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About Angmering



History of Angmering



Angmering can trace its history as a settlement over a period of more than 3,500 years. The name "Angmering" is believed to come from a Saxon farming settlement of about 600AD. It is thought that the original name was "Angenmaering" meaning Angenmaer's people.

Recent archaeological excavations revealed a Middle Bronze Age settlement (c.1500 BC) located approx 700 metres north from the centre of the village. A second site, approx 700 meters to the north-east of the village centre, revealed settlements from the Mid-to-Late Bronze Age, Iron Age (c.750 BC to 0 BC), and Saxon (c.450 AD to 800 AD).

The remains of a substantial Roman or Romano-British villa dated between 65 and 75 AD; which rivals that at Fishbourne; lies beneath farmland about one mile to the west of the village centre.

The 1881 Census shows the arrival of wealthy retirees from London; a trend that continues today, with in-migration of retirees and commuters from outside Arun.

Shops and Local Amenities

All basic commodities are available for convenience, including an award winning butcher and well stocked convenience store. In addition, Angmering offers independent specialist shops, two estate agents, a family run boutique hotel, a niche tea room and independent food outlets. The parish also boasts four excellent public houses.

Conservation Area

The Conservation Area was designated in 1975 to protect the historic core of the village. Although its population of Angmering has grown significantly since the 1930's, it has managed to retain its rural charm principally due to its landscape setting, the preservation of its village square and shops, and designated Conservation area with a number of fine 16th Century to 18th Century houses and cottages, the oldest dating back to the 14th Century.

South Downs National Park Authority

About two-thirds of the parish falls within the South Downs National Park. In April 2012 the statutory responsibility for planning policy for the National Park area transferred from Arun District Council to the South Downs National Park Authority, which is now responsible for Development Management, and Planning Enforcement as well as Planning Policy. Planning policy for the area of the parish that falls within the National Park is covered by the National Park Authority.

Angmering Today

Angmering in Bloom

The community takes great pride in its village with voluntary organizations such as Angmering in Bloom planting up flower beds along main roads, sponsored by local business and fund raising events. They also work with local schools on community “green” projects, as well as supporting the annual Angmering Flower and Produce Show which raises money for local charities.



Funfair - Christmas Traders Evening

Every Christmas the local village traders and organize a Traders' Evening to thank villagers for supporting them throughout the year. Over the years it has grown to the point where the centre of the village is closed off to traffic, to enable funfair rides and stalls to be set up. A whole range of community activities also take place at the Community Centre, Village and Church Halls, including film shows, children's activities and quiz nights.

Sports, Leisure and Amenities

Angmering has a broad range of leisure facilities, including sports fields, a skate park, two golf courses, a motor racing circuit, a health club, children's activity centre, and a bowling alley.

Allotments

The allotments site at Honey Lane dates back to the late 1800s. It is located in the centre of the village and easily accessible by foot. There are around 130 plots with at least 10 people on the waiting list at any one time.

Employment and Retail

A number of small business areas are situated on the outskirts of the village, with a variety of units of different sizes and types principally characterised by garden centres, greenhouses, poly tunnels 'shed' like buildings, a few small office buildings, garages and car lots.

Footpaths and Pavements

It is important that existing footpaths and bridleways are protected and enhanced, especially those that provide access to the South Downs National Park both to the north and east of the area. The Parish Council aims to protect and enhance the footpaths, bridleways, and by-ways to ensure the continued enjoyment of visitors both inside and outside of the National Park.

Environment and Heritage Landscape

The proximity of any development that has the potential to impact on the sensitive landscape and amenity of the National Park must be carefully managed and mitigated, including protection of important hedgerows and ancient woodland copses, panoramic views across open downland to the north and west and views across the Coastal Plain to the south.

The community values the landscape setting of the village, which is located at the foot of the South Downs. There are a combination of views that are gained from local roads, footpaths, pedestrian and cycle ways that access the countryside and the National Park.

Character Areas

Character Areas have been based on the main features of the built environment that are present in Angmering. Angmering has seen a range of low to medium density residential development over the past 100 years or so and has created the settlement as it is today. Each area has a distinctive building type, lay-out design and materials. In some cases one character area applies to several locations.

Initiatives and Aspirations

Chandlers Site Redevelopment

Angmering Parish Council is working with a developer to progress their interest in the former Chandlers site in the village centre. This interest is based upon a detailed development proposal, which will enhance and improve facilities for the community. In June 2018 full details will be released, and a full public consultation will be undertaken.

Community Speedwatch

Angmering Parish Council supports a team of volunteers who are active in helping to reduce speeding traffic in the village.

In conjunction with other speed reduction initiatives in the village, Community Speedwatch, operated with the support of the police, monitors speeds of vehicles, using speed detection devices. Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the police with the aim of educating drivers. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated, enforcement and prosecution can follow.

The initiative aims to reduce death and injury on the roads, improve the quality of life for local communities, reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit, and increase public awareness.

Community Speedwatch is a proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

Community Land Trust

Angmering Community Land Trust is a not for profit, community-based organisation that develops housing or other assets at permanently affordable levels for long-term community benefit. It can provide housing through shared equity, outright sale on the open market, for affordable rental or a combination of the above.

Membership is open to people who live or work in the Parish of Angmering. Angmering Parish Council provides some funding towards the running of the Angmering Community Land Trust. In addition to affordable housing, Angmering Community Land Trust is interested in using land and buildings for purposes defined by members of the community, including:

- Flood prevention
- Community farming
- Allotments
- Recreational facilities
- Sports facilities
- Public toilets
- Other community facilities

Community Land Trusts help put a community in the driving seat by bringing them together to take forward development opportunities in their area. All members of a community have the chance to have direct influence on decision making through a membership based model. This then generates engagement, community cohesion and, in time, allows latent skills to be harnessed for the benefit of the Community Land Trust. There is considerable demand for community-led housing projects that might involve houses already built, a Community Land Trust build project or even self-build homes on land owned by the Trust.

Angmering Parish Council

The Parish Council has an office in the centre of Angmering village at the Corner House in The Square. The office is open to the public from 9.00am to 1.00pm each weekday.

The Parish Council meets once a month at Angmering Village Hall, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Residents are invited to drop in to find out about or discuss local concerns.

The Parish Council also has three standing Committees, which meet regularly throughout the year, and a number of Sub-Committees which specialise in particular areas of work:

Standing Committees

- Housing Transport and Planning Committee
- Community Leisure Environment and Wellbeing Committee
- Governance and Oversight Committee

Sub-Committees

- Highways Sub-Committee
- Major Developments Sub-Committee

Details of upcoming meetings of the Parish Council, Committees, and Sub-Committees can be found on the Parish Council website:

<http://www.angmeringparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Opportunities will be given for local residents to drop in and speak to local Councillors at future events in the village, to enable them to discuss matters of interest.



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