

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Ashover Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

Events are being organised to celebrate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. These will include:-

Thursday 02 June 2022

An evening of family entertainment in Ashover Parish Hall followed by Fireworks on the playing field.

Saturday 04 June 2022

A day of activities and entertainment on Church Street with further events being arranged on the playing field.

Sunday 05 June 2022

A Thanksgiving Service on the playing field (if wet, to be held in Church)

Volunteer Marshals are need for the above events, so if you can help, please let the Clerk know.

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL RECEIVES AWARD IN NATIONAL SCHEME

Ashover Parish Council has received re-accreditation at ‘Quality’ level, a prestigious award, as part of the Local Council Award Scheme. This achievement recognises that the council achieves good practice in governance, community engagement and council improvement. Moreover, Ashover Parish Council goes above and beyond their legal obligations, leading their communities and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further. The Award Scheme report highlighted the council’s particular areas of strength, stating:-

“...you are leading your community and continuously seeking opportunities to improve and develop even further. Therefore the council is to be congratulated immensely.”

The Local Council Award Scheme is a peer assessed programme that has been designed to both provide the tools and encouragement to those councils at the beginning of their

improvement journeys, as well as promoting and recognising councils that are at the cutting edge of the sector. It is through the sector working together to share best practice, drive up standards and supporting those who are committed to improving their offer to their communities that individual councils and the sector as a whole will reach its full potential.

Ashover Parish Council's own Chairman, Councillor Ed Willmot, was quoted as being delighted and said:-

"This is recognition of the time and devotion given by the clerk and councillors in the way we conduct our business."

In terms of the future, the council is now reviewing ways in which it can keep on improving its offer to the local community and welcomes input from local people and partners on this. Ashover Parish Council and other local councils like it, are at the front line of the government's localism agenda and are doing as much as they can to deliver services whilst being efficient and cost-effective.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Subject to Covid restrictions, it is hoped to hold the ***Annual Parish Meeting** at 6.30pm on Tuesday 19 April 2022 in The Sports Pavilion (adjacent Ashover Parish Hall), Milken Lane, Ashover S45 0BA. Please look out for further details on the Parish Council's website www.ashover-pc.gov.uk and on the main notice board on Moor Road, Ashover.

** Annual Meeting of the Parish – Not a Parish Council Meeting but a meeting called by the Chairman of the Parish Council. Must be held between 1 March and 1 June (Local Government Act 1972 Sch.12 para.14). Any registered local government elector is entitled to speak and vote. Other members of the public (and press) may be present but cannot participate in the meeting.*

Working to Address Climate Change



The Climate Change Group would like to ask you to remember to take your litter home with you. Not everyone in the wider community does this, so if you want to help to keep our local area neat and tidy, here is a reminder that litter pickers are available for you to borrow.

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

Young people are taking the lead in keeping the Parish tidy and healthy.



Ashover guides are encouraging the use of bags for the safe disposal of dog poo, by providing free bags at various spots locally. A local teenager has worked wonders in removing litter from various beautiful local spots. His work on The Fabric has complemented the environmental work undertaken to enhance the heath land and rare habitats.



Volunteers from Clay Cross and Ashover have been working weekly on various countryside projects and particularly cleaning the old stone flagstones up to Overton Hall.



A gate has also been mended in the same vicinity, to keep stock safe. Care has been taken to protect the old flag wall.

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The Pines, Hill Road, Ashover S45 0BZ

Parish Clerk

- Parish Clerk/Burial Clerk: Sara Atkinson
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District and County Councillors

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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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