



# VILLAGE VOICE

NEWINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

OCTOBER 2018



## LED Street Lights ?

You are invited to a consultation on  
**Tuesday 23 October at 19.00** in the Wickham Room, Newington Village Hall  
to consider if Newington Parish Council should take out an interest free loan of  
£30,550 to upgrade the street lighting to LED.

## Newington Air Quality

Newington Air Quality Management Group held its second meeting this year at the pavillion Newington on the 19 September .

About 25 residents attended this meeting to listen and discuss the issues faced in Newington as regards Air quality. This was a good turnout for a afternoon session but it was felt that the next meeting should be in the evening to accommodate those that could not attend due to other commitments.

It was stressed that it was important for residents to be involved as this gave the recommendations more weight.

Steve Willcocks the SBC environmental officer gave a brief presentation on the history purpose of the air quality monitoring, the current results and where they can be found [www.kentair.org.uk](http://www.kentair.org.uk)

The minutes of the meeting and the presentation slides can be found on the Newington web site. Residents questioned the results and noted that the trend of the air quality was rising .They gave examples of issues and ideas of things that may help.

### Issues raised

The Borough Councils legal duty.

Whether the monitoring sites were in the right location.

How results of the monitoring could be accessed.

Physical constraints of the highway and buildings, measures such as a bypass for the village, moving of the lights, 20mph is plenty campaign, foot bridges, NOx absorbing paint and tarmac, deep cleaning of the high street, moving or extending the pedestrian crossing zone, making some roads one way, tree planting, retro fitting of existing houses along the high street to make them safer, electric vehicles

How measures could be funded, this was answered by the inclusion of a specific air quality planning policy document within the local plan which could attract section 106 funding.

The next meeting will be held in 4 months time in the evening and this date will be advertised with the location and time when set.



# Report Parish Council Meeting September 2018



Mel Harris and Graham Staff have been co-opted onto the Parish Council. There is still one vacancy on the Council and anyone interested should contact the Clerk for details.

The working party at the play area was extremely successful and the swing frames have been painted. New seats and chains are being ordered. The next meeting of the Friends of Newington Rec will be held on 24 October at 7.30pm in the Pavilion, all welcome.

The Parish Council is working hard on behalf of residents to address the issue of air quality in the village. This website contains minutes and reports of meetings. Dates of future meetings will be posted on the website and it is important for residents to be involved as this will give the recommendations more weight.

## Dates

**Street Light Consultation** will be held on Tuesday 23 October at 19:00 in the Wickham Room, Newington Village Hall

**Amenities Committee Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 23 October at 19:00** in the Newington Room Newington Village Hall

**Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday 30th October at 19.00** in the Newington Room Newington Village Hall (all Parish Council meetings are open to the public)

## Vacancy Parish Councillor

Would you like to assist in making decisions that affect your community?

If so why not apply to become a Co-opted Parish Councillor

Expressions of interest must be received in writing to the Clerk by 20 October. please contact: The Clerk, Mrs Wendy Licence, 14 Trapfield Close, Bearsted, ME14 4HT or email: clerk.npc@gmail.com

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## 20 is Plenty

Newington Parish Council is delighted to advise we received in excess of 600 signatures for our 20 Is Plenty Petition. This will be presented to the Swale Joint Transport Board at their next meeting in December. From here we hope to encourage KCC to change the speed limits in our village.

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## Friends of Newington Recreation Ground

Our thanks to those who came to our 'Self-help day' at the Rec on Sunday 16 September. We managed to paint both sets of swings and the climbing frame. We are ordering new swing seats and chains as the first stage of our improvement project.

Anyone interested is invited to a 'Friends of Newington Recreation Ground' meeting on **Wednesday 24 October** (7.30pm in the Pavilion). This is to explore applying for grants to enable us to carry out ambitious projects for an improved and extended play area, with other enhancements to the main field.

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## Parish Council Website

[www.newingtonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.newingtonpc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

Visit the Parish Council website for Council information and latest reports from our PCSO and Community Warden as well as information on village organisations

For details of your group to be included please contact the Parish Clerk.

**Keep in the Loop** The Council wants to keep villagers in the loop via e-mail. to register your e-mail address and be added to our database. e-mail the Parish Clerk [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com)

## Anti Social Behaviour

For your own protection, the local police have advised us to remind all parishoners that if you employ someone to dispose of your rubbish, you need to be sure that they are disposing of it responsibly. This is will help to keep our green spaces free from illegal rubbish tipping

If you see environmental stickers on dumped rubbish, dont report it again. The stickers mean that the environment teams are aware and that they are investigating the ilegal dumping - thank you everyone”.

Halloween is approaching fast and if you would like stickers to put on your door to deter any trick or treaters, please contact our Warden Georgina on 07969 583921 who will be able to help.

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**Community Warden** Georgina Springall 07969 583921  
**Police Community Support Officer** John Cork 07772226217

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**Call your Local Police**  **101** IN AN EMERGENCY ALWAYS CALL **999**

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### Newington History Group

Willow baskets were made in Newington 100 years ago to carry cherries and other fruit grown in the village. It was one of several ancient crafts that have all but disappeared from the area. Learn more about local rural crafts when Rochester historian James Preston gives a talk at Newington History Group’s (NHG) meeting on Thursday, October 11, at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Church Lane. He’ll provide information about malhuses, oast and hop kilns.

NHG seeks to unearth, preserve and promote the history of the village and neighbouring areas. It meets monthly on the second Thursday and an annual subscription is £15. Guests (£3) are welcome at the meetings. For more details contact 01795 842711 or [helma@newington-history.co.uk](mailto:helma@newington-history.co.uk). View the website [newingtonhistorygroup.btck.co.uk](http://newingtonhistorygroup.btck.co.uk) or follow @newingtonhg.

### The Greatest Show on Earth

**Saturday 20th October 2-4pm at Newington Chutch**

A fun afternoon for children of primary school age.

(Reception and pre-school children welcome if accompanied by an adult).

There will be crafts, games and challenges as well as music and drama, all based around a circus boat which is very much like Noah’s Ark.

More details on the website: [www.thesix.org.uk](http://www.thesix.org.uk)

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**Dog Poop** – Dogs have been fouling the childrens play areas in the village. Please make sure that you pick up after your dogs. Children and dog poop don’t mix.– thankyou

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### Newington Reading Group The Bull Newington

**Wednesday 31st October 2018 at 12noon.**

If you don’t want to discuss the book just join us for lunch at 1pm

**84 Charing Cross Road – Helene Hanff**

**For more details please ring 01795 843172**

Deadline for articles photos and announcements 1st of each month

## What's On

### **Newington Methodist Hall**

**For Hire £10 per hour**

Contact Michael Read-Leah Tel: 01795 842112  
[newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:newingtonmethodistchurch@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Newington Pavilion**

The Pavilion is available for hire for clubs and other community-based activities, and also for casual bookings for private children's parties, meetings and similar one-off events. To make a booking please contact the Clerk, Wendy Licence via email; [clerk.npc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.npc@gmail.com) or phone 01622 739324.

### **Neweton Scout Group**

Beavers, cubs and scouts meet Thursdays and Fridays at Newington's Scout Hut. Explorers 14 to 18 years Tuesdays 7.45 – 9.30pm. For more information call: 01795 475114 0771 – 6045209

### **NVH**

#### **Newington Village Hall**

**Booking Secretary Mrs Kristin Julier**

For hall bookings and enquiries

M: 07985 711257 H: 01795 843262

e-mail [kcljulier@googlemail.com](mailto:kcljulier@googlemail.com)

Registered Charity No 10202925

### **Newington Pharmacy**

44 Newington High Street 01795 844131

#### **Opening Hours**

Monday to Friday 9am–6pm

Saturday 9am–1pm Sunday closed

### **Bingo and Social Club**

*Every 1st Thursday of the month*

**Newington Village Hall**

*Newington Room*

from 2.00pm – 4.00pm Refreshments and raffle will be available

*Entrance costs £2.00 All welcome to come along for a bit of fun, a cuppa and a chat*

### **Power Cut – Call 105**

Many people don't know they should contact their local electricity network operator if they have a power cut.

They often mistakenly call the electricity supplier they pay their bills to.

### **Are you looking for funding?**

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 [nwt@delucy.plus.com](mailto:nwt@delucy.plus.com)

### **Friends of St Mary's**

The Friends, who support the maintenance of Newington's beautiful historic church invite people of all faiths and none to join them. Information from Malcolm Moulton, 01795 843172 [mmoulton01@aol.com](mailto:mmoulton01@aol.com)

### **St. Mary's Art Group**

First Friday and third Friday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00am every month  
Newington Village Hall

### **Your community information, here**

contact: Tony Mould 07590464700

email: [tonymould1@sky.com](mailto:tonymould1@sky.com)

### **The Cornerstone Cafe** **The Third Thursday in Every Month**

**From 9am to 12.30 in the Church**

St Mary the Virgin, Newington –  
Play area for children – **All welcome**

### **Newington W.I.**

**Meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30 pm in the Newington Room at Newington Village Hall.**  
**Contact: Alison Fagg 01795 843150**