

Ringmer Parish Council Newsletter – June 2026

Parish Council Report

At the Annual Statutory meeting on 5th May, Cllr Gordon Sims was elected chair and Cllr John Whitlock as vice-chair for the ensuing year. Full details of the committee memberships and other areas of responsibility and interest may be found on the Parish Council website <https://ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

During the last financial year, the Council awarded over £9k in grants to the following groups and organisations: Ringmer PTA (Year 6 - PATINA 'Moving on Parade'), Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (A contribution to the operating costs of HEMS), Love our Ouse (To purchase kits and monitor water quality at Glynde Reach), Ringmer Dramatic Society (For backstage Comms), St. Peter and St James Hospice (To support operating costs), The Almond Field (Match funding for fencing to allow sheep grazing + a wet life pond), Ringmer Village Hall (A noticeboard) + Bonfire and Carols on the Green (For event insurance)

Jubilee Gardens

The Parish Council continue working with Goldcliff Garden Centre to re-stock the flower beds. The small bed next to the Wheelhouse and the adjacent large bed provided a colourful display and work was started on the final bed but has recently stopped because of the lack of rain. If any resident would like to help with the planting and routine maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens please contact the Clerk on 01273 813242 or by email at clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Almond Field

The Almond Field is proving to be a popular venue for a quiet walk for residents. The biodiversity of the native plants is increasing, and this will result in a more diverse population of invertebrates and birds. 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 are positioned in the field. A small group of volunteers from Wildflower Ringmer are supporting the work of the council to further increase the biodiversity of the field.

If any resident would like to be involved with working in the Almond Field please contact the Clerk on 01273 813242 or by email at clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk

Jubilee Gardens

We have been working with Goldcliff Garden Centre to re-stock the flower beds that have been rather neglected. The task is nearly over with some work remaining on the flower bed nearest to the bus shelter. If any resident would like to help with the on-going routine maintenance of the Jubilee Gardens please contact the Clerk. Contact details are as follows: clerk@ringmerparishcouncil.gov.uk or 01273 813242.

Picnic on the Green

Following last year's popular event, the Parish Council is hosting another event on **BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 31st AUGUST, FROM 12.30PM TO 5PM. SAVE THE DATE.** Come along for an afternoon of fun, including music, dancing, a dog show, children's activities / entertainment and stalls run by local groups / organisations. Bring a picnic or buy food from the outlets on site - confirmed so far are the WI with their famous tea and cake stall, Ye Olde Spud Shoppe + Downsview Ice Cream. The Cricket Club bar will also be open. This is a free event, although food, drinks, and some stallholder activities may carry a small charge.