



# THE PARISH FLYER – 75

Ferring Parish Council – Winter 2024

Village News & Views from your Council

## CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR CLARE ROYAL WRITES –

Time has flown, winter is upon us and the weather and 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, enhancement to the Warren Pond, the continuing refurbishment of the public conveniences on the village green to mention a few. 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.

**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 10th November 2024. A service at St Andrews Church, Ferring took place followed by the laying of wreaths by 36 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 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

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 4.30pm - 6.00pm.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone there on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

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.



**VILLAGE GREEN PUBLIC CONVENIENCES REMAIN CLOSED FOR REFURBISHMENT** - The refurbishment is progressing well and when completed will provide an accessible toilet cubicle and a range of four individual gender-neutral cubicles including an ambulant disabled cubicle. The public conveniences will be closed until 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



**BUS SHELTERS REPLACEMENT** - The three metal bus shelters in the village are in a poor condition. As a result, over the next few weeks, the Parish Council will replace the shelters at the following locations; Goring Way left going East just past Sea Lane, opposite the village green outside Link Hope Charity shop/Andalucia and North side of the railway line.

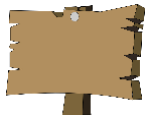


**SAFETY NOTICE** - The dark nights are now with us and there are some areas of Ferring with no streetlights making pedestrians more difficult to see. The Highway Code offers clear guidance for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians and advises pedestrians to:

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rules-for-pedestrians-1-to-35-the-highway-code)



**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 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.



**WARREN POND** - Residents can now enjoy watching the wildlife at Warren Pond which sits at the corner of The Warren and Florida Road in South Ferring. A re-development programme is now underway to both improve this site as a wildlife habitat and as a viewing area for local residents. It is expected that the programme will stretch over several years as trees and plants are replaced and the health of the habitat is monitored and improved.

An information board has been installed which explains that the pond and its surrounds remain one of the very few truly wild and unspoilt locations in the village. It shows the site with plants, birds, pond life, animals, moths and butterflies.

In addition, part of a high fence has been removed and replaced with a lower fence which adds a further viewing aspect to the pond without disturbing the resident wildlife.

Warren Pond is owned and maintained by Ferring Parish Council, with assistance from Ferring Conservation Group.



**DEFIBRILLATORS (AED's) IN THE VILLAGE** - Back in 2016, Ferring Parish Council installed a Defibrillator (AED) at the village hall on the side wall to the steps to the Club Room. In the last couple of weeks, the Parish Council, in conjunction with the Bluebird Café has installed an external AED sited on the wall at their kiosk.

The AED is simple to operate. If a person suffers or is believed to have suffered a cardiac arrest the first line of action should be to call 999. The operator may ask you to administer CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) even if access to an AED is available. The caller will be guided through the steps for administering CPR and will be informed where the nearest AED is located.

There are a number of Defibrillators (AED's) within the village. The full location list can be found on our website [Community - Ferring Parish Council](#).



**GARDEN WASTE** - This is the time of year when many people are carrying out pruning and other garden works which generate garden waste. Please be considerate when disposing of your garden waste. A chargeable garden waste collection service is available from the local District Council. Members of the scheme receive the use of a brown wheelie bin and a fortnightly collection of their garden waste. Garden Waste can also be taken directly to the Household Waste Recycling Centre. Further information can be found on the Arun District Council website.



**LOVE CLEAN STREETS MOBILE APP** - On this West Sussex County Council mobile application, residents can report Environmental issues such as Pathway & Highways matters including overgrown footpaths, potholes, damage to street furniture or fly-tipping through their smart-phones. West Sussex County Council will process and respond using their integrated services. These matters can also be reported on the West Sussex County Council website (see the Ferring Parish Council Website 'I Want To...' page for direct links).

**HEALTH INFORMATION** - What causes sepsis?



Sepsis is a condition caused by your body's immune system responding abnormally to an infection, which can lead to tissue damage and organ failure. The infection can start anywhere in your body; it may be only in one part, or it may be widespread. Your immune system usually works to fight any germs (bacteria, viruses, fungi), or to prevent infection. However, for reasons not fully understood, sometimes the immune system goes into overdrive and starts to attack our organs and other tissues. It can happen as a response to any injury or infection, anywhere in the body. For more information visit:

[www.sepsistrust.org/savvy](http://www.sepsistrust.org/savvy)



**WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS** - Ferring Parish Council is pleased to welcome new co-opted Councillors Marlon Foakes, Simon Ash and Stuart Davies who we are sure will become valued members of the Parish Council Team.



**AND FINALLY:**

**Full Council Meetings** – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024, 20<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April & 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 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](mailto:parishoffice@feringparishcouncil.org.uk)

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

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Phone the Parish Office on **01903 249449**

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