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### USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:-

**Derbyshire County Council** – 01629 580000 or 01629 533190

**North East Derbyshire District Council** - 01246 231111

**Police – NON-URGENT** calls to report crime, anti-social behaviour, non-violent crime or general information: 101

**Please note:** You **MUST** continue to use 999 where a crime is in progress, for serious crime or where violence is being used.

**Citizens Advice Bureau** – Providing consumer advice, free of charge, on a range of issues or complaints.

Website: [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk) Tel. 08454 040506

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## **ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL *COMMUNITY FIRST***

Working for the whole of the Ashover Parish

Website: [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk)

### **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

**Ashover Parish Council is co-ordinating community support action. Please let the clerk know of initiatives you are taking by contacting:-**

**Email:** [parishclerk@ashover-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@ashover-pc.gov.uk)

**Telephone: 01246 863018.**

**In this way we'll be able to build up a picture of the level of support in place and identify any areas in the parish where help may be needed from social services etc.**

**Further information inside this Newsletter....**

## CORONAVIRUS – COVID-19

Things are moving very quickly at the moment. On our Facebook page we've posted a news item from Amber Churches showing which Church and local activities have been cancelled and which are continuing for now. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and the [Ashover Parish Council website](https://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk/news.html) for updates on <https://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk/news.html>.

This can of course be a worrying time, especially for those who are self-isolating at home. Many of you will have seen the Viral Kindness flyers where volunteers give their contact details along with an offer to do shopping, dog walking or just be available for a chat on the phone. If you are able to help then do pop a completed [flyer](https://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk/uploads/viralkindness.pdf) through the door of those who you think might be in need.

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## LINKS TO INFORMATION

Government website

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

NHS – Coronavirus information

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

NHS – check for symptoms

<https://111.nhs.uk/covid-19>

Derbyshire County Council

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/health-and-wellbeing/health-protection/disease-control/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19.aspx>

North East Derbyshire District Council

<https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19>

Health & Safety Executive

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/coronavirus.htm>

Keeping People Safe: If you are concerned about a vulnerable adult

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/adult-care-and-wellbeing/keeping-safe/keeping-adults-safe/keeping-vulnerable-adults-safe.aspx>

or Call Derbyshire tel: 01629 533190

Derbyshire Alert - <https://www.derbyshirealert.co.uk/>

Derbyshire Alert is the community messaging system for the whole of Derbyshire. By registering, you can receive news and appeals, local crime information, and prevention advice direct to your email address. Registration is completely free, and not only allows you to receive messages about your local area, but also allows you

to feedback information to your local policing teams to help them better look after your neighbourhood.

**Police Information:** With the ongoing response to coronavirus in the UK you may have seen a change in the way our officers are working. In line with the current Government advice (as of 18 March) we have stopped a small amount of engagement activity – such as visiting schools or events like Cuppa With A Copper – to help combat the spread of coronavirus. This does not mean that there is a reduced service, in fact it is very much the opposite. Officers are out on patrol and the force is ensuring resilience over the coming weeks and months to keep residents, businesses and visitors safe. You may find that there is a longer than usual wait for your 101 call to be answered. If possible you should report your crime via [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk) - or report your crime or incident via direct message on Twitter via [www.twitter.com/DerPolContact](https://twitter.com/DerPolContact) or by private messaging our Facebook page via [www.facebook.com/derbyshireconstabulary](https://www.facebook.com/derbyshireconstabulary).

If you are concerned about crime then you can still speak to officers or you can of course contact us on social media or by using the online contact form on our website.

**Home Working:** Cyber security. Many people are being encouraged to work from home where possible to help manage the COVID-19 situation. This presents new cyber security threats and increased opportunities for criminals that organisations and individuals need to be prepared for. The National Cyber Security Centre have produced some advice (link below) to better protect business data, people and assets from Cyber Crime. <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/home-working> There has also been an increase in the amount of phishing attempts by attackers exploiting the fear of the COVID-19 outbreak in an attempt to trick people into giving away personal and financial information. Be cautious of clicking links or opening attachments in unsolicited communication, instead contact the sender independently to verify. Before shopping online with any company carry out research to identify if it is legitimate before panic buying goods. Importantly, if you believe you may have been a victim of Cyber Crime or Fraud please report it to Action Fraud <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

## PLAY AREA PROJECT - UPDATE

Early in January 2020 your Parish Council announced plans to upgrade the facilities in the fenced playground behind the Medical Centre on the Milken Lane playing field and we invited ideas from the likely users.

We've had some great feedback following both the Facebook post and from Ashover Primary School. This has since been turned into a design brief and we're almost ready to invite companies to tender their ideas. At the same time, we'll be exploring the possibility of a grant contribution which we'll add to our budget.

We've also had a suggestion that we look at creating a skate/bike park type facility for older children. This will be quite difficult as we have very limited space available, however, we are evaluating options.

It'll take a couple of months to progress these initiatives to the next stage and we'll share another update when we have more news!