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Subject: June 2026 update from Newton Parish Council



AROUND THE GREEN - Edition 15 June 2026

Thank you for subscribing to Around the Green, which is produced by the Parish Council for the residents of Newton. In this edition, we have the following updates for you:

Project to upgrade Newton's Walking Infrastructure including a pedestrian crossing

With funding for the scheme now secured, the legal issues relating to the land for the new footpath and Suffolk Highways undertaking the project, are now being discussed. Following the purdah for the Suffolk County Council election, meetings are now taking place to ensure that the project moves forward on a solid foundation.

Newton Neighbourhood Plan – Housing Survey (plus Village Survey)

The Neighbourhood Plan Working Party has now circulated the Housing Needs survey to all Newton residents. **THE CLOSING DATE FOR THE SURVEY IS SUNDAY 21ST JUNE 2026** so if you want your views to count, please make sure you respond. [Copies of the Survey are on this link.](#)

An update of the Working Group's progress can be found on the [Neighbourhood Plan pages on the Newton website.](#)

Proposed Development

Babergh District Council refused the proposed development at Manders of 9 dwellings, including 4 affordable. The agent for the application has indicated that the applicant will appeal this decision in the coming weeks so watch this space.

Saracens Head

With the pub being up for sale, it is hoped that the pub will be sold as a going concern. There has not been any update on this from the agent, but this may change when NPC's Community Right to Bid expires on the 1st July 2026.

Newton Parish Council

At the Annual meeting of the Parish Council in May, Paul Presland was re-elected Chair and Rita Schwenk Vice-Chair for the next 12 months. Other appointments were:

- Cllrs Evers, Presland and Taylor were appointed to the HR Committee, and Cllrs Bower, Major, Schwenk and Sherwood were appointed to the Standards Committee.
- Newton Green Trust Cllrs Evers and Taylor
- Village Hall Management Committee Cllr Schwenk
- Alston & Plampin Charity Mrs S Presland, Mrs Liza Devlin and Mrs J Taylor
- Cllr Major was appointed as the representative to the Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).
- Internal Auditor - Heelis & Lodge

The members of the council have a corporate responsibility to ensure the councils' assets are kept in good condition and the services operate as planned. To that end, the following responsibilities have been allocated to councillors for the forthcoming year:

- Grit, dog and litter bins, benches and bus shelters in the parish (except Recreation Ground) – Cllr Bower
- Allotments Cllr Presland
- Defibrillators Clerk.
- SID all
- Recreation Ground Cllr Evers
- MUGA including tennis net Cllr Taylor
- Footpaths Cllr Schwenk
- Road and grass-cutting issues all
- Trust assets Cllr Taylor
- War memorial Cllr Sherwood.

New County Councillor

At the recent election in May, PHILIP FAIRCLOTH-MUTTON was appointed the county councillor for Stour Valley, including Newton. You can find his contact details below.

Planning Applications

Here is the status of Planning Applications that the Parish Council has reviewed recently.

BDC Ref	Application	NPC Ref	NPC Response	F
DC/25/04864	Land West Of Manders Auctions, Assington Road - Change of use of land. Erection of 9No. single-storey dwellings (including 4No. Affordable). Improvements to access and public highway (including pedestrian crossing, new footpath provision etc. Biodiversity enhancements.	25/203a 26/006a 26/029b	Object Object Object	F 1
DC/25/05260	Valley Farm, Valley Road - Erection of agricultural building (retention of).	26/049a	Object	F 2
DC/26/00898	Land Rear Of Brook Farm, Sudbury Road - Change of use of land (Part) and erection of 1 No Self build dwelling and ancillary outbuilding, utilising existing (shared) access.	26/071a	Object	F 3
DC/26/01603	Perrywood Garden Centre, Newton Road - Change of use of existing store building to retail sales at existing garden centre site, with replacement of roller shutter door with glazed auto door.	26/094a	Support	

Newton website

Newton's website www.newton-pc.gov.uk has a wealth of information about the village, its organisations and the Parish Council.

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Stay Safe

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