



Welcome to our Spring Newport Parish Council News. Letting our residents and businesses in Newport be aware of what is happening in our village. This is where you can have your say, tell us about any concerns you may have, or tell us about a local charity that needs support. If you have a business you need to shout about or have any offers not to be missed, you can let your neighbours know about it here. To contact us please email newportparishnews@yahoo.com

Newport Parish Council News

Newport Parish Council meet Bimonthly on the second Tuesday of the month to discuss issues that affect village life across the Parish of Newport. Meetings are held at Newport Primary School (The Hall entrance) at 7pm. There are eleven local Councillors who volunteer to serve the local community helping to improve the villages and support community projects. The next meetings are the Annual Parish Council Meetings on Tuesday 12th May 2026.

If you have any comments, concerns, or ideas of how we can improve your village please let us know. You can contact the Parish Clerk by sending a message via the website (Email clerk@newportpc.org.uk) or attend one of the meetings. There is a 15-minute public forum at the start of each meeting where you are welcome to speak in respect of the business on the agenda.

The Parish Council are keen to receive feedback with regards to projects that residents would like to be completed in Newport Parish. At the 13th January 2026 meeting, Newport Parish Council resolved to keep the total precept request at £38,000 for the 2026/27 financial year. This precept will mean that the band D billing amount attributable to Newport Parish Council will be £74.02, which is a reduction of £1.03 and 1.4% compared to 2025/26.

The Precept demand is unchanged since 2023/24 and £2,000 less than 2022/23. The final ERYC 2026/267 tax base for Newport Parish Council is 513.40 Band D equivalent properties. An increase of 1.4% (As per the ERYC precept calculator). Newport Parish Council have been able to maintain the precept at this level due to careful budget control.

Goole Go Far has provided "Transport at the Heart of the Community" for the past 22 years and has had another busy year running all its services within the community including the Medibus service, Community Shoppers & Day Trips. Newport Parish Council have confirmed a donation of £250 to help towards general running costs which help them to continue with the invaluable services they offer supporting our community especially those who are less mobile so that they can enjoy the social interaction & friendship with others on the buses.

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Newport Parish Council Precept in 2026/27 has been maintained at £38,000 for the 4th consecutive year, a reduction of 5% on the charge levied in 2018/19!

The Parish Council remains dedicated to prudent management of its finances and resources, ensuring that the community is supported without increasing the Local Authority precept and financial cost to residents.

Smiling faces and good food at the Coffee shop in the village



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The new Trustees of the Village Hall are keen to develop the facilities of the building and to that end are conducting a structural survey. This will enable the Trustees to identify any issues that are not apparent as they make plans for the improvements to the Village Hall. Newport Parish Council resolved to award a grant of £1,092 towards the cost of the survey. The findings of this survey will help inform and provide evidence as a basis for grant applications in the coming year.

Newport Parish Council have provided support to the Wallingfen Methodist Church and Centre in obtaining an Asset of Community Value designation. The managing trustees have turned off the electricity supply to the Memorial Clock. The request to have the electricity restored was refused, which has resulted in the clock not currently working.

Newport Parish Council is collaborating with the Police and Crime Commissioner to access the Road Safety Fund and has submitted an application to install Auto Speed Watch cameras in Newport.

Newport Parish Council continue to seek to work with Gilberdyke Parish Council and St Stephens Church to resolve historic issues with regards to the contribution of the respective Parish Councils to the cost of maintaining the Cemetery. The Clerks of both Councils are working together to reinstate funding from Gilberdyke Parish Council towards Newport Cemetery maintenance and management costs. This would enable Gilberdyke residents to pay the reduced resident fee in the future, instead of the current standard fee.

Efforts are in progress to continue upgrading the Newport Children's Play area, including gathering quotes for a new toddler swing and replacing the nest basket swing. Quotations are also being obtained for a new picnic table. Applications for grants will be submitted to support the development.

The Annual Rospa Playsafety Play Area Inspection was completed in September at both Newport Play Areas. The recommended maintenance tasks are on going.

The Conservation Volunteers have completed work in the Brickyard Play area from the 2nd March 2026 with 3 days completed to maintain the entire site as a one-off blitz management which included: Crown lifting all appropriate trees, Selective thinning of trees in areas where it is dense, Clearance of brambles causing issues, Strimming areas of dense brash, creating dead hedges/ habitat piles and scraping of footpath to define edges. Pupils from Newport Primary school participated in the project. Further information is available on the website and noticeboards. <https://newportpc.org.uk/the-old-brickyard-volunteers-wanted/>

The Community Payback team have been completing work in Newport in March completing various painting and path clearance project.

Following the success of Christmas Lights in Newport, Councillors will be considering further enhancement for Christmas 2026 at the March Newport Parish Council meeting.

The Newport Cemetery and St Stephens Churchyard Memorial Inspections have been completed. A few Memorials have been rated as Category 1 (Require restoration work) and have work outstanding. Memorials found to be unsafe have been temporarily secured using a wooden stake and band to help prevent harm or damage. Where possible memorial owners will be contacted and requested to arrange for the required repairs to be completed.

Several deaths and serious accidents have occurred in cemeteries throughout the country caused by unsafe memorials. Visitors are requested not to remove the supporting stake and band as the memorial will then pose a risk to visitors and may necessitate the laying down of the memorial pending repair by the memorial owner. Should further information be required about the inspection and making safe a memorial you have an interest in please contact Alan Barker via Email at clerk@newportpc.org.uk

Community information including flood warnings is published on the Newport Parish website. <https://newportpc.org.uk/>

Your Parish Council acts as a community liaison with other local service providers (such as East Riding of Yorkshire Council, The Environment Agency, and Humberside Police) and is always on hand to assist with queries and concerns raised by residents. We hope you will agree that Newport Parish Council provides residents with good value for money.

The Newport Parish Council website provides information with regards to planning applications submitted to ERYC.

Newport Parish Council is consulted by the relevant Planning Authority (which is usually East Riding of Yorkshire Council) on all planning applications. Any views expressed by the Parish Council will be considered by the Planning Authority before a decision is made, providing the points made are relevant to the determination of a planning application.

Planning & Applications – Newport Parish Council (newportpc.org.uk)





News from your Village Hall

We are pleased to share an update on the Village Hall and the work currently underway behind the scenes. A new group of trustees has recently been appointed, bringing fresh energy and a shared commitment to protecting and developing this important community asset. Building on the valued work and commitment over many years by the outgoing Trustees, one of our first activities is the development of a new website, complete with an easy-to-use online booking system, making it simpler than ever for individuals and groups to hire the hall for parties, events and weddings. www.newportvh.org

At this time we are still working on enhancing and expanding this. Regular classes include: Dog Training with Paul, Aerial Acrobatics with Lucy and Natalie, and a Sewing group with Jane.

Meet old and new friends at the regular Newport community Social Meetings and Quiz Nights hosted by Rhonda and Steve.

We are also progressing a number of essential improvements. These include plans to install a new door to support Newport Early Explorers Preschool and Nursery, upgrading the alarm and access control systems, and improving broadband and WiFi connectivity.

A full structural survey of the building is also being arranged to help inform longer-term planning decisions. This will help us in gathering evidence to support future grant applications.

All of our plans focus on demonstrating why the village needs the hall and how it supports local groups, services and social connections. Initial estimates suggest that around £200,000 will be required over time to secure the hall's future and ensure it remains safe, accessible and fit for purpose.

We are reviewing and updating safeguarding and health and safety procedures to ensure the hall meets current expectations and provides a safe environment for all users. We will be promoting the hall and its facilities more widely, so more people are aware of what is available and how the space can be used.

We are grateful for the continued support of the Parish Council who recognise that the Village Hall as a vital part of village life and is supportive of the trustees' aims and objectives.

Next year the Village Hall will be 100 years old We welcome all of your ideas for this very



St Stephens Church

St Stephens Church: A Pillar for the People of Newport and Gilberdyke. Supporting Community Through Faith and Fellowship.

St Stephens church has long stood as a cornerstone within the communities of Newport and Gilberdyke, offering not just a place of worship, but a haven of support, compassion, and belonging. In times of joy and sorrow alike, its doors have remained open, welcoming all who seek comfort, guidance, or simply a listening ear.

For generations, local residents have turned to the church not only for spiritual nourishment but also for practical help when life gets tough as it often can. Whether it's organising regular functions and knitting groups, supporting the elderly, or lending a hand during difficult times, the church's role extends far beyond the Sunday service. Volunteers from the congregation often work together to ensure the regular work of the church goes ahead, arrange fundraising events for local causes, and ensure that no one feels left behind.

In Newport and Gilberdyke, the church is more than just a building; it is a living, breathing part of the community fabric. It provides a space where friendships are forged, families celebrate milestones, and individuals find renewed hope. Through social gatherings, and outreach programmes, the church fosters a sense of unity and encourages everyone to play an active role in community life. As the needs of the community evolve, so too does the church's mission.

Embracing change while holding fast to its core values, it continues to be a source of strength and inspiration. The church's commitment to being there for the people of Newport and Gilberdyke remains unwavering, reminding us all of the enduring power of faith and fellowship and the community we live in.

It is your Church.

**ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH
EVERY WEDNESDAY
10AM – NOON**



**COME AND JOIN OTHERS
WHO ENJOY YOUR HOBBY.
LEARN A NEW CRAFT
ANY WHICH USE YARN
£1 ONLY**

Services at St Stephens

Our church is for the Community, and we have been pleased to open our Door to the Wallingfen Free Church so that they can hold Services after the closure of the Chapel. Services are now active on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month with the last Wednesday in the Month holding a 7pm Evening Communion.



ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH NEEDS A TREASURER!

Are you experienced in bookkeeping or financial management?

Would you like to make a real difference by helping with a major church appeal and keeping our accounts in good order?

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A PART-TIME TREASURER

to support the mission of our church during an exciting and important time.

If you can help – **WE REALLY NEED YOU!**

Please get in touch with

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Thank you for considering supporting St Stephen's in this vital way.



**Saturday 14th
March
Coffee Morning
10am – 12pm
With Organ &
Harpist Recital &
freshly baked cakes
At St Stephens
Church, Newport**



Community Lunch
Every 4th Wednesday 12 pm
at Newport Village Hall
2 Courses & tea/coffee £8



Book Easter Special Lunch Wednesday 8th April
£10 each
Smoked haddock mousse
Cheese & spring onion canapes
Pate & toast fingers

Chicken with mustard cream sauce
Mint glazed lamb chops
Country vegetable pie
New potatoes, peas, carrots & leeks in cheese sauce

Heavenly chocolate sponge
Lemon Pudding
Apricot & Ginger Trifle
Bookings **07592004969**

Closure of the Chapel



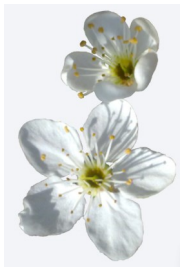
Wallingfen Free Church, Newport

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True or False Easter Quiz Questions



Let's get this Easter trivia dash off to an easy start. Yup, it's the round where you have a 50/50 chance of getting the answers right; it's a round of ten easter-themed true or false questions!

1. In New Zealand, Easter is always celebrated on the first Sunday in April.
2. In the Pacific Coast Canadian Provinces of British Columbia and Yukon, Easter is called Wester.
3. The earliest Easter can fall is March 22nd.
4. The word "Easter" appears three times in the Old Testament.
5. The first documented mention of the Easter Bunny dates from 1632.
6. The practice of decorating eggs dates back 60,000 years.
7. Easter Island is part of Chile.
8. The latest Easter Sunday can fall is April 25th.
9. In Ghana, because chocolate melts in the heat, Easter eggs are normally made of sweetened, deep fried rice.
10. In Spanish Easter parades it is traditional to dress in tall, white pointed hats that completely cover the face except for two eye holes.



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Newport Primary School Updates

One of the most heart-warming highlights of our recent activities has been the visit to our local care home by the young performers from Rowan and Hawthorn classes. The children took part in a special 'Debutots' performance, blending storytelling and dramatic play to create a truly magical experience for the residents.

It was a joy to witness the "melting hearts" as our students shared their energy and imagination; the smiles on the faces of both the children and the residents spoke volumes.

Our Team in Action

Meet Our National Mathematics Challengers! 🏆



As you can see in the photo, the boys have been stuck into their practice sessions! Using their interactive player cards and whiteboards, they are learning how to confer, debate strategies, and submit answers under pressure.

Geography Rota Day - Friday, 23rd January

The whole school took part in our Geography Rota Day! This was a high-energy day where children rotated through different sessions to explore the world through the lens of national and international festivals and famous figures. We will be "travelled" across the globe to explore: Chinese New Year:

Exploring the traditions of China as we prepare for the Year of the Horse. Topographic maps: A journey to Denmark to see how the landscape compares to the UK, and using Lego to demonstrate this. Charles Darwin: Mapping the voyage of the HMS Beagle to the Galapagos Islands. Robbie Burns: Celebrating the landscape and culture of Scotland for Burns Night



Martin Luther King Jr. : Learning about the USA and the landmarks of the Civil Rights movement and St. David's Day: Exploring the mountains and coasts of Wales in honour of their patron saint.

We are incredibly proud to introduce the team representing our school in this year's Quiz Club National Mathematics Championship: Cohan, Henry, Charlie, and Liam!

These four talented mathematicians have been training hard, sharpening their logic and mental arithmetic to take on schools from across the country.

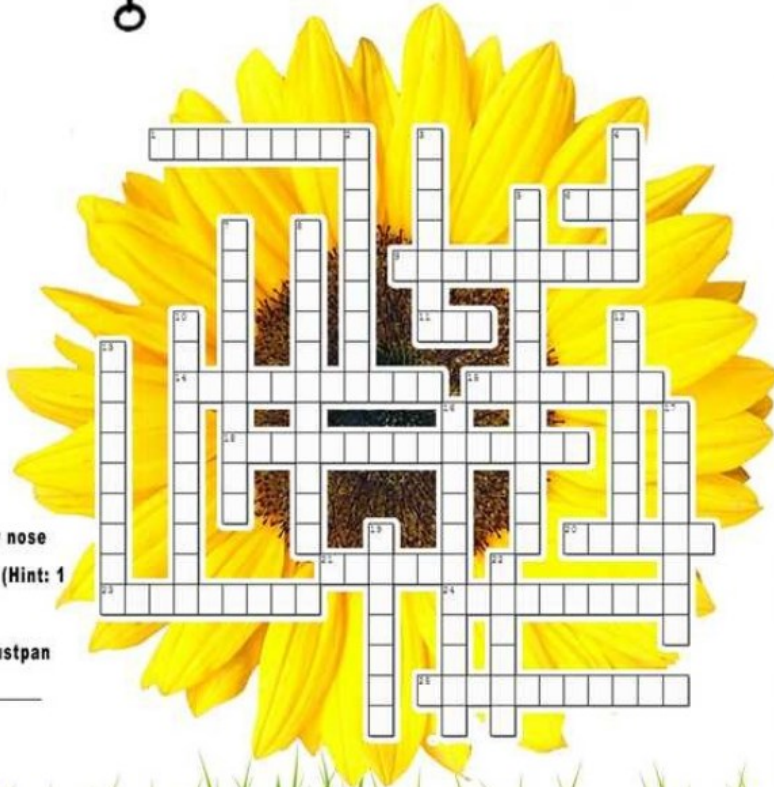
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Spring Crossword Puzzle



Down

2. Flower that follows the sun
3. Rabbits eat these
4. Floppy and hops
5. Basketball (2 words)
7. Mom (2 words)
8. Dance (2 words)
10. Hunt for these (2 words)
12. On this holiday, Jews go without bread
13. Coughing, sneezing, stuffy nose
16. Girls wear these (2 words) (Hint: 1 piece, 2 piece)
17. Grab your mop and your dustpan
19. April showers bring May _____
22. Holiday



Across

1. Footwear used for the beach
6. WARNING: May cause skin cancer!
9. Holy Thursday, _____, Holy Saturday (2 words)
11. Freshmen and sophomores take the PSAT, while juniors and seniors stress over this
14. A blessing to students (2 words)
15. Before seniors graduate, they go to this (Hint: Bash)
18. Time to save time (2 words)
20. Jump into _____
21. With this in the air, you'll start to sneeze
23. Used to protect the skin
24. Cap and gown
25. Animals come out of this deep sleep

Quiz Answers

1. False 2. False 3. True 4. False 5. True
6. True 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. True

Here is the list of the full Newport Parish Council Members and a contact email:

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 Alan Barker the Clerks email is clerk@newportpc.org.uk



CARDMAKING LESSONS

For Beginners

- * 1 to 1, in the comfort of your own home
- * At a time to suit you
- * One hour lessons

- * Each lesson covers a different technique
- * Build your supply of Christmas cards

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