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Ferring Parish Council – WINTER 2026

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CHAIRMAN COUNCILLOR CLARE ROYAL WRITES –

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.

For the Parish Council, we have a number of ongoing projects to enhance the current infrastructure and facilities within the village and we have the Christmas light 'switch on' and celebrations to look forward to.

Whilst a little early, 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 8th November 2026 with a service at St Andrew's Church, Ferring, followed by the laying of wreaths by 40 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 5th December 2026** with the Christmas Market opening 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 Feel Good FlashMobbers will be entertaining everyone with their lively dance performances and the Salvation Army will be playing carols – do come and singalong with the Ferring Village Voices and the Ferring CofE School 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 you there on **Saturday 5th December 2026.**
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.



PARKING AND ROADS QUESTIONNAIRE/ CONSULTATION – Ferring Parish Council initiated a Roads Matters Questionnaire and Consultation, which closed on 30th June 2026. Approximately 18% of households responded, providing valuable feedback on local road and traffic issues.
The Parish Council's working group is currently reviewing and analysing the responses and preparing a report identifying the key themes, concerns and suggestions raised by residents. A number of the issues and potential solutions highlighted are being considered as part of this process. The report, including recommendations, will be presented to the Roads, Community & Sports Committee in early December 2026 before being submitted to Full Council for approval early 2027.
Once approved, the report will be available for residents to review. Copies will be published on the Ferring Parish Council website and made available at the Parish Council office and Ferring Library. Ferring Parish Council is committed to keeping residents informed throughout the process. Updates on the Questionnaire/Consultation recommendations and outcome will be shared in future editions of the Parish Flyer and on the Parish Council website.
It should also be noted that any proposals arising from the consultation that relate to the public highway will need to be submitted to West Sussex County Council, 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 West Sussex County Council.



WINTER EMERGENCY ARRANGEMENTS – In the event of snow and ice, West Sussex County Council (WSCC) grits the main roads through the village – the route of the 11-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.



SAFETY NOTICE – The dark nights are now with us and there are many 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)



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.



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.



BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR –

- Hedges fronting the roadway should be cut back to allow pedestrian access along footpaths.
- Household/Businesses rubbish to be kept in a suitable bin and not plastic bags.



RUBBISH IN THE VILLAGE – We kindly ask all residents and visitors to use the multiple bins available in public areas such as the Cricket Ground, Village Green, and Glebelands Recreational Ground. If you find a bin is full, please take your rubbish home rather than leaving it beside the bin.
Unfortunately, there has been a noticeable increase in carrier bags full of rubbish being left next to bins around the village. This not only looks unsightly but also poses risks to wildlife and creates extra work for the maintenance team. Let's all do our part to keep the village clean and enjoyable for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation.



REPORT AN ISSUE WITH RUBBISH & DOG BINS – Like the West Sussex County Council's online reporting system, 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.



DEFIBRILLATORS – 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.
Ferring Parish Council has also produced a map showing their locations, which is available on Parish Council noticeboards and on the Parish Council website.
If any resident or business would like a copy of the map, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk.



PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE – The Parish Council website (ferringparishcouncil.org.uk) contains vast information including the 'I want to .. ' page, contains links mostly to Arun District Council and West Sussex County Council, pages for residents to report various issues including potholes and graffiti within the village. https://www.ferringparishcouncil.org.uk/



FERING PARISH COUNCIL – We would like to take this opportunity to express sincere gratitude to Stuart Davies and Andy Walker who have recently stepped down from the role as a Councillor. Stuart and Andy have both been active members of the Parish Council and involved with a number of council decisions and activities. We wish Stuart and Andy well for the future.



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A COUNCILLOR? – The Parish Council is looking for three more councillors to meet our full quota. If you would like to take an active role in supporting the community; have an interest in representing local views; helping the village on local matters, are able and willing to represent the Council and your community and wish to be considered, you are invited to apply to the Clerk, Mrs Nadine Phibbs. Email your application to parishclerk@ferringparishcouncil.org.uk



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 9.30am to Midday**
Phone the Parish Office on **01903 249449**
Speak and have your say at a **Full Council Meetings** – 30th November 2026 held at the Village Hall.