

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU - CAN YOU HELP?

Kingston Parish Hall

- **Chair:** to lead the trustees and oversee the running of the hall
- **Secretary:** to organise and minute meetings; handle correspondence; manage the website
- **Booking Secretary:** to manage the online booking system

The Parish Hall is at the heart of our community and provides a well-used venue for a wide range of village activities. It is an independent charity run by a committee of volunteer trustees who oversee the management of the hall and meet quarterly. Trustees include residents as well as representatives of users of the hall including the Church, the Pre-School and WI and a representative from the Parish Council.

We are friendly, supportive and open to new ideas and welcome new people to join us in running the hall which we see as a vital resource for the village. www.kingstonparishhall.org.uk

If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, contact: **Chris Moulder - Acting Chair KPH Committee** / KPC representative chris.moulder@kingston-pc.org.uk 01273 474331

Kingston Pre-school

- **Trustees:** to join the committee

KPS is a charity, and is run by a friendly, voluntary committee, predominately parents, who have their own children at the setting. We are seeking new trustees - who live within the community - to help make a difference and enable KPS to thrive following a difficult period over the past year. We are seeking a range of skills including: an understanding of the complexities of running a small business; online marketing; HR and administration; and fundraising. You would need to commit to at least nine meetings a year, along with getting involved with various KPS projects. You do not need to have a pre-school child.

Kingston Pre-school has been supporting families with 2–5-year-old children living within Kingston and the surrounding area for over 40 years. A large proportion of Kingston families have sent their children to the Pre-school and have fond memories. These children established great friendships that continued through to Iford & Kingston Primary and beyond.

If you would like an informal chat about how you could help, please contact:
Claire Dishington, Acting Chair claire.dishington@gmail.com 07766 561945

Iford & Kingston CE Primary School

- **Foundation Governor:** to be proposed by the school and the Rev Geoff Daw and approved by the Diocese. Someone who, though not necessarily a committed Christian, is sympathetic to the Christian ethos and how it is manifested in the school
- **Co-opted Governor:** someone with management, organisational or business experience to balance the skills already existing on the Governing Board

You need an interest in the school and a commitment to providing the best all-round education for the children. At present, we have a full complement of governors who are also parents of children at the school so we are looking for past parents, those whose children go to other schools or those who would just like to become involved.

The Governing Board's role is to determine the strategic direction of the school, monitor and evaluate the school's performance and hold the leadership to account as 'a critical friend'. There are six Governing Board meetings per year and the role includes some reading of papers, further occasional meetings and a small amount of short report writing.

- **Volunteers:** parents (or anyone else) to help with reading, maths games, art activities and other curriculum support

It benefits the children enormously to have extra practice and it also helps the hard-working teaching staff. Safety considerations arising from the pandemic have affected the amount of volunteering that can take place in the school at present but, if you might be interested, please do get in touch as DBS checks are required and these can take some time.

If you would like to know more about being a governor or volunteering at our school, please contact **Linda Douglas, Co-Chair of Governors**, on ldouglas@iford-kingston.e-sussex.sch.uk and include your phone number if you would like her to call you.

Kingston Action Group

- **Committee members**
- **Volunteers** for the Community Garden and Village Working Parties

No special skills are needed - only enthusiasm! We always have room for more volunteers especially if you have ideas about how we can make Kingston an even better place to live.

KAG formed in 2007 to work with Kingston Parish Council and represent the voice and views of villagers. At present we have a committee of seven plus two representatives from KPC. We meet about every six weeks to review our work and progress. Over the years we have been involved in drawing up the Village Action Plan, the traffic calming initiative, the Kingston to Lewes cycle path, the Villages in Bloom competition, exploring green energy and the planting of thousands of bulbs and wildflowers (including a wildflower meadow on the village green). We have also planted hedges and taken part in many other initiatives. We have an ongoing commitment to clear leaves, collect litter and maintain footpaths.

Our latest major initiative is the establishment of the Community Wildlife Garden on the old allotment site at Gow's Croft, near The Juggs. We now lease this site from Lewes District Council. We began work in September 2020 and have so far clocked up more than 300 hours of outdoor volunteer effort, much of which went into the initial clearance. In 2022, this will begin to pay off as the site comes slowly to resemble a garden rather than a building site!

If you can help and would like to be involved, please contact:
Vicki Scott victoria@vascott.com or **Steve Berry** stefalik@aol.com

Kingston Parish Council

Please support your village. All these organisations help to make Kingston a good place to live and need your support. There are no vacancies for councillors at present but there are likely to be in the future. Do get in touch if you are interested. For more information see kingston-pc.org.uk or contact:

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