

Use of Play Equipment

The Parish Council has been made aware that some youngsters have been using their scooters on the play equipment in the children's play area at King George V Playing Field.

The equipment, including a trampoline and two multi-play climbing frames were installed in 2015 for the enjoyment of children under the age of 12. There have been many reports that local children and those visiting the area really enjoy using the play equipment and it would be a great shame if it were damaged through misuse.

There will soon be signs at the play area making it clear that scooters and bicycles must not be used for riding down the slides or bouncing on the trampoline. Please support us by making sure that your children continue to use the play equipment as was intended.

Defibrillators

This is a reminder that the Parish Council has taken over responsibility for the four defibrillators around the village provided by the Friends of Newick Health Centre. These can be found at the following locations, all are fixed to an outside wall near to the entrance:-

Newick Village Hall, Western Road
Newick CE Primary School, Allington Road
Newick Sports Pavilion, Allington Road
Newick Health Centre, Marbles Road

There is also a defibrillator at The Crown Inn, Church Road.

The defibrillators are inspected regularly, but if you know that one has been used please inform the Parish Clerk as replacement pads will need to be fitted.



Overhanging Vegetation

Householders are responsible for making sure that their hedges, bushes and trees do not overhang or obstruct any pavements or footpaths and now is a good time to check this.

Overgrown hedges and vegetation cause real problems for people using the footpaths and pavements, especially if they suffer from impaired vision or need a little more space for wheelchairs, mobility scooters or buggies. It can be dangerous if they are forced into the road to avoid the obstruction.

If, when you check, you find that your shrubs, hedges or trees are likely to cause a problem for passers-by please make arrangements to cut them back as soon as possible.

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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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Housing Development Issues

In our letter delivered in August, we reported that as a result of the court case brought by Paddy and Julia Cumberlege, the Secretary of State's decision to grant planning permission for 50 houses at Mitchelswood Farm had been quashed. However, DLA are appealing against that decision and the Appeal Court hearing will be on or about the 24th October. If DLA lose the appeal, they may make a revised planning application and the whole appeal process could be repeated.

As you may be aware, another developer has been proposing a 20 house development off Allington Road, so a planning application could follow. As with the Mitchelswood Farm proposal, the site is outside the planning boundary and is a site that was considered but was not selected by the residents of Newick when consulted during development of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP).

Experience across England shows that challenges to NP development proposals, many of which have been for additional sites on the edge of villages, are often successful in areas where the district council has insufficient land lined up for the development required throughout their district over the next five years. Fortunately, that is not the case with Lewes District Council at present, so for the time being we can expect such speculative planning applications to fail. However, the government's planning legislation and guidance is constantly changing and we are keeping a close watch on this.

John Lucas, Chairman of Neighbourhood Plan Committee

Allotment Success

Newick Parish Council was pleased to hear that several allotment holders at the new Cornwells Bank allotment site won prizes for their vegetables at the Horticultural Society Annual Show this year. There was one first prize, one second prize and three third prizes. Congratulations to the prize winners for all their hard work!





Newick Festival 2018

This is a reminder that Newick Festival 2018 will be held over the weekend of 23rd and 24th June 2018. By the time you read this, the first meeting of those clubs and societies interested in being involved will have taken place and hopefully ideas will be starting to form.

Please keep an eye on the Parish Magazine for further information over the next few months and if you would like to be involved in some way please let me know so that you can be included on the mailing list.

*Sue Berry, Parish Clerk
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Co-option of New Councillor

At the Parish Council meeting on 26th September, it was agreed to co-opt Melanie Thew to fill the vacancy which had occurred during the summer. Melanie has had several years experience as a member of Newick Parish Council and we look forward to working with her again.

Newick Post Office Update

It looks as though we may finally get a Post Office in Newick!

For over two years I have been trying to get someone to take over from Terry Coombes. As we know, he sadly died in May and the Post Office was cleared and everything taken away.

Some people in the village had been trying to set up a Community Post Office but after Terry died the idea had to be put on hold.

Once again Baroness Cumberlege came to Newick's rescue. She arranged and hosted a very useful meeting in her office with two senior Post Office representatives, myself, the Parish Clerk and another resident. The Post Office has promised to get things moving and the situation is looking more hopeful.

There is at present a business in the village hoping to take on the Post Office and this will be publicised when all procedures are completed.

They would like to have the Post Office up and running in time for Christmas and we all live in hope that this will now happen.

Cllr. Jean Sheppard

Neighbourhood Watch Report



As I have said before, I hear nothing from the police now that we have no PCSO. However, I have had two incidents reported to me by Newick residents.

On September 12th there was a burglary at a house off Allington Road. The owners of the house had just returned from holiday the day before and had gone out to do some shopping that morning. During that time burglars removed a double glazed window at the side of the house and stole credit cards, jewellery and other small items.

I was also told of yet another phone scam. Someone saying they were from an insurance company told a lady the warranty on her washing machine had ended and they could extend it for £60 instead of £90. They asked her for her account number and sort code whereupon she put the phone down. They sounded very genuine and she has no idea how they got her name and phone number.

One last thing, I have vacancies for four NHW Coordinators. They are for Marbles Road, Millfield Close, 37 to 87 Western Road and, 2 to 38 Western Road / Acerlands. Please let me know if you are interested.

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Bonfires

The Parish Council has received some enquiries about the rules concerning bonfires and as it is getting to the time of year when most people have garden waste to dispose of we thought that you might appreciate some advice.

The first thing to say is that there are no byelaws governing garden bonfires, however, the Environmental Protection Act 1990 allows action to be taken where bonfires cause a nuisance to neighbours. Please see the Lewes District Council website for more information <http://www.lewes.gov.uk/environment/821.asp>

Residents are encouraged to find alternative ways of disposing of their garden waste such as composting it or using a green waste collection service. However, if burning of garden waste is unavoidable the following guidelines should be followed:-

- 1) Never use old engine oil, meths or petrol to light the fire
- 2) Only burn dry material
- 3) Never burn household rubbish, tyres, or anything containing plastic, foam or paint
- 4) Avoid burning at weekends and on bank holidays when people want to enjoy their gardens
- 5) Advise your nearest neighbours before lighting a bonfire.