RAMSEY AND PARKESTON NEWS

A quarterly newsletter brought to you by Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council

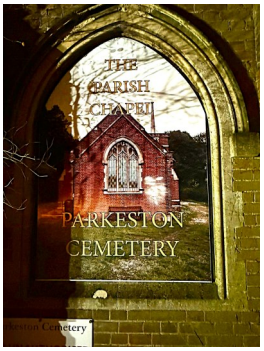
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Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council are sad to report the loss of one of our Councillors, Cllr Sonya Corris passed away at the beginning of April, our condolences go out to all her family. Sonya was a big advocate for neighbours looking out for each other and will be very much missed.

Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council Projects Update

April 2026, The first issue of the newsletter was very well received, so this Summer issue is much bigger and better.



May/June 2026, Solar Panels have been Installed on Parkeston Cemetery Chapel roof, so now we have electricity, the chapel is available for booking for funerals, weddings and Concerts, for booking please email the Clerk: clerk@ramseyparkeston-pc.gov.uk or call Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council 01255 502616.



June 2026, Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council have purchased a Letters for Heaven Postbox, this is in the process of being installed at Parkeston Cemetery, by the Lynchgate. The postbox will be surrounded by a Memorial Wall, which is in the process of being built. Once the postbox has been filled, the letters will be shredded, unopened, mixed with wildflower seeds and planted in the Cemetery.

Fly-tipping in Ramsey and Parkeston



There have been a number of reports of fly-tipping, both in Ramsey and Parkeston.

Please note that alleyways are not owned by, or the responsibility of the Parish Council, however, we will always try to help where possible.

If you do spot any fly-tipping, it should, in the first instance, be reported to Tendring District Council via their website. https://tendring self.achieveservice.comenserviceReport_an_Issue_with_Fly_Tipping

Advice from Tendring district Council regarding waste carriers

If you use a trader to remove your waste, ask to see their waste carriers registration number issued by the Environment Agency

Whether you find someone through social media, an advert or even someone approaching you directly – you need to check they are a registered waste carrier. It is illegal for them to take your waste if they are not and they could be a rogue trader.

1. Ask for their waste carrier number and vehicle details, check online at the Environment Agency website or contact the Environment Agency directly on 03708 506 506 for a free instant waste carrier check

2. Ensure that you receive a transfer note or receipt before your waste is taken away

3. Check where your waste is going—Being a registered waste carrier means the person can legally remove your rubbish, but you still need to check what is going to happen to it. Don't be afraid to ask questions and ask for paperwork that shows where your waste is going.

District Councils clear up fly tipping on publicly owned land, including roads and lay-bys.

A legitimate waste carrier should not object to you asking these questions

4. Protect yourself by taking care with your waste—Make a note of who you have given your waste to, their waste carrier details and vehicle details.

You should never leave any waste such as an old washing machine or scrap metal on your drive or in the street for someone to remove. They may not be a registered waste carrier, and could take the bits they need and dump the rest.

You should never leave items out for others to re-use. You can donate good quality items to your local reuse organisation or charity shop, or give items to someone who could make use of them.

If you have any concerns or any information regarding rogue waste traders then please do not hesitate to contact us on recycle@tendringdc.gov.uk

Remember it's your waste, your responsibility – check to protect yourself

On publicly owned land both District Councils and the Environment Agency have powers to tackle fly tipping, however it is always the responsibility of the landowner to clear up fly tipping on their own land.

Statutory notices will be served on owners or occupiers to clean up privately owned land and property where fly-tipping has occurred.

The Environment Agency investigates the larger scale incidents of fly tipping, over 20 tonnes, involving hazardous waste and incidents involving organised gangs of fly-tippers.

What can you do to help?

Make sure you are aware of the refuse and recycling collection day in your area, you can check your collection day.

Please put your rubbish bags out on the morning of collection by 7am.

If you see a fly tip happening, please take the details of any vehicle involved, the time, date and basic description of the offenders.

Make sure you record a description of the type of waste (black bags, an old sofa, fridge etc).

Under no circumstances should you approach or talk to the offender(s) and do not touch or move fly tipped materials, etc.

You should report the details to us using our online report it form.

Dog Fouling

In the UK, it is a criminal offense for a person in charge of a dog to fail to remove its feces immediately from public land, punishable by a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) of up to £100, or a fine of up to £1,000 upon conviction in a Magistrates Court. These rules are primarily enforced through Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs).

Key Aspects of Dog Fouling Law:

Offense & Penalties: Failure to clean up after your dog is an offense under the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. Fines are commonly up to £100 via a Fixed Penalty Notice, which can rise to £1,000 if the case goes to court.

Where it Applies: The law applies to most public land, including parks, pavements, footpaths, and recreation grounds.

No Excuse: Ignorance of the fouling or having no means to clean it up is not a valid defense.

Visible Preparedness: In many areas, dog walkers must carry bags or proof of their ability to clean up, with officers permitted to issue fines even if the dog did not foul, but the owner is unprepared.

Exemptions: These laws generally do not apply to those with registered visual impairments.

Reporting and Enforcement:

Reporting: Dog fouling can be reported directly to the local council.

Private Land: While it usually covers public areas, dog fouling on private land can sometimes be treated as a statutory nuisance by the council.

Evidence: It is helpful to provide details such as the location, time, and descriptions of the dog and owner to your council.

Some Fire safety advice from Essex Fire and Rescue



A message from local fire officer Karl Amoss

As Station Manager in Tendring, protecting our community is at the centre of everything my team and I do. Over the past year, firefighters across Essex have responded to 731 house fires and here in Tendring alone there have been 53 house fires, tragically resulting in one fatality. Behind every number is a home, a family, and a life affected.

From attending incidents locally, we know that cooking is the leading cause of house fires, followed by electrical devices/appliances. Many of these fires were preventable with small changes, such as never leaving cooking unattended and regularly checking electrical appliances and cables.

One of the most worrying findings is that smoke alarms were only present in 78% of homes where fires occurred. Smoke alarms provide an essential early warning and can make the difference between escaping safely and being overcome by smoke.

The positive news is that help is available. Essex County Fire and Rescue Service offers free Home Safety Visits to residents across Essex. During these visits, firefighters or members of our safety team can offer tailored advice, help you plan an escape route, and install smoke alarms where they are needed.

These visits are completely free and could help protect you, your family, or someone you care about. If you or someone you know could benefit, please take a few moments to book a visit.

Essex County
Fire & Rescue Service

Phone: 0300 303 0088

Online: www.essex-fire.gov.uk

Email: home.safety@essex-fire.gov.uk

How you can help us prevent wildfires this summer





A message from Group Manager Scott Ford

A recent wildfire in Friday Woods, Colchester, is a reminder of how quickly fires can spread during warm and dry weather.

Every summer, firefighters are called to grass and countryside fires across Essex, and most of them are

preventable. As temperatures rise, we're asking everyone to help reduce the risk and protect the places we all enjoy.

You can help reduce the risk by taking litter home, disposing of cigarettes carefully, and avoiding campfires, disposable barbecues and bonfires during dry conditions. Even a small spark can quickly become a large fire.

We're also encouraging residents to download the what3words app before heading outdoors to help us locate fires and quickly and accurately.

If you see a fire, call 999

If you spot a fire in the countryside or open grassland, don't assume someone else has already reported it. Calling early can make a huge difference and helps firefighters stop a small fire becoming a large wildfire.

Disposable barbecues, campfires, bonfires, and open flames can easily set dry grass alight during hot weather. Many country parks and open spaces ban barbecues completely, and for good reason. Instead, why not pack a picnic and enjoy the outdoors safely?

Most wildfires are caused accidentally by people, which means together we really can make a difference. A little extra care can help protect wildlife, open spaces, homes, and the countryside we all love to enjoy during the summer months.

Thank you for helping to keep Essex safe.

Essex County Fire & Rescue Service

Ramsey and Parkeston Parish Council

What the Council spent money on 2025-26

April 2025 £2,500 donated to The Welfare Park Association towards a VE Day Celebration, which was very well received, comprising of a street party with War time style singers.

June 2025 £2,000 donated to Muse Academy of Dance based in Parkeston, the donation was requested to start up a scholarship fund to allow local children to attend dance lessons, who wouldn't otherwise have this opportunity. The Premises were visited by various Cllr's who all came back with very positive reviews of their fantastic work.

October 2025 Annual donations of £750 each were made to Essex Air Ambulance and First Responders, these are made each year.

£1,800 each donated to Parkeston Welfare Park and Ramsey War Memorial Hall towards providing free Christmas Parties for local Children.

£2,000 requested by Parkeston Welfare Park towards urgent rubber safety flooring repairs.

December 2025 £200 spent on Harwich Sing Performing at a Carol Concert, held for the first time at Parkeston Cemetery Chapel + £62.87 spent on extra lighting and refreshments for the concert.

January 2026 £134.99 spent on a Letters for Heaven Postbox for Parkeston Cemetery.

Other expenses were regular ones documented and available for Inspection under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Family Fun Day

14th September 2025

12pm- 4pm













Teas and Coffee-Hot & Cold Foods-Outdoor games-Bouncy Castle-Ice Cream-Raffles-Tombola-Live Music-AND MUCH MORE.

RAMSEY WAR MEMORIAL HALL

Venue: RWMH Recreation Ground

Wix Road, Ramsey CO12 5HP

Stall enquiries email:kelvincuffy02@gmail.com


Parkeston Welfare Park
FAMILY FUN DAY
SUNDAY 12th JULY
12.00 To 4.00
AFFORDABLE WRISTBANDS FOR UNLIMITED BOUNCY CASTLE FUN
SLUSHIES & HOT DOGS!
IF YOU WANT A STALL GIVE US A CALL-NO DUPLICATES
VARIOUS STALLS
CAKES
RAFFLE
WIN PRIZES!
EMPORIUM
SHORT & SWEET
IMPACT IMAGERY
KADLEC CREW
MISSY MELTS
DOG TREATS
TIN CAN DOWN
FREE ENTRANCE!
CREPES
TEDDY TOMBOLA
DREAM CATCHERS
BRACLETS KEYRINGS
DROWN THE DRIP
Bill: 07506 212377 - Marion: 07598 978785
FACE PAINT
SORRY NO DOGS ALLOWED (GUIDE & ASSISTANT DOGS ONLY ON LEADS)

<<< FREE ENTRANCE

Our Barrow of Wine & Beer Raffle Tickets Are On Sale NOW
PLEASE REMEMBER OUR PARK IS NOT COUNCIL OWNED
we have to raise funds to keep the park open and maintained
Thank you for your support



Meeting dates for the Municipal Year 2026-27 of the Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council

Date	Venue	Meeting Time
Monday, 11th May '26	Parkeston Community Centre, Hamilton Street, Parkeston	Annual Council Meeting at 7.15 p.m. followed by meeting
Monday, 15th June '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 13th July '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 14th September '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday 12th October '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 16th November '26		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 11th January '27		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 15th February '27		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 15th March '27		7.15 p.m.
Monday, 12th April '27		Annual public meeting at 6.45 p.m. followed by Council meeting

VENUES:

Additional Meetings relating to specific issues within either ward will be held in:

Ramsey: **The Ramsey War Memorial Hall, Ramsey**

Parkeston: **Parkeston Community Centre, Hamilton Street, Parkeston**

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS.

Exclusion of the public: In accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, to exclude the public, including the press, from the meeting so that any items containing exempt and confidential information (for example confidential personal or tender issues) can be considered by the council.

The Ramsey & Parkeston Parish Council endeavour to keep to the advertised dates, however withhold the right to change the date, time or venue if deemed necessary.

Should a special meeting to address any issue raised during the year, arrangements made will be advertised to the public via noticeboards, the Council's website and the local press.

For general enquiries please contact:
Teresa Le-Blanc, Clerk to the Council on 01255 502616 / 07507 638895
email: clerk@ramseyparkeston-pc.gov.uk
www.ramseyparkeston-pc.gov.uk

In an emergency please call 999 for Police/Ambulance/Fire.

For non-emergency reports please call 101 or report on 101 online

Other emergency numbers:

Essex Flood and Water Management Flood Warden – investigation only not for response **0345 988 1188** flood.essex.gov.uk

Environment Agency Report flooding https://www.gov.uk/report-environmental-incident Incident Hotline: **0800 80 7060**

National Highways Strategic road network (A120) Info@nationalhighways.co.uk or call **0300 123 5000**