



## **NEWSLETTER 4 - 2023/2024 SPRING**

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### **PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

**A632 and the River Amber**

**09 MAY 2024**

**6.30PM TO 8.30PM**

#### **ASHOVER PARISH HALL**

This is the follow-up meeting to the public meeting held in September 2022. The main purpose of the meeting is to receive updates and information to address road safety issues along the A632, especially through Kelstedge and at Span Carr crossroads and water quality in the River Amber.

Invited to the meeting are Lee Rowley MP, DCC Councillor Barry Lewis and DCC Cllr Charlotte Cupit and a Highways Officer, NEDDC District Cllr Helen Wetherall, Police (Traffic Management) and Police & Crime Commissioner and Environment Agency. Severn Trent declined the invitation and propose submitting a statement instead; your Parish Council has sent a strongly worded request that they reconsider. Members of your Parish Council will be present.

**This meeting is a great opportunity for members of the public to again raise their concerns on current issues and we’re hoping for a good turnout.**

## **Annual Parish Meeting**

**TUESDAY 16 APRIL AT 6.15PM – ASHOVER PARISH HALL**

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. Ashover Parish Councillors look forward to seeing you.

## **River Amber – Environment Agency Update**

In our Autumn Newsletter, we gave an update describing how the Environment Agency (EA) had placed sondes (water sampling kit) upstream of Kelstedge and that results had shown potential pollution from human activity during rainfall and non-rainfall periods.

Arising from this data analysis, the EA has recently carried out a series of farm inspections in the upper Amber catchment where the farms were assessed for their compliance with regulations which include controls on pollution of Water Sources from Silage, Slurry and Agricultural Fuel Oil.

Improvement plans were discussed with farmers and guidance given on record keeping for soil analysis/Nutrient Management plans and clean and dirty water separation.

EA's programme of inspections will continue during the 2024/2025 period.

## **Climate Change & Biodiversity Working Group – update**

Workstreams of the Climate Change Group continue:

Wildlife Corridor. There's a recognised trend of species moving northwards in order to survive in the changing climate. The group is seeking to build on their knowledge of existing Wildlife Sites by working with landowners to fill in the gaps of the areas they have mapped. This may mean maintaining the land just as it is now or, if of interest, come up with some suggestions for habitat improvements/changes.

'Living Roofs'. Focus continues on the parish bus shelters. The requisite strengthening of structures means the cost of installations could be relatively expensive: fact-finding continues.

Building related. Discussions with Basset Rooms & Parish Hall being arranged, meanwhile, the Bassett Rooms & Church are getting quotes for solar panels, working towards eco Church silver award.

School. Meeting to be arranged to explore scope for collaborative projects.

## **Ashover Parish Common Land Audit**

Within the parish boundaries, we have fifteen parcels of common land. In most cases ownership records stretch back over many years with the land covering relatively small areas of up to two acres. Terrain varies considerably; there are disused quarries, copses of woodland, areas of gorse and even a pinfold in Milltown where livestock were kept in years gone by. At least once a year, each parcel of land is visited to check on any safety issues,



littering or possible nuisance where over-growth from trees might be causing a problem. An audit, covering these headings was recently carried out. Apart from checking out the above issues we were also looking for scope to improve the habitat for wildlife and fauna. Unfortunately, the land tends for the most part to be difficult or unsafe to access which limits opportunities. Sometimes the nature of the terrain itself affords limited potential and the optimum solution is just to let nature take its course. An example of this is represented in the attached image and is typical of much of the Common Land we have.

However, we have identified three small copses of woodland with some potential and we will be asking the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to carry out surveys for us to identify scope to maintain or further develop the habitat for the benefit of wildlife.

## What's On!

If you'd like some company or want to try something new then keep an eye on the Parish Council's 'What's On' Calendar! You could:

- ease yourself into a Chair Exercise session
- have a Knit and Natter
- tickle your tastebuds at Lunch Club
- have a boogie at the Uppertown Social Centre
- have a culture fix Exploring Opera
- treat your senses to the Film Club
- see democracy in action at a Parish Council meeting
- flex your green fingers at the Community Garden
- go wild at the WI
- or just enjoy a coffee and company at the regular Tuesday morning get-togethers.

Follow this link for more information <https://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk/local-events>

## MAY DAY 2024



# May Day Celebrations 2024

**SATURDAY 4TH MAY | CELEBRATIONS START  
WITH ASHOVER BRASS BAND AND SPECIAL  
GUESTS SATURDAY NIGHT, ALL SAINTS  
CHURCH**

**MONDAY 6TH MAY | 10AM - 7PM  
PARADE, RACE TO THE ROCK (AND BACK),  
STALLS, ASHOVER BRASS BAND, CHILDRENS  
ENTERTAINMENT & GAMES, CLIMBING WALL,  
"LET'S DANCE IN THE STREET", HOBBY  
HORSE POLO MATCH, ASHOVER BIG SING,  
LIVE BAND  
& MUCH MORE**

## Uppertown Social Centre – Events

- Saturday 16/03/2024 7pm for 8pm Murphy's Marbles (Folk and Irish) £15.00 inc supper
- Saturday 06/04/2024 Easter Family Night (fun night for all ages inc kids' disco)
- Saturday 27/04/2024 Take the Seven (90's and Rock) £13.00 inc supper
- Saturday 18/05/2024 Dolby Gang (Country Music) £13.00 inc supper
- Saturday 15/06/2024 The Haleys (Country and 50's) £15.00 inc supper

Above subject to alteration without notice.

To book tickets in advance ring Eddie on 07966 154798.

For further information on Uppertown Social Centre, visit [www.uppertown.org](http://www.uppertown.org)

## Defibrillators

Defibrillators – saving life.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a jolt of energy to the heart. It helps get the heart beating again when someone is in cardiac arrest and their heart has stopped.

### Locations of defibrillators

Ashover Parish Council has installed six defibrillators at the following locations:-



Outside Uppertown Social Centre

Outside the medical centre in Ashover

In the red kiosk at Alton In the red kiosk at Littlemoor

On the side of The Miners Arms, Milltown

On the side of The Kelstedge Inn, Kelstedge

There's also a defibrillator sited at the Red Lion/Peak Edge Hotel, Darley Road, Stonedge.

### Business owners

Business owners who have a defibrillator are encouraged to register their unit with 'The Circuit', the national defibrillator network, such that the location of units available may be identified to the East Midlands Ambulance Service in an emergency. For more information please follow this link: <https://www.thecircuit.uk/>

### How to use a defibrillator

If in an emergency you need to use one of the defibrillators then dial 999 and you will be given the code to the cabinet and further instructions.

Anyone can use a defibrillator. You do not need training. Once you turn it on, it will give clear step-by-step voice instructions.

If you would like to know more about how the defibrillators work, there's a guide on the Ashover Parish Council web-site which you can find by following this link:

<http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk/uploads/ipad-sp1-in-use-quick-reference-guide-a4-for-web.pdf>.

Alternatively you could watch a training video by a paramedic from London Heart on this link: <https://vimeo.com/557677120/e7524918c5>

## Local Walks

All year round, there are Tuesday morning walks at 9.30 a.m. from the post box opposite the post office. Usually 2/3 hours on Ashover paths.

During summer months, when walkers can get to 'The Poets' for the quiz at nine (if they want), a walk leaves from opposite the post office at 6.30 p.m. Again, on Ashover paths.

To find walks around the Ashover parish, please follow the link below:-

[Walks Around Ashover Parish](#)

## **SAFETY MESSAGE**

**MOST PEOPLE WHO DIE IN ACCIDENTAL HOUSE FIRES ARE OVER 60 YEARS OLD AND LIKELY TO LIVE ALONE.**



**15 minutes to save the life of someone you care about**  
Since May 2021 nine people have died in accidental house fires across Derbyshire.

The majority of these fatal fires took place in the home of someone over the age of 60 and living alone. This could be your parent, grandparent, friend, or neighbour!

A 15-minute DIY Home Fire Safety Check will help identify if someone you care about is at risk of a fire in their home.

Taking just 15 minutes out of your busy day to help someone you care about, complete our simple online DIY Home Fire Safety Check, will help them live safe from the risk of fire in their home. It's not a lot to ask, so do it today - find the time:

-  **Take a detour on your way home from work**
-  **Go on the way home from the gym**
-  **Call before you go shopping**
-  **Go 15 minutes earlier when you pick them up for Sunday dinner!**

You can access the online DIY Home Fire Safety Check at [www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk) and follow the 15 Minutes to Save a Life campaign link or by scanning the QR code



### **Book Swap**

The book swap in the Information Point on Moor Road is proving popular and we hope everyone makes full use of the facility. Sometimes books are left spilling over the shelving and on the floor, making access difficult for users. Please only leave books when space is available on the shelving – Take a Book and Leave a Book.

### **Minutes, News and more...**

To read Parish Council Minutes, see news items on road closures, Police information, Derbyshire Alert and County and District Council messages and much more, visit the Parish Council website:-

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

### **Finally**

Please also ensure that dogs are kept on a leash at all times whilst walking through the cemetery. This is a legal requirement under the North East Derbyshire District Council's 'Public Space Protection Order' (PSPO); for further details, follow the link below:-

<https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/environmental-health/animals-and-pests/dog-management-pspo>

## ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL – COUNCILLORS

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- **James Daykin** (07791 340214)  
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- **Steve Dronfield** (01246) 590721  
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- **Rosemary Early** (01246) 590738  
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- **Richard Fidler** (01246) 590155 (**Vice-Chairman**)  
Porthlea, Alton Lane, Littlemoor S45 0BE
- **Edward Hayward** (07793 407911)  
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- **Lucy Hunter-Bott** (07976 733607)  
Old Bank House, Butts Road, Ashover S45 0AX
- **Chris Miller** (01246) 590253  
Hill House, Hill Road, Ashover S45 0BU
- **Mike Thomas** (07885 201296)  
Touchstone, Chapel Hill, Ashover S45 0AT
- **Ed Willmot** (01246) 590260 (**Chairman**)  
The Pines, Hill Road, Ashover S45 0BZ

### Parish Clerk

- Parish Clerk/Burial Clerk: Sara Atkinson  
Tel (01246) 863018  
E-Mail parishclerk@ashover-pc.gov.uk  
Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover S45 0BA

### District and County Councillors

- **North East Derbyshire District Councillor – Helen Wetherall** (07429 365009)  
Woodside, Ashover Road, Ashover S45 0EU
- **Derbyshire County Councillor – Barry Lewis** (01773) 830871  
2 King George St, Wessington S55 6DZ

### 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** – 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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