



Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter - April 2025

Proposed Unitary Authority

You may be aware of the proposal to combine East Sussex, West Sussex and Brighton & Hove into a single Mayoral Combined County Authority. There will be a number of Unitary Authorities (yet to be confirmed) where existing County Councils and District Councils have been merged and will be responsible for providing services. Our Parish Council will remain as it is, but our responsibilities may change. All possible changes are under discussion at present, but we will endeavour to keep residents informed as more information becomes known.

Lost Ponds of Ringmer

As the name of the village suggests (a ring of pools) there are many ponds within the parish boundary. Some of these are 'lost' and in a poor ecological condition. The aim of the project is to identify these ponds and work with landowners to improve them and therefore increase the biodiversity of the parish. We are hoping that some residents may be interested in being involved in the project that will be led by Cllr Kay. If you want to be involved please contact the Clerk at the Parish Rooms.

Almond Field

Much activity took place on Wednesday 12th March in the Almond Field when we welcomed Kim Greaves, Tashi Bennett and eight volunteers from the SDNP, members of Wildflower Ringmer and a member of Bill Almond's family to help with the on-going project to increase the biodiversity of the site. A mixed hedge of nearly 200 whips was planted along the Fields House boundary and 180 native wildflower plants were planted. In addition routine spring management took place. Cllr Duke would like to thank all those who helped. Early signs of Spring are evident with primroses, cowslips and celandines in flower and green woodpeckers feeding on the many ant hills amongst the various bird's species present.

Human Circus Community Event

The Parish Council has been approached by an all 'Human Circus' group to hold an event on the Village Green in July 2026. Negotiations are on-going.

Picnic on the Green

Parish Council will once again be hosting the annual Picnic on the Green on the August bank holiday – 25th August 2025. Preparations are underway and it is looking to be a bigger event than last year. If you have an hour on the day to help – please get in contact with us – many hands make light work!

Bus Shelters

As we go to press our local bus shelters are in the process of being renovated – with thanks to Tony Read.