

Messenger magazine – report for Annual Parish Assembly 2026

The Messenger magazine is published 10 times per year (monthly with combined December/January and July/August issues). It is for the 4 villages of Brightling, Dallington, Mountfield and Netherfield. The print run is approximately 400. It is distributed to people's letter-boxes by a small army of volunteers. The magazine combines "Village pages" - specific news for each of the 4 villages - with more general features of local interest.

It has been commented that some villages seem to get more space in the magazine than others. This is solely because some villages send in more material than others; there is no discrimination by the editors. We would love to get more village news in the magazine.

The AGM of the magazine, to which all readers are invited, takes place in November each year.

For the year ending 31st March 2026, the magazine is predicted to make a loss of approximately £800. The magazine has a healthy bank balance and continues to be a going concern.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helps produce the magazine and also to the distributors who deliver the magazines and collect the subscriptions - often a thankless task!

If the magazine has a weakness, it is that it is over-reliant on a small number of dedicated people to produce and manage the magazine. We would really like to get more people involved. There are many ways in which people can help.

- Send your news and announcements to the appropriate village editor: brightling.messenger@gmail.com, dallington.messenger@gmail.com, mountfield.messenger@gmail.com, or netherfield.messenger@gmail.com
- Write a more general article on matters of local interest: email it to darwell.messenger@gmail.com
- Volunteer to join the committee. We have a number of vacant roles and it will only require a few hours per month of your time
- If you don't already get the magazine, take out a subscription (£10 for 10 issues). Contact darwell.messenger@gmail.com for details

Andrew Wedmore
Hon. Chair
23 March 2026