

## LEWES DC JOINT CORE STRATEGY INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

Councillors Armitage and Wickens attended the Lewes Joint Core Strategy Independent Examination hearing on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December. This was a resumed hearing with Inspector's issues and questions following on from the initial hearing in January 2015. Besides Newick Parish Council, other attendees included David Lock Associates (Mitchelswood Farm) who were represented by their barrister. A minimum of 6,900 net additional dwellings is the planned figure for delivery in Lewes District between 2010 and 2030. Newick's contribution of 100 minimum additional units is in line with the Neighbourhood Plan. Much of the discussion centred round the 7km zone from the edge of Ashdown Forest and the provision of Suitable Alternative Natural Green Spaces (SANGS). Newick Parish Council and Lewes District Council both reiterated that they were confident that SANGS would be delivered.

*Cllr. Chris Armitage  
Chair Planning Committee*

### FESTIVAL UPDATE

**Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th May 2016**

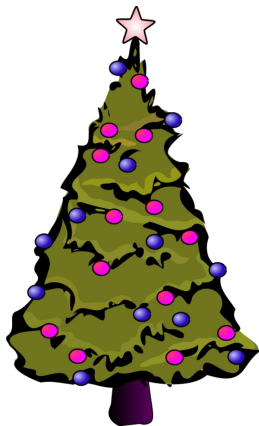
The SCARECROWS are returning! This time in the form of an 'artist' of your choice, OR your scarecrow could be any character of your choosing but aspects of an artist's work should be used within your design or in the decoration of your scarecrow.

Clubs, Societies and individuals are working hard to create another memorable weekend for us all to enjoy, so **please** put the dates on your calendar.

Posters will be visible over the coming months, plus a dedicated website, to keep you updated on what is happening.

*Cllr. Jenny Smerdon*

On behalf of all parishioners, the Parish Council would like to thank Newick Bonfire Society for once again supplying, erecting and decorating the Christmas Tree on The Green this year. We are very grateful for your support.



### PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Mr. Chris Armitage (Vice Chairman)  
Mr. Cris Allen  
Mr. Nick Berryman (Chairman)  
Mr. Mario Halsey  
Dr Ben Horsfall  
Mr. Ross Houghton  
Mr. Chris Jago  
Mrs. Jean Sheppard  
Mrs. Jenny Smerdon  
Mrs. Melanie Thew  
Mrs. Cathy Wickens

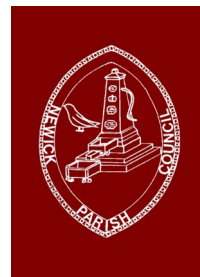
**NB** All correspondence for Newick Parish Council should be sent to the Clerk (see contact details below)

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2.45 to 3.45 p.m.

Training will be given by ESCC and a uniform provided. All those on the patrol rota will be covered by ESCC insurance. It can be a paid or voluntary post and, as it is a school and children will be crossing the road, the necessary checks would need to be made prior to the training taking place.

If you feel that you would like to be involved please contact me for more information as soon as possible so that we can begin the process and help make crossing the road to school a SAFER experience. Thank you.

*Cllr. Jenny Smerdon (jennysmerdon@gmail.com or 722583)*

### MITCHELSWOOD FARM - PUBLIC INQUIRY

An appeal has been made against Lewes District Council's decision to refuse planning permission for up to 63 dwellings at Mitchelswood Farm, Allington Road. The appeal will be decided on the basis of a Public Inquiry which will be held at **Newick Village Hall starting at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday 9th February 2016**. It is anticipated that the Public Inquiry will run for four days and members of the public are welcome to attend. If you have strong feelings about this application you should attend at 10.00 a.m. on the first day to ask the Planning Inspector for permission to speak at the Inquiry. If you have questions about the arrangements for the Public Inquiry please contact Lewes District Council Planning Department on 01273 484439.

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## Your Newick Parish Council Newsletter Winter 2015/16



### NEWICK SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

We have been liaising with Newick CE Primary School and East Sussex County Council Highways to try to reinstate the School Crossing Patrol in Allington Road. The school has tried many times to find a suitable person to do the job but sadly nobody has been interested. It's a task where the hours involved mean that you can't really go out for a whole day as you have to be back by 3 p.m.

So, we have come up with another plan. This is to make the post a 'job share' for a minimum of 10 people, where each person would be responsible for **one** morning or **one** afternoon a week. This would also give flexibility should someone be ill or want to go on holiday. The approximate hours would be 8.15 to 9.15 a.m. or

## POST OFFICE UPDATE

After many years of sterling work our local postmaster, Terry, would very much like to retire.

Quite a lot has changed since Terry took over the Post Office at Newick. The Royal Mail has been split up and sold off, excluding the Post Offices. The goal is now for post offices to be a mutual (partnership) organisation. In 2012 Post Office Ltd was set up by Network Transformation, using money put up by the government. The aim now is to put post offices into existing local shops as has been done in Wivelsfield Green and South Chailey.

The Parish Council is communicating with Post Office Ltd in an effort to try to keep a Post Office in Newick and is hoping to find somebody who would be willing to take on the business. The advertisement below will be displayed around the village, and if you are interested in this opportunity or know somebody else who might be please contact Cllr. Jean Sheppard for more information.

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### Newick Post Office

Weekly customer transactions: 500

Estimated income from Post Office fees: £11,800



A great business opportunity for a successful retailer to join one of the most trusted brands in the UK. Benefit from increased retail sales by introducing a Post Office Local to your business.

You'll receive up to £10,000 investment towards fit-out costs.

- There's no franchise fee to add Post Office Services to your customer offer
- A Post Office Local only needs a square metre of counter space by your retail till

Register your interest at [RunaPostOffice.co.uk](http://RunaPostOffice.co.uk)

## Neighbourhood Watch Update



The Police are trying to find ways of saving money and I'm afraid one of the casualties is going to be our PCSO Sally Ann Reed. She told me recently that they had just been informed of their new contracts and shift patterns. She was to be sent to Hastings and would be expected to work 6 weekends out of 9. She would also have to be re-interviewed for her job. She felt the impact it would have on family life and work balance would be unacceptable and has reluctantly taken voluntary redundancy, to take effect from June 4<sup>th</sup>.

The police are trying to phase out PCSOs and replace them with cheaper "Community Wardens", so by changing their contracts in this way many are going voluntarily. Furthermore, the new Lewes Police Station has been downgraded and is no longer a "response hub". Our nearest may be Uckfield which is likely to become a satellite hub.

On this note, should anyone feel they would like to become a NHW street co-ordinator I do have four vacancies. They are :-

2 – 38 Western Road and Acerlands. (12 properties).

37 – 87 Western Road (22 properties).

Bannisters Field, South side of The Green and Church Road as far as Blind Lane, (37 properties).

North Lodge and The High Street down to the Community Centre. (24 properties).

Should you be interested please contact me. There is not too much involved as once you have let people in your street know you are the new co-ordinator, (form provided), everything is done via email.

Lastly, I still have various "No Cold Calling" and "NHW" cards to put in the window if anyone would like them.

*Cllr Jean Sheppard, Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator*

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## VILLAGE SURVEY

As a Council we frequently receive comments and complaints about a number of issues concerning the general appearance of the village environment. Points raised are about inappropriate parking and vehicles damaging grass verges, the condition of pavements, overhanging hedges or trees which reduce the width of pavements, dog fouling and litter. Less frequently but also mentioned are graffiti, antisocial behaviour, out of date posters and recycling boxes overflowing. We decided therefore to conduct an informal survey of the whole village which took place during the first couple of weeks in December. The results of the survey will be presented at the Council meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> January and action to be taken will be decided at the Environment and Recreation committee meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> of February. We do hope that Parishioners will support our endeavours.

*Cllr. Cathy Wickens*