RINGMER Parish Council

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Lewes District Council Local Plan

The new version of the emerging Lewes District Council Local Plan should be available. Details of how to find it will be published separately on the Parish Council website and on social media. This version will include proposed specific site allocations for many thousands of new houses in the district's towns and villages. This is the version of the plan that will, subject to LDC Cabinet approval in December, be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for their approval. The plan will be subject to public consultation in January and February 2026. All consultation responses will also go to the Planning Inspectorate, alongside the plan itself.

Village Green

The Parish Council are funding a 20' tree with lights to be sited on the Village Green.

To try to reduce the flow of rainwater into the Cheyney Field, which also affects the Bowls Club, Scout Hut and Croquet Club, the Council will have the ditch running along the Village Green boundary with the Bowls Club cleared.

Parish Council Offices

Signs showing how to find the Parish Rooms are to be sited on the Lewes Road and Harrisons Lane.

Improving the Natural Environment in Ringmer

The wildflower beds in the Wheel House and behind the Memorial Bench on the Village Green have been cleared and sown with a cornfield seed mixture ready to provide a colourful display in 2026. More planting of native wild flowers has occurred on the Village Green and on the Sadlers Way wildflower areas.

On November 5th Vanessa Rowlands, chair of SDNPA, and Robert Green, SDNPA Planning, visited the Almond Field. They were both very complimentary of how the biodiversity of the field was increasing and supported our plans for the future. We are planning to make the cemetery boundary, and some other small sections secure to allow grazing as this is the best way to reduce the dominant species. We are also going to re-visit the plan to create a wildlife pond in the field. We will be applying for funding from SDNPA to help with the cost.

Eventually the colder weather will descend upon us so please support our bird populations by putting out seeds and other types of wild bird foods.



The Parish Council would like to wish all Ringmer and their families and friends a peaceful Christmas.

