



Village Voice
Newington Parish Council
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June 2026



UPCHURCH CHORAL SOCIETY

Presents

'Music from the Stage'

SUNDAY 12TH JULY 2026

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, UPCHURCH ME9 7AL, 7.30PM

CONDUCTED BY AMANDA BOYNE AND ACCOMPANIED BY JANET STONE

TICKETS £14 CHEQUE OR CARD PAYMENT ON THE DOOR.

INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS

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



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

The deadline for new articles is the 20th of each

Cllr Ruth Brown at

ruth.brown@newington-pc.gov.uk

michael.barlow@newington-pc.gov.uk

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.

Singing is good for you, it's fun and a great way to make new friends! So...

Upchurch Choral Society

Invite You to

Come and Sing

On 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! Finish the day with a short concert.

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

Fee for the day: £15 (includes music hire, tea, coffee).

Contact Liz Walters 01634 61897 or email kbl.walters@talk21.com for further details and application form (advance booking required although we may accept late bookings if spaces still available).

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

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Find out more www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk

Your local officer is Police **Jacob Boosey**



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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

The Kent Miners' Strike 1984-85: The history group's monthly public talk in the Village Hall on Thursday, June 25 looks at how the national miners' strike in 1984-85 affected the Kent coalfield and its mining communities.

Keith Whitnell tells the story from his personal view of being in a family divided by the strike. He served with Kent Police for 34 years before becoming a trades union branch secretary.

The talk is open to all (£4 at the door, members free) and includes free light refreshments.

Next month: Defending the Swale – Thursday, July 23.

NB: There may be limited parking at hall due to ANPR delays. On-road parking opposite in Callaways Lane.

NHG meets monthly (except Jan. and Aug) at 7.30pm usually on the fourth Thursday. Membership £18pa supports the group's community work in researching and promoting the village's heritage and gives free admission to the talks and 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, Finance Working Group, Cemetery Working Group, HR Working Group, Parish Highways Improvement Plan, Friends of Newington Recreation Ground & Roads and Pavements

Vice Chairman Cllr Elaine Jackson Amenities Committee (Chairman), Planning Committee, 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, Planning Committee & HR Working Group

Cllr Eric Layer Amenities Committee (Vice Chairman), Planning Committee, Cemetery Working Group (Chairman), Parish Highways Improvement Plan, Friends of Newington Recreation Ground & Allotments Association Representative

Cllr Tony Mould Amenities Committee, Cemetery Working Group, Parish Highways Improvement Plan & School Governor

Cllr Chris Palmer Swale Western Area Committee Representative

Cllr Richard Palmer Grants and external funding, Village Hall Committee Representative, Swale Western Area Committee Representative, KALC Swale Committee Representative, Speedwatch & Defibrillators

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

Swale Borough Councillors

Chris Palmer

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Member of Parliament

Kevin McKenna

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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

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)

Summer Garden Party 20th June, in the Church, from 11am.

Includes stalls such as produce, crafts, grand raffle, tombola,
cakes and homemade refreshments.

Cornerstone Café

3rd Thursday of each month 9.30am – 12.00pm

A place of welcome to meet friends for a chat

with homemade cakes & coffee.

Next one is on 18th June 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

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





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>	