RINGMER Parish Council

Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter - January 2025

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a happy and prosperous New Year.

Christmas Tree

The Parish Council would like to thank The Anchor for organising the Christmas tree on the Village Green and for decorating it so beautifully.

Consultations

The important consultation period on the Lewes Local Plan is due to open on Monday 6th January and will show areas identified for housing development in the village. We are all aware of how Ringmer is a target for increased development so we are urging all residents to look at the plan and respond to the survey. Lewes District Council have organised a meeting for residents on Wednesday 29th January, between 4pm and 7pm in the Village Hall. Planning Officers will be available to clarify the consultation documents and to hear your thoughts.

Lewes Local Plan
https://planningpolicyconsult.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk
Consultation runs from Monday 6th January 2025 to Friday 28th February 2025

Parish Council Budget 2025/26

At the December meeting of the Parish Council, the budget for the next financial year was agreed. The increase in Employer National Insurance Contributions together with the increased cost in managing the hedge at Fingerpost Field, required by a skatepark planning condition, are largely responsible for the increase in next year's precept. This has been negated by an increase in the number of households in the village paying Council Tax which means that for a Band D property the increase will be 0.23p per household.

Improving the Natural Environment in Ringmer

The Eco Teacher from Kings Academy met with Cllr Duke to visit the Almond Field and is keen to involve students where possible with activities in the field.

You may have noticed last month the appearance of a small number of sheep in the field. The Romney sheep owned by the Gote Farm shepherd grazed the field. Grazing the field will help us increase the biodiversity in the field.

Shopping Precinct

The managing agents have agreed to remark the car park. This will enable a greater number of cars to park there, hopefully reducing the number parking on double yellow lines and blocking the disabled and pedestrian crossing point near the post box. Some work will also be done on the garage frontages.