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Ferring Parish Council – SPRING 2025

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## CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR CLARE ROYAL WRITES –

Shortly, the annual Council Tax notification will be dropping through letterboxes. Part of this charge is made up of a local precept set by Ferring Parish Council and collected on our behalf by Arun District Council.

Ferring Parish Council sets its precept for the forthcoming financial year in January. The precept provides the vast majority of the council's income for the year and enables us to deliver parish council services, maintain and enhance the village environment, take forward projects and provide for the day to day running costs of the Parish Council.

We recognise that the cost of living has impacted on residents and on District Council and County Council budgets. It was therefore resolved at the Parish Council Full Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025, that the Parish Council would maintain its current precept level without any increase for the upcoming financial year, despite increasing costs.

Based on a zero-percentage increase in the parish precept of £93,184.00 and calculated by Arun District Council and adjusted for the Tax Base figure (the current registered number of contributing dwellings), the Band D Council Tax contribution for the year 2025 - 2026 will be £37.62, This is actually a 3.12% reduction on 2024 - 2025 rate of £38.83.

The changes to other charges that make up the total Council Tax bill will be publicised by Arun and West Sussex Councils in due course.

**Clare Royal**  
**Chairman, Ferring Parish Council**

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS** - Ferring Christmas light 'switch on' was due to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Due to the adverse weather conditions, the Parish Council took the difficult decision to cancel the outside event.



All was not lost; the Village Hall kindly welcomed the Salvation Army and the Terry Clough Choir to perform carol singing on the stage at the Christmas Fair.

We must give thanks to Reverend Shirley Tupper & Minister Robin Brenchley, the Salvation Army Band and our local Terry Clough Choir and all of the Christmas Fair stall holders.

**VILLAGE GREEN PUBLIC CONVENIENCES REFURBISHMENT** - Ferring Parish Council, in conjunction with Arun District Council, has been working on a project over the past four months and as a result the extensive refurbishment of the public conveniences on the village green is now complete. The public conveniences provides an accessible toilet cubicle and a range of four individual gender-neutral cubicles including an ambulant disabled cubicle. Thank you to Arun District Council for their support with this project.



**VE DAY 80<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY** - Ferring Parish Council and Ferring Village Hall are joining forces to organise three events to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of V E Day. The events planned are:



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** – V E Day Commemorative Tea Party. Afternoon tea will be served by Parish Councillors and Village Hall Trustees. We plan to have some musical entertainment. Doors open 3:00pm. The Commemorative Tea Party will be a ticketed event, and numbers will be limited. Tickets will be free of charge, and available throughout April from Parish Office.

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – Film afternoon / evening. Two films will be shown in the Village Hall. Firstly, at 3.30pm, a film for all the family – Bedknobs and Broomsticks. Secondly, at 6:15pm following a short talk on Johnny Dodge (the Ferring resident who survived the real escape), we will be showing The Great Escape. Tickets for both films will be free of charge, and available throughout April from the Parish Office or Ferring Co-op.

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May** – V E Day Craft Market. There will be around 30 local craft stalls for you to browse. Tea and coffee will be available. Doors open from 11:00am until 4:00pm.

All three events will be held at Ferring Village Hall, and will be free to enter. The Commemorative Tea Party, and films will be ticketed events, and numbers will be limited.



**BUSES SHELTERS REPLACEMENT** - The Parish Council is pleased to advise that the three metal bus shelters have been replaced at the following locations; Goring Way left going East just past Sea Lane, opposite the village green outside Charity shop/Andalucia and North side of the railway line.



**BUS SHELTER PROFESSIONAL ADVERTISEMENT BOARDS** - The Parish Council own all of the bus shelters in the village, most of them are to service a bus route with a couple strategically located at certain points for residents to use whilst waiting for the trains to pass through.

The wooden bus shelter at the following locations; Village Green opposite Greystoke Road, Village Green opposite the Co-op, end of Ocean Drive, Pantiles and Langbury Lane have all recently been treated and painted.

The Parish Council note that there are a number of groups and organisations within the village that advertise their work using posters and put them up in the wooden bus shelters. The Parish Council do not wish to deter from these groups and organisations advertising in the village, however, the posters are looking a little untidy.

Following the painting and to keep the bus shelters in good order, the Parish Council has agreed that lockable noticeboards will be fitted at three of the bus shelters, two at Village Green and one at south end of Ocean Drive. The remaining two shelters will have a notice to advise that any advertisements will be removed.

The new noticeboards will be put up in due course and all posters (at that time) will be removed. Groups and organisations are encouraged to contact the Parish Council to request a poster to be put into these cabinets.

**CPR & AED FAMILIARISATION SESSIONS** - Late 2024, Ferring Parish Council held two free of charge CPR & AED familiarisation sessions in the Village Hall. This was a popular event and the session was provided by an excellent Trainer from Secamb. The Parish Council is hoping to arrange further sessions in 2025. If residents would be interested in attending a session, please contact the Parish Office.



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](https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk).

**FRIENDS OF FERRING** - The Friends of Ferring Patient Transport Service is always seeking new volunteer drivers to join their 34 strong team, helping village residents to reach their medical appointments. All that's required is a comprehensively insured car and willingness to give a few hours each week or month to help your neighbours. No commitment to a schedule and mileage is paid. Contact 01903 415791.



**COLD CALLING** - The Parish Office has received enquiries as to how to deal with Cold Calling, please see the below advice:



1. Say 'No thank you' and close the door immediately. 2. Put up a "no cold callers" sign to deter them from knocking. 3. Contact the police if you feel threatened or in danger. 4. Be cautious and remember that it's your home

**WEST SUSSEX LIBRARIES** - West Sussex Libraries are 100 years old in 2025 – the centenary is a chance to showcase the work that the staff and volunteers do in the 36 libraries within the County and to acknowledge the value of what local libraries can offer.



To celebrate this historic milestone, they have planned a year filled with a diverse range of events and activities for you to take part in and enjoy, including an exciting Library of Possibilities and Wonders virtual reality (VR) experience.

All 36 West Sussex libraries will host the VR headsets during the year. Exact dates the headsets will be at each library will appear shortly on the library service website.

In addition, a variety of centenary-inspired events will be taking place at libraries throughout the year, including a history webinar, special events for adults, and fun activities for children and families. You can find out what will be happening near you at your local library, or by checking on the library web site. In the Centenary Celebration each month they will be exploring a different theme allowing you to discover new titles and share together in our love of reading.

#### CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL:

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

**E-mail** your comments regarding any Village matters to: [parishoffice@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:parishoffice@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk)

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

**Read** the information on the Council's notice boards

**Facebook** Search Ferring Parish Council

**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 **Full Council Meetings** – 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 7<sup>th</sup> April & 19<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 held at the Village Hall.

