

## SITUATIONS VACANT

Newick Parish Council has the following vacancies, if you are interested please contact the Clerk for further information (contact details below).

### Village Handy Person (Paid)

Required to work 7 hours per week October to March rising to 9 hours per week April to September. Duties include litter picking at the recreation ground and on The Green, sweeping, minor repairs, cleaning, and regular inspections of Parish Council owned equipment. Needed to start as soon as possible.

### Newsletter Delivery (Paid)

Required to deliver quarterly Parish Council newsletter to all households within the parish (except for some addresses in outlying areas which are sent by post). Delivery usually required in early January, April, July and October. Delivery round can be shared if two or more people would like to work together.

### School Crossing Patrol

Volunteer required to join the team helping Newick School children cross the road safely  
Vacancy from September 2019  
Wednesday afternoon 3.00 to 3.30 p.m.  
Term time only & Training given

## APPOINTMENT OF NEW CLERK

Newick Parish Council is delighted to announce that a new Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer has been appointed to take over from the existing Clerk. Sue Berry, when she retires in the summer.

Emma Reece will be joining us after the Easter break and will work alongside Sue for a few weeks to learn how the Parish Council works before taking over the role at the beginning of August.

Revised contact details will be published in the next edition of this newsletter and on the website

## PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Newick Parish Council includes in its annual budget a small amount to be awarded in grants to local organisations which can demonstrate a need for financial support either towards day to day running costs or for a specific project. Any organisation applying for a grant from the Parish Council must be able to show that its activities provide a service for and/or bring about an improvement in the quality of life for residents of Newick. The Parish Council will be considering grant applications at its meeting on 28th May so if your organisation would like to apply please contact the Clerk for a copy of the policy and an application form or you can download one from the newick.net website (Parish Council/Policies and Procedures)

### YOUR PARISH COUNCILLORS:

Mr Chris Armitage  
Mr. Guy Clothier  
Mr. Mario Halsey  
Dr Ben Horsfall  
Mr Iain Nesbitt  
Mrs. Jean Sheppard  
Mrs. Jenny Smerdon (Chairman)  
Mrs Melanie Thew  
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)

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### Newick Parish Council

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Newick, BN8 4PG  
01825 722135  
Email: [newickpc@newick.net](mailto:newickpc@newick.net)

### [www.newick.net](http://www.newick.net)

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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*Your*  
**Newick Parish Council**  
**Newsletter**  
**Spring 2019**



# SATURDAY

## 13TH APRIL 2019 FROM 10am

Do please join us to give our beautiful village a  
general tidy up  
Please meet in the Community Centre (with gloves  
and high visibility jackets and suitable footwear)

Parish Clerk (Newick Parish Council)

## HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

The future of restricting housing development around Newick to **planned** development, as opposed to **developer-led** development, now looks more uncertain. The revised National Planning Policy Framework allows local plans and neighbourhood plans to be given far less weight if **either** the local planning authority is deemed by government to have insufficient land lined up for the development needed over the next five years, **or** if the new housing completions over the last three years are deemed to have been insufficient. Sadly, the government's recently published Housing Delivery Test (HDT) figures put Lewes District into this category. Not only do the figures indicate failure of the HDT, but they also mean that a larger buffer must be allowed when calculating the housing land supply. LDC may not, therefore, meet either requirement.

Lewes District Council (LDC) considers the government's figures to be wrong and is contesting them, both on the grounds of mathematical error and because the figures unfairly penalise the area outside the South Downs National Park for poor progress on development within the Park.

There are currently several planning applications for sites around Newick not included in either the Newick Neighbourhood Plan or LDC's Local Plan. Regrettably, it is not possible at present to predict what the outcome of these applications might be.

Part 2 of LDC's Local Plan, which calls for no additional housing around Newick above that included in the Neighbourhood Plan, is due to be considered by a planning inspector in public hearings in April. However, unless the above-described difference of opinion between government and LDC is settled by then, it seems possible that the hearings will have to be postponed. Hearings at which developers would advocate numerous additional development sites because the government's figures suggest that plans can be ignored, whereas LDC would claim that the government's figures are wrong, would lead nowhere.

*Neighbourhood Plan Committee*

## VILLAGE SURVEY

During December 2018 members of the Parish Council carried out a survey of the village and identified a number of problems which need to be rectified. Below is a summary of the results:-

- Damaged pavements (3 severe & 23 moderate) to be reported to ESCC Highways
- Overhanging vegetation (26 reports of hedges & bushes which overhang the pavement) letters to be sent to householders. 30 reports of weeds in the gutter.
- Litter (27 reports of individual items, 2 reports of large amounts, 3 reports of dumped garden waste). No reports of dog fouling on verges or pavements.
- Damaged grass verges (8 reports of verges damaged by vehicles & 2 reports of parking on verges).

## NEWICK FOOD FAIR SATURDAY 15TH JUNE

We are pleased to announce that the ever popular Newick Food Fair will be returning to The Green on Saturday 15th June and will be open between 11.00 and 15.00.

Many of your favourite local producers will be returning giving you the opportunity to buy local fruit & vegetables, meat, cheese, pies, cakes, and much more.

For further information please see the website [www.newickfoodfair.co.uk](http://www.newickfoodfair.co.uk) or contact [newickfoodfair@gmail.com](mailto:newickfoodfair@gmail.com)

**Harris's Old Tyme Fun Fair** will be on The Green the same weekend.

This promises to be a great weekend so put the date in your diaries.



## THE LADY VERNON (NEWICK) EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Information for those considering applying for a grant for educational purposes from the above Trust:-

The Trustees will be meeting at the end of April 2019 to consider applications received. Applications should be made in writing and should be sent to Mrs Linda Farmer, Clerk/Trustee to the Lady Vernon Trust, 7 Oldaker Road, Newick, BN8 4LN

## NEWICK VILLAGE HALL SUCCESSFUL BID

The Parish Council was pleased to hear that the Village Hall Management Committee has been successful in obtaining £25,000 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding from Lewes District Council to undertake the work for a major refurbishment of the main hall. The work, which is necessary for maintaining and improving the fabric of the building, is to be completed in 2 phases over the next 2 summers:-

**Phase 1 August 2019** is the re-boarding of the ceiling with much better insulation, improved acoustics and the replacement of the fluorescent strip lighting with energy efficient LED lights. The CIL funding covers 50% of the cost of this stage of the work, the balance being met from reserves and legacies left by individuals.

**Phase 2 August 2020** is the redecoration of the main hall walls and the re-sealing of the floor.

Regrettably, in order to complete Phase 1, the hall will close for a period of 6 weeks (**29 July to 8 September, reopening on 9 September**). The time period has been chosen so as to inconvenience as few regular users as possible.

The hall is a vital community asset and the Management Committee would like to thank the community for supporting the hall over the years.