



Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter - March 2025

Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan

The Ringmer Neighbourhood Plan is currently being reviewed, and we want to hear from residents on what is important to you about Ringmer now and the place you want Ringmer to be in the future. The Neighbourhood Plan will help to shape the type and location of future development. It will also identify facilities and infrastructure needed alongside housing e.g. for sports, community events and better transport. It can also protect green spaces, local views and historical buildings. The Local Planning Authority will decide a planning application in line with relevant policies in its local plan (and the neighbourhood plan) unless "material considerations" indicate otherwise.

Please complete our simple survey to play your part in shaping the future of where we live. Paper copies are available from the Parish Rooms or from the library, or you can complete it electronically at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Ringmer1>

A26 Uckfield Road

We received a detailed submission by a Clayhill resident which evidenced road accidents on the A26 between the 50mph signs near the Barcombe turning and Rosehill over the last 36 years. The National Speed Limit of 60mph covers much of that section of road. In over 60 accidents there had been 4 fatalities and many other injuries. This section has become increasingly busy due to the amount of construction traffic.

The Parish Council has no control over speed limits but will engage with East Sussex County Council and urge them to reduce the speed limit to 50mph along this whole section of the A26.

Lost Ponds of Ringmer

We know how ponds greatly increase biodiversity. Many ponds, originally essential for providing water to livestock, have been abandoned - clogged with leaves and silt (Zombie ponds) or filled in and only identifiable from old maps (Ghost ponds). Cllr. Kay has identified several such ponds within Ringmer Parish and will prepare a proposal for the March meeting to look at the possibility of reinstating such ponds. We already have access to some expertise but if any resident feels able to contribute to this project please contact the Clerk.

Jubilee Gardens

Many of the posts surrounding the gardens have collapsed and others are rotting. It was agreed that the posts would be permanently removed.

Lewes District Local Plan

We would like to thank all residents who made their thoughts known on the draft proposals by responding to the consultation. There will be a further development of the Local Plan later this year which will include information about possible sites for development in Ringmer.