



KINGSTON NEWS

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Kingston Parish Council Newsletter

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**Message from
the Chairman**



Dear Resident,

Welcome to our November newsletter.

Planning issues are still keeping the Council busy and you can see more about fund-raising for a judicial review in the next column and overleaf. We hope you will want to help.

This year’s **Remembrance Sunday Service at Kingston War Memorial will begin at 11.45 am** - full timings are shown on this page. And, don’t miss seeing the cascade of poppies at St Mary’s Church – more details below.

As usual we will be setting our Budget for next year at the January meeting of Council and would be interested to hear your ideas for any potential projects you would like us to consider for inclusion in the Budget. Please send your ideas to the Clerk by 5th January 2025.

This is probably our last newsletter for 2024, so I take the opportunity to send our best wishes to you for Christmas and the New Year.

Cllr Geraldine Walker
Chairman Kingston Parish Council

Don’t miss

Seeing the Poppy ‘cascade’ at St Mary’s Church. The East Preston Yarnbombers asked local residents to knit or crochet over 4,000 poppies. They then spent months assembling the individual poppies into a 12-metre ‘cascade’ that is suspended from the Church tower. You can see it until the **24th November**. Find out more: <https://m.facebook.com/epyarnbombers>

JUDICIAL REVIEW FUND-RAISER Please Act Now!

We sent out a letter last week about pursuing legal action to have the planning decision by Arun District Council allowing the building of **47 dwellings on agricultural land** and in the countryside within the ‘Settlement Gap’, quashed.

We are asking you to show support for this action by making a donation towards costs. You can donate via crowdfunder: <https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/seeking-a-review-to-quash-a-planning-decision> or use the QR Code below.



Note:

When making a donation, there is no obligation to pay anything as a tip. Under the tip section ignore the slider scale and click on 'enter custom amount' and enter 0.

Please see overleaf for more details and an update.

Remembrance Sunday

10 NOVEMBER 2024



Information from the Royal British Legion Arrangements for this year are:

- 9.45 am** Remembrance Service in St Mary’s Church
- 10.15 am** Church Service ends and Remembrance Parade forms up outside of the Church
- 10.40 am** (at the latest) Parade leaves and marches to the East Preston War Memorial, The Street, East Preston
- 11.00 am** **2 Minutes Silence and Wreath laying at the East Preston War Memorial**
- 11.45 am** **Remembrance Service at the Kingston War Memorial, Sea Lane, Kingston**
- 12 noon** **2 Minutes Silence and Wreath laying at the Kingston War Memorial**

All are welcome to attend.

Please note that a section of **Sea Lane will be closed** whilst the Kingston service is in progress and that West Kingston Residents Association have kindly agreed that the gate at the east end of Coastal Road will be opened for this period

Seeking a Judicial Review – Appeal for Funding

Re Planning Application for 47 dwellings land north-east of Kingston Lane (K/46/23/PL)

Further to our front page, item here is a recap of our letter last week and an update:

Firstly, a big thank you to many of you who have already donated (£5,845 raised as on 6 November)

Many of you objected to the above application, and it was obvious that this was a very emotive and important issue for both Kingston and neighbouring communities. We have contacted our neighbouring parishes asking for them to publicise this appeal for funding.



Access to the 47 dwellings will be from Kingston Lane on the first bend south of the junction with North Lane and representations were made to ADC about the hazards this will create. **The site is a much appreciated and beautiful area of countryside** visible from Kingston Lane and it sits within the Gap between Settlements (detailed in the Arun Local Plan). Importantly for sustainability, the development will result in the irreversible loss of Grade 1 agricultural land – that is the best and most excellent quality agricultural land.

450 objections were received by Arun District Council (ADC). Nevertheless, the application was approved conditionally by ADC on 20 March, 2024 and the final decision notice was issued on 27 September, 2024.

We took legal advice from a Barrister on potential grounds for Judicial Review (a legal remedy that can be used to challenge a local planning authority's decision in the High Court if there was an error in law). That advice highlighted an issue that could prove grounds for Judicial Review. If the Judicial Review is successful the ADC decision is “quashed”. This means that the ADC would have to reconsider the matter. **It is important to note** that the outcome of this redetermination might be that the same decision will be reached. But it will allow the community to make further representation.

Based on the initial response to the fund raising, Council has asked our solicitor to proceed with the Application for Judicial Review that had to be made by 8 November, 2024. If the Court permits the application, the judicial review will proceed and further expenditure will then follow.

For Council to carry on with this process it therefore needs to urgently raise funds to cover future expenditure and potential costs that may be awarded. If the case is lost it could as an estimate be £35,000). We are hoping that this can be raised with contributions from Kingston residents and residents of nearby communities who care about protecting this site.

We are asking you to show that you support this action by making a donation towards the costs



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Or, email the Clerk to arrange a direct bank transfer for larger amounts: clerk@kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk, **or** send a cheque made out to Kingston Parish Council to the Clerk, 33 The Ridings, East Preston BN16 2TW



We are of course hoping to win and costs could be award to Council! Any monies not spent will remain in the Kingston Parish Council Planning Matters Reserve Account to address future planning issues around development on agricultural land and/or in the Gap between Settlements.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please support us.

VOLUNTEER LITTER PICKING GROUP - *Request from Cllr Richard Andrew*

Hello,

I am hoping to help set up a Volunteer Litter Picking Group of residents to improve Kingston Lane and keep it clear of litter. This would operate independently of Council but would be eligible to apply for grants for equipment and protective clothing.

Kingston Lane, is the only adopted highway within the Parish and suffers, like many roads in West Sussex, with discarded litter. This is both unsightly and a hazard to wildlife. Arun District Council does not litter pick along here (although will clear any fly-tipping that is not on private land).

As a Member of Kingston Parish Council (KPC), I have raised this at meetings of Council, so Council has been aware of this for some time and has suggested that the first step is for me to try to establish the level of interest from Kingston residents in being involved in a one-off litter pick.

If you are interested, please email me with how many of your household may be interested in attending, care of the Clerk: clerk@kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk

Once I have gauged whether there is sufficient demand, then an email group will be started in order to propose a date and make the necessary arrangements.

This is not an event that will be run by KPC, and therefore any volunteers who would also like to become involved in the coordination/running of this event please let me know when emailing as above.

I hope to hear from you. *Richard Andrew*

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2025

County have advised that the application process for children to start in reception at primary and infant schools in September 2025, ends on 15 January 2025.

Children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 are eligible to start school then. Children currently in Year 2 at infant school will also need to apply for a place to start at junior school. The quickest way is to apply online:

www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions
or for advice call 033 301 42903.

Be Notified of Planning Applications Near You!

Did you know, that in January 2021, Arun District Council launched a planning application finder service?

You can use it to:

- search for planning applications submitted in the last 12 months near a property in the Arun district
- show the results in a list or on a map
- view the plans and comment on any of the current applications

The service also allows members of the public to sign up to **receive an automatic notification in their inbox** of any planning application submitted within a chosen radius of a postcode or address.

To use the service or sign up to receive notifications, visit the Arun District Council website:

<https://www1.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-finder>

ROUNDSTONE CROSSING

East Preston Parish Council held a public meeting on the subject of the Roundstone Level Crossing on 12 July, 2024. You can read a report on the meeting in the East Preston Summer newsletter: <https://eastpreston-pc.gov.uk/media/15626/east-preston-newsletter-no-71-summer-2024.pdf>

One outcome was that the County Council repainted the white lines at the crossing and also decided to add a yellow grid box on the south side in front of the turn-out from North Lane. This to underline that those turning out from North Lane to go across the level crossing should give way to traffic on Worthing Road.

East Preston Parish Council have recently invited representatives from this Council and Angmering Parish Council to join with them to revisit the traffic management solutions first proposed to County in 2015.

The aim is to see if any of the proposals can be revised and considered by County now that the effects of works to improve the A259 (that were being planned in 2015) are known and also the impact of the additional development in the area can be assessed.

This Council is very aware of how frustrating it is to be held up at the crossing gates for so long and we still hope that, after so long, improvements (no matter how small) can finally be made.

POLICING	WINTER RESILIENCE PLAN
<p>Crime Statistics – PCSO Raju sends regular updates to our Parish Council meetings. At our September meeting he reported that crime rate continues to be low in Kingston and that over the previous 2 months no crimes had been recorded.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) – Council and other Town/Parish Councils have regular invitations to attend online meetings with the NPT Inspector. These meetings are set to continue.</p> <p>Contact details for Sussex Police for matters not requiring an urgent response are:</p> <p>Report online at https://www.sussex.police.uk Telephone: 101 (the non-emergency number) To report anti-social driving or abandoned vehicles go to http://www.operationcrackdown.org/ In an emergency always call 999</p> <p>Local Neighbourhood Watch - We encourage all residents to sign up to the NHW email Alert Scheme - email kingstonsxnhw@outlook.com to do this.</p>	<p>The Community Winter Resilience Plan applies to Kingston Lane - the only public highway in Kingston. It includes an arrangement with County for snow clearance to be carried out by a contractor, when County agrees it is necessary.</p> <p>You can see the Plan online at https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/kingston-parish-council/policies-and-procedures/. The Plan has useful links to advice on snow clearance and preparing for winter.</p> <p>There are self-help salt bins in three locations along Kingston Lane (at the junction with Peak Lane and the two bends south of the junction with Elm Avenue). You are welcome to spread salt from the bins at each corner in a volunteer capacity</p> <p>We would also appreciate regular volunteers coming forward to help with spreading salt when the weather is cold to pre-empt overnight ice on these sharp bends.</p> <p>Please contact the Clerk if you can help or would like more information.</p>

COUNCILLORS - Contact details

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Cllr Richard Andrew	Kingston Manor, Kingston Lane, BN16 1RR	01903 772790
Cllr Valerie Masson	Windy Corner, Gorse Avenue BN16 1SQ	01903 786139
Cllr David Joyce	Orchard Cottage, Kingston Lane BN16 1RS	01903 779374

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

All residents are welcome to attend meetings of the Council and its Committees when there is an opportunity to make representations and ask questions on matters relating to the Council business on the Agenda.

VENUE - We usually meet in the hall of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Vermont Drive, East Preston, BN16 1JU with meetings commencing at 7 pm. Please do check agenda to confirm the venue and times by using our website <https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/> or viewing our noticeboards.

DATES - Here are the meeting dates for the next 6 months:
21 November, 2024, 16 January, 2025 and 20 March, 2025

CONTACT the COUNCIL

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Sign up to receive our information e-mails by e-mailing the Clerk.
See our noticeboards located in Gorse Avenue and Coastal Road.
Agenda for meetings can be viewed 3 days prior to the meetings or on our website.