



VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
JANUARY 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**



New football kit

A new football strip has been unveiled commemorating the 175th anniversary of Newington Primary School. And it came together thanks to research from NHG.

Every element of the strip acknowledges something from the past 175 years.

The white collars are similar to those worn by young boys in the first known picture of Newington pupils, taken in 1889. The image, published in Thelma Dudley's book *Newington Times Past*, shows that, while the children didn't wear a uniform, most wore a high-necked jacket, with the white collar of a shirt folded over the top. The collar would, no doubt, have been detachable so that it could be washed more frequently than the main shirt.

The grey strip running vertically through the football tops is another nod to the colours in that same image.

The royal blue colour and the school badge both come from the 1980s when a formal uniform was first introduced and the school logo designed. The logo itself commemorates the school's history.

The cross marks Newington Primary as a Church of England school. Cherries recall the days when Newington was one of the most important cherry-growing areas in the country. And the bird in flight would have been recognised by everyone then as an almost constant resident in the eaves of their houses.

The 'halved' design of the shirt recalls the design of some football strips from the late Victorian period, when football started to become a more popular team sport. A few clubs, such as Blackburn Rovers, still have the same look.

The new kit was unveiled at a special assembly at the school, with members of both the boys' and the girls' teams putting it on for the first time. The first official outing was on January 23 when Charlton Athletic woman's team members visited Newington to run a training session.

As Thelma explains in her book, Newington Primary School was founded by the Church of England on land known as Poor Barn Garden in 1850. The land had been gifted to the parish in the 17th century by benefactor Simon Tomlyn. Present-day offices are still in what was the original schoolhouse.

The school has grown considerably in the 20th and 21st centuries. A new wing opened in 2000 marked the school's 150th anniversary, with the Princess Royal, Princess Anne, performing the opening ceremony.

There are lots of events planned for the coming year – including several for former pupils. If you attended the school or have a relative who did (even if not still alive) Newington History Group would love to hear from you.

Contact us via Newington History Group's website (newingtonhistory.uk) or email newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com



Year 6 teacher, Mr Lloyd and headteacher, Mr Krafft with the football top they designed

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
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

Restoration Fund Monthly Draw for January 2025

The January draw took place at Cornerstone Cafe St Mary's Church on the 16 January with the winners shown below. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Prize	Value	Ticket	Name
1st	£25	43	Ray Stafford
2nd	£20	231	Judy Baron
3rd	£18	1	Kristin Julier
4th	£15	102	Megan Walker
5th	£10	98	Simon Curtis

Prizes will be winging their way to the new winners within the next few days. If anyone else would like to join for 2025, please let me know. Tel: 01795 842478 or Email David.Lane@btinternet.com.

Thank you everyone and kind regards.

David Lane

Acting Restoration Fund Organiser



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, or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com



Parish Council meetings

The Amenities Committee will meet on Tuesday 18th February at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council monthly Meeting is on Tuesday 25th February 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, email: clerk.npc@gmail.com



Village Voice

Online

April 2025
May 2025
July 2025

Paper delivery

March 2025
June 2025
August 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 clrrtmould.npc@gmail.com

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

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. email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

Need a Venue for groups or special occasions

The Parish Room at Newington Pavilion

is an ideal location for group and club meetings as well as children's parties and small social gatherings.

It is available for hire at a preferential rate of £5 per hour for residents and village groups or

£10 per hour for non-resident or commercial hire. For bookings please contact the Clerk,

Email: clerk.npc@gmail.com



Twenty is Plenty Bin Stickers

The Parish Council has acquired a number of wheelie bin self adhesive stickers for bins within the 20 zone.

If your bin can be seen by drivers when it is waiting for collection or permanently please contact the Parish Clerk email: clerk.npc@gmail.com



Are you looking for funding?

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

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

The Newington Parish (Wickham) Charity

c/o Graham Dudley on 01795 842711 or Email nwt@delucy.plus.com



Town/Parish Council Report for .

Reporting between 28-12-2024 and 28-01-2025

Current Volunteers	=	6
Summary for this Period		
Number of Sessions this period	=	0
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	0
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	0
Accuracy	=	n/a
Police Actions this Period		
From all Group records		
My group started Recording* on	=	16-03-2023
Number of Sessions since start date	=	124
Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date	=	2494
Maximum Speed recorded in 20 limit	=	50 mph(+150%)

Date	Type	Location	Recorded	Letters	All Vehicles	Percent
	Traffic	Heading				
Totals			0	0		

The type field shows if the Session was
 Ad-Hoc – one not booked using the Campaign Calendar.
 Booked – one in the Campaign Calendar awaiting results or with zero offenders(shown in yellow).
 Scheduled – one in the Campaign Calendar with records booked to this session.

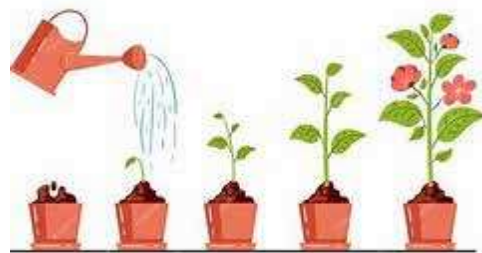
NOTE:- Recorded column is the total number of vehicles recorded during this session.
 Letters column is the total number of Offence letters sent for this session.
 All vehicles column shows the count of vehicles passing if recorded by group.
 Percent column shows the percentage of offending vehicles vs total passing.
 * Start Date is date of first recorded internal batch id not necessarily your groups original start date.

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Do you have green fingers and a desire to make our village brighter

The Parish Council is looking for some volunteers to look after some of our planters and to suggest locations for new ones!

Our wonderful Allotments Association has been looking after the plants around our village sign and is happy to continue, they have also very kindly offered to look after the two planters by the bus stop next door to the Bull. But we are looking for people who could “adopt” the other planters and also for ideas and volunteers for some more.



The Parish Council will pay for the new planters, soil, plants and bulbs but we need people to keep the planters tidy, updated and of course watered when needed. In addition if any of our local bussesses would light to sponsor a planter – do get in touch!

So, if you feel able to commit to this, to help our village and our environment, do please message our Clerk email: clerk.npc@gmail.com and we will come back to you.



Village Sign Repairs

The village sigh suffered some damage when it was blown over during one of January’s storms.

The sign is being repared and a new column is being ordered



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

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

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 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.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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 – 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. 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

Hear about the history of Kemsley Paper Mill at NHG's talk on Thursday, February 27 (7pm) in Newington village hall.

Clare Marshall will explain what goes on inside the local factory that you'll have seen from the outside but have little idea of what it does or its history.

Claire has spent her working life in the paper industry and is an expert on the mill - the country's largest mill for recycled paper. She has just published a book about its 100 years from 1924 to 2024.



This public talk costs £4 (free to NHG members) including light refreshments. No booking required.

On Thursday, March 27, the guest speaker will be Doug Hudson. His topic A Kentish Songster will look at how Kent figures in songs. Doug is a well-known figure in the county being not only a professional entertainer, recording artiste and author, but his voice is familiar to thousands as the stadium announcer at Gillingham football club.

School 175

Newington CE Primary School is celebrating its 175th anniversary this year and the history group is helping with the commemorative events.

The school wants to hear from former pupils, but would like, especially, to hear from you if generations of your family attended the school. Email newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com or call 07506 239970.

Special events, exhibitions, productions and parties will be held throughout the year. NHG works closely with the school in helping the children learn about and appreciate their local history.

Newington Archaeology

Would you like to help at NewCAR, the Newington Community Archaeology dig at Boyce's Hill?

The dig dates, subject to weather conditions, are Sunday and Monday: April 20-21; May 11-12; June 22-23; July 20-21; August 17-18; September 14-15 and September 28-29 (10am-4pm).

You can help with metal detecting, geophysical surveying, photography, plan drawing, dowsing, or cleaning and recording finds as you delve into Newington's past and unearth its secrets. Experience is not necessary.

Contact HRGS chair Richard Emmett via email, richard@hrgs.co.uk, or call him on 07778 793079.

Support Your Heritage

Support Your Heritage By joining 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 admission to the group's monthly talks. Annual membership (June-May) is £18 or pro-rata. Look at the website: newingtonhistory.uk.



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

News from Citizens Advice Swale

We're delighted to announce a new drop-in session for 2025, thanks to the National Lottery Reaching Communities fund. Our new project will help us to reach the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities, but is open to everyone who needs our support. The additional drop-in session will be on Tuesdays at Murston Family Hub, Tonge Road, ME10 3NT, 11.30am-1.30pm.

As with all our drop-in sessions, you don't need an appointment, you can just turn up. Our services are subject to adviser availability and can get busy, so please be patient with us if you're asked to wait. Remember, our volunteers are giving up their time to help.



We provide advice on a wide range of issues including debt, benefits, housing, employment, consumer, relationships, discrimination, healthcare, education, cost of living and energy.

While you're here we'll assess how we can resolve your query. This may include providing you with advice and information, signposting you to another organisation, or arranging an appointment with another generalist or specialist adviser who can provide you with assistance (such as drafting letters and completing forms) and possibly take action on your behalf (such as contacting third parties).

All our drop-in sessions:

- 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

Alternatively, email us at www.citizensadviceuk.org.uk/email-general-advice (Monday-Wednesday) or call Adviceline on freephone 0808 278 7979.

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

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, toxocarosis (roundworms), coccidian, cysticercosis (tapeworms), E.coli, giardia and parvovirus. 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.

Roman Road Runners

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

They also walk Wednesdays 6.30pm.

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

Contact- Steve Wolfe on 07976673366

How to Report

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

To CONTACT your local councillor or MP Find them: www.writetothem.com

To REPORT to KCC online at: www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem.

To REPORT issues with village lighting
Parish Clerk Wendy Licence e-mail; 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.

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 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.

Help Available:

For updates from Government and local services see the Parish Council website
www.newington-pc.gov.uk

111 NHS or 111.nhs.uk/ (111.nhs.uk/covid-19)

101 for Police non-emergency or www.kent.police.uk

PC Jez Chittim E-mail: 13369@kent.police.uk

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



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



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

Starting with refreshments

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

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.

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

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 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

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



Newington newsletter



**Kent
Police**

Incidents of Note

Nuisance vehicle reports all consisting of quad bikes and off-road motor bikes. On 22/12/24 it was reported 5 bikes being ridden by teenagers were riding on the pavement along Boyces Hill and some riders were without crash helmets. On 12/01/25 it was reported there were 5 bikes being ridden in the fields by Newington Primary School. And I also received an email reporting numerous incidents of quad bikes and off-road bikes being ridden along the footpath and into Cranbrook Wood throughout this month. Police attended the two calls and on both occasions they couldn't get close to the riders owing to them being spotted from afar and the riders able to travel across fields and squeeze through gaps the police unfortunately can't get through in a car. I thank those reporting these incidents as it helps me target certain areas and request extra resources. However, to stop this I will need names "of those involved. If you know who these people are, you" "can contact me in confidence and I will deal with this. Please email any detail to me on 13369@kent.police.uk" times.

Vehicle Theft

"Vehicle Theft. There was a report of an attempt theft of a motor vehicle on 20/12/24 from the driveway of an address on The Willows. Thankfully vehicle owner was able to shout at the two males dressed in all black and they ran off before being able to break into the car or steal the vehicle itself. Then on 17/01/25 a Range Rover was stolen from Station Road between 12:00 hours and "22:00 hours. This is an ongoing investigation and if "anyone has any information regarding this incident, please "call 101 and quote Kent police investigation 46/9950/25."

Burglary

Burglary. Between 20:00 hours on 25/01/25 and 10:00 hours on 26/01/25 an address on High Street, Newington was broken into via smashed windows to the rear of the property. This is an ongoing investigation and should anyone have any information they feel would assist the police, please call 101 and quote Kent police incident KP "20250126-0367."

Your local officer is Police **Jez Chittim**

My Community Voice
Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway

- Find out what's happening in your area
- Receive alerts from your local officers
- Tell us what matters most to you
- Sign up today and make your voice count

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

mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

Other numbers

Report on line – www.kent.police.uk/services/report-online/ Crimestoppers – Call 0800 555 111
Call your local Police 101 – in an emergency always call 999

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 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.



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Find out more 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

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

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

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

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

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

Rambling

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

Your community information HERE

Contact: Tony Mould 07590464700 email: cllrtrmould.npc@gmail.com

VILLAGE GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Ist Neweton Scout Group

Stephen Coulter (Group Scout Leader)
01795 475114

Age UK Memory Café

Lis Willmet
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01795 841226 Age UK- 01795 532766

Allotment Association

Cherrill Matthews, Secretary
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Bingo Group

Irene Layer
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Book Club

Mairi Moulton 01795 843172

Cornerstone Café

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Craft Group

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Lunch Club

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Newington Concert Party

Derek Friday
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01795 873056 07985 656486

Newington C of E School

Mr S Krafft, Head of School
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Cherry Class Nursery

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Newington Floral Art Group

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Newington WI

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Newington Village Hall

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Newington History Group

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Newington Table Tennis Club

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Ramases

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The Short Mat Bowls Club

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St Mary the Virgin Church

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St Mary the Virgin Church

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Friends of St Mary's

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07931301793

Newington Methodist Chapel

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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

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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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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

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 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

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 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



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Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report

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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**

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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.

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 or call 0300 123 2040.



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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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