

Merchant Navy Day Sunday 3rd September 2017



The Parish Council has agreed to fly the Red Ensign, the UK Merchant Navy's official flag, from the John Goodwin memorial flagpole on The Green on Sunday

3rd September to commemorate Merchant Navy Day. The Council would be interested to hear from any Newick residents who have a connection with the Merchant Navy and who might like to be involved on the day.

Flags on The Green

You may have noticed that the seasonal flagpoles were a little late making their appearance on The Green this year. This is because, when the Council's contractor came to get the flagpoles out of storage, he discovered



that a pair of robins had decided to make their nest inside one of the poles. Naturally, we had to wait for nature to take its course and the flagpoles were eventually erected once the young robins had left the nest. Thanks to Lindsay Baker for sending this photograph

Community Speed Watch

You may have seen us in the village wearing high viz yellow vests and pointing a speed camera at passing traffic and wondered what we're doing. Well our simple objective is to try and get traffic passing through Newick within the correct speed limits and often just the sight of us is enough to slow traffic down.

Community Speedwatch is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices

If you are interested in joining us please look at this website for more info - <https://www.communityspeedwatch.co.uk/>
Press the 'Register' button; press 'Join existing group' then follow the instructions.

Welcome back

Newick Parish Council is pleased to welcome Chris Armitage and Cathy Wickens back as members of the Council. Chris and Cathy were co-opted by the Council at the end of March to fill the two vacancies that were remaining. Both are experienced parish councillors and will be concentrating their efforts on Planning and Neighbourhood Plan issues.

The Council now has its full complement of eleven members, see below for their names. We do not publish councillor's personal telephone numbers or email addresses so if you would like to get in touch with the Council or a particular councillor, please do so via the Clerk, details are below.

PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Mr Chris Armitage
Mr. Guy Clothier
Mr. Mario Halsey
Dr Ben Horsfall
Mr. Jed Jones
Mr Iain Nesbitt
Mrs. Jean Sheppard
Mrs. Jenny Smerdon (Chairman)
Mr Joe White
Mrs Cathy Wickens
Mr Ken Wrench

NB All correspondence for Newick Parish Council should be sent to the Clerk (see contact details below)

Newick Parish Council

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You can also contact the Clerk in person by calling in to Newick Community Centre, The Green, Newick from 10.00 to 12.00 on Monday or Thursday mornings. No appointment necessary, feel free to drop in during these times.



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Newick Hill Development Affordable Housing

The Parish Council has been asked to make residents aware that there will shortly be twelve intermediate affordable homes available under a shared equity scheme. The properties will be available to all age groups, not just first time buyers, who can demonstrate a connection with Lewes District and who would not be able to afford to buy them at the full market price. Under the shared equity scheme you would purchase a 75% to 80% share of the equity (depending on which property you are interested in). No rent is payable on the remaining share.

There will be four apartments (2 x 1 bed and 2 x 2 bed), Two x 1 bed semi-detached bungalows, four x 2 bed terraced houses, and two x 3 bed semi-detached houses. Prices start at £176,000 for an 80% share of a one bed apartment and rise to £281,250 for a 75% share of a three bed house.

Priority will be given to those with a Newick connection up until 22nd July 2017.

Further information and answers to frequently asked questions can be found on the Landspeed Homes website www.landspeedhomes.uk. Those wishing to register an interest should do so on the Help to Buy website www.helptobuyese.org.uk

Keep Safe

Some young people have been seen scootering on the road and crossing between parked cars in Allington Road. This is clearly an unsafe practice and we would ask parents to say something to their children, highlighting the dangers of scootering on the road, potentially into the path of oncoming cars!! The school holidays are fast approaching and we want everyone to be safe. Thank you



School Crossing Patrol

The lollipop gang have been operating the crossing for a whole year! We thank them for their dedication. They are making a difference and the children and parents are very grateful. Enjoy the summer break!

Cllr. Jenny Smerdon (Chairman of Newick Parish Council)



Newick Food Fair

The second Newick Food Fair took place on Saturday 17th June and we were blessed with lovely summer weather for this event. Over twenty local producers of food and drink came along to sell their high quality produce and they were kept busy with customers all day. The Parish Council would like to thank members of the organising committee including Alex Harison, Emily Rae, Steve Jones and Hilary Bryan, and the many other individuals and groups who helped on the day, it couldn't have happened without all your hard work. Thank you.



The organising committee is already thinking about how to improve things for next year when the Food Fair will be back as part of the bi-annual Newick Festival over the weekend of **23rd and 24th June 2018**. Put the dates in your diary so that you don't miss it!



We will be holding a meeting in September for local clubs, societies and organisations who would like to be involved with Newick Festival 2018. An email will be sent out nearer the time, but if you think that your organisation would like to take part please let me know (contact details on the back page of this newsletter).

Sue Berry, Clerk to Newick Parish Council

Newick Post Office

Members of the Parish Council were saddened to learn of the sudden death of our long serving Postmaster, Terry Coombs who passed away suddenly in May. The Post Office in Allington Road is now closed with no definite news about whether or not the service will resume at some time in the future. The Parish Council has been liaising with The Post Office Ltd. and trying to work with local people and businesses to find a way of ensuring that Newick keeps a Post Office in some shape or form, but so far without success. A letter received from The Post Office Ltd. stated:-

‘The provision of a Post Office service to our customers in the local community is important to us, and we will continue to work hard to restore services in the area as soon as possible. We would welcome any applications from potential retail partners interested in running Newick Post Office on our behalf. If you know anyone who is interested please give them our Agency Recruitment team contact telephone number: 0845 601 6260. My colleagues in this team will be pleased to provide the specific details about the vacancy at Newick.’

Anti-social behaviour at Recreation Ground

Sadly, the Parish Council has recently received a number of reports of anti-social behaviour at the recreation grounds (King George V Playing Field and Manwaring Robertson Rugby field). These include damage to the rugby goal posts, offensive graffiti on the skate park equipment, damage to the surface of the children's play area and to the newly painted swing frame. There have also been complaints of drugs being used, loud music being played and verbal abuse directed at those who have tried to reason with the perpetrators.

The Council has checked the CCTV footage following receipt of these reports and is in touch with Sussex Police about the incidents in question.

In the meantime, if you are the victim of or witness an incident of anti-social behaviour in Newick please report it to Sussex Police by telephoning 101 (999 if it is an emergency) or sending an email to district.lewes@sussex.pnn.police.uk.

You can also report incidents on the Sussex Police website <https://www.sussex.police.uk/> contact-us. If you don't report it then the Police won't know about it and Newick will remain a low priority.

Reedens Meadow

A number of residents have been confused about the work going on to the north of Western Road and have asked for clarification.

This site is to be a Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) which is the name given to greenspace that is of a quality and type suitable to be used as mitigation to offset the impact of new housing development on the Ashdown Forest Special Protection Area (SPA). The purpose of SANGs is to provide alternative greenspace to attract visitors away from the Ashdown Forest SPA.

Much of Newick lies within this area so before any new housing is permitted a SANG was required. Natural England (NE) is the body which oversees the setting up of a SANG and they dismissed early suggestions of, for example, joining up existing rights of way. The design of the site must include a NE compliant walking route, on-site car parking provision, potential connections to other walks in the area and numerous other features too many to list here.

Thakeham homes (developers of the Newick Hill Site) are now the freehold owners of the land but once approved by NE, Lewes District Council (LDC) will become the new owners and the land will be protected from development for at least 80 years. This beautiful site of just over 29 acres is planned to be officially open to the public in a few months and will be called Reedens Meadow. If you have any further questions please contact the clerk (contact details on back page).

Cllr. Cathy Wickens