



VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

AUGUST 2024



Newington Summer Fete

Hundreds of people attended the summer Fete this year. There were over forty stalls and other attractions including Punch and Judy, face painting and children's races. The Fun Dog show was a great success thanks to Mandy Pett for judging the competition. We would like to thank all those who helped on the day and to our sponsors Overbury Estates, Nisa Local and Smith Malhotra Ltd.



ADH Groundworks Ltd - Temporary Road Closure - School Lane, Boxted Lane & Bricklands, Newington - 22nd July 2024 (Swale District)

Due to works planned to be undertaken by ADH Groundworks Ltd, it will be necessary to close School Lane, Boxted Lane & Bricklands, Newington from 22nd July 2024, with estimated completion by 29th September 2024.

School Lane & Boxted Lane, Newington

School Lane & Boxted Lane will be closed from 22nd July 2024, with estimated completion by 1st September 2024.



The roads will be closed at the junction with Bricklands, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site.

The alternative route for vehicles is via Church Lane, A2 High Street, Hartlip Hill, Breach Lane, Boxted Lane and vice versa.

Bricklands, Newington

Bricklands will be closed from 22nd July 2024, with estimated completion by 29th September 2024.

The road will be closed in its entirety, to the extent indicated by signs and barriers on site.

The alternative route for vehicles will be via Breach Lane, Boxted Lane and vice versa.

The closures are required for the safety of the public and workforce while S278 works are undertaken by ADH Groundworks Ltd.

For the most up to date information on these works please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=138962257>

For information regarding these closures, please contact ADH Groundworks Ltd on 01322 471107, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works. The Kent County Council Highways Helpline phone number is: 03000 418181

Restoration Fund Monthly Draw for July 2024

The third draw of the Restoration Draw 2024-2025, took place at Cornerstone in St Marys Church on the 18th July with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Prize	Value	Ticket	Name
1st	£25	171	Clare Stevens
2nd	£20	94	Derek Blease
3rd	£18	29	Judith Ledger
4th	£15	202	Honor Wright
6th	£10	84	Honor Wright

Prizes will be winging their way to the new winners within the next few days. If anyone else would like to join for 2024/2025, please let me know. Tel: 01795 842478 or Email David Lane on laneatborden@btinternet.com.

Thank you everyone and kind regards.

David Lane

Acting Restoration Fund Organiser



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>



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 26th August. To find out what's involved and for any other information please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com



Parish Council meetings

There is no Amenities Committee meeting in August. The Parish Council monthly Meeting is on Tuesday 27th August at 7.00pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend and ask questions during our ten minute agenda slot. For details on how to attend please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, email: clerk.npc@gmail.com



Village Voice

Online

October 2024
November 2024
January

Paper delivery

September 2024
December 2024
March 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 tonymould1@sky.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. Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

Need a Venue for groups or special occasions

The Parish Room at Newington Pavilion

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

It is available for hire at a preferential rate of £5 per hour for residents and village groups or £10 per hour for non-resident or commercial hire. For bookings please contact the Clerk,

Wendy Licence 01622 739324 Email: clerk.npc@gmail.com



Twenty is Plenty Bin Stickers

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

If your bin can be seen by drivers when it is waiting for collection or permanently please contact the Parish Clerk Mrs Wendy Licence, and we will get one delivered email: clerk.npc@gmail.com



Are you looking for funding?

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

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

The Newington Parish (Wickham) Charity

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



Vibe Community Youth



FREE!

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8 - 12

NEWINGTON RECREATIONAL GROUND



ACTIVITIES: 1 - 3PM

- Mon 29th July Sports and ball games
- Mon 5th Aug Smoothies and chill games
- Mon 12th Aug Olympics competition
- Mon 19th Aug Arts and Crafts
- Tues 27th Aug Woodland Fun

Scan QR code to sign up to Vibe



Email tanya@brogdalecic.co.uk or text 07904378257 to let us know you're coming!



Planning

Land at School Lane

In an attempt to clear confusion:

21/504028/FULL Land At School Lane, Newington ME9 7JU

Erection of 25no. residential dwellings and the provision of a 20 space staff car park and 20 space pupil pick-up/drop-off area for Newington C of E Primary School, together with associated access, landscaping, drainage and infrastructure works.

Approved after Planning Inspectorate hearing summer 2023

24/500172/SUB

Submission of details to discharge condition 3 - Construction Environmental Management Plan, Subject to 21/504028/FULL was refused on 10 June 2024

and, following complaints about building work on site, an enforcement notice to 'cease all work' was issued on 16 July (please report any further breaches via the Enforcement section on the Swale Borough Council website.

24/502351/SUB

Submission of Details pursuant to condition 9 (Highway infrastructure) of application 24/500900/FULL.

Was approved on 11 July 2024

Meanwhile KCC had issued its S178 notice

'Due to works planned to be undertaken by ADH Groundworks Ltd, it will be necessary to close School Lane, Boxted Lane & Bricklands, Newington from 22nd July 2024, with estimated completion by 29th September 2024.'

There is still (31 July) no formal information about the proposal for a new parking area and a housing development off Denham Road.

128 High Street,

21/505722/OUT 128 High Street, Newington ME9 7JH

Outline application for demolition of existing residential dwelling and erection of up to 46 residential dwellings, including affordable housing, with access from A2 High Street (Access only being sought).

Was approved by Swale Borough Council Planning Committee in January 2023.

There is still confusion over the detail as specific proposals are made:

Questions about the demolition of 128 High Street to provide the road access (details of the demolition, effect on the remaining part of the semi-detached property; safety of the proposed junction; pedestrian access where there is no pavement on the section of the A2).

Further questions about the proposed pedestrian access to The Tracies via the existing public footpath (is this to be lit? to remain a muddy track? for pedestrians or also for cyclists?)

No news on:

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

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

22/501005/FULL 77 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Erection of 10 no. detached C3 dwellinghouses with repositioned vehicular access from public highway.

Application validated 25 March 2023

20/505059/FULL Willow Trees, 111 High Street, Newington ME9 7JJ

Retention of existing chalet bungalow with amended residential curtilage and erection of 10 dwellings (7 x three bedrooms and 3 x four bedrooms) with associated access, parking, amenity, and landscaping

Approved by Swale Borough Council Planning Committee in December 2022

The land is currently advertised as for sale.

Appeals to the Planning Inspectorate

Fir View 109/111 London Road, Newington ME9 7RH

Appeal against enforcement notice: The unauthorised stationing of a static caravan in breach of condition (3) of planning permission 16/508699/FULL.

Application: 23/505840/FULL Digswell, Lower Hartlip Road, Hartlip ME9 7SX

Appeal against refusal: Proposal: Demolition of 2no. commercial premises (Use Class E) and erection of 4no. dwellings together with associated parking, refuse and cycle stores, and landscaping.

Application: 23/503792/FULL Moat View, Church Lane, Newington ME9 7JX

Appeal against refusal: Proposal: Erection of a detached dwelling for a disabled person with associated parking and minor landscaping works.

School Governor Wanted

Do you have a background in education? Perhaps you are a retired teacher or teaching assistant?
Would you like to use your skills and experience for the benefit of local children?

Lower Halstow and Newington CEP Schools Federation is hoping to co-opt a new governor from the local area following the retirement of our long-standing curriculum governor.
This is a voluntary role as link governor for curriculum (Quality of Education)

The governing body of the federation has 3 main roles.

Setting the strategic direction

Overseeing financial performance

Holding the school leadership accountable.

The curriculum governor should be able to:

Attend governor meetings: 4 Full Governing body meetings and 3 committee meetings a year
(early evening: approximately 2 hrs each)

Undertake visits to school during the day: 6 school visits of approximately 2 hrs.
more are welcome if you are able!

Ideally the curriculum governor should have:

Experience of working in or with schools (does not need to be recent)

Knowledge of the current national curriculum or a willingness to learn

However, if you are really passionate about education and the curriculum and willing to learn,
we'd still love to hear from you.

Full induction/training on the role of a school governor is provided by KCC

For an informal chat about the role, please get in touch with the school office and leave your contact details and a governor or school leader will get back to 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 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.

Citizens Advice Swale

We're delighted to announce that our Sheppey drop-in session is now up and running, in addition to Sittingbourne and Faversham.

Call in without an appointment at one of the following times:
Mondays, 10am-12pm - Swale House, Sittingbourne
Tuesdays, 10am-12pm - Sheppey Gateway, Sheerness
Wednesdays and Fridays, 10am-12pm - 43 Stone Street, Faversham



Our services are subject to adviser availability. Please follow us on social media (Facebook and Twitter)
In addition to our face-to-face services you can still contact us on the phone and online (see below).

How can we help you?

General Advice: Call Adviceline on 0808 278 7979, send an online request at <https://citizensadviceswale.uk/email-general-advice/> (Monday-Wednesday) or come to a drop-in session.

Debt: Request a call back at <https://citizensadviceswale.uk/debt/>

We offer free, confidential and impartial advice to people living or working in and around Faversham, Sheppey and Sittingbourne. In addition to general advice we offer specialist advice services including debt and benefits. We're an independent charity and we rely on donations and grants to make a difference to people in our community.

Allotment Gardening for the Residents of Newington

Newington (Sittingbourne) Allotment Association
The Newington Allotments are situated off of Orchard Drive,
behind the Recreation Ground.
For availability and enquires please contact
the Secretary on 01795 844094



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@theartssocietymedway.org.uk

Swale Foodbank

There are 4 centres – 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, ME10 4AQ. Open 10.30am-12.30pm



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

Reporting Potholes

Report Potholes to neil.baker@kent.gov.uk Kent Council Council



WE HAVE NURSERY SPACES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024

What we can offer:

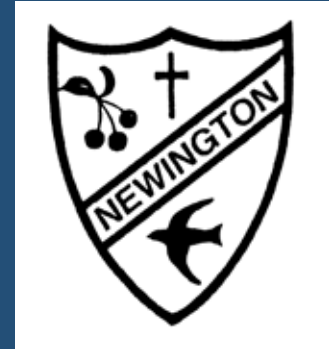
Term-time flexible sessions 8.45-3.15pm* (*additional fees may apply)
We can offer 15/30 hours funding for 3 & 4 year olds.

Why choose us:

We are a maintained nursery school which is part of Newington CEP School. We are a *welcoming* nursery that values the voice of every child. Caring and *generous* staff create a safe and stimulating environment where all children may *flourish*. Every child is encouraged, and supported, to follow their individual interests, learn through play, develop confidence, and are challenged to reach their *God-Given potential*.

- Qualified teacher led
- We take children from 2 years' old
- Use of school facilities to enhance learning
- Beautiful outdoor space
- OFSTED registered
- Recently refurbished
- Government funded or paid sessions available

**Newington CE
Primary School &
Nursery**



**Please contact us
to arrange a tour
of the Nursery**

01795 842300 ext 3

nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk

**Newington CE
Primary School &
Nursery**

School lane

Newington, Kent

ME9 7LB

www.newington.kent.sch.uk



ST MARY'S CHURCH

**SUMMER
GARDEN PARTY**

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 2024

2.00PM—4.00PM IN THE

CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD

**CHURCH LANE, NEWINGTON,
SITTINGBOURNE ME9 7JX**

Refreshments, Tombola,
Artist-Original Paintings,
Various Craft Stalls, History Group,
Eco Stall, Honey Stall,
Smile Malawi Charity Stall,
Books &
Local Produce



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Town/Parish Council Report for Newington.

Reporting between 01-07-2024 and 31-07-2024

Current Volunteers = 7

Summary for this Period

Number of Sessions this period	=	8
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	246
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	241
Accuracy	=	97%
Maximum Speed recorded in 20 limit	=	43 mph(+115%)

Police Actions this Period

1st Record Observed	=	166
Hand Delivered FO1	=	4
In Trade/Sold	=	1
Letter Sent FO1	=	66
Letter Sent FO2	=	3
Letter Sent FO3	=	1
Letter Sent MO2	=	2

From all Group records

My group started Recording* on	=	16-03-2023
Number of Sessions since start date	=	100
Vehicles recorded exceeding limit since start date	=	2032
Maximum Speed recorded in 20 limit	=	50 mph(+150%)

Date	Time	Type	Location	Recorded	Letters	All Vehicles	Percent
		Traffic	Heading				
26-07-2024	06:30 -> 07:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	43	10	206	20%
26-07-2024	06:00 -> 06:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	32	12	117	27%
18-07-2024	18:30 -> 19:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	46	17	200	23%
18-07-2024	18:00 -> 18:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	18	6	274	6%
11-07-2024	18:30 -> 19:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	18	4	179	10%
11-07-2024	18:00 -> 18:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	17	5	235	7%
Totals				246	54		

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.

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

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

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



Drop-in surgery

- Thursday 15th August, 10a.m to 12p.m
- The Cornerstone Café
- Saturday 24th August 4p.m to 8p.m
- Holywell Primary School

Your local officer is Police Officer
Jez Chittim

Summer Fair

I would just like to thank Newington Parish Council for inviting me along to their summer fair. I had lots of positive engagement with families and the local community.



Incidents of Note

- There have been more reports of off-road bikes in Newington. Colleagues have had some joy in neighbouring Wards and I hope these may be some of the same people. Please encourage residents to continue reporting and recording registration plates if safe and possible to do so.
- Newington Primary School have asked for assistance for the first few days back to school in September owing to the road closures and the construction work. I am unable to assist, however will organise a colleague for this.
- There has recently been a few reports of ASB in Playstool Road/Orchard Drive regarding both children and adults. I have focussed more of my time there in recent weeks and will be requesting general patrol officers default there between answering calls.
- Over the past 2/3 months there has been an increase in cold-callers in Newington. This is frustrating for many owing to it

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

Appeal

I still get regular complaints about off roads 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

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.

Newington History Group

Newington Archaeology: Would you like to help at NewCAR, the Newington Community Archaeology dig in the Keycol area?

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.

Join the volunteers on one or more of these dates: Sunday and Monday, August 18-19 and September 15-16.

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

Monthly Talk: We take a break from our talks during August, but will be back on Thursday, September 26 with a talk called Kent's Forgotten Corner.



Edward Peek will focus on one of the county's less visited but beautiful, scenic areas. He'll be detailing some of its history along with personal anecdotes.

This talk, in Newington Village Hall at 7pm, is open to all (£4 at the door). Newington History Group's talks are monthly on the 4th Thursday, except January and August. Membership available (see below).

Meet Us: Visit the history group's stall at Newington Church Fete at St Mary's parish church on Saturday, August 24 (2pm-4pm).

We'll have an activity for youngsters, displays and members will be on hand to discuss the group's work and all aspects of the village's history and heritage.

Newington Calendar 2025 and Christmas Cards: Newington History Group's limited edition 2025 Calendar with colour photographs of the village is available to pre-order, costing £7.50 each.

Also available to pre-order are Christmas cards, featuring a scene of Newington in winter. There are £2.50 for a pack of five.

They are due to go on sale in September. Contact newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com or call 07506 239970.

Join NHG: Annual membership (June-May) is £18 or pro-rata. Your subscription supports the group's work in the community alongside researching and promoting the village's heritage. In addition, it gives you free admission to the group's monthly talks.

NHG works closely with Newington CEP School in teaching youngsters about the village in which they're growing up and in increasing their awareness of its history and heritage.

If you're a young person with an interest in your community's heritage, ask about the group's free membership for under-18s and the special £5p.a. young member concession for 18-25-year-olds. Email requesting a membership form.

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

Financial Wellness Group

Would you like to feel more in control of your finances? Some of the support that is available. Guidance on budget management

Signposting to services that can support with financial concerns including food banks

Working in partnership with local debt advisors How to access this group

if you are interested in attending the group book a session at

<https://financial-wellnessgroup.eventbrite.co.uk> or email:

sittingbourne.referrals@nhs.



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 Ted Tydeman on 01795 431473 or email: ted.anita@btinternet.com for more details

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 esmith.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@hotmail.co.uk

Rambling

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

Your community information HERE

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

VILLAGE GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Ist Newton Scout Group

Stephen Coulter (Group Scout Leader)
01795 475114

Age UK Memory Café

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

Allotment Association

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

Bingo Group

Irene Layer
Email: ericandirene@btinternet.com

Book Club

Mairi Moulton 01795 843172

Cornerstone Café

Lis Willmet
Email: liswillmet@btinternet.com
01795 841226

Craft Group

Jayne Dawson 01795 843037

Lunch Club

Irene Layer
Email: ericandirene@btinternet.com

Newington Concert Party

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

Newington C of E School

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

Cherry Class Nursery

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

Newington Floral Art Group

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

Newington WI

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

Newington Walking Group

Lis Willmet
Email: liswillmet@btinternet.com 01795
841226

Newington Village Hall

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

Newington History Group

Richard Thomstone
Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com
07506 239970

Ramases

Annette Crowder
Email: ramasesociety@gmail.com
07368436612

The Short Mat Bowls Club

Kate Beeby 07759 626 354

St Mary the Virgin Church

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

St Mary the Virgin Church

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

St Mary's Bellringers

David Lane
Email: laneatborden@btinternet.com
01795 842478

Friends of St Mary's

Pete Jones
Email: pete_the_van@btopenworld.com
07931301793

Newington Methodist Chapel

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

The Wickham Trust

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

Newington Charities

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

Citizens Advice Swale

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

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council

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

Cllr Tony Mould

Chairman

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

Cllr Stephen Harvey

Vice Chairman

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

Cllr Michael Barlow

Amenities Committee
Planning Committee

Cllr Ruth Brown

Amenities Committee
Planning Committee (Vice Chairman)
Events Working Group

Cllr Ray Cuffley

Planning Committee
Speed Watch

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
Friends of Newington Recreation Ground Rep

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

Swale Borough Councillors Chris Palmer Tel: 07939992295 Email: chrispalmer@swale.gov.uk

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

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

Member of Parliament Kevin McKenna Tel: 07519 087522. Email: kevin.mckenna.mp@parliament.uk

Parliamentary address: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA



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 – Stepping Stones for families & children 3pm-4pm

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

Outdoor Benefice Service 1st September 10.30am
in St Mary's churchyard

Saturday 24th August 2-4pm

Summer Garden Party at St Mary's Newington Refreshments, stalls & activities

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.



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



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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Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:

-  never Assume
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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 IO 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



Kent Police

Contacting Kent Police

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

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

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

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

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Bank Impersonation/Courier Fraud

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

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

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

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HMRC Scams are on the increase

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

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

For more advice check the following HMRC website –
[Identify tax scam phone calls, emails and text messages - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/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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