

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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NEWSLETTER 3 - 2021/2022 Winter

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WINTER MAINTENANCE

Report empty grit bins and highway problems and much more, visit:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/road-maintenance/snow-info/snow-info.aspx>

- Report empty grit bins to ‘Call Derbyshire’ on 01629 533190 or online report form or by text to 86555 quoting the grit bin number.
- Request road gritting online
- Your parish council owns 37 grit bins sited around the parish, and these are identified as belonging to Ashover Parish Council, these bins may be reported to DCC or directly to the Parish Clerk on (01246) 863018 or e-mail parishclerk@ashover-pc.gov.uk.

Please remember that all grit supplied by your Parish Council is for use on public roads and footways.

If you are concerned about an old or vulnerable person ‘Call Derbyshire’ 01629 533190. Derbyshire County Council has cameras at eight places in Derbyshire, or just outside, and the pictures on its website show the condition of each road. Each picture is updated at least every 20 minutes, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. Visit:-

<https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/traffic-cameras/traffic-cameras.asp>

You can get snow and road closure update by signing up to:-

<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKDCC/signup/13429>

Exhibition

Your Parish Council organised an Artefacts/History/Memorabilia Exhibition in the Fabric Room of Ashover Parish Hall on Saturday 23 October 2021, entry was free and a resident kindly served tea, coffee and biscuits provided by your Parish Council. A total of 275 people came through the doors to see the exhibition which included exhibits from:-

Ashover Parish Council

Ashover Light Railway Society

Ashover Brass Band

Ashover History Society

Ashover Chronicles

The event proved to be an outstanding success with very positive feedback being received.



Working to Address Climate Change – update: November 2021

In July 2020, Ashover Parish Council made a declaration to ‘acknowledge that climate change is one of the largest challenges facing the world and recognises that it is a key influencing body that can act on this’. The declaration continued ‘Therefore it is essential that this Parish Council helps to proactively facilitate the protection of our local environment, heritage and natural beauty. This needs to be delivered in a way that promotes sustainability, healthy living and prosperity within the parish. Through this mutually sustainable approach to living in the parish, we can help ensure that it can continue to be enjoyed by future generations indefinitely’.

The council has Environmental, Climate Change and Biodiversity policies which are available for you read here <https://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk/uploads/p5-envclimatebio-policy-121.pdf>

The council set up a Climate Change Working Group with councillors and volunteers from the community.

The Working Group is actively progressing initiatives to advise the Parish Council on providing a cycle rack in the village; to introduce or encourage wildflower areas, particularly, but not exclusively, on Council-owned land; to develop ecological connectivity to provide species with resilience to cope with future climate change; how to address the problem of litter in the parish; and liaising with the Parish Hall on its climate change activities. Work on the provision of electric car recharging facilities was put on hold for future consideration by the Parish Council.

We are pleased to report that the Council has been successful in obtaining a grant from the Medical Centre Trustees for the purchase and installation of the cycle rack. Furthermore, the Parish Council has agreed to release a parking space immediately to the left of the car park entrance as a suitable location. The Climate Change group is making good progress in identifying wildlife corridors.

But we can all do something as individuals. Some things are easier than others. A good starting point might be to work out our own carbon footprint. Here is a link for an easy calculator.

<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/> . Others can be found through an internet search. Once complete, it will show where you have the biggest impact on carbon emissions.

So how can we make a difference? Here are a few examples:

- Eat with the seasons. Eat less meat and dairy but better quality, buy more vegetables, pulses and meat substitutes
- Buy locally grown produce to reduce air and transport miles. Farmers markets and local shops that sell local produce are good sources.
- Make travelling carbon-clever, e.g. walk if you can, cut down the number of journeys in a car, use public transport if possible.
- Reduce emissions at home – switch off appliances when not in use; turn off lights when not in the room; when you need to change a light bulb, use an energy efficient one. Ensure your heating system is working efficiently by having regular servicing.
- Plant to attract bees and wildlife. You don’t need a big garden, even a window box will do.

- Recycle, reduce, reuse. If you aren't sure of what or how to recycle, <https://www.recyclenow.com> is a good place to start.

Christmas Event 2021



This year we had the Ashover Christmas lights event once again. The Christmas tree lights were switched on by the Parish Lengthsman, John Bown, who was ably assisted by local children. Our very own Town Crier, Merrick Bull was the Master of Ceremonies who, as ever, delivered a virtuoso performance. So many thanks go to Merrick. A heartfelt thank you also goes to Father Christmas, his elves and the helpers who created a wonderful Santa's Grotto. Thanks also go to Ashover Brass Band and the Church Choir, who all helped to give the 'Christmassy' feeling to all who came and dutifully sang. The excited children queued up to visit our own special

Father Christmas in his enchanting atmospheric grotto in the Basset Rooms. Ashover Parish Christmas lights switch-on was another success, so a huge thank you once again goes to Ashover Parish Council for continuing to support this event and a special "thank you" goes to Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd which made a generous donation towards costs, and the marshals who helped to keep us all safe.

Councillors Helen Boffy and Lucy Hunter-Bott
Christmas Event Volunteer Group

Remembrance Sunday 14 November 2021

Along with other community groups, Ashover Parish Council laid a poppy wreath at the War Memorial in All Saints Churchyard, remembering lives lost in all wars.

Community Workshop Initiative

A small local group has been established to look at the possibility of setting up a Community Workshop in the Ashover Parish area. This workshop will provide a place to meet, have a chat and enjoy working on practical, hands-on projects individually or with other like-minded people, both men and women. Our working group is holding discussions with potential providers of workshop space and with similar existing groups from which it can learn. Ashover Parish Council is being kept informed.

We're very keen to meet anyone who might be interested in either helping us to set this up or in attending the workshop. If you are interested, please get in touch with either:

Margaret Dewhurst at mad13@mad13.co.uk or

Richard Felton at richardfelton.endale@btinternet.com.

More Parish Activities

Uppertown Social Centre 

Sat 5th February, 7 pm for 8 pm
Stu and Dave (Birdy) - 50's, 60's & Country
 £9 including supper

Sat 26th February, 7 pm for 8 pm
Groundhog Days - 80's night
 £12 including supper

Call Eddie for tickets on 07966 154798
www.uppertown.org

Plant a Tree for the New Year

The Ashover Parish Tree Warden has access to free native trees for planting in the parish. If you're interested, please contact the Tree Warden on 07757691834.

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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 Tel. 08454 040506