



THE PARISH FLYER - 82

Ferring Parish Council – AUTUMN 2026

Village News & Views from your Council

CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR CLARE ROYAL WRITES –

Over the coming months, the parish council continue their work on a number of projects and the organisation for Remembrance Day and the Christmas Light Switch On.

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Clare Royal

Chairman, Ferring Parish Council



REMEMBRANCE DAY - The annual act of Remembrance organised by Ferring Parish Council and our local Ferring Churches will be held on **Sunday 8th November 2026**. The Parish Family Service in St Andrew's Church will commence at 09.30am and will end at approximately 10.30am. The laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial in Ferring Street will take place after the service at 11.00am and will include the Act of Remembrance. If your village group or organisation would like to order and lay a wreath (if you do not already), please contact the Parish Office. **PLEASE NOTE** - part of Sea Lane will be closed during the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial. Advance warning notices will be posted around the village.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS - Whilst we are still enjoying the Summer, preparations for the Annual Christmas Light Switch On have begun and will be held on **Saturday 5th December 2026**. The celebrations organised by the Parish Council in conjunction with the Village Hall Trustees will include the light switch on, Christmas Carols and a Christmas Fair for all your Christmas gifts. Further details will be available in the next edition of the parish flyer, on the Parish Council website, noticeboards and Facebook page.



PARKING AND ROADS QUESTIONNAIRE/CONSULTATION - Ferring Parish Council initiated a Roads Matters Questionnaire/Consultation, which closed on 30th June 2026. Approximately 18% of households/businesses responded, providing valuable feedback on local road and traffic issues.

The responses received are now being reviewed and analysed. A comprehensive report will be prepared to identify the key themes, concerns and suggestions raised by residents. The issues highlighted, together with potential solutions will be considered as part of this process.

The findings will be presented to the Roads, Community & Sports Committee, which will consider what actions may be appropriate and achievable. This will take into account the evidence gathered, residents' views, practical and financial considerations, and matters that fall within the responsibility of the Highway Authority.

Ferring Parish Council is committed to keeping residents informed throughout the process. Updates on the Questionnaire/Consultation findings and any recommendations will be shared in future editions of the Parish Flyer and on the Parish Council website as the project progresses.

It should also be noted that any proposals arising from the Questionnaire/Consultation that relate to the public highway will need to be submitted to West Sussex County Council (WSCC) as the Highway Authority, for consideration and approval. While the Parish Council can make recommendations and advocate on behalf of residents, decisions relating to the public highway ultimately rest with WSCC.



NEW HANGING BASKETS ADD SUMMER COLOUR - Our new hanging baskets have now been installed in Ferring Street, bringing a welcome splash of colour to the village and helping to create an attractive, welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike.

A big thank you goes to Ferring Nurseries in making this possible, from those who helped with planning and installation to those who continue to care for and water the displays.

We hope everyone enjoyed the beautiful displays and the positive difference they make to our village.



DOG FOULING - One of the most frequent complaints that the Parish Council receives is the problem with dog fouling within various locations of the village. There are numerous dog bins located around the village. **Please 'pick up' and ensure 'poo bags' are deposited in the correct bins and not disposed of in residents' refuse/green waste wheelie bins or thrown in long grass, in trees or dropped in drains.** Thank you for helping to keep Ferring clean.



FERRING CofE SCHOOL PARKING INITIATIVE - Ferring Parish Council recently awarded a grant to Ferring CofE School for the purchase of "Do Not Park Here" pavement signs. Following approval of the grant, Councillors Clare Royal and Ruth Arnold were invited to visit the school during the morning drop-off period to observe the signs in use.

During the visit, Clare & Ruth also had the opportunity to see first-hand the school's arrangements for staggered arrival times and pupil entry procedures, which have been introduced to help reduce congestion and improve safety around the school. The visit provided valuable insight into the measures being taken by the school to address parking challenges in the surrounding area and to encourage considerate parking behaviour among parents and carers.



VILLAGE GREEN - NEW BENCHES HAVE ARRIVED! - Following the damage and removal of an existing bench, Ferring Parish Council has purchased four brand-new benches for the Village Green. The new seating includes:

- Two picnic benches opposite the existing picnic area.
- One standard bench in a shaded spot to the far left of the path.
- One replacement bench in the original location of the previously damaged bench.

Thank you to Arun District Council for installing the new benches.



NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING - Chris Packham's National Emergency Briefing highlights the urgent need to respond to the decline in biodiversity and the wider environmental challenges facing the UK. While national policies are important, the briefing emphasises that local communities and parish councils have a vital role in delivering practical, positive action.

The key messages encourage parish councils to:

- Support local biodiversity and nature recovery projects.
- Protect and enhance green spaces, trees, hedgerows and wildlife habitats.
- Encourage sustainable practices within the community.
- Engage residents in environmental initiatives and volunteering opportunities.
- Consider environmental impacts when responding to planning applications and developing local policies.

The briefing serves as a reminder that small, local actions, when replicated across many communities, can make a significant contribution to national environmental objectives and help create healthier, more resilient places for both people and wildlife.

To help raise awareness within our community, Ferring Parish Council, in conjunction with the Ferring Conservation Group and Ferring Village Hall Trustees, will be presenting a 50-minute briefing on **Monday 26th October 2026 at 7.00pm.**

This is a free ticketed event, with tickets allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Tickets are available from the Parish Council Office. Based on expert advice, the briefing is for age 16+.



HANDYMAN REQUIRED - Ferring Parish Council is seeking a reliable handyman to undertake the quarterly cleaning and maintenance of village assets, including bus shelters, notice boards, benches and seating areas, and the memorial area, together with general ad hoc repairs and maintenance as required.

We welcome expressions of interest from both individuals and companies who would be interested in carrying out this work. Applicants must hold Public Liability Insurance with a minimum of two million pounds cover. For further details of the role, please email parishoffice@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk. Expressions of interest should be submitted no later than 3rd September 2026.



PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL ROADS - Residents are asked to park considerately and help keep our roads safe and accessible. Avoid parking on grass verges, pavements, single yellow lines, across dropped kerbs or access points, or close to junctions and bends where visibility may be restricted. Always leave enough space for emergency and refuse vehicles, and do not block driveways where this restricts access. Thank you for helping keep our neighbourhood safe and pleasant for everyone.



WELCOME NEW COUNCILLORS - Ferring Parish Council is pleased to welcome new co-opted Councillors Jack Boyle and Denise Loydell who we are sure will become valued members of the Parish Council Team.

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

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** – 21st September, 19th October and 30th November 2026 held at the Village Hall.

