Village Voice

Newington Parish Council

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August 2026

Newington Fete 2027

Did you miss our village fete this year?
If you did or if you would like one next year then
we need you!

The Parish Council have been organising this for many years and have a seamless plan already worked out which can be added to and enhanced for 2027 but your councillors are getting older and we can't do it alone

We need your help!

Without it, I am afraid that we cannot do it alone.

No offer is too small, and it can include help with the planning, logistical help, i.e. man with a van, help setting up on the morning, help taking everything back where it belongs at the end of the day and help clearing up.

We just need to know you are reliable and can commit, especially on the day.

So, if you can help then please contact our Parish Clerk on clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

or Tony Mould Tel: 07590464700

It would be so lovely to hear from you!

We have a Fete planning meeting on Tuesday 8th September 7.00pm at the Pavilion on the Rec

Please come and join us

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 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/

Works Traffic Along Church Lane

The Parish Council has been in discussions with Fernham Homes and Network Rail about the recent issues surrounding works vehicles along Church Lane and Denham Road.

These works are likely to create some unavoidable issues, but we will continue to work with both organisations to minimise any impact. In particular, any potential risks to public safety or property will be raised as a critical priority. Both Fernham Homes and Network Rail are aware of recent issues, with some works vehicles mounting the pavement and driving quicker than conditions permit. They are liaising with their sub-contractors on these issues and are considering additional steps to mitigate the risk these pose.

Any updates will be posted via the 'News' section of the Parish Council website, as they are received (https://www.newington-pc.gov.uk/community/newington-parish-council-15445/news/).

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.uk

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

Confident Driver? Your local primary schools need you!

Halstow and Newington need more minibus drivers – KCC training given.
Casual hourly contract – fulltime equivalent salary £26,168 pa.
You need to:

- Have a standard 'clean' driving license
- Be willing to undertake the Kent County Council minibus training course and assessment session
- Be willing to undertake a DBS and safeguarding check
- Have a sense of humour, be calm under pressure
- Be committed to supporting enrichment across the federation

If you are interested and want to find out more, please email or call Dawn Hogg, the federation business manager on 01796 842344 or email school office marking the email for her attention. office@newington.kent.sch.uk or office@lower-halstow.kent.sch.uk

Sponsor Spring Flowers for our Community Woodland

Over the past 5 years the Parish Council been thinning the woodland annually to allow light in.
The time is now right to start encouraging wildflowers, starting with bluebells (Hyacinthoides non-scripta – UK native wildflowers).

Please subscribe to this scheme: to support your village; to mark a special occasion; or to remember a loved one. We will take advice on the best locations and have the bulbs professionally planted. Planting will take place in the autumn.

Only £2 for 5 bulbs

Please contact clerk at clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

Newington is a Cold Calling Controlled Zone

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

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

Neighbourhood Watch 1982 - Today

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**

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

Free heritage event

Find out about the history and heritage of the village from pre-Roman to the modern day through talks, exhibitions, displays and chats with local history specialists at a free event on Sunday, September 6 (2pm-4.30pm) in Newington Village Hall ME9 7JJ.

This is an excellent way to discover Newington, especially if you've recently moved to the area.

The event is organised by Newington History Group and there's free refreshments, with parking at the hall (free) and in Callaways Lane.

The group holds monthly public talks (except Jan and Aug) at 7.30pm on the fourth Thursday in the hall. Sept 24: The Maidstone Typhoid Medal (Glen Jones), Oct 22: Tracing the Lives of Newington's Fallen (Dean Coles). Visitors £4 at door. Membership is available £18pa.

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

What Is the UK Digital Landline Switchover?

The UK digital landline switchover is the nationwide retirement of the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN). Every traditional copper landline must be replaced with a digital home phone or other landline replacement that runs over broadband by January 2027.

In practical terms, this is an analogue landline replacement programme across the UK. If you currently rely on a traditional home line, you will move to a digital telephone UK service before the deadline.

When Do I Need to Replace My Landline in the UK?

You should plan to replace your landline before January 2027, but your exact migration date depends on your provider and region. Some homes will be moved earlier in staged rollout waves.

The best approach is to plan early, confirm your provider timeline, and choose a digital home phone setup that fits your household before last-minute changes reduce your options.

Is the UK Digital Landline Switchover Mandatory?

Yes. The PSTN shutdown is a national infrastructure change, so keeping a traditional copper line in its current form is not an option after the switchover period.

What is optional is the provider and setup you choose. You can select the digital voice telephone service that best matches your needs for reliability, support and scam protection. See our digital landline service and compare providers.

“Digital home phone = calls over broadband.”

What Is a Digital Home Phone and How Is It Different From a Landline?

A digital home phone is a landline replacement that uses your internet connection instead of copper telephone wires. A traditional landline uses the PSTN: physical copper lines connected to a local exchange. A digital home phone uses Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP); your voice is converted into data and transmitted over broadband.

In practice, most homes will: plug their existing handset into the broadband router; use a small adapter that connects the handset to the router; or use a digital IP or WiFi handset. Your number usually stays the same. For a deeper explanation: digital home phone explained.

Information provided by Phonely (Digital Landlines UK: Ultimate Guide to 2027 PSTN Switch Off | Phonely)

FREE GUIDE · PLAN AHEAD BEFORE THE RUSH

The PSTN Switch-Off Checklist

Phonely

The UK's landline network is being switched off. Don't wait to be contacted. Here's what to do now, in plain English.

- [ ] **STEP 01** **Don't wait. Start planning now**

  Your provider should write to you before your line is switched, but letters can come late, get missed, or not arrive at all. We've heard from people whose lines stopped working with no warning. Acting early gives you choice and avoids the rush.

- [ ] **STEP 02** **Ask your provider when your area is scheduled**

  The switch-off is rolling out area by area across the UK. Call your provider and ask directly. Don't wait for a letter. Knowing your date helps you sort everything else in good time.

- [ ] **STEP 03** **Check if your home phone will still work**

  Most older corded phones that plug directly into the wall socket will not work on the new digital network without an adapter. Check with your provider. Many will supply one free of charge, or replace your handset.

- [ ] **STEP 04** **Check any personal or medical alarm**

  If you or someone in your home uses a telecare device, such as a lifeline pendant alarm, fall detector, or emergency call button, contact the alarm provider before anything changes. These devices often rely on the phone line and may need replacing or reconfiguring.

- [ ] **STEP 05** **Check your home burglar alarm**

  Many home alarm systems use the phone line to contact a monitoring centre if they're triggered. Contact your alarm company to ask if your system is switch-off ready.

- [ ] **STEP 06** **Know what happens if the power or internet goes down**

  Unlike a traditional landline, your new digital phone needs your broadband router switched on and working. If the power goes out or your internet drops, it won't work. **The Phonely app** means you can still make and receive calls from your mobile using mobile data, so you're never left without a phone.

- [ ] **STEP 07** **Ask your broadband provider about emergency call backup**

  Your broadband provider is required by Ofcom to offer you a way to call 999 during a power cut, usually a battery backup unit for your router, free of charge if you rely on your landline and don't have another device, such as a mobile phone. Contact them directly to find out more about battery backups.

- [ ] **STEP 08** **Write down your key phone numbers today**

  In case of any disruption during the switch, keep a few important numbers written down somewhere easy to find: your doctor's surgery, a family member, and your provider's customer service number.

- [ ] **STEP 09** **Ask for help, sooner rather than later**

  You don't have to figure this out alone. Your provider must offer assisted migration support, and charities like Age UK can help. The earlier you ask, the more time there is to get it right.

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

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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

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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

5th Sunday – Songs of Praise

(Refreshments follow after every service)

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 20th August 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 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.

Faversham & Sittingbourne
age UK

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

Registered Charity No. 1152234

For info call: 01795 532766

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

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.

www.facefaversham.co.uk

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!

Updates from Citizens Advice North East Kent June 2026

Are you claiming the benefits you're entitled to?

To get started, you can use an online benefits calculator. For the most accurate answer, you'll need information about your savings, income, pension, childcare payments and any existing benefits for you and your partner, if you have one. The Turn2us online tool can provide a quick idea of what benefits and other financial help you might be eligible for.

You may be able to claim Universal Credit if you're over 18 and under State Pension age, and if you have less than £16,000 in savings or other investments.

If you're finding it difficult to work because of a health condition, you might get more Universal Credit or not have to look for work. You'll need to inform the Department for Work and Pensions that you have a health condition when you claim Universal Credit and, if possible, submit a fit note. You may also be entitled to the new-style Employment and Support Allowance (ESA).

You might be entitled to other benefits depending on your situation, for example if you're disabled or if you have a child. Some people are able to claim more than one benefit - for example, disability benefits such as Personal Independence Payment (if you're under pension age) or Attendance Allowance (if you're over pension age) and Universal Credit. These disability benefits aren't means-tested.

If you pay council tax, you might be able to get a reduction in your bill.

There is also help available if you don't have enough money to live on. You might be able to get extra money from the government, your local council or a charity.

If you're still not sure, or you'd like further information about any of the above, our advisers can help to check what benefits and financial support you might be entitled to, and help you find a way forward.

How can we help you?

Drop-in sessions (no appointment necessary):

Sittingbourne

Mondays 10am-12pm - Swale House

Tuesdays 11.30am-1.30pm - Murston Family Hub

Sheppey

Tuesdays 10am-12pm - Sheppey Gateway (except the second Tuesday of every month, which is held at Sheerness East Working Mens Club)

Faversham

Wednesdays & Fridays 10am-12pm - 43 Stone Street, Faversham

Thursdays 10am-12pm - West Faversham Community Centre

Telephone advice: Call Adviceline on freephone 0808 278 7979 (Monday-Friday 10am-3.30pm)

Email advice & specialist debt advice: Contact us online at canek.org.uk

Citizens Advice North East Kent operates across Canterbury district, Swale and Thanet. If you live or work in any of these areas we can support you. To stay up to date with our opening times, please visit canek.org.uk or follow us on Facebook.

The Newington newsletter

Kent Police

Get the latest crime statistics by visiting: www.kent.police.uk/yourarea

July 2026

Due to the Nature of this Ward, my events are often spread out between the villages. Do not hesitate to contact me via MCV or email as required.

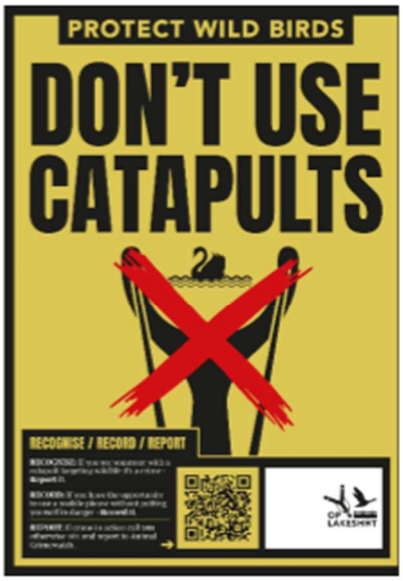
Upcoming surgeries:

- Upchurch Rainbow Café - 05/08/2026 14:30

Your local officer is Police Officer Jacob Boosey

What's going on in your area

- In relation to Police Matters in the entire area this month, there does not appear to be any distinguishable or significant patterns in terms of Crime Type. The majority of recorded and investigated Crimes were of a Domestic Nature.
- Any sightings of Persons with Catapults to be reported via 101/999 as the circumstances see fit. For owners of land/Horses/Livestock to be aware of the issue and to be vigilant for persons committing offences, and or evidence of potential offences, such as ball bearings/marbles etc.
- There was a theft of a car from Church Lane on the 18th July. For local residents to be aware and to consider further safety precautions and security measures for their vehicles.
- In regards to the Nuisance Vehicle issues in the Village. An operation is organised for early August to try and tackle this issue. For any instances of Nuisance Mopeds, motorbikes or other vehicles to be reported via 101/999/Online to enable better reflection of the size of the issue in the area. Also consider reporting these issues, should the riders be known, to other agencies who may be able to take further action not available to ourselves.



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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

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

mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk

Community Page

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

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

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

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The third draw of the Restoration Draw, 2026-2027 took place at Cornerstone on 16th July with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to winners.

RESTORATION FUND DRAW : JULY 2026

Prize	Value	Ticket No.	Name
1st	£23	115	Joyce Hack
2nd	£18	72	Sylvia Drake
3rd	£15	21	Matthew Ledger
4th	£13	150	Tammy Rodden
5th	£10	112	Caroline Marshall

Many thanks to all of you who have bought tickets for this new year. Last year we spent over £19,000 on fabric repairs and maintenance, your continued contributions towards these costs are greatly appreciated.

Thank you everyone and kind regards.

David Lane

Acting Restoration Fund Organiser

Parish Council

Changes to Pavilion Hire

The Parish Council have reviewed the current rates for Pavilion lettings. Hire fees for the Pavilion have remained at the same level for several years. The amended fees seek to balance the growing cost of running the Pavilion, with the desire to maintain an affordable community space.

The Pavilion, located just inside Newington Recreation Ground off Orchard Drive is available for small functions or group meetings, with a maximum capacity of 30 people. It includes a function space, a small kitchenette and toilets.

The Pavilion can be booked for an hourly rate (please see below), with a deposit of £50 (returnable after the booking, depending on condition).

From the 1 September 2026, Pavilion booking fees will be as follows:

		Hire Fee (per hour)
April to September (inclusive)	Resident	£7.50
	Non-resident/ commercial	£15
October to March (inclusive)	Resident	£10
	Non-resident/ commercial	£20

The current hire fees, valid until 30 August 2026 are:

		Hire Fee (per hour)
April to September (inclusive)	Resident	£5
	Non-resident/ commercial	£10
October to March (inclusive)	Resident	£5
	Non-resident/ commercial	£10

For more information, please contact the Clerk at:

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