gov.uk)

**Richard Palmer** Tel: 07702 674721 Email: [richardpalmer@swale.gov.uk](mailto:richardpalmer@swale.gov.uk)

### **Kent County Councillor**

**Richard Palmer** Tel: 07702 674721 Email: [richard.palmerkent.gov.uk](mailto:richard.palmerkent.gov.uk)

### **Member of Parliament**

**Kevin McKenna** Tel: 07519 087522 Email: [kevin.mckenna.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:kevin.mckenna.mp@parliament.uk)

Parliamentary address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

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## **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)

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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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## **My Community Voice update**



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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### Roman Road Runners

They run on Tuesday at 6.30pm (meeting at car wash) and Thursday 7pm (meeting at the rec entrance).

They also walk on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

It's a free, social running group. Nobody gets left behind.

Contact- Steve Wolfe on 07976673366

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### Public Rights of Way



Are you ever put off walking around Newington because of blocked or unsuitable footpaths? Prompt reporting to KCC online is the quickest way to get remedy.

<http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/public-rights-of-way/report-a-problem-on-a-right-of-way>

You need to create an account. But then you'll be able to log back in and see the status of your report or you can escalate your complaint if it's not dealt with promptly.



Report cold callers to Trading Standards. Stickers are available please contact Newington Pharmacy.

## Newington History Group

**Monthly talks:** Carol Stewart will be looking across the centuries to detail the history of Kent and Medway's Caribbean community in the Village Hall on Thursday, October 23 (7pm).

People from the Caribbean have been making the journey for centuries to settle and work in the county.

Carol Stewart, chair of the Medway African and Caribbean Association, will detail the history of the community and highlight some of their stories.

The talk is open to all and costs £4 at the door (NHG members free) and is followed by free light refreshments and an opportunity for social chat.

On November 27, Glen Jones will talk about the Maidstone Typhoid Medal awarded following the country's largest typhoid epidemic in 1897 and 1898.

The talks are monthly (except Jan. and Aug) on the fourth Thursday at 7pm (7.30pm from February).

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

Facebook: Newington History Group.

## Newington Calendar 2026

Thank you to everyone in and beyond the village who sent in photographs for next year's Newington Village Calendar.

The theme is the village sign, and the calendar will be on sale next month, priced £7.50. Christmas cards will also be available, £2.50 for a pack of five inc. envelopes. Contact NHG to order.

**Support your heritage:** By taking out a membership of Newington History Group 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.

Annual membership is £18 with special rates for under-25s and free membership for under-18s.

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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.

## **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
- phony consumer surveys
- bogus charity collections.



Such fraud involves 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 0300 123 2040. 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.

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## **Musical Director Vacancy – Upchurch Choral Society**

### **The latest updates**

We are a well-established SATB choral society of 58 years Sittingbourne Kent, seeking a new musical director to lead conduct three main concerts annually starting in February classical works, folk arrangements, and seasonal music. We and rehearse on Friday evenings from 19.45 - 21.15.



based in Upchurch, weekly rehearsals and 2026. Our repertoire spans have around 30 members

We welcome applications from experienced conductors with strong communication skills, a collaborative spirit, and a commitment to inclusive music-making. The role is remunerated, with rates negotiable based on experience.

To apply or request further details, please contact Liz Walters (Secretary) email [kbl.walters@talk21.com](mailto:kbl.walters@talk21.com) by 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

**Newington Parish Council**

Newington Parish Council Wendy Licence – Parish Clerk 14 Trapfield Close,  
 Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent. ME14 4HT

Tel: 07522 77833 Email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

| <b>Cllr Stephen Harvey</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Cllr Elaine Jackson</b>                                                                                                                                              | <b>Cllr Eric Layer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Chairman</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>Vice Chairman</b>                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Planning Committee (Chairman)<br>Amenities Committee<br>Events Working Group<br>Finance Working Group<br>Cemetery Working Group<br>Human Resource Working Group<br>Parish Highways Improvement Plan<br>Roads and pavements | Amenities Committee (Chairman)<br>Planning Committee<br>Events Working Group<br>Finance Working Group (Chairman)<br>Human Resource Working Group<br>Roads and Pavements | Amenities Committee (Vice Chairman)<br>Planning Committee<br>Cemetery Advisory Group (Chairman)<br>Events Working Group<br>Parish Highways Improvement Plan<br>Roads and pavements<br>Allotments Representative |
| <b>Cllr Richard Palmer</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Cllr Ruth Brown</b>                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Cllr Tony Mould</b>                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Finance Working Group (Vice Chairman)<br>Events Working Group<br>Parish Highways Improvement Plan<br>Grants and external funding<br>Village Hall Representative<br>Defibrillator                                           | Amenities Committee<br>Planning Committee<br>Human Resource Working Party (Chairman)<br>Events Working Group                                                            | Amenities Committee<br>Finance Working Group<br>Human Resource Working Group<br>Events Working Group (Chairman)<br>School Governor                                                                              |
| <b>Cllr Michael Barlow</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>Cllr Christine Palmer</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>Cllr Barbara Weight</b>                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Amenities Committee<br>Planning Committee                                                                                                                                                                                  | Amenities Committee                                                                                                                                                     | Amenities Committee                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Cllr Steve Godman</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Planning Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |



**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 – Morning Worship 10am**

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

**From November the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday will be held at the Methodist Church at 9:30am**

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**Refreshments follow after every service**

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**Special Services**

**2<sup>nd</sup> November Joint Benefice Communion is at All Saints, Iwade 10.30am**

**9<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday 10.15am at St Mary's**

**30<sup>th</sup> November Joint Benefice Communion is at Upchurch 10.30am**

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**St. Mary's Christmas Fayre is at the Village Hall**

**29<sup>th</sup> November from 2 pm**

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**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 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**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 vouc**



# 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



## RECYCLING INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS

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| food and<br>drink cans                                                                                                                                                              | mixed glass                                                                       | mixed paper                                                                       | cardboard                                                                          | plastic bottles,<br>pots, tubs & trays                                              |
|  Kent recycles  |                                                                                   |                                                                                   |                                                                                    |                                                                                     |

### 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





# FACE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 3rd issue for 2025 to:

**Faversham Assistance Centre - FACE Newsletter!**

We hope you like it and it helps you find out more about FACE and all the good work we do in our community ...

## OUR WORK

Before/after we recently completed in Faversham and Sittingbourne.



www.facefaversham.co.uk

## **We will be at the MARKET!**

FACE INFO POINT, Fundraising event— turn over for more details. **\*AT THE FAVERSHAM MARKET\***

**See you there on the 18th of October**

**We complete our work on a donation only basis  
please show your support by donating generously.**

**FACE does not get any government funding!**

We are now in our decorating season after completing a successful gardening season (which started in mid March 2025). Our waiting list is now about 15 between Faversham and Sittingbourne, so please let us know if your circumstances have changed or if you know of someone who needs FACE. As always, the sooner you get on the list, the sooner we can start helping you ... **FOR MORE INFO- Please get in touch 07483 150330**

Please use your phone to donate to FACE using this QR code— thank you!



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## Community Page

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| <b>Allotment Association</b><br><br>Cherrill Matthews, Secretary<br><br>Email: john.matthews57@yahoo.com<br>01795 844094                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Book Club</b><br><br>Meets at the church last<br>Wednesday of the month Bring<br>a packed lunch.<br><br>Teas & coffee<br><br>Contact Mairi Moulton<br><br>01795 843172                    | <b>Cherry Tree Nursery</b><br><br>Where learning is fun!,<br><br>Limited spaces available<br><br>Free Government funding<br><br>for 3- & 4-year-olds & eligible 2yr olds<br><br>Email:<br>nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk<br><br>Newington School, School Lane<br>Newington, ME9 7LB<br><br>Phone: 01795 842300 ext 3 |
| <b>Newington Bingo Club</b><br>Meets on the first Thursday, 2.00-<br>4.00 pm each month (except<br>January) in the Newington Room,<br>Village Hall.<br><br>Game cards: £4.00 for five<br>games. (Tea and biscuits<br>included).<br><br>Raffle: £1.00 a strip. Members who<br>want to enter the raffle need to bring<br>with them each month a raffle prize<br>(one item that they would be happy<br>to win!).<br><br>Contact Irene Layer Email:<br>ericandirene@btinternet.com | <b>The Cornerstone Cafe</b><br>The third Thursday in<br>every month<br><br>From 9.30am- 12<br><br>In the Church St Mary the<br>Virgin, Newington –Play<br>area for children – All<br>welcome | <b>Neweton Scout Group</b><br><br>Beavers, cubs and scouts meet on<br>Thursdays and Fridays at<br>Newington's Scout Hut.<br><br>Explorers 14 to 18 years Tuesdays<br>7.45 – 9.30pm.<br><br>For more information call:<br><br>01795 475114 – 07716 045209                                                            |
| <b>Citizens Advice Swale (Freephone)</b><br><br>(Freephone) General advice- 0808<br>278 7979<br><br>New Universal Credit claim<br><br>0800 144 8444<br><br>Consumer helpline- 0808 223 1133                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Newington C of E School</b><br><br>Mr S Krafft, Head of School<br><br>Email:<br>office@newington.kent.sch.uk<br><br>Tel: 01795 842300                                                     | <b>Newington Charities</b><br><br>Mr David Parker (Sec)<br><br>Tel: 01795 842143<br><br>Email:<br>david.parker.n31@gmail.com                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Newington Concert Party</b><br><br>Derek Friday<br><br>Email:<br>fridayderek@outlook.com<br>01795 873056 or<br><br>07985 656486                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Newington Floral Art Group</b><br><br>Alison Fagg, secretary<br><br>Email: alisonfagg46@gmail.com<br><br>01795 843150                                                                     | <b>Newington History Group</b><br><br>Richard Thompstone<br><br>Email:<br>newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com<br>07506 239970                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Newington Methodist Hall</b><br>For Hire £10 per hour<br><br>Contact Robert Zachar Tel: 07504<br>840781<br><br>newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>Newington Pharmacy</b><br>44 Newington High Street<br>01795 844131<br><b>Opening Hours</b><br>Monday to Friday 9am–6pm<br>Lunchtimes 1pm to 2pm<br>Saturday 9am–1pm<br>Sunday closed      | <b>Newington Reading Group</b><br>Meets at the Church on the last<br>Wednesday of every month except<br>December at 12 noon.<br><br>Please call Mairi on 01795 843 172 for<br>more information or to say you intend<br>to come.                                                                                     |

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| <b>Newington Table Tennis Club</b><br><br>John Coleman Secretary<br>Email: sdttajohncoleman@yahoo.co.uk<br><br>Tel 07895 382 173   | <b>Newington Village Hall</b><br><br>Booking Secretary: Mrs<br>Kristin Julier 07985<br>711257<br><br>Email:<br><br>kcljulier@googlemail.com<br><br>Registered Charity No<br>10202925<br><br>Chairman:<br><br>Dave Fagg Email:<br><br>davefagg46@gmail.com | <b>Newington W.I</b><br><br>Meets every 3rd Thursday of the month<br>except August at 7.30 pm in the<br><br>Main Hall at Newington Village Hall.<br><br>Contact: Chris Kerr Email<br>chris.kerr@hotmail.co.uk                                                                    |
| <b>Ramases</b><br><br>Annette Crowder<br><br>Email: ramasessociety@gmail.com<br><br>Tel: 07368436612                               | <b><u>Rambling</u></b><br><br>A group of ramblers meet<br>every Wednesday at 10am<br>outside Newington Surgery                                                                                                                                            | <b><u>Short Mat Bowls</u></b><br><b>At Newington Village Hall</b><br><br>Mondays 2pm – 4.30pm and<br>Wednesdays 7– 9.30pm for more<br>information contact Cleone Curtis<br>(Sec.) Tel: 01795 485265<br>Email: bowls.cle@gmail.com<br><br>Or Kate Beeby<br><br>Tel: 07759 626 354 |
| <b>St. Mary's Art Group</b><br>First Friday and third Friday<br>mornings between 10.00 and<br>12.00am every month at the<br>Church | <b>St Mary's Bellringers</b><br><br>David Lane<br><br>Email:<br>laneatborden@btinternet.com<br>01795 842478                                                                                                                                               | <b>St Mary the Virgin Church</b><br><br>Rev Amanda Lane<br><br>Email: revamandalane@gmail.com<br>01795 842478                                                                                                                                                                    |

**UPCHURCH CHORAL SOCIETY**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025 SUNDAY 7 TH DECEMBER

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, UPCHURCH ME9 7AL. 730PM

A FESTIVE MIX OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC AND AUDIENCE CAROLS

CONDUCTED BY DEREK BOYNE AND ACCOMPANIED BY JANET STONE

TICKETS £12 CASH ON THE DOOR. INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS.

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IF YOU THINK YOU'D ENJOY SINGING WITH US WHY NOT COME AND TRY?

WE REHEARSE IN ST MARY'S CHURCH 7.45PM -9.15PM MOST FRIDAYS

NO AUDITIONS, ABILITY TO READ MUSIC HELPFUL BUT NOT ESSENTIAL.

Contact Liz Walters - 01634 361897 or [kbl.walters@talk21.com](mailto:kbl.walters@talk21.com)

## Newington Remembers

Villagers will gather at the War Memorial in the churchyard on Sunday, November 9, for the annual Act of Remembrance, paying tribute to the Newington men who fell in conflicts during the 20th century.

There will be two minutes silence and wreaths laid on behalf of the Parish Council and local organisations.

Richard Thompson, chair of Newington History Group, will read out the names of those 61 men who gave their lives for their country.

### World War One

|                   |                                      |                 |                   |                   |                  |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Walter Ager       | Arthur Attwood*                      | Frank Bates     | Frank Beacon*     | Thomas Betts      | Henry Bishenden  |
| Leonard Bishenden | Harold Brand                         | Edward Carver   | Henry Cogger      | Frank Crane       | Charles Davies   |
| Aylmer Davison    | Percy Deverson                       | George Giles*   | George Goodall    | George Gulvin     | Edgar Hales      |
| George Hall*      | William Hall                         | William Hanham  | Alexander Hanmer* | Arthur Harrison   | Herbert Hodges   |
| George Hopkins*   | George Inwood*                       | Harry Ivory*    | Frederick Jordan  | Walter Jrdan      | Frank Judges     |
| Bertie Kiff       | Thomas Lake*<br>(Canadian Engineers) | Frederick Lloyd | Walter Long*      | Arthur Luckhurst* | James Mannering  |
| Arthur Martin     | Ernest Masters*                      | Percy Millard   | Edward Pitches    | Frank Roots       | Arthur Seager    |
| Charles Snelling* | Oliver Spense*                       | Frederick Swan* | James Taylor*     | William Tillett   | Albert Wanstall* |
| William Woolley*  |                                      |                 |                   |                   |                  |

### World War Two

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| Charles Bicker | William Byast* | Frank Chismon        | Arthur Clarke* | William Drinkwater* | Albert Dunk |
| Derek Edwards* | Harry Lacey*   | Frederick Mullinger* | Edward Hannan  | Alfred Norton       |             |

### Korean War

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| Bruce Robinson |  |  |  |  |
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The poppies lining the A2 and Church Lane are an annual tribute by Newington History Group.

\*Not named on Newington War Memorial

## Updates from Citizens Advice Swale

October 2025

We can all face problems that seem complicated or intimidating. At Citizens Advice Swale, we believe no one should have to face these problems without good quality, independent advice. We’re here to give

people the knowledge and the confidence they need to find their wayforward – whoever they are, and whatever their problem.

## **General advice**

We offer advice on a wide range of issues including debt, benefits, housing, employment, relationships, discrimination, healthcare, education, cost of living and energy. We're also a referral agency for local food banks. We can discuss your situation with you and supply you with a food bank voucher where appropriate.

## **Housing**

Are you having problems with rent or mortgage payments? Been threatened with eviction? Experiencing problems with your landlord? We can help you understand your rights and responsibilities.

## **Gypsy, Roma & Traveller project**

Our GRT adviser can give advice on a wide range of issues impacting the community.

## **Debt advice**

Each year, our specialist debt team deals with over 2,500 debt issues and helps manage total indebtedness of over £1.5 million. We understand there are many reasons people get into debt. The advice we provide is non-judgmental and is focused on exploring ways to manage your finances.

## **Energy**

Our Energy Team can give advice on how to save energy at home, and how to maximise your income. We're also able to supply fuel vouchers where appropriate.

## **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.