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## Ferring Parish Council – SPRING 2026 Village News & Views from your Council

### 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 had an impact on residents, as well as on the budgets of both the District and County Councils. To ensure that the Parish Council can continue to meet its running costs and deliver key projects for the community, it was resolved at the Full Council meeting on 26th January 2026 that the Parish Council would increase its current precept level by 5% from £93,184 to £97,843.20.

Based on a 5% increase in the parish precept, as calculated by Arun District Council and adjusted for the Tax Base figure (the number of registered contributing dwellings), the Band D Council Tax contribution for 2026 – 2027 will be £39.71. This is slight increase compared with the 2025 – 2026 rate of £37.62.

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** - The Ferring Christmas Light “Switch-On” was held on Saturday 6th December 2025 and proved to be a thoroughly enjoyable community event. Our sincere thanks go to Reverend Shirley Tupper and Minister Robin Brenchley, the Salvation Army Band, the local Terry Clough Choir, and Ferring C of E Primary School for providing such wonderful singing and festive entertainment. We would also like to thank all the residents who braved the chilly weather to join the celebrations, as well as the Flashmobbers for their fantastic entertainment. Finally, thanks are extended to the Parish Office personnel and Councillors and the Village Hall Trustees for their organisation and support on the day, and to all the Christmas Fair stallholders who contributed to making the event such a success.



**THE BLUE BOAT AREA** – The Parish Council has carried out renovation works to the sleepers and benches at the Blue Boat Area on Pattersons Walk. Work commenced on 24th November and focused on improving the condition, safety, and appearance of the seating and surrounding features. These improvements form part of the Parish Council's ongoing commitment to maintaining local amenities and enhancing public spaces for residents and visitors to enjoy. The renovated benches provide a more comfortable and welcoming place to rest, while the refreshed sleepers help preserve the character of the area. The Parish Council would like to thank residents for their patience during the works and hopes the improvements will be enjoyed by the community for years to come.



**TREE WARDEN ON BEHALF OF FERRING PARISH COUNCIL** - Hello there, my name is Mike Pellett, long-time resident of Ferring Village. I'm delighted to introduce myself as your new Ferring Parish Council Tree Warden. With a passion for protecting and celebrating our natural environment, I'm excited to work alongside the community to care for the trees that shape our landscape. My role will involve reviewing tree work planning applications, supporting conservation and planting efforts, and generally encouraging greater awareness of the benefits trees bring to our wellbeing and local biodiversity. I look forward to engaging with residents, local groups, and volunteers to ensure our treescapes continue to thrive for generations to come. Together, we can preserve and enhance the green spaces that make our community such a special place to live.



**VILLAGE GREEN NEW SIGN** – When entering Ferring village green from the east path, you will see a new smart village green sign has been installed.



**DEFIBRILLATORS (AED's) IN THE VILLAGE** – In 2016, Ferring Parish Council installed a defibrillator (AED) at the Village Hall, located on the side wall by the steps to the Club Room. In 2024, the Parish Council, in conjunction with the Bluebird Café, installed an external AED on the wall of the café kiosk. Ferring Parish Council is delighted to announce the installation of a further defibrillator (AED) at the Henty Arms Public House, positioned on the front wall to the south of the Public Bar. A defibrillator (AED) is a vital piece of lifesaving equipment and represents a significant addition to the village's emergency response resources.

The Parish Council would like to offer its heartfelt thanks to the Henty Arms Public House for organising the funding for the defibrillator. This was made possible through the generosity of Henty Arms customers and the valued support of Cissbury Lodge. The Parish Council is extremely grateful to everyone involved in this project, which is a fantastic example of the community coming together to help keep Ferring safe.

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](#).



**REMEMBRANCE DAY** - The Parish Council organises the laying of wreaths for Remembrance Day each year. We would like to invite anyone in the village with a connection to the Royal Navy who would like to lay on behalf of them to get in touch. Please email or call the parish office using the contact details at the bottom of this flyer.

**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.

**HEDGE CUTTING** - The best time to cut hedges to protect nesting birds is during autumn to winter (October to February), avoiding the nesting season from March to August.

Birds typically nest in hedges from March to August. During this period, hedges provide essential shelter for birds raising their young. Cutting hedges during this time can destroy nests and harm young birds, which is illegal under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. Before cutting, always inspect hedges for signs of active nests. Look for adult birds frequently visiting specific spots, carrying nesting materials, or making alarm calls when you approach the hedge. If you find an active nest, postpone trimming until the young birds have fledged.

**PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE** – The Parish Council website, [www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk), contains a wide range of information for residents and visitors.

The **Community** page provides direct links to Ferring's leisure and medical facilities, Ferring Library, local bus and train timetables, and directories of local organisations and events. All of these can be accessed under the *Community* tab—simply click through to the relevant website or use the telephone numbers provided.

The **"I want to..."** page includes links primarily to Arun District Council and West Sussex County Council webpages, enabling residents to report local issues such as potholes and graffiti.

The **Parish Council** and **Meetings** pages contain information about Parish Councillors, the Council's committees, and associated agendas and minutes. The **Planning Applications** page provides links to recent planning applications relating specifically to Ferring.

Important notices and updates for residents are also highlighted on the **homepage**.

**REPORT AN ISSUE WITH RUBBISH & DOG BINS** – Like the West Sussex County Council's Love Clean Street App, there is also a reporting facility for Arun District Council to report litter issues including overflowing Litter and Dog Bins. This can be reported via [Litter | Arun District Council](#), alternatively the link can be found on the Parish Council's Website, 'I want to' page.

**FERING PARISH COUNCIL** - The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere gratitude to Lesley Young who has recently stepped down from the role as a Councillor. Lesley served as a Councillor for five years as an active member of the Council, Lesley led the Finance & General Purposes Committee as well as being involved with a number of council decisions and activities.

**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**

**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** – 16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 20th July, 21st Sept, 19th Oct & 30th Nov 2026 held at the Village Hall.

