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Ferring Parish Council – Winter 2023 Village News & Views from your Council

CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR CLARE ROYAL WRITES –

Time has flown, winter is upon us and the weather & dark nights often lead to seeing less of each other.

The Season may be cold and dark, but the warmth in our community continues. Our community and the structures within our community is much valued and is so important for our wellbeing with networks providing support and companionship.

The Churches, Glebelands Centre, Village Hall and other organisations, continue to offer a range of opportunities and we have the Christmas light switch on and celebrations to look forward to.

For the Parish Council, a number of projects have been completed so far this year including the new gated play area on the village green. Over the next few months, we will continue to look at more potential projects to enhance the current infrastructure and facilities within the village

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the Parish Council, to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councillor Clare Royal
Chairman, Ferring Parish Council

REMEMBRANCE DAY - The annual act of Remembrance organised by Ferring Parish Council and our local Ferring Churches was held on Sunday 12th November 2023. A service at St Andrews Church, Ferring took place followed by the laying of wreaths by 33 local organisations at the War Memorial in Ferring Street. Thank you to all who were involved in this important local event.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - Christmas comes to Ferring on **Saturday 2nd December 2023** and starts with the Tree Dressing on the Village Green at 11.00am.



Later in the afternoon, the Christmas Market will open at 2.30pm hosted by the Village Hall and will remain open until 6.30pm, with lots of local crafts and charity stalls to browse, along with tea, coffee and cake served in the main hall via the kitchen hatch.

The Salvation Army will be playing carols – do come and sing along with the Terry Clough Choir - and the lights will be switched on at approximately 5.15pm.

The Christmas light switch on takes place in front of the Village Green, and for safety reasons, the road in this area will be closed from 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there on **Saturday 2nd December 2023**.

The Christmas Celebrations are organised by Ferring Parish Council and the Ferring Village Hall Trustees. All outside Event arrangements are subject to weather conditions at the time of the event.

GATED PLAY AREA ON THE VILLAGE GREEN - The new play area is now open and consists of various equipment including 'inclusive' play equipment and new fencing. There is still a little work to complete the project with the installation of two new benches at the west end of the play area.

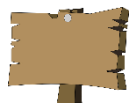
Ferring Parish Council would like to take the opportunity to thank Arun District Council for their support with this project.

GATEWAY SIGNS – The Parish Council have installed 3 new gateway signs into the village; A259 east entrance into Ferring opposite Highdown, Goring Way opposite entrance to Singleton Crescent and Marine Drive at entrance into Ferring on the seafront.

SAFETY NOTICE - The dark nights are now with us and there are some areas of Ferring with no streetlights making pedestrians more difficult to see. The Highway Code offers clear guidance for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and advises pedestrians to:

Help other road users to see you. Wear or carry something light-coloured, bright or fluorescent in poor daylight conditions. When it is dark, use reflective materials (eg armbands, sashes, waistcoats, jackets, footwear), which can be seen by drivers using headlights up to three times as far away as non-reflective materials. [Rules for pedestrians \(1 to 35\) - The Highway Code - Guidance - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/rules-for-pedestrians-1-to-35) (www.gov.uk)





WARREN POND INFORMATION BOARD – The Parish Council in conjunction with The Conservation Group have installed an Illustration board which shows the site with plants, birds, pond life, animals, moths and butterflies.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR - Hedges/plants fronting the roadway should be cut back to allow pedestrian access along footpaths.



NEW FLAGPOLE - In preparation for this years Remembrance Day Service on 12th November, Ferring Parish Council installed a new flagpole at War Memorial Site. The flagpole is Single Piece Glassfibre Flagpole (7m) with an anti-vandalism Internal Halyard.



WINTER EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS - In the event of snow and ice, the County Council grits the main roads through the village – the route of the 700-bus service. In order to assist all other areas, there are five grit bins, entrance of Sea Lane Close, the east end of Langbury Lane, north entrance to the village green, north Greystoke Road and outside the convenience store south Ferring. The salt is provided for residents use for public areas only.



PARKING IN THE VILLAGE – Please be thoughtful and considerate when parking vehicles and refrain from parking on grass verges, pavements and obstructing white lined wheelchair/pushchair slopes.



WHATS APP SCAMS - Surrey and Sussex Police have seen an increase in the number of reports from victims who have received WhatsApp messages from what appears to be their daughter or son. The victims typically receive a message on WhatsApp from an unsaved number beginning “Hi Mum” or “Hi Dad” claiming it is their daughter or son who have a new number and that they are in urgent need of money and that they require funds to be transferred into an account given.

Unfortunately, in some cases victims have reported losses of thousands of pounds. In all cases where a victim lost money they have transferred funds to a bank account provided on the WhatsApp message.

In a recent example a victim from West Sussex transferred £2000 to a fraudster’s bank account, believing she was helping her daughter out in a financial emergency. A victim from Surrey sent £850 to a fraudster purporting to be his son. He had received a message to say he had lost his phone and needed a new one and was using a friend’s phone to contact him.

Prevention tips:

- Always contact the family member / friend on a genuine contact method you already have recorded for them and check they are in genuine need.
- Check the spelling and message wording – does it sound like a family member / friend?
- If you are unsure on a transaction made, please contact your bank immediately.



PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – Ferring Parish Council’s website has up-to-date information for public view at: <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/>

The Parish Council and Meetings pages contain information about Parish Councillors, the various Committees and the associated agendas and minutes; the Planning Applications page contains links to recent planning applications specific to Ferring. The 'I want to ..' page contains links mostly to Arun District Council and West Sussex Council pages for residents to report various issues.



PARISH OFFICE – The Parish Office is now open to all visitors Monday – Friday, 9.30am - Midday. Alternatively, the Clerk can be contacted via email at parishclerk@feringparishcouncil.org.uk or by telephone on 01903 249449.



WELCOME NEW COUNCILLOR - Ferring Parish Council is pleased to welcome a newly co-opted Councillor, Simon Bromley who we are sure will become a valuable member of the Parish Council Team.

WE NEED YOU



COUNCILLORS NEEDED – The Parish Council is still looking for three more councillors to meet our full quota. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Clerk for a confidential conversation and more details: parishclerk@feringparishcouncil.org.uk



AND FINALLY:

Full Council Meetings – 27th November 2023 & 29th January 2024 held at the Village Hall.

CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:

Visit our website at <https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/>

E-mail your comments regarding any Village matters to: parishoffice@feringparishcouncil.org.uk

Write to the Council at **1 Elm Park, Ferring, West Sussex BN12 5RN**

Read the information on the Council’s notice boards

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Call at the Parish Office which is open **Monday to Friday from 9.30 to 12.00**

Phone the Parish Office on **01903 249449**

Speak and have your say at a **Council meeting**

