



VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
JANUARY 2025



Village Precept

Councillors have given lengthy consideration to the budget for the financial year 2025-26 and have agreed a budget of £111,569. Costs to the Council have grown with a significant increase in grounds maintenance charges at the Recreation Ground. The rising cost of energy has also impacted on finances and the footway lighting grant has been withdrawn. The budget includes an allowance for increased maintenance at the Recreation Ground, Pavilion and Cemetery. The Parish Council will continue to act with due diligence in its finances and will seek competitive tenders and pursue grants to help with costs.

A precept of £61,671 has been set and this is a 3per cent increase adding £1.68pa to a Band D property. equating to 3p per week. The Council has healthy reserves and will draw on this rather than increase the burden on Council Tax payers.

Councillors give freely of their time to help make Newington a better place to live for everyone.



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

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**



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!

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 December 2024-2025

The December draw took place at Cornerstone Cafe St Mary's Church on the 19 December with the winners shown below. Congratulations to the lucky winners.

Prize	Value	Ticket	Name
1st	£50	205	Derek Blease
2nd	£40	133	Jeremy Smith
3rd	£30	86	Vanessa Harris
4th	£20	220	David Seager
5th	£15	225	Judy Baron
6th	£10	126	Linda Baker

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



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 January. 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

The Amenities Committee will meet on Tuesday 21st January at 7.00pm in the Pavilion on the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council monthly Meeting is on Tuesday 28th January 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

February 2025
April 2025
May 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 cllrtmould.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. 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

Town/Parish Council Report for Newington (*) Speedwatch Group.

Reporting between 01-01-2024 and 31-12-2024

Current Volunteers = 6

Summary for this Period

Number of Sessions this period	=	60
Total Vehicles exceeding limit	=	1292
DVLA Valid vehicles	=	1271
Accuracy	=	98%
Maximum Speed recorded in 20 limit	=	43 mph(+115%)

Police Actions this Period

1st Record Observed	=	991
Hand Delivered FO1	=	7
In Trade/Sold	=	2
Letter Sent FO1	=	231
Letter Sent FO2	=	8
Letter Sent FO3	=	1
Letter Sent MO2	=	37
Letter Sent MO3	=	1
Superceeded	=	1
Timed Out	=	1
Police attending session on 20-12-2024	=	13523
Police attending session on 20-12-2024	=	13523

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	Time	Type	Location Traffic Heading	Recorded	Letters	All Vehicles	Percent
20-12-2024	11:30 -> 12:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	19	2	267	7%
			Police in attendance - 13523				
20-12-2024	11:00 -> 11:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	25	7	216	11%
03-12-2024	10:30 -> 11:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	10		194	5%
03-12-2024	10:00 -> 10:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	9	1	225	4%
14-11-2024	14:30 -> 15:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	18	3	325	5%
14-11-2024	14:00 -> 14:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	11	4	233	4%
07-11-2024	11:30 -> 12:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	19	2	281	6%
07-11-2024	11:00 -> 11:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	12		202	5%
24-10-2024	13:00 -> 13:30		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	22	3	198	11%
24-10-2024	12:30 -> 13:00		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	22	7	210	10%
18-10-2024	14:30 -> 15:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	19	6	269	7%
18-10-2024	14:00 -> 14:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	14	5	209	6%
11-10-2024	15:30 -> 16:00		9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading West	20	2	243	8%
11-10-2024	15:00 -> 15:30		9A London road-J/W Wickham Close				
		Traffic	Heading East	14	3	218	6%

09-10-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	20	4	252	7%	
09-10-2024	14:00 -> 14:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	14	3	201	6%	
02-10-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	22	1	176	12%	
		Police in attendance - 13523					
02-10-2024	14:00 -> 14:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	15	4	202	7%	
16-09-2024	11:30 -> 12:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	29	3	203	14%	
16-09-2024	11:00 -> 11:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	16	4	202	7%	
14-08-2024	18:00 -> 19:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	67	16	500	13%	
13-08-2024	07:30 -> 08:30	7 Church Lane-os #63 op#82					
		North	7	2	26	26%	
07-08-2024	07:30 -> 08:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	21	5	232	9%	
07-08-2024	07:00 -> 07:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	17	6	259	6%	
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%	
01-07-2024	06:00 -> 06:30	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	52	13	230	22%	
01-07-2024	05:30 -> 06:00	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	20	10	92	21%	
24-05-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	29	6	476	6%	
17-05-2024	18:30 -> 19:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	43	7	172	25%	
17-05-2024	18:00 -> 18:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	17	7	233	7%	
09-05-2024	16:30 -> 17:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	34	5	348	9%	
09-05-2024	16:00 -> 16:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	21	5	245	8%	
01-05-2024	09:30 -> 10:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	31	6	257	12%	
01-05-2024	09:00 -> 09:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	28	5	195	14%	
19-04-2024	11:30 -> 12:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	17	2	271	6%	
19-04-2024	11:00 -> 11:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	15	2	195	7%	
05-04-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	24	7	323	7%	
05-04-2024	14:00 -> 14:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	19	6	263	7%	
23-03-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading West	28	1	253	11%	
23-03-2024	14:00 -> 14:30	9A London road-J/W Wickham Close					
		Traffic Heading East	17	3	210	8%	
15-03-2024	11:30 -> 12:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close					

15-03-2024	11:00 -> 11:30	Traffic Heading West 9A London road-J/W Wickham Close	19	2	264	7%
		Traffic Heading East	17	2	221	7%
09-03-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
09-03-2024	14:00 -> 14:30	Traffic Heading West 9A London road-J/W Wickham Close	20	6	197	10%
		Traffic Heading East	11	5	253	4%
02-03-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
02-03-2024	14:00 -> 14:30	Traffic Heading West 9A London road-J/W Wickham Close	26	3	140	18%
		Traffic Heading East	5	2	128	3%
28-02-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
		Traffic Heading West	13	4	319	4%
20-02-2024	12:30 -> 13:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
20-02-2024	12:00 -> 12:30	Traffic Heading West 9A London road-J/W Wickham Close	18	2	246	7%
		Traffic Heading East	11	4	208	5%
17-02-2024	14:30 -> 15:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
17-02-2024	14:00 -> 14:30	Traffic Heading West 9A London road-J/W Wickham Close	31	7	207	14%
		Traffic Heading East	15	4	246	6%
27-01-2024	14:00 -> 14:30	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
27-01-2024	13:30 -> 14:00	Traffic Heading West 9A London road-J/W Wickham Close	25	6	198	12%
		Traffic Heading East	17	4	206	8%
26-01-2024	15:30 -> 16:00	9B London Rd-j/w Wickham Close				
26-01-2024	15:00 -> 15:30	Traffic Heading West 9A London road-J/W Wickham Close	14		266	5%
		Traffic Heading East	19	6	201	9%
Totals			1292	289		

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.

Group Site Report

Key:

DR - Direction of traffic

SL - Speed limit.

Numbers - Number of vehicles passing this point in 5mph segments between 01-01-2024 and 31-12-2024.

Location	DR	SL	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90
1 1) A2 High Street in entrance to Village Hal...	E	30	-	-												
2A 2A) Bull Lane op #81	SW	20														
2B 2B) Bull Lane op #77	NE	20														
3 3) Playstool Road os #16	E	20														
4A 4A) Playstool Road western verge between #4...	N	20														
10 Callaways Lane Callaways Lane, near the Junc...	SW	20														
8A Church Lane os #32 op#21	S	20														
8B Church Lane os #34 op#21	N	20														
7 Church Lane os #63 op#82	N	20	5	2												
6 Church Lane os #98 op#111	S	20														
9B London Rd j/w Wickham Close	W	20	691	118	8											
9A London road J/W Wickham Close	E	20	346	102	17	3										
4B Playstool Road western verge between #49 to #61	S	20														

Newington History Group

School 175: This year marks the 175th anniversary of Newington CE Primary School and the history group is heavily involved in helping it celebrate its historic milestone.

The group would love to hear from you if you're a former pupil with an interesting memory or story about the school whether it's a recent memory or one from decades ago. Email newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com.



There will be special events throughout the year following the official launch at the school's crib service on December 13. The most immediate visible sign will be a banner hung outside the school proclaiming the school's 175-year existence, from 1850-2025. The banner will remain until the end of the year.

Special events, exhibitions, productions and parties will be held throughout 2025 involving the whole village, including current and former pupils.

NHG works closely with the school in helping the children learn about and appreciate their local history.

Heritage Support: NHG holds monthly talks throughout the year, except for January and August.

Held in the Village Hall on the fourth Thursday (third Thurs in Dec.) at 7pm, all the talks are about an aspect of Kent's history and are an opportunity to socialise.

NHG is for the whole village but also attracts members and visitors from further afield.

The list of speakers for this year shows a wide range of entertaining and informative subjects. The talks are open to all and there's no need to book. It costs £4 at the door which includes light refreshments, but you get in free if you're a NHG member.

In addition, your membership supports Newington's heritage and our community work.

Annual membership for adults is £18 – a mere £1.50 a month – and runs from June 1.

You can join now for £7.50, with an adult membership which expires at the end of May.

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 young member concession for 18–25-year-olds.

The group is here to research, promote and help protect the history and heritage of the village and neighbouring areas. It liaises with heritage and archaeological experts in recording the village for the future.

Visit the Romano-British temple at Watling Place and find out about the Roman industrial town that covered the estate or walk across the World War One defence line at Cranbrook and Wormdale, where you can read our on-site information boards.

You can explore the village's countryside and heritage by following rural paths to be found on the NHG website at newingtonhistory.uk/walks.

And the group works closely with the village school enabling the children to learn about and appreciate their local history.

Follow the group on Facebook: Newington History Group, and X: [@newingtonhg](https://twitter.com/newingtonhg).

Year of Talks: The year of NHG talks starts with the history of Kemsley Paper Mill told by Clare Marshall on February 27 and will be followed on March 27 by songs that feature Kent in A Kentish Songster delivered by Doug Hudson, who is an entertainer and the stadium announcer at Gillingham football club.

Other topics include: powerful women during the first millennium (April 24); stories from behind the microphone at Invicta Radio, Kent's first independent radio station (May 22); Medway's Jewish community (June 26); the birthplace of aviation (July 24); the 'Maid of Kent' (Sept 25); the Caribbean community in Kent (Oct 23); the Maidstone typhoid medal (Nov 27) and a history of pantomime (Dec 18).

The full list can be seen on the website newingtonhistory.uk.

Follow the group on Facebook: Newington History Group, and X: [@newingtonhg](https://twitter.com/newingtonhg).

News from Citizens Advice Swale December 2024

New drop-in session for the new year!

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.citizensadvice.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

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



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, Vandalis
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.ukroads-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

Ted Tydeman Tournament

Either side of Christmas, the Sturdee and Newington Table Tennis Clubs held an invitation handicapped competition in memory of local, regional and national table tennis legend Ted Tydeman who died, like so many other local players, in 2024. Some 20 players, covering all standards from starters up to premier division standard, entered the competition which used the Maidstone League's Allen Cooper Tournament system of handicapping. The system uses 21 as the winning score with no deuce. A group system was used as the first two qualifying rounds that whittled the entry down to just six who competed in the knockout rounds. Megan Sullivan emerged as the winner of this inaugural event that will be held each year over the Christmas period.



Megan Sullivan - Winner 2025

Though the final was contested by two players with high initial handicaps, the standard of play in the final was exceptionally good. Under the handicapping system, Megan conceded a 0-4 start to Mike Ingram in the final and won 21-17 21-16. Unfortunately, Mike appeared to run out of steam after being taken to the wire by Jill Shipton in the semis. He used his 5-0 start to good effect in completing an exhilarating 18-21 21-13 21-20 win to reach the final. Starting at 9-0 up in her semi, Megan beat Dave Hopkins, the highest ranked player left in the competition, in another close fought match 21-15 20-21 21-9.



Mike Ingram and Megan Sullivan Finalists 2025

Peter Stokes

Author: Gary Hentschel via Medway Towns Table Tennis League

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Newington newsletter



**Kent
Police**

Incidents of Note

- Criminal damage caused to the lock of NISA car park.
A male parked his vehicle in NISA car park on 14/12 and when he returned to move his car late on 15/12 the car park was locked. The male has cut the lock off, causing irreparable damage to it and driven off. There is CCTV of the incident, and the registration of the vehicle is known and so the suspect will be dealt with. However, please can I remind people that NISA car park is for customers of the shop only and is private land owned by NISA, opened only by them for the public to use during shop opening times.

Next Surgery

- I'll be holding a surgery at the Cornerstone Cafe on Thursday 23rd January 2024 at 10.30 hours whereby I will bring some crime prevention material to give away such as personal attack alarm, key chains and fraud prevention material.
- I'll also be holding a police surgery for the residents of Newington, Upchurch and Hartlip to pop along to at Holywell Primary school, Upchurch. This is your opportunity to come and discuss local issues in your area. There is parking available on site at the school.

Your local officer is Police
Officer
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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

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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 craftactivities, quizzes, competitions and a chance to natter to your new friends, over tea or coffee and cake or biscuits.

We meet 11 times a year in Newington Village Hall ML97JJ on the 3rd Thursday of the month 7pm–10pm (7.30pm start) Except for a holiday in August, then in December when it is the 2nd Thursday for a Christmas meal.



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Have your say

Tell us about the risks affecting you, your home and where you work in Kent and Medway

Creating a
**safer
future
together**



Go to www.kent.fire-uk.org/crmp24
or scan the QR code



Kent Fire &
Rescue Service

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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 sdttajobncoleman@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

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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: cllrmtould.npc@gmail.com

VILLAGE GROUPS AND ORGANISATIONS

Ist Neweton Scout Group

Stephen Coulter (Group Scout Leader)
01795 475114

Age UK Memory Café

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

Allotment Association

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

Bingo Group

Irene Layer
Email: ericandirene@btinternet.com

Book Club

Mairi Moulton 01795 843172

Cornerstone Café

Lis Willmet
Email: liswillmet@btinternet.com
01795 841226

Craft Group

Jayne Dawson 01795 843037

Lunch Club

Irene Layer
Email: ericandirene@btinternet.com

Newington Concert Party

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

Newington C of E School

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

Cherry Class Nursery

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

Newington Floral Art Group

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

Newington WI

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

Newington Walking Group

Lis Willmet
Email: liswillmet@btinternet.com 01795
841226

Newington Village Hall

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

Newington History Group

Richard Thomstone
Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com
07506 239970

Newington Table Tennis Club

John Coleman Secretary
Email: sdttajohncoleman@yahoo.co.uk
Tel 07895 382 173

Ramases

Annette Crowder
Email: ramasesociety@gmail.com
07368436612

The Short Mat Bowls Club

Kate Beeby 07759 626 354

St Mary the Virgin Church

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

St Mary the Virgin Church

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

St Mary's Bellringers

David Lane
Email: laneatborden@btinternet.com
01795 842478

Friends of St Mary's

Pete Jones
Email: pete_the_van@btopenworld.com
07931301793

Newington Methodist Chapel

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

The Wickham Trust

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

Newington Charities

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

Citizens Advice Swale (Freephone)

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

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council

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

Cllr Tony Mould

Chairman

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

Cllr Stephen Harvey

Vice Chairman

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

Cllr Michael Barlow

Amenities Committee
Planning Committee

Cllr Ruth Brown

Amenities Committee
Planning Committee (Vice Chairman)
Events Working Group

Cllr Barbara Weight

Planning Committee
Amenities Committee

Cllr Elaine Jackson

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

Cllr Eric Layer

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

Parish Highways Improvement Plan

Roads and pavements
Air Quality Monitoring Group
Allotments Representative
Friends of Newington Recreation Ground Rep

Cllr Chris Palmer

Amenities Committee
Planning Committee
HR Working Group
Events Working Group

Cllr Richard Palmer

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

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 – Family 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



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



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.



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Get the latest scam advice:



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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.

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)

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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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