Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter - June 2024

Fingerpost Field

The new skatepark is awaiting construction due to access issues from the B2192 and availability of certain contractors. The construction of the new playpark has been set to commence on Monday 4th June. The contractors, Kompan, estimate a maximum of 4 weeks will be required to complete the project and the park will be closed during this time. Access to the rest of the field will be available.

Jubilee Gardens

The Parish Council are working with Goldcliff Garden Centre to re-stock the flower beds that have been rather neglected. The small bed next to the Wheelhouse has been cleared and planted. Preparing one of the larger flower beds for planting has started. If any resident would like to help with the planting and routine maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens please contact the Clerk via email: admin@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01273 813 242.

The Almond Field

The Almond Field is now open to residents as of 1st May 2024. Access to the field is from the public footpath in the New Cemetery. At the request of the family, and as the area is a designated SDNPA Call for Nature Site, dogs are not allowed in the field. The ground is very uneven so please take care. Two rustic benches have been ordered to be positioned in the field. Over time the council will be supporting work to increase the biodiversity of the field. If any resident would like to be involved with working in the Almond Field please contact the Clerk via email: admin@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 01273 813 242.

Shopping Precinct

A start has been made to improve the appearance of the precinct and some initial work has started.

Picnic on the Green

Following last year's popular event, the Parish Council is organising another event for Monday 26th August between 1.00pm and 5.00pm. This will be an annual event on the bank holiday Monday in August so please keep the date free for many years to come!

Parish Council Report

In the past 12 months the Council has created a new website and improved our social media presence. We were bequeathed the Almond Field and have started creating a 'site for nature' for residents to enjoy. Finance has been secured for the skatepark and new playpark in Fingerpost Field. A tree survey was carried out and as a result a maintenance programme has started. We are working with East Sussex Highways to review and implement new parking restrictions. The Bishops Lane / Lewes Road junction has been agreed. The plans to rejuvenate the shopping precinct are being formulated. We are working on our response to the Lewes Local Plan document when out for consultation.

During the last financial year, the Council awarded grants to the following groups and organisations: Air Ambulance Charity; St Mary's Church; Wildflower Ringmer; Ringmer Primary and Nursery School; Jubilee Cottages; Victim Support; Ringmer PTA; 1st Ringmer Scout Group; CPRE; Ringmer Football Club and the Village Library.