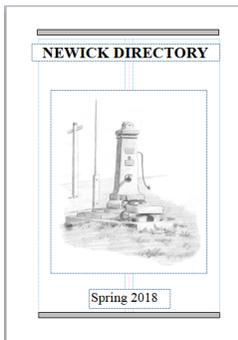


Newick Directory



The Parish Clerk will shortly be updating the Council's Newick Directory which will be printed and distributed to all households within the Parish in late March/early April.

The Directory is an A5 size booklet containing useful information about

local services, clubs & societies and contact details for local businesses. It is updated every two years and the printing costs are covered by donations from local businesses.

If you would like your business to be included in the new edition of the Directory, please contact the Clerk as soon as possible (newickpc@newick.net or 722135).

Newick Village Website Sign up for email alerts

You are probably aware that Newick has its own village website which is provided and managed by Newick Parish Council. The website contains village information, news and events, details of Parish Council meetings and documents, and booking information for Newick Village Hall and Newick Community Centre.

You can now sign up to receive email alerts about new items placed on the news and events page. Just visit www.newick.net, click on the 'News and Events' tab at the top of the page and follow the link on the top right hand side to sign up to receive these alerts. You will need to enter your name and email address to register.



Christmas tree on The Green

The Parish Council would like to thank Tom Stovold and his team at **Southern Events**, a local company based in Jackies Lane, for donating, transporting

and decorating the Christmas tree on The Green once again this year. We would also like to thank Baroness and Mr Cumberlege for providing the power source for the tree lights. Hopefully you will agree that the tree looked great and provided suitable festive cheer to the village centre.

(Apologies that an electrical fault meant that the lights were not shining all the way through to 12th night).

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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.



Your Newick Parish Council Newsletter Winter 2017/18



Reedens Meadows Now Open!

Have you visited Reedens Meadows yet? This beautiful area bounded by Jackies Lane, Harmers Hill and Western Road is now open for residents to enjoy. The site, which was provided by Thakeham Homes, will be maintained by Lewes District Council with help from Newick Rootz volunteers. For more information and lots of lovely photographs visit <http://reedensmeadows.org/> (Photo by kind permission of Mr Tony Turk)



How new names are chosen for the Village

Some residents may have wondered how names for the new development in Newick Hill and the newly created SANG were chosen as 'Mantell Close' and 'Reedens Meadows'; both have Newick historical connections. The history of Reedens (the name of the house now known as Headway House) can be found as far back as 1560 as 'Riddens in Chayley', with the spelling changing over the years to Reedings and by about 1800 to Reedens. The land was described as divided into meadow, arable, hop and woodland and to the north side it was called Jack's Common or Jack Jones Common. Part of this common is a boggy area where the rare sundew (*drosera rotundifolia*) grows and Joshua Mantell as a local horticultural/botanical enthusiast obtained a specimen. Joshua was the Newick village doctor and was also a founder of the Newick Horticultural Society. If you would like to read much more detail visit <http://reedensmeadows.org/index.php/about/history> written by local resident, Tony Turk. If you want to find about the history of your own road name then read chapter 17 of 'Newick Retold' by another local resident Tony Mayes, copies available from the Parish Clerk at £5 each.
Cltr. Cathy Wickens

Planning Update

In November 2017, Fairfax Properties submitted a planning application seeking outline planning permission for 20 new dwellings including the provision of a new vehicular and pedestrian access via Allington Road, provision of public open space and a new community car park to serve King George V Playing Fields, associated infrastructure and landscaping and demolition of existing buildings and structures at the land at the rear of 45 Allington Road.

The application was considered by Newick Parish Council at its Meeting on 28th November. The meeting was very well attended with approximately 30 parishioners present. Statements were heard from 4 members of the public, all objecting to the application. The main objections were that it was contrary to the Lewes District Local Plan in that the development was outside the planning boundary and the site was not an allocated site within the Newick Neighbourhood Plan and thus contrary to the Plan. Another compelling reason to object was the additional traffic caused by not just the new properties, but traffic utilising the car park. It was pointed out that the access road would join Allington Road close to the bend which suffers from poor visibility. Besides those present at the meeting over 40 letters objecting to the application had been lodged with Lewes District Council. Only 2 letters supported the application.

There were no representatives from Fairfax to present their case and to answer any questions that the Council might have cared to ask. After a brisk discussion it was proposed to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The proposed development site is outside the development boundary for Newick and is therefore contrary to Lewes District Council's saved Local Plan policy CT1.
- The site was not one of those selected for inclusion in Newick's Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted in July 2015 after extensive consultation with local residents.
- Newick's Neighbourhood Plan made full provision for the number of new dwellings that the village has been asked to accept during the period up to 2030 and Lewes District Council has demonstrated that it has a five year land supply, therefore, there is no justification for additional dwellings to be imposed against the will of local residents.
- The outline planning application did not satisfactorily address a number of vital issues including vehicular access and increased levels of traffic on a bend in an already congested road (and bus route) which is heavily used by pedestrians travelling to and from the nearby primary school.

The decision to object was unanimous.

The application will now be considered by Lewes District Council's Planning Committee, rather than delegated to a planning officer. Should Lewes Planning Committee refuse the application, Fairfax Properties have the right to lodge an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. It is hoped that Fairfax recognise the strength of feeling in Newick and also consider how determined its residents are to oppose any additional planning applications that breach the Neighbourhood Plan. *Cllr. Chris Armitage*

Newick Food Fair and Festival Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th June 2018

Planning has started for the Food Fair which will be held on Saturday 23rd June and Newick Festival on Sunday 24th June.

The theme of the Festival will be **Toys and Games Through the Ages** and planning has started but we do need more volunteers to help. If you or an organisation you are involved with has an idea for an activity on the day or if you would just like to be involved in some way please contact Jenny Smerdon (Tel 722583 or email jennysmerdon@gmail.com).

Events already planned include a **Scarecrow Competition**, this year's theme is for adults and children alike. What are your fondest childhood memories? A particular toy, a character from a film, book or television programme? Just to set you thinking, how about Mickey or Minnie Mouse, Action Man, My Little Pony, Harry Potter, Star Wars or even Paddington Bear! Do join in, entry details will be published later.



Be Safe, Be Seen!

A local resident recently contacted the Parish Council to ask us to put an article in the newsletter asking walkers, runners and cyclists to make sure that they wear bright clothing when they are using the country lanes in Newick and surrounding areas.



It is great to see so many people out running, walking, cycling and horse riding, but if you do not make yourself visible then motorists may not see you until it is too late.

Most sports and outdoor equipment shops sell high visibility jackets, T shirts and lights etc. Please consider your safety and make sure that you can be seen, particularly if you are out early in the morning or at dusk.

And finally, **motorists please slow down**, you don't know what is round the corner!!

Newick Post Office

It is with regret that we have to report that the application recently submitted by a local business to take on a Post Office within their shop has been turned down which means that there will be no Post Office facility in Newick in the near future.