Village Voice
Newington Parish Council
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November 2026

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

Please copy in clerk@newington-pc.gov.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
Bluebell planting will be taking place in November.

Please contact clerk at clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk by the end of October 2026

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/

REPORT PROBLEMS ON ROADS OR PAVEMENTS ONLINE

We would like to encourage all residents to report any problems on roads and pavements in the area to Kent County Council. Please report by visiting Kent County Council website, clicking on 'Roads and Travel' and then clicking on 'Report or track a problem'.

The direct link to this webpage is: https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-or-track-a-problem-on-the-road-or-pavement

For urgent issues, or issues where there is a risk of accident please call 03000 41 81 81 (between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday) or 03000 41 91 91 at all other times.

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.

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

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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

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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!

Lower 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

Fight Food Waste

Save supermarket food from going to waste by signing up to the Olio app and requesting as much unsold food – free of charge – as you can use.
One of Olio's Food Waste volunteers is located in Breach Lane and gives away food items from around 9.30pm every Monday. Use By items must be collected before midnight; Best Before items can wait until Tuesday for collection.
Recent listings have included fish, meat, sandwiches, ready meals, fresh salads and a variety of bread.
Some Olio users report a dramatic reduction in their shopping bills – have a look at the Olio website for their stories. Olio - Your local go-to for free food (and more)
There are other volunteers in Rainham and Sittingbourne if you don't mind driving a bit further to collect.
It's easy to download the app to your phone and set up an account. If you'd like to request from the volunteer in Breach Lane on Mondays, select 'Closest' on the Free Food page and look for Sue.



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

Newington History Group

Monks Behaving Badly: Thursday, November 26, 7.30pm, in the Village Hall. Steve O'Hanlon will tell the extraordinary story of Peter de Dene, the strangest monk at St Augustine's Abbey, Canterbury.

Visitors £4 at door (members free), which includes free refreshments. Everyone is welcome. Parking at the hall (free) and in Callaways Lane.

The group has monthly speakers (except Jan and Aug) on the fourth Thursday. Membership is available £18pa. Dec 17: Christmas in Kent's Workhouses (Deborah Collins).

History in the Village

Find out more about your village. There are history group displays at the railway station (a different subject each month) and in the Lady Chapel of St Mary's Church, along with an interpretation board at Watling Place Temple and four boards along public footpaths in the area of Cranbrook Woods and Wormdale Farm.

Suggested walking routes through the village can be found on the group's website: newingtonhistory.uk.

For more details about the group: Call: 07506 239970, Email: newingtonhistorygroup@outlook.com, Facebook: Newington History Group.

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

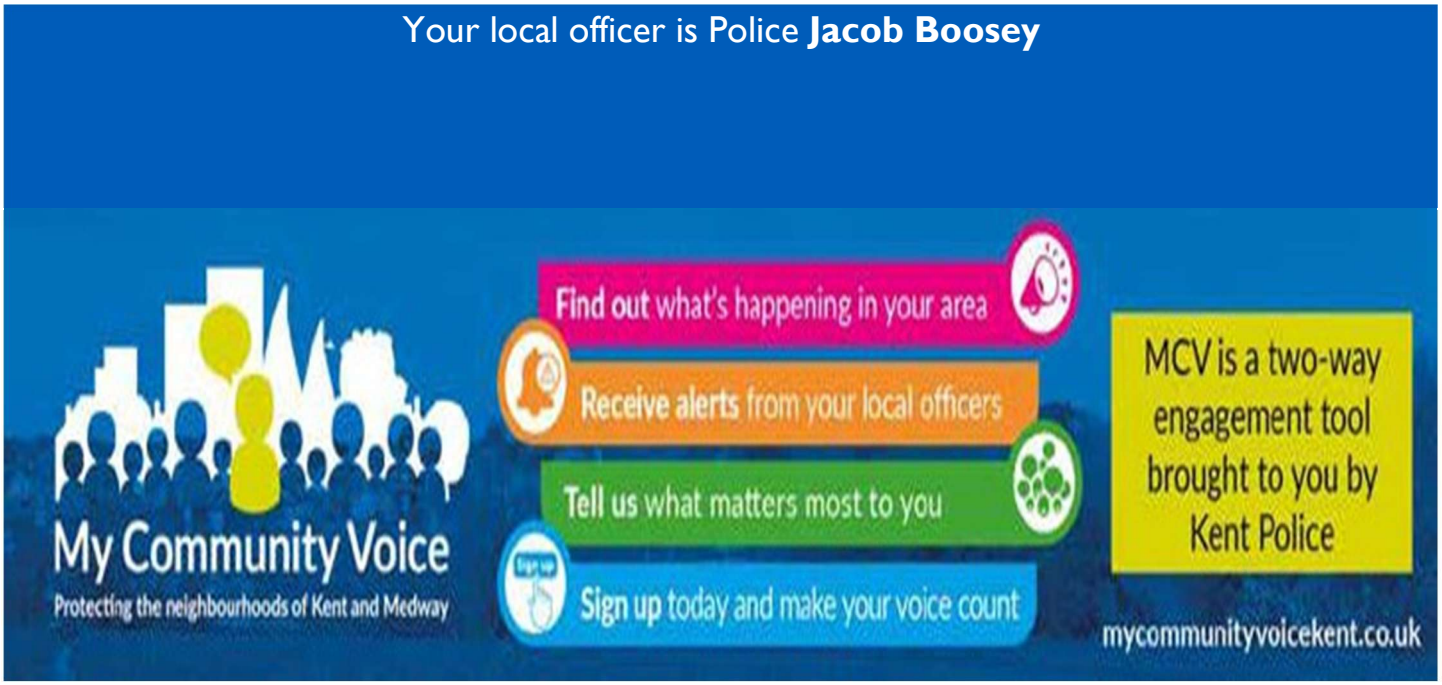
Receive alerts from your local officers

Tell us what matters most to you

Sign up

Sign up today and make your voice count

Find out more **www.MyCommunityVoiceKent.co.uk**



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

My Community Voice
Protecting the neighbourhoods of Kent and Medway



Kent Police

Acting on Community Concerns

At the end of the month it's Halloween 🎃 👻 🎃 👻 🎃 👻 Not everyone enjoys or wants to take part in Halloween.
Addressing any anti-social behaviour, concerns that come with this, we are giving advice not only to residents in our community but also shops and retailers who can assist us in reducing any behaviour linked to this time of year.
If you'd prefer not have trick or treaters call at your door, you can download and display our

'no trick or treat' sign in your front door or window. It's a simple way to let others know you're not taking part.
If you're taking young children out, Halloween can be a fun experience for children, and a few precautions can keep it safe:

- children should be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.
- it's best to visit homes of people you know.
- if a house doesn't have decorations or a pumpkin outside, it's likely they're not participating, so it's best not to knock.

If you have teenagers going out, Older children may want more independence, but it's important they understand how to celebrate respectfully:

- avoid knocking at homes without decorations or pumpkins outside
- do not use alcohol or play a trick on someone using flour or eggs
- if a 'no trick or treat' sign is displayed, they should move on without knocking
- encourage them to stay in groups and never go into a stranger's home
- remind them that Halloween is meant to be fun, not frightening for others

Let's work together to make Halloween safe, respectful, and enjoyable for everyone, whether they're celebrating or not.
Need help? Please only call 999 in an emergency. You can report a non-urgent incident or crime online
Alternatively, you can visit our advice pages for information and guidance on a range of issues.

- Trick or treaters welcome poster - with advice
- No trick or treaters please poster - with advice

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Message Sent By
Jacob Boosey
(Police, PC, Swale Neighbourhood Policing Team)

Come and Sing with Us!

UPCHURCH CHORAL SOCIETY

is looking for

NEW SINGERS

to join our friendly choir!

- All ages welcome
- No audition
- You don't need to read music
- Just bring your enthusiasm and enjoy singing!



We rehearse every
Friday evening
7.45pm – 9.15pm



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

Whether you've sung in a choir before or have never sung with one,
you'll be very welcome!

For details please contact
Marion Dormer 07745598666
or email mariondormer16@gmail.com

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

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)

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

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 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 The Methodist Church at 9.30am

5th Sunday - Morning Worship 10am

(Refreshments follow after every service)

Special Services

1st November - The Six Benefice Communion Service
at Lower Halstow Church 10.30am

8th November - Remembrance Sunday Morning Worship
At St. Mary's Newington 10.15am

Christmas Fayre

28th November 2pm to 4pm

Newington Village Hall

Grand Raffle, Produce, Tombola, Cakes,

Refreshments, Puzzles and Toys and more,

with a visit from Father Christmas!

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 19th November 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 are containers with the Foodbank sign on, near the entrance to the church) 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

Updates from Citizens Advice North East Kent
October 2026

By 31 January 2027, the UK's traditional analogue telephone network will be completely switched off by major telecommunications providers such as BT.

The old copper wire infrastructure that has powered UK landlines for over a century is reaching the end of its operational life. To build a more reliable, resilient network, telecoms operators are migrating all landlines to digital technology. Calls will now run over an internet connection rather than legacy analogue lines.

This switchover affects everyone using traditional landlines, whether in a home or a business setting. It also impacts connected devices that rely on analogue phone lines to function, such as security and fire alarm systems, telecare pendants, personal alarms, and door entry intercoms.

What do you need to do?

1. Wait for your provider to get in touch:
Your telephone or broadband provider (e.g., BT, Sky, Virgin Media) will contact you before migrating your service. You should look out for communications material from them and be careful not to confuse this with marketing material. For most residential users with existing broadband, the transition is straightforward - typically involving plugging your phone directly into the back of your internet router.

2. Review your connected equipment:
Check with manufacturers or suppliers of any connected equipment (e.g. alarms or emergency lines) to ensure they are compatible with digital lines or if an upgrade is required. Communication providers are giving extra support to telecare users during the migration. This includes free engineering visits and battery back-ups for telecare devices and landlines where needed. If you're buying a new alarm or device, you should check with the provider of that equipment that it is compatible with digital phone lines.

3. If you don’t have broadband:
Providers are offering dedicated, low-cost digital landline options to ensure customers without internet access remain connected without needing to buy full broadband packages.

This migration is a vital step toward a modern telecommunications infrastructure across the UK. Taking simple steps today ensures your voice services and connected devices remain fully operational ahead of January 2027.

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 Face

KEEP YOUR HOME SAFE AND SECURE

HELPING YOU FIND SAFE LOCKSMITHS & HOME SECURITY EXPERTS



We are enjoying longer, lighter evenings out of the house and you might also be planning holidays. So now is a good time to think about your **home security.**

Criminals often target homes they believe are vulnerable. This can include overcharging for emergency locksmith services, carrying out unnecessary work, or installing poor-quality security equipment that leaves your property at risk.

How Trading Standards Checked helps
Our directory makes it simple to find a safe, local locksmiths and security specialists. All businesses in our scheme are the **only ones checked by Kent Trading Standards.**

We check many aspects of the business such as licenses, accreditations, insurance and commitment to fair trading. This **gives you confidence when booking work**, especially in rural areas where unsolicited visits are more common.





SIMPLE WAYS TO STAY SAFE:

- Never agree to work at your door.
- Take time to compare traders, especially in emergencies.
- Always get 3 written quotes.
- Be cautious of pressure selling.
- Check reviews and previous work.
- Find a safe local trader, visit kent.gov.uk/tschecked or call 03000 416438.
- Report suspicious activity to Kent Police on 101.

⚠ **If you feel threatened, call 999.**

Trading Standards Checked is Kent County Council's safe trader scheme for home improvement work. To find out more:

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.
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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 sixth draw of the Restoration Draw, 2026-2027 took place at Cornerstone on 15th October with the prize winners shown below. Congratulations to winners.

RESTORATION FUND DRAW : October 2026

Prize	Value	Ticket No.	Name
1st	£23	1	Martin Doe
2nd	£18	24	Tracy Jeffrey
3rd	£15	88	Mrs Birks
4th	£13	20	Rebecca Ledger
5th	£10	114	Tammy Rodden

Many thanks to all of you who have bought tickets for this year, if anyone new would like a ticket for the remaining draws please contact me on 01795 842478 or laneatborden@btinternet.com. Tickets are £10 each.

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:

clerk@newington-pc.gov.uk

Or visit our website: www.newington-pc.gov.uk

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Early Prison Release: Information & Support for Victims

Changes to prison release arrangements may understandably cause concern for victims and their families.

Information is available explaining the changes, what they could mean for victims, and where you can turn for support if you are affected by or worried about the release of an offender.

Find out more and access support: Understanding the Sentencing Act 2026 changes and accessing support



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