



Village Voice
Newington Parish Council
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April 2026



Newington CEP's School Council ran a whole-school poster competition to raise awareness around idling in the new carpark.

One winner was chosen from each class by the school councillors and turned into banners which are now proudly displayed around the school's car park areas.

The children of Newington Primary are hoping that parents will switch off their engines in the car park, avoid the yellow lines outside the school and support the school in making our air cleaner!

Annual Spring Clean

Annual Spring Clean / litter pick date Saturday 25th April 2026. Meet at Newington Village Hall at 9.30am



Newington (Sittingbourne) Allotment Association

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

If you are interested in having an allotment and would like more information contact the Membership Secretary via Email: secretary.newingtonallotments@gmail.com



Bob Jackson

Bob Jackson passed away on 2 March. His death has been a great shock to parish councillors and many in our village. His family: Elaine, vice-chair of the parish council, and all their family are devastated by his sudden demise and our thoughts are with them all.

Bob has been a part of village life since moving here. When we carried out renovation work on the Pavilion Bob volunteered to be caretaker (unpaid at that time) and has been responsible for turning the building into a village amenity, regularly used by groups of all ages as well as occasional private lettings. Bob did far more than this: he was always part of our bi-annual litter-picks, driving round to collect the full rubbish bags; working tirelessly before, during and after village fetes; sorting and supervising our Christmas lights; he met contractors pricing for and carrying out works; and was a regular attender at parish council meetings and committees.

Bob had many friends in our village and is sadly missed.

The Parish Room at Newington Pavilion

is an ideal location for group and club meetings as well as children's parties and small social gatherings. It is available for hire at preferential rate of £5 per hour for residents and village groups or £10 per hour for non-resident or commercial hire. For bookings, please contact the Clerk, 07522 77833

Email: clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

UPCHURCH CHORAL SOCIETY

Present

'LOOK AT THE WORLD'

Songs of Peace and Hope

SUNDAY 19 TH APRIL 2026

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

CONDUCTED BY AMANDA BOYNE AND ACCOMPANIED BY JANET STONE

TICKETS £14 CHEQUE OR CARD PAYMENT ON THE DOOR.

INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS



The deadline for new articles is the 20th of each

ClIr Ruth Brown at

ruth.brown@newington-pc.gov.uk

or ClIr Michael Barlow at

PLANNING

The Parish Council is consulted on all planning applications in our village. These are reported and discussed at council meetings with agreed responses sent to Swale Borough Council (our Local Planning Authority).

Keep track of all recent and current village planning applications:

www.newington-pc.gov.uk/ and pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/

Vacancy for Parish Councillor

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community? You can apply to become a Parish Councillor.



Expressions of interest must be received in writing to the Clerk.

To find out what's involved and for any other information please contact: The Clerk, email: clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

DON'T GET HACKED!

Message from a Councillor

I did and it's not a good experience.

Sign up to "my community voice"

It's a neighbourhood watch web site that gives information on the latest

Scams and fraud alerts. Another good site is "stay safe online"

If you think you have a fraudulent email all you have to do is take a screenshot and go to the "get safe online" site then look for "ask silver" it's a way down the page,

then upload the screen shot and an AI tool will scan it and tell you if it's a Scam it also allows you to report it.

I found it very useful as after the hack I was bombarded with fake email.

Reporting Potholes

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

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

If the answer to ALL the above questions is yes, then contact The Newington Parish (Wickham) Charity c/o Graham Dudley on 01795 842711 or Email nwtcharity24@gmail.com

Anti-Social Behaviour

Our PC needs help identifying nuisance motorbikes in the village. If you can get any identifying details i.e. registration details, please report to our new PC Jacob Boosey email 30724@kent.police.u

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.



Parish Council Website



www.newington-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council website contains information about the Council and its meetings.

The site is full of useful information, and you can also sign up for email alerts.

Table Tennis at Newington Village Hall

Sturdee and Newington Table Tennis Club would like to invite players to attend on Monday's nights during the summer months of May, June and July. Juniors and Seniors, beginners and ex-players are all welcome. Sessions from 7–30pm to 9–30pm, £2.00 for Juniors and £3.00 for Seniors. Casual or competitive play, coaching is available if required.

Please contact;

John Coleman Secretary Tel 07895382173 or email at:

sdttajohncoleman@yahoo.co.uk

Help with Newington Community Speedwatch

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

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

The team needs new volunteers; full training is given. If you can help, please contact Cllr Richard Palmer by email to RichardPalmer@swale.gov.uk or mobile 07702 674721



**Newington is a Cold Calling
Controlled Zone**

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

Upchurch Choral Society

Invite You to Come and Sing

Saturday 27th June 2026, 9.30am to 4pm

St Mary's Church, Horsham Lane, Upchurch ME9 7AL

Try singing music from Fiddler on the Roof, My Fair Lady, Calamity Jane and more! Led by

Amanda Boyne and accompanied by Janet Stone. Finish the day with a short concert.

You do not need to read music to enjoy this day!

Fees: £15 (includes music hire, tea, coffee) for day's singing,

£2 admission to concert at 3.30.

Contact Liz Walters 01634 61897 or email kbl.walters@talk21.com for further details and

application form (advance booking required).

Monthly Police Surgery

Held at The Pavilion, Newington

Time 19:30 to 21:00

Dates being held:

Sunday 12th April

Sunday 10th May

This will be a monthly surgery to provide targeted advice and reassurance around those months 'Hot Topics' and be open and available to all Members of the Public to raise their concerns.

Swale Foodbank

We don't think anyone in Swale should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Locations

Here are the opening times and locations for our foodbank centres.

Everyone who comes to the foodbank for emergency food needs to have a valid foodbank voucher.

They can help address your crises and provide support to maximise your income, help you navigate the benefits system, and identify any additional grants you could be entitled to. If needed, they'll issue you with a voucher so you can get an emergency food parcel from your local food bank.

We have 4 centres currently open – each centre runs at a different time and a different location.

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

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

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

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

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 waiting

for collection or permanently, please contact the Parish Clerk, and we will get one delivered. Email: clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

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!



My Community Voice

Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway

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



**Kent
Police**



Find out what's happening in your area



Receive alerts from your local officers

Tell us what matters most to you



Sign up



Sign up today and make your voice count



Find out more www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk

Your local officer is Police **Jacob Boosey**



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

Other numbers

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

Roman Road Runners

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

They also walk on Wednesdays at 6.30pm.

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

Contact- Steve Wolfe on 07976673366

Meeting with the Chief Constable

Any issues residents may have – please contact

Chris Palmer

Email: chrispalmer@swale.gov.uk

Richard Palmer

Email: richardpalmer@swale.gov.uk

Newington History Group

Lighthouses: From Egypt to Kent, Mark Lewis will track the evolution of lighthouses and other coastal illuminations, including stories of extraordinary heroics, at Newington History Group's monthly talk on Thursday, April 23 (7.30pm) in the Village Hall.

The event, *Lighthouses & Lightvessels of Kent*, is open to all (£4 at the door, members free) and includes free light refreshments and the opportunity for social chat. Limited parking at the hall, but space opposite in Callaways Lane.

Sharing History: A special free event, *Sharing History - Keepsakes, Collectables and Curios*, organised by the history group is being held on Sunday, May 17 (2pm-5pm) in St Mary's church, ME9 7JT.

Meet experts in porcelain, coins, archaeology, books, medals, vinyl records, metal detecting, stamps, genealogy and more. Bring an item to discuss its history with them or have it identified.

Bayeux Tapestry: At the monthly talk on Thursday, May 28, Martin Heard will reveal the *Secrets of the Bayeux Tapestry* in the Village Hall (7.30pm). This talk will be preceded by the members' AGM (7pm-7.20pm).

NHG meets monthly (except Jan. and Aug) at 7.30pm usually on the fourth Thursday. As a member of NHG you'll be supporting the group's community work in researching and promoting the village's heritage. In addition, membership – £18pa – gives you free admission to the monthly talks and free newsletters.

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

Newington Parish Council

Parish Clerk Tel: 0752 2778 334 Email: clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

Chairman Cllr Stephen Harvey Planning Committee (Chairman), Amenities Committee, Events Working Group, Finance Working Group, Cemetery Working Group, HR Working Group, Parish Highways Improvement Plan & Roads and pavements

Vice Chairman Cllr Elaine Jackson Amenities Committee (Chairman), Planning Committee, Events Working Group, Finance Working Group, HR Working Group & Roads and Pavements

Cllr Steve Godmon Planning Committee (Vice Chairman) & Finance Working Group (Chairman)

Cllr Michael Barlow Amenities Committee & Planning Committee

Cllr Barbara Weight Amenities Committee

Cllr Eric Layer Amenities Committee (Vice Chairman), Planning Committee, Cemetery Advisory Group (Chairman), Events Working Group, Parish Highways Improvement Plan, Roads and pavements, Village Hall Representative & Allotments Representative

Cllr Tony Mould Amenities Committee, Planning Committee, Finance Working Group, HR Working Group, Events Working Group (Chairman) & School Governor

Cllr Chris Palmer Amenities Committee

Cllr Richard Palmer Events Working Group, Parish Highways Improvement Plan, Grants and external funding, Village Hall Representative & Defibrillator

Cllr Ruth Brown Amenities Committee & HR Working Group (Chairman)

Swale Borough Councillors

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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

1st Sunday - Morning Worship 10am

2nd Sunday - Communion 10am

3rd Sunday - Morning worship 10am

4th Sunday - Joint Communion with Methodists

held at St. Mary's Church at 10.00am

(Refreshments follow after every service)

Holy Week Services

29th March - Palm Sunday Benefice Service at
Newington, 10.30am

2nd April - Maundy Thursday Passover Meal 7pm

3rd April - Good Friday Service at 10am – followed by
walk to Hartlip Church

5th April Easter Sunday Communion 10am

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Special Services in May

10th May - Rogation Sunday Communion 10am

Blessing of the orchard

24th May - Pentecost Benefice Service 10.30am

In the open (weather permitting)

31st May - Trinity Sunday- Morning Praise 10am

Cornerstone Café

3rd Thursday of each month 9.00am – 12.00pm

A place of welcome to meet friends for a chat
with homemade cakes & coffee.

Next one is on 16th April 2026

After School Kids Club

Last Friday of the month at the Methodist Church 3.30pm

St Mary's is open every day 8.00am – 4.00pm

Come and find space for quiet reflection & prayer

Contact: Rev. Amanda Lane t: 01795 842478

e: revamandalane@gmail.com

The Summer Garden Party will be held on 20th June in the vicarage garden - more details will follow

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. (There is a blue container with the Foodbank sign on it beneath the book table.) If you are aware of anyone in need, please contact Rev Amanda 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





SHARING HISTORY

Keepsakes, Collectables & Curios

SUNDAY, MAY 17

St Mary's Church, Newington ME9 7JX

FREE EVENT 2pm-5pm

Meet experts, bring an item to talk about or have one identified

Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com

www.newingtonhistory.uk





FACE NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the 3rd issue for 2025 to:

Faversham Assistance Centre - FACE Newsletter!

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

OUR WORK

Before/after we recently completed in Faversham and Sittingbourne.



We will be at the MARKET!

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

See you there on the 18th of October

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

FACE does not get any government funding!

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

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



Community Page

<p>Newington Allotment Association</p> <p>Secretary: Cherrill Matthews Email: john.matthews57@yahoo.com Telephone: 01795 844094 Or Contact: Membership Secretary Email: secretary.newingtonallotments@gmail.com</p> <p>The Newington allotments are situated between the recreation ground and the Woodland Walk and are accessed via the track from Orchard Drive.</p>	<p>Newington Bingo Club</p> <p>Contact: Irene Layer Email: ericandirene@btinternet.com</p> <p>Meets on the first Thursday, 2 – 4pm, each month (except January) in the Newington Room, Village Hall.</p> <p>Games cards: £4 for five games (Tea and biscuits included).</p> <p>Raffle: £1 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!).</p>
<p>Book Club</p> <p>Contact: Mairi Moulton Telephone: 01795 843172</p> <p>Meets at the church last Wednesday of the month. Bring a packed lunch.</p> <p>Teas & Coffee</p>	<p>Newington Short Mat Indoors Bowls Club</p> <p>Contact: Kate Beeby Telephone: 07759 626354 Or Secretary: Cleone Curtis Email: bowls.cle@gmail.com</p> <p>Meets at Newington Village Hall for two-hour sessions starting on Mondays and 7pm on Wednesdays.</p>
<p>Newington Charities</p> <p>Secretary: David Parker Email: david.parker.n31@gmail.com Telephone: 01795 842143</p>	<p>Cherry Tree Nursery</p> <p>Email: nursery@newington.kent.sch.uk Telephone: 01795 842300 ext. 3 Address: Newington School, School Lane, Newington, ME9 7LB</p> <p>Free government funding for 3 & 4 yr olds. Limited spaces available.</p>
<p>Newington C of E School</p> <p>Head of School: Mr S Krafft Email: office@newington.kent.sch.uk Telephone: 01795 842300</p>	<p>Citizens Advice Swale</p> <p>General Advice Freephone: 0808 278 7979</p> <p>New Universal Credit claim: 0800 144 8444</p> <p>Consumer helpline: 0808 223 1133</p>
<p>Newington Community Speedwatch</p> <p>Contact: Cllr Richard Palmer Email: RichardPalmer@swale.gov.uk Telephone: 07702 674721</p>	<p>Newington Concert Party</p> <p>Contact: Derek Friday Email: fridayderek@outlook.com Telephone: 01795 873056 Or 07985 656486</p>
<p>The Cornerstone Café</p> <p>At the Church St Mary the Virgin From 9.30 am – 12</p>	<p>Newington Floral Art Group</p> <p>Secretary: Alison Fagg Email: alisonfagg46@gmail.com</p>

<p>The third Thursday in every month. All welcome – play area for children.</p>	<p>Telephone: 01795 843150</p>
<p>Newington History Group</p> <p>Contact: Richard Thompstone Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com Telephone: 07506 239970</p>	<p>Kent Library Service</p> <p>KCC Libraries: 03000 413131</p>
<p>Medway Arts Society</p> <p>Email: info@theartssocietymedway.org.uk</p> <p>Meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month for lectures on a wide variety of Arts subjects. Also, day visits to places of interest.</p> <p>Meetings start at 11am at, Franklin Rooms, Franklin Road, Gillingham, ME7 4DG</p>	<p>Newington Methodist Hall</p> <p>Contact: Robert Zachar Email: newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk Telephone: 07504 840781</p> <p>Hire of Hall £10 per hour</p>
<p>My Community Voice</p> <p>Information: www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk</p>	<p>The Newington Parish (Wickham) Charity</p> <p>Contact: Graham Dudley Email: nwtcharity24@gmail.com Telephone: 01795 842711</p>
<p>Newington Parish Council</p> <p>Email: clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk Telephone: 07522 77833</p> <p>Hire of Newington Parish Hall</p> <p>For residents and village groups £5 per hour For non-residents and commercial £10 per hour</p> <p>Website</p> <p>www.newington-pc.gov.uk</p> <p>Facebook</p> <p>https://www.facebook.com/share/1bQcFebTx4/?mibextid=wwXlfr</p>	<p>Newington Pharmacy</p> <p>Telephone: 01795 844131 44 Newington High Street</p> <p>Opening Hours</p> <p>Monday to Friday 9am – 5.30pm Lunchtimes 1.30pm - 2pm Saturday 9am – 1pm Sunday closed</p>
<p>Local Police Officer</p> <p>Contact: Jacob Boosey Email 30724@kent.police.uk</p>	<p>Ramases</p> <p>Contact: Annette Crowder Email: ramasesociety@gmail.com Telephone: 07368 436612</p>
<p>Rambling</p> <p>A group of ramblers meet every Wednesday at 10am outside Newington Surgery.</p>	<p>Newington Reading Group</p> <p>Contact: Mairi Telephone: 01795 843172</p> <p>Meets at the Church on the last Wednesday of every month except December at 12 noon.</p>

<p>Roman Road Runners</p> <p>Contact: Steve Wolfe</p> <p>Telephone: 0797 6673366</p> <p>Run on Tuesday at 6.30pm (meeting at car wash) and Thursday 7pm (meeting at the rec entrance).</p> <p>Also walk on Wednesday at 6.30pm.</p>	<p>Neweton Scout Group</p> <p>Telephone: 01795 475114</p> <p>Or</p> <p>07716 045209</p> <p>Beavers, cubs and scouts meet on Thursdays and Fridays at Newington's Scout Hut.</p> <p>Explorers 14 to 18 years Tuesdays 7.45 – 9.30pm</p>
<p>St Mary's Art Group</p> <p>First Friday and third Friday mornings between 10am and 12 noon every month at the Church.</p>	<p>St Mary's Bellringers</p> <p>Contact: David Lane</p> <p>Email: laneatborden@btinternet.com</p> <p>Telephone: 01795 842478</p>
<p>St Mary' the Virgin Church</p> <p>Contact: Rev Amanda Lane</p> <p>Email: revamandalane@gmail.com</p> <p>Telephone: 01795 842478</p>	<p>Newington Table Tennis Club</p> <p>Secretary: John Coleman</p> <p>Email: sdttajohncolman@yahoo.co.uk</p> <p>Telephone: 07895 382173</p>
<p>Newington Village Hall</p> <p>Booking Secretary: Mrs Kristin Julier</p> <p>Email: kcljulier@googlemail.com</p> <p>Telephone: 07985 711257</p> <p>Chairman: Dave Fagg</p> <p>Email: davefagg46@gmail.com</p> <p>Registered Charity No 10202925</p>	<p>Newington W.I</p> <p>Contact: Chris Kerr</p> <p>Email: chris.kerr@hotmail.co.uk</p>
<p>Newington Youth Club</p> <p>Telephone: 0790 4378257</p> <p>Meets every Tuesday at 4pm to 5.30pm term time at Newington Pavilion (ages 8 – 12).</p>	