Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter - November 2024

Remembrance Sunday

There will be a parade on 10th November 2024. Lewes, Glynde & Beddingham Brass Band will lead, leaving the car park behind the shops at approximately 10.45am, via Springett Avenue and Lewes Road to the War Memorial. The maroon will sound at 11.00am followed by a two minute silence, after which a bugler will play Reveille. The names of the fallen will be read from the Memorial followed by prayers. The church service will follow from 11.15 to 12.15pm. The parade will then reform and march back to the car park, where the band will play again and then disband.

Skatepark Update

The new skatepark is proving to be a popular addition to the village amenities. Creation of the access from the Lewes Road is being delayed by ESCC Highways.

Swimming Pool Update

The Parish Council asked Cllr Johnny Denis for an update on the swimming pool requesting confirmation that the funds allocated for the capital expenditure and contribution to initial running costs are still ringfenced for this purpose. He contacted Ros Parker, Chief Operating Officer, who confirmed that the lease is back in the hands of LDC. She advised that whilst the funds are currently still in place it would be prudent for LDC to finalise the lease as soon as possible to ensure that this position does not change.

Ringmer Jubilee Cottages Housing Trust

As many of you will know, Ian Askew offered two cottages on The Broyle to commemorate Queen Elizabeth's Silver Jubilee in 1977. These were to be held in trust and administered by a committee of Ringmer Parish Council. The semi-detached properties are offered to two Ringmer families in need of accommodation for a period of three years only at a very low rent. This was to give the families an opportunity to save up in order to be able to buy their own property. Numerous Ringmer families have benefitted from the Trust's help.

The Trust Management Committee are now pleased to report the purchase of a third property, Blyth Cottage, 51 Shepherds Way, Ringmer with the aid of a bequest made by Linda Blyth and CIL funding. The new tenants moved in at the beginning of October 2024.

Improving the Natural Environment in Ringmer

We are delighted to announce the official opening of the Almond Field which took place on Tuesday 15th October 2024. The field was kindly donated by the late Bill Almond who lived in the village with his wife Anne for many years. Parish Cllr Duke has worked closely with Bill's brother-in-law, Roger Catchpole, and Roger's wife Michèle, for over a year to bring to life the vision of this space for the community. The field now has an access path, two newly installed benches and many wildflowers have been planted to increase the biodiversity and has been accepted by the Southdowns National Park Authority (SDNPA) as a 'Call for Nature' site. Michèle and Roger officially opened the field and were really pleased with the overall feeling of the field. Cllr Gordon Sims, Chair of Ringmer Parish Council, and Cllr Dave Duke, who is leading the project, also attended. It is hoped that the field will provide a quiet reflective space for local residents to enjoy.

The Council would like to thank the SDNPA for their support both in grant funding and Ranger Service and the Catchpoles were thrilled with the work undertaken by Tony Read who installed the access path and benches.