



Lancing Village Newsletter

Brought to you by Lancing Parish Council



We're delighted to bring you our first newsletter of 2026, created especially to keep our community informed, connected, and engaged. Here at Lancing Parish Council, we're committed to serving you better by sharing important updates, upcoming events, local news, and opportunities to get involved in making our parish an even better place to live, work, and play.

Lancing Christmas Lunch Club

Before Christmas, Lancing Parish Council was delighted to host a special Christmas Lunch Club, bringing together 43 Lancing residents to celebrate the festive season. Our wonderful volunteer chef, Sonia, prepared a homemade Christmas roast with all the trimmings, followed by a choice of trifle or Christmas cake, with tea and biscuits to finish.

The afternoon was all about sharing good food and enjoying even better company. The Community Hub was filled with conversation, laughter, and plenty of friendly faces, creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere for everyone who attended.

Our festive raffle was a great success, featuring a fantastic selection of prizes,



including a bottle of red wine kindly donated by Bakkus, a hamper generously gifted by John Dale Estate Agents, and many lovely contributions from members of the community. All proceeds raised will go directly towards supporting our monthly Lunch Club in the new year.





Gift of giving Christmas Campaign

We would like to extend a massive thank you to everyone in the Lancing community who supported this year's Gift of Giving campaign. Your kindness and generosity have once again shown the true community spirit of Lancing during this festive season.

Thanks to your incredible support, we have received gifts for more than 50 local children aged 0 to 18, all of whom are part of families currently being supported by the Lancing and Sompting Churches' Food Bank. Each donation will make a meaningful difference to a local family, helping to spread joy at a time when many need it most.

We know that Christmas can be a challenging and emotional time for many families. That's why it has been especially heartening to see our community come together with such generosity.



Jubilee Kitchen Refurbishment



We are pleased to share that we have refurbished our Jubilee Hall kitchen as part of our wider programme of improvements to the Parish Hall.

The refurbished kitchen provides a more modern, practical and safer space for our hirers. It also continues to support the many local charities, organisations and community groups who use the kitchen at no cost, as part of our commitment to supporting the Lancing community.

This work is part of our ongoing initiative to upgrade the facilities in the Parish Hall as a welcoming public space for residents. Alongside improvements to the Community Hub, gallery space, reception area and meeting rooms, these upgrades are helping to ensure the hall remains a valuable facility for community use.

We would like to thank our Maintenance Technician for refurbishing and installing the kitchen.



Lancing Village Christmas Fayre & Trail

We had a wonderfully busy and festive morning at The Lancing Village Christmas Fayre & Trail. We would like to thank everyone who came along to celebrate the start of the Christmas season with us.

The event was full of festive cheer, with highlights including children's bauble decorating, a variety of Christmas market stalls, and some very special visitors, including a surprise appearance from the Grinch, Father Christmas, and his tallest elf!

Although the weather wasn't on our side, we are incredibly grateful to all of the local businesses who took part in the Christmas Trail and helped us in spreading the Christmas cheer through the village.



Feedback from the day, from both children and adults, has been overwhelmingly positive. An incredible 92% of children told us they had "lots of fun", while many families commented that it was a, 'Fabulous way to kick off Christmas in our lovely Village' and that 'It was a pleasure to be a part of this event'.

A special thank you to all of our new and returning performers, including Sompting Primary School Choir, Hoola Hooping with Jess, Dance with Sarah, Dean Ager, and Matthew English, who brought a lively atmosphere to the community.

This event was kindly sponsored by Robert Luff Estate Agents whose support played a key role in making the event such a success and ensuring we can continue to provide our seasonal events for the community.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated Councillors and Officers, whose hard work and support are always instrumental in making these events such a success.

We were so happy to have you join us in celebrating the Christmas period, and we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year!



Remembrance Day

This year's Remembrance Day Parade in Lancing was very well attended and ran smoothly, thanks to the support and cooperation of many local groups, organisations and volunteers.

We were pleased to see strong participation from local youth organisations, including Brownies, Guides, Scouts, Beavers and Rainbows, whose presence helped reflect the importance of remembrance across generations. Veterans, councillors and MP Tom Rutland also took part, alongside representatives from Lancing Fire Station, TS Intrepid Marching Band, and many other local organisations.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Sussex 4x4 Response team for their invaluable support. This was the fourth time they have assisted with the parade, and their dedication and professionalism once again ensured the afternoon ran safely and efficiently. By managing road closures throughout the event, they played a key role in keeping both participants and spectators safe.

Thank you also to H G King Funeral Services and the many other individuals and organisations

who contributed their time and support. Events such as this rely on strong community involvement, and the success of the parade is a testament to the respect and commitment shown by the Lancing community.

We are grateful to everyone who took part, helped behind the scenes, or attended to pay their respects.



On 11 November, we gathered at the war memorial to mark Armistice Day.

We paused to remember all those who gave their lives in service to their country, honouring their courage, sacrifice, and the lasting legacy they left behind. Their service will never be forgotten.

Thank you to everyone who attended the commemoration and stood together in remembrance.



Council News

South & South East in Bloom

Lancing Parish Council have received a Gold Award from the judging panel of the South & South East in Bloom committee for the Parishes in Bloom section.

Earlier this year, we entered the South & South East in Bloom competition. The judging took place in July and was hosted by our Operations Manager, who presented the work we have carried out and highlighted our partnerships within the Lancing community.

Following the presentation, the judge was given a tour of key sites, including the Allotments, Community Garden, Tiny Forest, High Street planters, and Monks Recreation Ground. This provided a snapshot of what Lancing Parish Council has achieved and the projects we are actively involved in across the Parish.

- Environmental Responsibility

How we engage and work with the community in conserving local habitats and heritage.

- Gardening/Horticulture/Conservation Achievement

To encourage good gardening and horticultural practices in the community.



High Street Planter Improvements

Earlier this year, Lancing Parish Council took ownership of the High Street planters from Adur District Council. We have also secured funding to install eight additional planters in South Street as part of the Pollinators Highway initiative. This grant will also allow us to replace several existing High Street planters with new, lower-maintenance designs.

Lancing Parish Council is committed to promoting strong community values and pride in our village. By working in partnership with local residents, groups, and businesses, we aim to make Lancing an even better place to live, work, visit, and enjoy.



The judge scored the Parish Council on three areas:

- Community Involvement

To show that we include the community in what we do and to help plan for our future.

Child Psychology Research Project

Oxford Brookes University are looking for children (ages 5 to 9) to take part in an online research study.

Their focus is on understanding children's flexible approaches to fun challenges. This will help them to gain insights into how children handle challenges and setbacks, which will be valuable for improving teaching methods that support healthy persistence.

To show their gratitude, all families who take part will be entered into a prize draw to win one of two £50 Amazon vouchers.

Find the survey here:

https://brookeshls.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cumFaXxh66RdQDc



PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

We're looking for children aged 5-9 to take part in a fun online study.

What is this about?

We want to learn how kids choose what to focus on and how they tackle fun little challenges.

What's involved?

A 40-minute online video call that you and your child will join.

Your child will solve a computerised puzzle task and answer some questions.

The study is playful and designed to be engaging for children.





https://brookeshls.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cumFaXxh66RdQDc

Want your child to become an honorary scientist?

See the link below or scan the QR code to learn more and sign up.

Prize draw

To show our gratitude, all families who take part will be entered into a prize draw to **win one of two £50 Amazon vouchers.**

The research has been reviewed and approved by the University Research Ethics Committee, Oxford Brookes University [UREC registration number: 241858].

Embracing Age Volunteering opportunity

People might think that care home residents can't be lonely in a communal environment, but there's a huge difference between being surrounded by others and having meaningful connections. In fact, research shows that care home residents are twice as likely to feel severely lonely as older people living in the community.

Embracing Age is a Christian charity bringing joy and community connection to care home residents through trained volunteer befrienders and sending handmade cards, flowers and craft gifts. The cards make a big difference, as one resident said, "they brighten my day ... and I know I'm not alone."

We are particularly looking for volunteers in the Lancing area. Could you offer some time to bring regular companionship to a local care home resident, or do you have creative skills to make cards or gifts either regularly or occasionally?

To find out more, please visit:
www.embracingage.org.uk

Contact Jane:
westsussex@embracingage.org.uk



Gallery Exhibitions

Looking for a place to display your work?

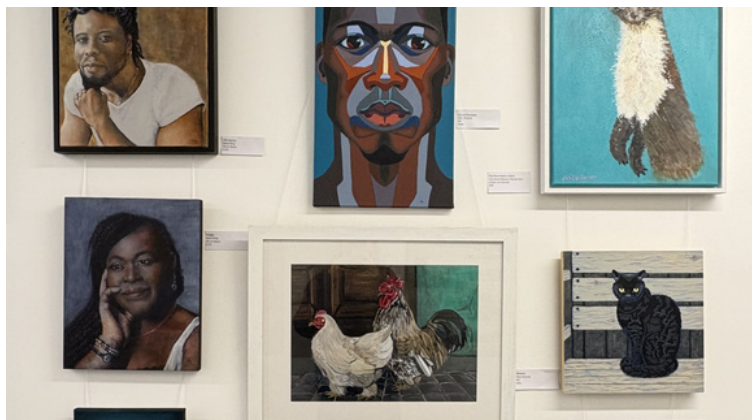
Our gallery space is open to all kinds of artists and community projects. We have recently had a variety of exhibitions showcased in our space including art from the West Sussex Art Societies for their Christmas Exhibition and the Adur Voluntary Action Community Mural. Each exhibition brings something new to the space, helping to make the Parish Hall a welcoming space.



Lancing Parish Hall is a busy public space in the Lancing Community and an amazing modern space to showcase your work.

If you are interested or know of anyone else who may be, please do share this opportunity or get in touch. For any enquiries, email admin@lancingparishcouncil.gov.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Half Term Events Coming up...

K-pop Demon Hunters Family Dance Workshop led by Dance with Sarah

📅 Tue 17th February
🕒 2pm to 4pm

📍 Lancing
Parish Hall

Demon Hunters dance and singing workshop with balloon model weapons. Refreshments will be provided for a donation of your choice in our Community Hub.



Scan to book

Family Fitness Workshop

📅 Wed 18th February
🕒 10am to 12:15pm

📍 Lancing
Parish Hall

Join us for a fun and active 45-minute Family Fitness Workshop with agility, exercise, and energetic teamwork activities. Refreshments will be provided for a donation of your choice in our Community Hub.



Scan to book

Family Friendly Movie Screening

📅 Thurs 19th February
🕒 Starts at 10:30am

📍 Lancing
Parish Hall

A family-friendly movie screening of Big Hero 6, with snacks and drinks available for donation. No need to book.

WORTHING
TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Monday 30th March
1pm - 3pm

**TRY
TABLE
TENNIS**

£5

QUALIFIED DBS CHECKED COACHES
ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Ages 6 - 13

Booking
QR Code

Lancing Parish Hall,
96 South St,
Lancing
BN15 8AJ

info@worthingttc.com
www.worthingttc.com

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Club of the Year
Winner

Table Tennis
England

Lancing Council




Annual Parish Meeting

Lancing Parish Council invites residents to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on:

- 🕒 6:30pm
- 📅 Wednesday 18th March
- 📍 Lancing Parish Hall

The meeting offers an opportunity to engage with councillors and local community groups, discuss key parish matters, and celebrate the achievements of the past year.

The Chair, Denyse Whillier, will present an overview of the Parish's accomplishments, followed by a public Q&A session. Questions may be submitted in advance to admin@lancingparishcouncil.gov.uk.

The evening will also include recognition of Community Champions.

We are now accepting nominations for the prestigious Unsung Hero of the Year Award. This award honours individuals or groups who have made an exceptional contribution to the local community.

Lancing is home to many people and organisations making a real difference, and the Lancing Parish Council's Community Awards celebrate those having a positive impact on our village.

For full details and to make a nomination, please visit our website. The deadline for nominations is Friday 20th February.

WBC CARES

YOUTH PROGRAMME

Train with Qualified England Boxing Coaches

WHAT?
FREE Boxing and fitness after-school programme

WHO?
11-17 year olds

WHERE?
Lancing Youth Hub,
Monks Recreational Ground,
13 Crabtree Lane,
Lancing, BN15 9PP

WHEN?
Mon, Tues, Thurs:
14:30 to 18:30

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT US
Email: Info@wbccaresuk.org
Phone: 07947 450323









Looking for a warm, hearty meal and a welcoming space to meet new people and socialise?

Come along to the  **Community Hub at Lancing Parish Hall** for a delicious two-course meal, freshly prepared and cooked from scratch!

Just **£6 per person**, the perfect way to enjoy great food and even better company!

Lunch is served at 12:30pm

12th February - Bookings Open

Lasagna with Roasted Vegetables
Vegetable Lasagna with Roasted Vegetables
Bakewell Tart with Ice Cream

26th March - Bookings Open 23rd January

Chicken, Leek & Potato Pie
Leek, Potato & Cheese Pie
Lemon sponge with custard

30th April - Bookings Open 13th February

Mince Beef Hotpot
Vegetable Hotpot
Fruit Flan with Ice Cream

You can book via the sign-up sheet in reception (Open Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm) or by calling 01903 753355.

KEEP LANSING LOVELY BEACH LITTER PICKS 2026



Signing in from 10am.

Weighing up, photos and packing away at 11.30am.

Look for the Keep Lancing Lovely flags on Beach Green near The Perch or by the toilets.

25 th January	26 th July
22 th February	30 th August
29 th March	27 th September
26 th April	25 th October
31 st May	29 th November
28 th June	27 th December



keeplancinglovely.weebly.com

RNID

Every 2nd Friday of the month, 9:30am-11:30am, RNID runs free drop-in sessions at Lancing Parish Hall.

Their friendly volunteers can help with:

- General maintenance (cleaning, tube replacement, batteries)
- Free hearing checks
- Hearing aid app pairing
- Assistive devices & technology info
- Local support & services
- Managing hearing loss & tinnitus
- Communication tips & advice

Pop in for friendly support, advice, and maintenance tips from RNID

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Facilities available to hire

Jubilee Hall

Hourly hire fee: £25

Deposit required: £150

An additional deposit of £50 is required for use of a bouncy castle in the Jubilee Hall.

Capacity:

- 150 standing (maximum) subject to set-up
- 80 seated at tables (maximum) subject to set-up
- 50 seated at tables with a dancefloor (maximum) subject to set up
- 100 seated theatre style (maximum) subject to set up



Community Hub

Hourly hire fee: £20

Deposit required: £75

Capacity:

- 40 seated at tables (maximum)
- Please note: the furniture in the Hub Cafe cannot be moved from its current set-up.



Meeting Room 1 & 2

Hourly hire fee: £15

Capacity: 6 seated (maximum) subject to set up



For more information about our facilities or how to book, please visit our website: www.lancingparishcouncil.gov.uk



Hang it forward

Community Coat Rack

Need a Coat? Take One

Lancing Parish Hall, Community Hub
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
10am - 12pm

Need a coat to keep you warm this winter?

Stop by, we've got a lovely selection for you to choose from!

🕒 10am - 12pm

📅 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

📍 Lancing Parish Hall, Community Hub

Please don't hesitate to drop by, everyone is welcome with no judgment or questions asked.

Issue #4

Issue #4 will be out in the Spring!

We'd love to hear from you - if you have a story, event, or idea to share, please email us at admin@lancingparishcouncil.gov.uk

Deadline for submissions is **Friday 7th March 2026**.

Meeting Schedule

The public can attend council meetings to stay informed and have their say.

21st Jan - 6:30pm
Finance & Governance Meeting

28th Jan - 6:30pm
Planning Meeting

28th Jan - 7pm
Full Council Meeting

18th Feb - 6.30pm
Planning Meeting

18th Feb - 7pm
Amenities, Community & Environment Committee Meeting

11th March - 6:30pm
Planning Meeting

11th March - 7pm
Full Council Meeting

📍 Lancing Parish Hall,
96-98 South Street,
BN15 8AJ

COMMUNITY HUB

**CHAT, CONNECT,
RELAX AND ENJOY
A CUPPA**

📶 Free WiFi

☕ Tea, coffee & cake,
donate what you can!



**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

**Every Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday morning
10am - 12pm**

📍 Lancing Parish Hall, South Street, BN15 8AJ

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