

Bus Shelter at The Point



You will probably have noticed that the bus shelter at The Point, near to the junction of the A272 and Allington Road, was destroyed following a road accident in June. The Parish Council, which is responsible for the shelter, has arranged for the damaged shelter to be removed and for a new modern shelter to be installed in its place. This should be in place in early October. The cost of this work will be met by insurance.

New signs for Recreation Areas

The Parish Council's Environment & Recreation Committee has recently ordered some new signs which will soon be erected on gates leading to the King George V Playing Field and Manwaring Robertson (rugby) field. The signs make it clear that dogs must be on a lead in both areas and that dog walkers must clear up after their pets. Your cooperation will be very much appreciated by sports clubs and other users of our public open spaces.



Newick Parish Website

We have just launched a new website! The address is the same (www.newick.net) but the structure and appearance have been refreshed.

The separate Parish Council and community sites have been consolidated into one, and hopefully usability is noticeably easier.

We aim for it to continuously evolve and improve with time and welcome your ideas. Please take a look and discover what information is available.

Cllr Ben Horsfall

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New Councillor

Newick Parish Council is pleased to welcome new Councillor Rich Allum who was co-opted to join the Council at the meeting held on 30th August. Rich, who has been a Newick resident for about 12 years, works as a Forest Ranger at Ashdown Forest and has a keen interest in environmental issues. Rich has already undertaken basic training on what it means to be a Parish Councillor and learned about some of the workings of the Council. The Council is very happy to have him 'on board' and looks forward to working with him.

Sue Berry, Clerk

Clearing the old pond area



The Parish Council's Environment and Recreation committee conducted their annual appraisal of Parish owned land in July and amongst their report they found that the old pond area on the Manwaring Robertson field had become very overgrown.

Newick Rootz were asked if they would be able to clear the area and on the 22nd September about 12 of the volunteers did a sterling job of removing brambles, nettles, small saplings and rubbish.

This has been an unusually busy year for the group because of the exceptional growing conditions and so they reported back that walkers should be careful in the newly cleared area as some of the brambles are potential trip hazards.

There is also a tree within the small copse by the pond area which has Ash Dieback (the first reported case to our knowledge in the village) and this tree will be felled shortly. After this has happened the area will be reassessed to see what further work is required and suggest the ongoing maintenance. The Council is very grateful to Newick Rootz for their hard work and also for maintaining the fabulous network of rights of way in the Parish.

Cllr Cathy Wickens

Newick Now to 2030

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Following discussion with Maria Caulfield MP, she asked the Secretary of State to call in the decision of the Planning Inspector to the appeal by the Developers of the Mitchelswood Farm site before the result was published. We are pleased this was agreed and are now assured the Secretary of State will announce his decision in early November. Unfortunately, an appeal against the results of the Judicial Review by the same developers has been granted and this hearing will take place mid November.

A Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee has now been established to monitor progress of the Plan. It will meet quarterly, or more frequently if required. The meeting agendas will be posted on the Council Notice Boards and anyone interested is welcome to attend.

The Newick Hill site is about to begin development and some members of the Committee met Thakeham Homes management early in September for an update on progress. Thakeham have purchased the large plot of land previously owned by Headway opposite the end of Allington Road to meet the SANG (Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace) requirement for the development. The SANG plans, which are fully supported by the Parish Council, were considered by Lewes District Council on 21st September and if agreed (*at the time of writing, the outcome of the application is not known*), work will start on both sites immediately afterwards. The landscaped SANG site is expected to open to the public by next summer and will feature paths for walkers and dogs together with areas suitable for children to play. Its ultimate ownership has still to be determined and the Council is considering a suitable name for it.

The 12 'affordable homes' on the Newick Hill site are to be owned by Landspeed. All of the homes will be shared equity with 75% ownership and no requirement to pay rent to Landspeed who will retain the remaining 25%. Marketing of all homes on the site is expected to start immediately after the opening of the SANG site and the whole development is scheduled for completion by February 2018.

Neighbourhood Plan Implementation Committee

Christmas Tree for The Green

Following an appeal in the last edition of this newsletter, a number of people came forward to offer to help provide a Christmas tree for The Green this year. The Parish Council would like to thank Mr and Mrs Baillieux for their kind offer to supply the tree and Southern Events for their offer to transport, erect and decorate the tree. Thanks also to the Cumberleges for agreeing to supply the power for the lights. We look forward to seeing the tree in place during the festive season.

Neighbourhood Watch Update

Since losing our P.C.S.O. Sally Ann Reed at the end of June I have not received any updates about crime or anti-social behaviour. Hopefully this is because there weren't any!?



Having said that, a near neighbour in Powell Road called round on 3rd September to tell me that on the previous evening someone had tried to break into his house. He found someone had used a brick to try and smash his front window. They had then tried to smash the patio doors and force the kitchen door with a garden fork. His next door neighbour heard a bang at about 10.00p.m. When he rang the police he was told that as they didn't actually get in it wasn't a crime and just gave him a crime number.

At the end of June I received an email sent by Neighbourhood Watch on behalf of Sussex Police entitled "Keeping You Informed". There was a message from Laurence Taylor, the Assistant Chief Constable, about the role of the P.C.S.O., "how it has changed and how they will be more flexible and responsive in the interests of all residents in Sussex". Fine if you actually have a P.C.S.O. I suppose. (Lewes now has seven P.C.S.O.s to cover Eastbourne, Lewes and Brighton). You can hear A.C.C. Taylor and a P.C.S.O. talk about the new P.C.S.O. role on <https://youtu.be/6tyEJd9yZxA>.

Newick is thought to be fairly low on the crime ratings scale. Apparently there is a dedicated team of four officers who respond if you report a crime happening but I can't contact them as I could Sally Ann. I would have to dial 101 ext 563021 for non emergency and 999 for emergency. An email can be sent to 101@sussex.pnn.police.uk A crime can also be reported at www.sussex.police.uk

To find out what is happening you can tweet @Lewes_Police, Facebook LewesPoliceUK or www.intheknow.community

You can contact the independent charity "Crimestoppers" anonymously on 0800 555111 or on line at www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Our local Policing team can be emailed with your views and comments on district.lewes@sussex.pnn.police.uk I sent them my comments saying what I thought of the present set up but have received no reply.

Finally, I have a few copies of the updated 3rd edition of the Little Book of Big Scams should anyone want one.

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Defibrillators

The Parish Council has recently taken on responsibility for insuring and monitoring the four defibrillators within the village that were provided by the Friends of Newick Health Centre. For information, these defibrillators are located at:-

Newick CofE Primary School, near to the main entrance
Newick Village Hall, near to the main entrance
Mid Downs Medical Centre, near to the main entrance
Newick Sports Pavilion, front of building at play area end.