

KENT'S PLAN BEE



No Mow May Survey 2026

No Mow May is the charity Plantlife's campaign to encourage people to stop mowing for a month so any wildflowers can bloom and provide food for our pollinators.

Whether you are taking part or not, Kent's Plan Bee wants to hear from you!

Find our survey online at
www.kent.gov.uk/planbee
or scan the QR code:

You can print it and send it back to us if you prefer.



For regular updates, follow us on Facebook (KentsPlanBee) or Instagram (kents_plan_bee)



Kent
County
Council



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

Monthly Police Surgery

Held at The Pavilion, Newington 19:30 to 21:00 on 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.

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



VILLAGE VOICE
NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
MAY 2026



Football pitch

There is a full size marked football pitch with changing facilities on Newington's recreation ground, available for hire, please contact the Clerk, 07522 778334 Email: clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

Village Hall Car Park

An explanation of changes affecting the car park, from the Chairman of Newington Village Hall Management/Trustees Committee, has been added to the Parish Council website of information.

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

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.

Planning

There are several significant developments in our village. Planning applications are always discussed at Parish Council meetings. You can read the monthly planning reports and our responses on the website.

Keep track of all village planning applications:

www.newington-pc.gov.uk where you can sign-up to received updates on all planning applications and <https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/> where all planning applications and past documents can be found.



Newington History Group

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 7JX.

Meet experts, bring an item to discuss with them, have it identified and view their collections of coins, pottery, medals, stamps, military, archaeology, conservation, treasure hunting, family and local history and more. Note: Valuations not given and weapons not permitted.

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

Secrets of the Bayeux Tapestry: The history group's talk by Martin Heard on Thursday, May 28 in the Village Hall (7.30pm) marks the tapestry's return to Britain for the first time in 900 years. The 70m-long embroidery, believed to have been created in Kent, goes on display at the British Museum in September. It tells the story of the Norman conquest of England in 1066.



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

NB: ANPR now operates in the car park and vehicle details need to be registered inside the hall.

Next month: The Kent Miners' Strike 1984-85 on Thursday, June 25.

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.

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

Is your child 2 or 3 years old?

Cherries pre-school is now part of Newington CEP School & Nursery as 'Cherry Class. 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!

Help with Newington Community Speedwatch

Please contact Richard Palmer email RichardPalmer@swale.gov.uk or mobile 07702 674721

Allotment Gardening for the Residents of Newington

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



Village Voice Publication Schedule:

Online

June 2026
July 2026
August 2026

Paper delivery

September 2026
December 2026

To view the Village Voice on line go to: www.newington-pc.gov.uk

Parish Council Meetings

The Annual Parish Meeting is on **Tuesday 19th May** in the Pavilion at 6.00pm followed at 7.00 by the Amenities committee. The Full Parish Council meeting is on **Tuesday 26th May** at 7.00pm and includes the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Legislation allows for meeting to be recorded by anyone attending. Persons intending to record or who have concerns about being recorded should please speak to the Clerk

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@newington-pc.gov.uk

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 currently 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, 07522 778334 Email: clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

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, and we will get one delivered 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.

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