

WWPC want to welcome new appointments to the village.

The Revd Sam Parker appointed as new Rector



Sam and his family will be moving into the Rectory in Pound Road very soon.

He is looking forward to meeting all the residents and being welcomed into our community. His wife Amelia is a primary school teacher and he has two young sons.



West Wittering Parochial Church of England School appoints a new Headteacher



My name is Christina Chamberlin, and I am the new Headteacher at West Wittering Parochial CE Primary School.

I moved to the area last year and have loved becoming part of this wonderful coastal community. I'm passionate about helping children grow into confident, capable, and compassionate young people — teaching them not just knowledge, but the skills and values they'll need to become successful adults. Music is a big part of my life; I enjoy singing, playing guitar, and performing in a band when I can. I also love walking my dog along our beautiful coastline — it's the perfect way to unwind and appreciate the stunning area we're so fortunate to live in. I have been made to feel so welcome by the families and already feel part of the school community. It is a real privilege to be part of the wider community too and I look forward to meeting more of you in the weeks and months to come.

New Community Warden



My name is Barry Faust, and I work for CDC as your community warden.

I had a background in catering, as a chef, and also in security whilst also working as a special Constable in Hampshire Police. I was made the first PSCO in the UK in 2002 in the Met. I became the first community warden in Billinghamurst for six years before applying to join Chichester city team in 2024 where I worked for six months before transferring to the Witterings. My ambition has always been to help people and I am really looking forward to meeting the residents of the Witterings.

West Wittering Cricket

West Wittering Cricket Club has grown exponentially over the past decade and the club continues to perform and flourish.



With cricket for everyone, the club now boasts three league XIs on a Saturday, midweek friendly and cup

matches, Sunday friendly matches, women's 1st XI and t20 matches, women's soft ball cricket, boys teams and girls teams. For Winter 2025/26, the club has also become an ECB Disability Champion Club, running monthly Table Cricket



sessions for local people from SEND and Neuro-diverse communities. Friday nights at The Meadow are booming with hundreds of junior cricketers



playing and parents enjoying a drink and the cricket in the sunshine. Now

with over 300 members, from age four to eighty, it really is a club in the heart of the community. From April to September, you will find cricket happening every day at The Millennium Meadow, with a friendly welcome and an open bar! Over the Winter months, the club runs social evenings including a quiz night, as well as indoor training across all sections of the club, the perfect way to get back into the game! The club is solely run by volunteers and is always on the look out for more assistance. If you'd be interested in getting involved with your local community cricket club and giving back a few hours, whether it be through Coaching, Umpiring, Scoring, Bar Work, Groundwork or



anything else, we welcome you to WWCC.

If you'd like to know more about sponsorship opportunities or joining up as a player or volunteer, please contact Carl Tupper (Club Captain) via email

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West Wittering Parish Council



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YOUR PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Introduction from the Chair

Welcome to the Autumn edition of our Parish Council Newsletter. We had a very successful Annual Assembly in May attended by almost 150 people, including many of the charities and clubs the council helps support.

Briefly this is what your Parish Council has been doing this summer:

Snowhill Management Plan 2025-2030.



The Parish Council has now approved a twice year mow (March and September) with paths mowed every six weeks

around the edge and on the desire line. The object of the new regime is to make the site more attractive and more resilient as well as being better for biodiversity. A Snowhill working group will oversee the management of the 3.5 acres. The area will not only be mowed, but also there will be regular inspections for litter and dog faeces, both of which are unsightly and create a hazard to wildlife. Snowhill is a much loved asset belonging to the Snowhill Charity. Unfortunately Snowhill has been looking very sad during the drought and it is hoped that now it has rained and the new regime is in place it will thrive again. The Parish Council is very grateful to Jane Reeve and the Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group for her work on the Management Plan which is available electronically from the Parish office.

Community Emergency Plan

All Parishes are being urged to make sure that they have in place an up to date emergency Plan to cover all eventualities if the worst should happen. In particular flooding, power outages, severe weather and anything else that can disrupt the smooth

running of our daily lives. The idea is to have available lists of people who can provide emergency equipment as well as the skills to co-ordinate any kind of evacuation or services in case of an emergency occurring in the village. Warm accommodation and food and water might also be required. The Wittering Pub, the Memorial Hall and the Parish Office are all available if there is an emergency evacuation. The Parish is fortunate to have people with specialist skills or equipment and are willing to help in an emergency.

New Footpath

As part of the King Charles III coastal footpath scheme West Wittering has been lucky enough to receive a funded upgrade of the footpath from Snowhill to West Wittering Beach and Snowhill towards Ellanore Lane. The latter being almost impassable in a wet winter. The bridge across the footpath has also been replaced between Ellanore and Rookwood. All this is thanks to West Sussex County Council.



Carols on the Green

This very popular annual event which gets the village in the Christmas spirit will this year be held on 19th December starting at 6pm with mince pies and mulled wine, carols at 6.30 on the green. All donations gratefully received are split between West Wittering School and St Paul's Secondary School Sierra Leone (a West Wittering residents project).

Update on Highway work

The Parish Council has been working hard to bring forward improvements to help increase safety and reduce the congestion caused by busy beach days.



Residents will have seen the new temporary signs at the bottom of Chapel Lane and Piggery Hall Lane asking drivers to stay on the main road to access the beach.

Reports from locals is that these signs are helping. In July the Parish Council submitted an application to have several dropped curbs installed to create safe crossing routes particularly for the school children and people using our shops. However there have been a few days only where the congestion through the village and in the lanes has been unacceptable causing blockages and long delays. Officers from the On Street Parking department will be visiting the village shortly to consider how the current on street parking arrangements impacts on this traffic congestion.

Update on provision of social housing at the new development at Church Road

As part of the development of 70 dwellings 21 have to be provided as affordable. This is secured by a legal agreement known as a S106 obligation. The Parish Council has done all it can to ensure that this much needed housing is provided by the Developer. Many Parishes have lost their affordable housing provision which is in such short supply. Our tenacity has been rewarded and hopefully all the affordable housing will now be provided by a transfer of the dwellings from the developer to a registered housing provider.

Welcome to Pasha Delahunty

The Parish Council is very pleased to announce the appointment of a deputy clerk who will start work permanently in January. Pasha previously worked for the Harbour Conservancy and will be a great addition to the council.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter and find it informative we are all so lucky to live in such a wonderful area.

Nicolette Pike Chair WWPC

Nature Thrives Across Our Parish

It's amazing how nature can bounce back when given the chance.

Twenty years ago, the greensward by the beach was mown regularly, and grass clippings were often left on the sand. When the mowing stopped, the change was remarkable. Within a year, butterflies began to return, and now the area is alive with insects, wildflowers, and the sight of kestrels hunting overhead.



Since then, many local projects have helped our parish's wildlife to flourish. Led by Jane Reeve and her wonderful team of volunteers, the woods and wetlands between the Wad and Beach Road are carefully managed to keep their natural balance. Their work is expanding too, with new hedgerows planted at Webb's Farm and another site due to be taken on in the spring. WW Estates has also made a lasting difference. Ten years ago, they bought Church Meadow and turned it into a beautiful wildflower meadow — at its best in May and June, and now a favourite spot for wedding photos. Our local farmers are playing their part as well. Around 200 acres have been switched to regenerative farming, which means no ploughing, fewer chemicals, and crops that help rebuild healthy soil. These fields also include nearly 15 acres of flower areas that feed and shelter wildlife, especially the grey partridge.

All of this adds to the rich natural variety we already enjoy — from East Head and the harbour coast to the marshes and wetlands stretching from the car park to Snowhill Creek. Each winter, the area provides vital rest and feeding grounds for migrating Brent and Canada geese — including around five percent of the world's Brent goose population.

It's delivering on the aspirations of the Neighbourhood Plan — a community working with nature, and nature returning the favour.

Date for the diary... **Annual Parish Assembly**
We are very pleased to announce that Jess Brown-Fuller MP will attend your Annual Parish Assembly on May 22nd 2026 at 7pm.

More details will follow soon.



Home Start

Our Parish Clerk and I recently had the privilege of visiting a session of Home Start. This is a group which functions every Tuesday between 08.00 and 12.00 in East Wittering Library. It caters for up to fifteen children between 0 and 5 years and their parents.

Home Start is a national organisation which has groups throughout the country. It has expert staff and trained volunteers, who work alongside families to give non-judgemental, compassionate and confidential support. Home Start focuses on support for families, parents and children.

At Home Start in the Witterings parents and children have access to toys which encourage physical development, as well as intellectual and social skills, alongside enjoyment and the ability to share. It was joyous to see how parents were chatting to each other,



Outside The Box

Outside the Box is a local charitable project for those who for whatever reason feel lonely or isolated and

find it hard to get out of the house.

It offers a weekly day out on a Wednesday in the Birdham St James Community Centre or the West Wittering Church Room, a chance to make new friends in a convivial atmosphere, have fun over various games, have a nice lunch, go on trips out such as the Harbour Conservancy's solar boat seal safari, the Chichester Festival Theatre, the Chichester canal boat etc; or to listen to talks on



various subjects such as local history, keeping fit or getting on top of the benefits system. The aim is to prevent people spiralling down into

depression by reintroducing them to normal life, to fun and enjoyment; and putting a smile back onto their faces. Many of those attending tell us how it has changed their lives; not just on a weekly basis but because they have made new friends



clearly supporting one another, while playing with their children. The children were given freedom to make choices while moving around the varied activities. The morning ended with a "sing-song" with children being given the opportunity to choose a song by picking a wooden spoon on which the song title was written. The staff ensured that even the less confident children were given the opportunity to choose. Tuesday morning for parents and young children in the Witterings is a particularly special and enjoyable time. The support parents gave to each other was much in evidence. This was enabled by two very capable staff, who are clearly dedicated and who enjoy their time with the families. As West Wittering Parish Council we were delighted to see that our donation to this Home Start group was greatly valued.

Lesley Handford

and now do things together with their rediscovered confidence. Ideally guests have access to transport, but where this is not possible lifts can be arranged.

For more information please contact Bruce on 514129 or Victoria on 07376 046229.



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Let's pull together for nature recovery

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