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# Ashover Parish Council Annual Report 2018/2019



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Parishioners,



May this year sees the end of the term of the current Parish Council and I think it fair to say it has had a number of highs and lows. I feel it an appropriate time to extend my thanks to all the Councillors for their time and efforts during their term of office. All Members have contributed in their different ways, to deal with the many and varied issues brought before the Council.

Thanks to Sara, our clerk, for the efficient and timely way she conducts all our business. Our internal and external audits both passed without comment, which is testament to both Sara, as our Responsible Financial Officer, and the Finance Committee; indicating good housekeeping by your Parish Council.

Unfortunately the Precept for 2019/2020 has increased due mainly to the cost of an election this year and the reduced grant support from the local Authority. Every effort is made to provide for the Parish whilst keeping expenditure in check.

To keep abreast of the various new directives, your Council had representation at both North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council liaison meetings.

Other achievements include the installation of the New Teen Play Area at a cost of £8000, supported by a grant of £3000 from Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. The Christmas event, once again, proved to be very popular and thanks go to all the people involved for their time and efforts. The volunteer group for Footpaths and Bridleways and the Tree Working Group, have made a huge improvement to many areas of our Parish. The Probation Service volunteers have once again been involved in giving the cemetery pathways some attention along with other minor works in that area.

The Remembrance Sunday Service was attended by Members of the Parish Council and clerk, and a wreath was placed relating to all wars. Additionally, the Tree Working Group planted trees within the parish to commemorate one hundred years since the end of World War one.

Meetings have taken place with School Governors, to explore ways to reduce traffic impact on the village at morning and afternoon school times. This is

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an ongoing process, with road safety as a priority; you will find details of a questionnaire in the Annual Report booklet and I ask that you take the time to respond via the contacts provided.

On a personal note I would like to thank the residents of Ashover Parish for their commitment to keeping our Parish a special place.

Councillor Ed Willmot  
Chairman  
Ashover Parish Council  
April 2019

## **ALLOTMENTS**

The allotments on Marsh Green are owned by the Parish Council and are presently rented by six residents.

## **ASHOVER COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTRE LTD**

The Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd (ACMCL) is a registered charity and the successor to Ashover Primary Care Centre Charitable Trust, founded in 1998. Included in its objectives are the establishing and maintaining of the Primary Care Centre building, as erected on the Milken Lane site in 2004, the funding of which was raised by the local community. To date this has allowed the successful continuation of an NHS general practitioner (GP) service from these modern purpose built premises centrally located in our parish.

The current GP Dr Jones, who is the tenant of the Primary Care Centre building owned by ACMCL, has now been joined by the GP partners of the Imperial Road practice in Matlock. The Directors/Charity Trustees of ACMCL are currently working with all concerned to formalise this new position to ensure the NHS GP service continues to be provided from its Ashover location for the foreseeable future.

As the Trust was set up by the community, it is the community who are able to benefit from the rental income. This new situation does not alter in any way the operation of the Trust, and the community is able to apply for grant aid in exactly the same way as before. Grants have recently been made to Ashover Guides, Mayday carnival, the Parish party, the Lunch club and the OAP's group to name a few.

So, beneficiaries old and new, both groups and individuals, are invited to seek the help of ACMCL for your projects relating to education, recreation and social welfare.

In the first instance speak to one of the trustees, contact can be made on my telephone number – 01246 590356 (Philip Clark, Secretary).

*Trustees – Jacquie Collins, Andrew King, Ed Willmot, Philip Clark*

## **ASHOVER MEDICAL CENTRE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

Last year the Ashover Surgery merged with Imperial Road Group Surgery Matlock. After more than 70 years Ashover no longer has its own GP Practice but the merger has guaranteed the future of the Medical Centre in the village.

The merger happened smoothly and the service continues as normal and as good as before. The Practice is managed by four GP Partners from Imperial Road and Dr Jones who has become a Salaried GP. At last Dr Jones is able to take holidays! Ashover has also now become a training practice and from time to time will have the benefit of GP registrars entering the profession. The merger also ensures the future of the dispensary that provides an essential service to the majority of the surgery's patients. A huge vote of thanks to all the staff working at Ashover and Matlock for the seamless way the merger has taken place.

The two Patient Groups in Ashover and Matlock will continue to exist. They will each have their own meetings to monitor how the service is operating locally as well as joint meetings to learn about issues facing the modern health service. New members are always welcome and, as the Ashover Group is still dominated by the retired, younger members would be particularly welcome.

Please contact the Surgery if you are interested.

CHAIR OF THE ASHOVER PATIENTS GROUP

## **ASHOVER SHOW 2019**

The The 88th Ashover Show will be held on Wednesday 14 August 2019 on The Rectory Fields, Ashover S45 0BA. The Show is very proud of its reputation as one of the finest traditional agricultural shows in the country and regularly welcomes over 14,000 visitors each year and offers an enjoyable day out for the whole family. For up to date

information on the show and all of the contact details plus class schedules, please visit our web site at [www.ashovershow.co.uk](http://www.ashovershow.co.uk). Advance tickets are available to purchase on line at a reduced price to those on the day and we very much look forward to seeing you.

ASHOVER SHOW SECRETARY

## CEMETERY

The Ashover Parish Cemetery is a place used by many to remember their loved ones. It is a place of peace and tranquillity and the Burial Board is dedicated to maintaining the area in a manner that is sympathetic to the surroundings.

New gates have been purchased and installed on the main entrance along with signage and a Tree Survey was undertaken in November 2018.

Woolley Moor Nurseries, a locally based contractor, has been awarded the contract after a formal quotation process. They will undertake the general maintenance over the coming three years. Under a separate contract we continue to weed kill the paths and borders to maintain their functionality.

In addition Community Service has been utilised to assist in clearance of debris and raking of paths to prevent moss formation. After completion of digitising the Cemetery Records, the old burial registers have been submitted to Derbyshire Records Office for safe storage in the archives.

In March 2019 we continued to inspect the safety of all memorials, in line with Memorial Safety Policy. A number of potentially unsafe monuments were identified and the responsible beneficiaries were notified where possible, to give the opportunity to make repairs. Failing necessary repairs being performed, the Burial Board will re inspect and take necessary actions to make safe. Two members of the Burial Board completed an ICCM Memorial Management Course in March 2019.

A 'Fees and Charges' list and other documentation for the cemetery may be found on the

Parish Council's website at [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk).

*Cllr Chris Miller*

CHAIRMAN OF THE BURIAL BOARD

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON 2018

This year the switch-on was carried out by Santa ably assisted by the Town Crier, Merrick Bull. Many thanks go to Merrick Bull for his virtuoso performance as the Town Crier, to Father Christmas, his elves and the helpers of this year's event and to Ashover Brass Band, who all helped to make it a success. Thanks to Ashover Parish Council for continuing to support this event and a special "thank you" goes to Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd who,



annually, makes a generous donation towards costs.

CHRISTMAS EVENT VOLUNTEER GROUP

## COMMON LAND

Your Council continues to monitor common land, carrying out maintenance where necessary. Parish Council approval has been given for some trees on common land, to be managed by the Tree Working Group.

## COMMUNITY CAR SCHEME

The scheme covering Chesterfield, Ashover and Amber Valley is supported by the NHS, Derby City and Derbyshire County Council, CT4TC Community Transport for Town and Country. For more information telephone the booking line on 01773 746652.

## COMMUNICATION

If you wish to report on events within the parish to the local press, this can be done via the "Grass Roots" section of "The Derbyshire Times" by e-mailing: [grassroots@derbyshiretimes.co.uk](mailto:grassroots@derbyshiretimes.co.uk).

## COUNTY/DISTRICT COUNCIL LIAISON MEETINGS

County/District/Parish Liaison meetings/events are held during the year, with presentations and liaison on various issues. Your Parish Council is represented at these meetings.

## CRICKET CLUB

The 2018 cricket season was very successful for Ashover Cricket Club with our Saturday 1XL coming runners up in their section therefore gaining promotion to Section 3 which is the highest standard the club has achieved in its recent history. Great credit should be given to Captain Adam Turner and his young team. Our Sunday 1xl also enjoyed success finishing runners up in the Mansfield Sunday Premier League which is the highest position ever achieved by any of our Sunday teams. Again credit is due to Captain Will Saxton and his team.

We continue to thrive at Junior level with our Friday night Kwik Cricket, again with the continued support of Ashover and surrounding schools proving to be another success. We also gave the opportunity to play hard ball cricket for youngsters in the age groups U11,U12,U13 and U15 with a total of around 120 youngsters from Ashover and surrounding areas representing our club. The club in general is in a healthy position both on and off the field which was highlighted by a wonderful annual presentation night at The Proact Stadium which was attended by 136 people. Fundraising on the night enabled us to give a substantial donation to Sheffield Children's Hospital and Pancreatic Cancer UK two charities that are very meaningful to our club.

Our thanks go Ashover Parish Council and the people of Ashover for their continued support and whilst at this time we find ourselves in a comfortable position we should of course not rest on our laurels so should anyone wish to join our club in any capacity please do not hesitate to make contact as you would be most welcome.

*Chairman*

ASHOVER CRICKET CLUB

## 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

Thanks go to Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. that has worked in partnership with Ashover Parish Council and supported the cost of the units via grant aid.

**If you need to use a defibrillators remember - In an emergency, Dial 999 and you will be given the code to the cabinet and further instructions.**

If you would like to know more about how the defibrillators work, visit the parish council website and put 'defibrillator in use quick reference guide' into the search box at the top right-hand corner of the homepage or paste the following link into your browser:- <http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk/uploads/ipad-sp1-in-use-quick-reference-guide-a4-for-web.pdf>

## DOG MESS

Dog mess is unfortunately an unpleasant aspect of dog ownership. It is every owner's duty to clean up after their dog – there is no

### excuse for leaving it behind.

North East Derbyshire District Council is committed to ensuring that dog owner's act in a responsible way.

IT IS AN OFFENCE TO FAIL TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG AND COULD RESULT IN A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE OF £50.00 OR PROSECUTION AND A FINE OF UP TO £1,000.00.

### **Why clean up after your dog?**

- Dog mess is unsightly, unpleasant, and smelly!! (even more so if trodden in and walked into your home)
- Dog mess is unhygienic and may cause severe health problems, especially for children.
- Responsible dog owners reputations are damaged by the minority of dog owners who do not clean up after their dog.

### **A guide to being a responsible owner:**

- **Always carry a means to clear up after your dog**  
Poop bags can be purchased from most supermarkets and pet shops. An ordinary plastic bag will do if nothing else is available.
- **Dispose of your poop bag correctly**  
Use a dog bin where possible, failing this, use an ordinary litter bin or take the bag home and bin it there.
- **If you have a garden**  
Train your dog to go there before you leave home – this way you can bag it and bin it straightaway.
- **Never let your dog out alone to do its toilet**  
As well as being an offence your dog could stray and you may incur further expense to get it back.
- **Encourage other dog owners to act responsibly**  
Do not be rude or aggressive – simply offer them one of your poop bags. Embarrassment gets better results than abuse.

Some people will continue to be irresponsible, and there are an increasing

number of dog owners who clear up after their dog THEN leave the bag on a tree or bush, or throw it on the ground.

**If you witness dog owners not picking up after their dog or disposing of their poop bags as described above, report them to us. Your call will be treated in confidence.**

### **Report Irresponsible Owners**

If you decide to make a complaint about dog fouling, please ensure you supply as many details as possible in order for us to take action:

- Name and address of dog owner if known.
- If name/address not known - description of the person(s) and the dog(s)
- If they arrived or left in a vehicle - description and registration of the vehicle.
- Location of dog fouling or poop bag
- Time (VERY important – we may be able to catch the person the next time – most dog walkers follow a similar daily routine)

North East Derbyshire District Council enforcement staff carry out dog fouling patrols throughout the district, but we need YOUR help to make the district a safer, cleaner and healthier place to live.

To contact us you can telephone the NEDDC customer contact centre on 01246 231111 or by e-mail to [envhealth@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:envhealth@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)

### **DONATIONS/GRANTS**

During 2018/19 your Parish Council donated £1418.50 as follows:-

- Friends of School New Playground - £300.00
- New Christmas Lights - £266.50
- Ashover Old Peoples Association - £50.00
- Ashover Lunch Club - £50.00
- Ashover Acorns - £50.00
- Ashover PCC – 50.00
- Ashover Brass Band - £25.00

- Derbyshire Army Cadet Force - £50.00
- May Day Carnival (APCC) - £100.00
- Church Clock & Graveyard Maintenance - £477.00

### **EMPLOYEES**

Your Parish Council employs two people: Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer/Burial Clerk (23 hours per week), Parish Lengthman and Sports Pavilion Caretaker (13 hours per week).

### **FOOTPATH AND BRIDLEWAY GROUP**

The rights of way around the Parish continue to be well used, which is the best way to keep them clear. It was particularly gratifying to see that Ashover School used the local network to cover paths round Ashover and Overton for their sponsored walk. The Tuesday walking group now has a regular following of between 10 and 20, leaving the Post Office at 9.30a.m and hasn't missed a week! The 6.30p.m group has a similar, slightly larger, following but sticks to April to the end of August, so they can see where they are going! The Christmas walk had over 40 in a daytime walk, in the week after the main celebrations.

Increasingly, we rely on a variety of groups to maintain the network of 48 miles of paths in The Parish. Despite the noticeable reduction in the numbers of County Council



Countryside workers, D.C.C. has been able to reset the stepping stones across The Amber, in Butts Quarry, and have also provided a new bridge across a stream in the same locality. They provide a very important practical eye on the safety of paths and structures. The new stepping stones were opened by The Ashover Brownies.

An important support is also provided by The Parish Council, who make sure the annual grant from D.C.C. is

spent wisely. We are very lucky that the local contract is held by Tom Cartwright who works assiduously to keep paths clear in the growing seasons. He has made significant improvement (and thus use) of the bridleway from Littlemoor to Tinkley Lane. He has cleared the thickest bracken and other seasonal overgrowth around The Parish: from Ashover Hay to Berridge Lane, from Highoredish to Vernon Lane, from Alton to Overton.

Peak and Northern Footpath Society have been generous in time and money. Thanks to them, we have over a dozen signs around the area,



with destinations. One is situated opposite the village hall and you might like to find the rest! The Society were also a catalyst for the improvements in Butts Quarry.

The Ramblers continue to be supportive in bringing groups to our paths and reporting safety issues to the County Council. They report safety issues to the County Council and like Peak and Northern, they have a right to be consulted on any footpath diversions. They, in turn, ask for our comments too. A recent example of a diversion is the path from The Peak Edge Hotel to the Matlock main, which has gone through all the legal stages and is now newly surfaced and signed

Members of this group do much practical work in keeping paths clear and so do the magnificent volunteers from Clay Cross Countryside Centre. The latter have also built new steps at the top of the path above Ashover Mill to make the ascent/descent possible for more people (the cows seem to like it too...). They have also worked to repair some of the stone slab wall near Overton.

Local people do much to keep their nearest paths in a good state and farmers are significantly helpful with this: walkers are less likely to ramble about if they have a clearly defined

route to follow. The exact legal routes of paths can be found on the County Council's mapping portal, on the internet. Sometimes local diversions are made by D.C.C.

Members of our group help The Parish to look tidy and continue to be frustrated by the unacceptable amount of litter thrown or emptied by cars, vans and other methods of transport. Hopefully, one day this particular task will be unnecessary... We thank North East Derbyshire District Council for moving the larger items of rubbish.

CHAIRMAN FOR ASHOVER FOOTPATH &  
BRIDLEWAY GROUP

## GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (GDPR)

Personal data is information relating to an identifiable living individual. Whenever personal data is processed, collected, recorded, stored or disposed of it must be done within the terms of the Data Protection Act (DPA). The DPA and other information rights laws set out your rights regarding your personal information, how organisations should carry out direct marketing and how you can access information from public authorities. **Data protection law changed on 25 May 2018.** The law on data protection says what you should do when you collect, use, store or do anything else with people's personal data. The changes reflect the realities of the digital age and the need for people to take more control over their personal data. Your Parish Clerk continued to attend training on the GDPR and Freedom of Information, and has implemented changes to the administration system in order to comply with the new regulations.

## GRIT BINS

Your Parish Council owns and fills a total of 37 grit bins sited around the parish and undertakes winter maintenance of the Milken Lane Car Park.

**The salt is supplied for use on the highway adjacent the bin and if you witness large amounts being taken for**

**personal use, please contact the Police.**

## GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The maintenance contract with North East Derbyshire District Council continues and includes maintenance of the playing field, borders surrounding the car park, play area and tennis courts, statutory monthly and annual safety inspections. Pitch bookings administration continues to be undertaken by NEDDC. Your Parish Council approved a 5 year contract with NEDDC, commencing 2016/17 at £11,887.72 and thereafter subject to a cumulative 1.25 % increase year on year ending 31/03/2021.

## HARD COURTS AND SPORTS PAVILION

Details of Hire Charges for these facilities are available from the Parish Clerk, on the courts' notice board and on the Parish Council website at [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk)

## LITTER PROBLEM ON COUNTRY ROADS

Littering is a nationwide problem and 20 years of poster campaigns, TV adverts and voluntary agreements have had little effect on littering behaviour. The annual cost to the UK tax payer for clearing up litter and fly tipping is £1 billion. One initiative that is proven to lead to a significant reduction in littering is a 'Bottle Bill' with a 10 pence refundable deposit on drink cans and plastic bottles which make up the highest proportion of cast aside containers. In countries that adopt this practise, littering has been reduced by up to 70%. Despite lobbying by groups such as the Campaign to Protect Rural England, this is not even on the Government's radar. Some of the problems caused by littering are:

- Damage to vehicle tyres.
- Harm to wildlife, farm animals and pets – the RSPCA receive on average 7,000 calls a year in relation to animals injured by litter.
- Drain blockages.
- Rat infestation.

In towns and cities the council is obliged to

clear problem areas of litter but in rural areas councils don't have the resources to clear miles of country roads – research has shown that one mile of road can contain 147 items of litter. Where communities have taken the initiative and formed groups of volunteer litter pickers 'adopting' a section of road each to keep clear, this has had a big impact on reducing littering and gives the volunteers a real sense of purpose. Please take a look at the CPRE website and [litterheroes.co.uk](http://litterheroes.co.uk).

## LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

The Local Council Award Scheme exists to celebrate the successes of the very best local councils, and to provide a framework to support all local councils to meet their full potential. All local councils want to serve their local communities and make a real difference to the lives of the people that live there. The scheme offers councils the opportunity to show that they meet the standards set by the sector, assessed by their peers, and to put in place the conditions for continued improvement.

The Award Scheme 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 only 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.

Your Parish Council achieved 'Quality' status under the new scheme in February 2017.

## LOCAL HOUSING Rykneld Homes

A great year for Rykneld Homes  
The past year has been a very exciting one at Rykneld Homes as we worked to build more new homes in our district and regenerate hundreds of older properties.  
We were also very proud to receive national

recognition for our customer services. We were awarded the prestigious Customer Service Excellence accreditation and named Best Customer Service Provider in the 24housing awards – beating off tough competition to lift the trophy. For the first time we have offered new homes for sale on the open market and for Shared Ownership – helping people to get their first foot on the housing ladder. The developments are located across the district including Wingerworth, Stonebroom, Calow and North Wingfield.

More new homes are planned for the coming year and we continue to explore all opportunities to increase the housing stock in North East Derbyshire.

Rykneld has also continued its long-term programme of regenerating non-traditionally built homes and in February 2019 completed its 1,000th fitting of External Wall Insulation (EWI) to a Council home.

Alongside the EWI work we have also fitted new roofs and windows. That means thousands of tenants now benefit from homes that are easier to heat and keep warm. In 2018 we were named Regional Landlord of the Year in the Yorkshire and Humberside Energy Efficiency Awards – which celebrate the great work done to tackle fuel poverty and reduce carbon emissions.

Finally, we very proud to receive recognition for our programme to offer training and support to our staff, work experience students, volunteers and apprentices. We won the best Training scheme category in the 2018 Building Communities in the East Midlands Awards.

*Communications Manager*

RYKNELD HOMES

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## MAY DAY CARNIVAL 2018

May Day 2018 had all the ingredients of a good day, WHY?

The preparation days of Friday, Saturday & Sunday were all fine with sunshine everywhere & a wonderful expectancy that Monday (MAY DAY) would be blessed with exactly the same weather, and nobody was disappointed.

Huge crowds supported & gave their ALL towards a day for all the family to enjoy, a very needed time to spend with everyone, particularly after such a long & drawn out winter which didn't seem to be coming to an end.

Perfect weather, choices to take part in all the activities available, and an opportunity for all the Stallholders who every year dedicate themselves to raising money for a mixture of charities who do such good work. The atmosphere was electric as everyone had been waiting to share with others the good things of life.

Ashover May Day Carnival is a traditional event which helps to keep alive all the simple but important activities everyone enjoys. These include Ashover's local Band, Maypole Dancing, Morris Dancing, Garland Dancing, Mummers Play, Clowns, Escapologist, wonderful singing from the local school Choir, & a very special Singing Group who gave out to everyone beautiful melodies & tremendous dedicated voices.

As a traditional event there was a May Queen, King & their Attendants plus Garland Attendants who led the Parade, this is such a lovely memory for these young people as they look back in their future years.

These traditions are so important to our lives & long may this event help towards keeping it alive.

*Cllr Mrs Rosemary Early*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

The 8th February 2018 saw the approval of the **Ashover Parish Neighbourhood Plan**, a copy of which can be found on the Parish Council homepage at [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk)

or directly at <http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/images/Repository/A/Ashover-Neighbourhood-Plan-Made-Version-Feb-2018.pdf>

This represents a milestone for the Parish which gives the community a much greater say in how things will be shaped in the future, the most important of which is how and where development will take place within the Parish.

It covers other aspects of life in the Parish including, amongst other things, Jobs and Economy, Community Facilities and Shops, Design and Build Heritage, Environment and getting around the Parish.

## NEDDC LOCAL PLAN 2014-2034

For up to date information on North East Derbyshire District Council's Draft Local Plan 2014-2034, please visit the NEDDC website at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk)

## NEWSLETTERS

Your Parish Council issues four Newsletters per year, the first of which is the Annual Report of the Parish Council which is circulated to every household in the parish and published on the website. The other three Newsletters are circulated as widely as possible around the parish, in the Information Point, on the Parish Council Notice Board, Medical Centre, Parish Hall, Uppertown Social Centre, shops, Post Office, website etc. If you have difficulty in obtaining a copy, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## OIL BUYING SCHEME

### OFF THE GAS GRID? SAVE MONEY ON YOUR OIL BUYING COSTS

Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) is a charity set up in 1924 to support rural communities in Derbyshire. One of their current projects is running a community bulk oil buying scheme.

Oil prices are extremely low at the moment which is good news for oil users. RAD can make cheap oil even cheaper through this bulk buying scheme.

The scheme is open to anyone using Kerosene28 for their heating – households, businesses or community buildings.

There is NO registration or annual membership fee. The scheme is run online where members can register, order and pay for their oil. If you are one of the 20% of rural Derbyshire that do not use a computer or have reliable access to the internet then you can manage your account through the Project Manager at RAD.

There is no obligation to buy your oil through the scheme, you can dip in and out of it depending on your needs. RAD will always be able to negotiate a better oil price than you would be able to arrange with a supplier in the same period due to the quantity they are negotiating with.

RAD orders oil once a month on behalf of their 'members' and negotiate with up to 8 oil suppliers for the best possible price.

Deadline day is always **12 noon on a Tuesday**. Payment is taken the following day, delivery is within the following 10 working days.

For more information on the scheme please contact the Project Manager, Emma Simpson at RAD on 01629 592970 / 0845 313 8800, email [oil@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk](mailto:oil@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk) or visit the RAD website:

[www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/oil](http://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/oil)

RURAL ACTION DERBYSHIRE  
Town Hall, Bank Road,  
Matlock, DE4 3NN.  
Charity No: 1061531.

## PARISH APPEARANCE/ MAINTENANCE

The flowerbeds adjacent 'The Black Swan' and the public toilets are maintained under contract for the Parish Council. The Lengthman continues to pick litter around the parish with the help of volunteers and reports on fly tipping, carries out general maintenance on parish owned street furniture and undertakes health and safety inspections on Parish owned property and cleaning of

the Public Conveniences on Moor Road, Ashover.

## PARISH COUNCILS AND MEETINGS

Parish councils and parish meetings work towards improving community well-being and providing better services at a local level. Their work falls into three main categories:

- representing the local community;
- delivering services to meet local needs; and
- striving to improve quality of life in the community.

Through a range of powers, parish councils provide and maintain a variety of important and visible local services including allotments, bridleways, burial grounds, bus shelters, car parks, commons, community transport schemes, crime reduction measures, footpaths, leisure facilities, local youth projects, open spaces, public lavatories, planning, street cleaning, street lighting, tourism activities, traffic calming measures, village greens and litter bins.

Residents are welcome to attend and speak at Parish Council Meetings under the 'Public' section. Parish Council Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month (except August when no meeting is held) in The Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover and commence at 7.15pm. Public Speaking is invited for the first fifteen minutes of every meeting, when anyone from the parish may raise any issue with the Parish Council. A copy of the Agenda, together with notification of planning applications, Parish Clerk's Report, Minutes of the previous meeting and other information may be found on the Parish Council website: [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk) and the main notice board on Moor Road. A summary of each meeting is published in 'The Derbyshire Times' "Grassroots" section and is also available on the Parish Council website along with other press releases.

## PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES

These are presently held at 7.00pm for fifteen minutes prior to every Parish Council Meeting. Parishioners are encouraged to attend and express any concerns they may have on parish issues to a Parish Councillor and the Parish Clerk if they are unable, or do not wish, to attend and speak at the main meeting under 'Public Speaking'.

## PARISH HALL

We would like to thank the local community, our regular hirers and trustees for their continued support over the last year. We've had a busy year with our function rooms being chosen to hold a wide variety of events and regular classes, some of which you also may like to join yourself!

Fitness and dance classes currently held with us include Yoga with Jenny Meadows. Jenny's daughter Carrie Meadows has also started a new 'Beginners Hatha Yoga' Mondays at 2pm. Karate with Mike Douglass.

Pilates with Liz on Tuesday evenings has literally gone from strength to strength with new members welcome at either of her 2 classes!

New courses are being held by WEA (Workers' Educational Association) and Lynne Pope's Spanish Class and are fully underway. Other regular groups include Produce Club, Derbyshire Smallholders, Badminton, Indoor bowls, Parish Panto, Ashover Old People's Association, W.I. and Young Farmers, along with local artist Lily Hammond holding monthly Life Drawing Classes.

Wednesday morning's host 'Tots & Tinies playgroup' where parents and carers have a well-deserved cup of tea whilst the children have a wide variety of toys, organised activities and songs to keep them busy!

For the older children - we were delighted to welcome Ashover Brownies to the hall. This friendly group now meet weekly at 6pm (term time) in our Amber Hall, followed by Guides at 7pm.

The Brass Band's training band meet 6:30pm on Sundays followed by the main band.

All groups are currently looking for new members.

For those with a creative flair, Jonathan Moseley who is one of the UK's leading designers in the floral art world has many classes and workshops booked through the year.

We would be happy to provide you with further information on any of these existing groups, as well as offering advice and assistance with marketing should you wish to start a new class yourself.

Please take a look at our website [www.ashoverparishhall.com](http://www.ashoverparishhall.com) or social media pages (Facebook & Instagram) which provides clear pricing and information on hiring the hall, a photo gallery for inspiration with your own event, with a new online calendar facility to check the availability of our function rooms.

This year we hosted theatre events by High Tor Players, Gilbert & Sullivan Society Choir and look forward to welcoming StageStars Musical Dance and Theatre group holding a number of shows and workshops.

We also held a Local Band tribute night with "The Graduates" which was an excellent evening of local entertainment which was well received by the village and local residents. Plus our first independent Wedding Fair supporting local businesses.

We have as always had the pleasure of hosting many wonderful weddings, birthday and anniversary celebrations.

If you would like our help to create the perfect event or celebration, please get in touch:

Tel: 01246 590005

Email: [info@ashoverparishhall.com](mailto:info@ashoverparishhall.com)

Website: [www.ashoverparishhall.com](http://www.ashoverparishhall.com)

*Manager*

ASHOVER PARISH HALL EVENTS CENTRE

## PARISH PANTOMIME & PARTY 2019

The village was not disappointed in this year's Pantomime "Dick Whittington & his Cat" which was performed Thursday, Friday & Saturday (10, 11 & 12 January 2019) with 200 eager Panto followers each night.

The Panto has grown in many aspects as a community event & attracts many wanting to

take part each year.

The Parish Party which is prior to Saturday's Panto performance, also now has a Family tradition to it, a Party with lots to EAT, Party Poppers, Fancy Hats, Pass the Parcel, Musical Chairs & choosing of May Queen, King, Attendants & Garland Attendants for May Day 2019, ALL BEFORE settling down to shout "oh yes it is" "Oh no it isn't." We are blessed with children in the Pantomime who work every year to show their enthusiasm and loyalty to this annual event.

Long may the Pantomime & Parish Party have this tradition along with May Day, showing our community active & supportive of our Parish.

*Cllr Mrs Rosemary Early*

## PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

All Saints Church at Ashover holds a weekly service at 10.45 every Sunday morning (when there is a fifth Sunday in the month there is a United Benefice Service at Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley or Wessington), as well as additional church services to mark the main religious festivals and other local events. The average Sunday morning congregation is around 60, while at the Christmas Eve Family Carol Service the church is full. In 2018, 6 baptisms, 5 weddings and 25 funeral services were held in Ashover Church.

The Ashover Celebration Choir has taken part in all the major Christian festivals and also led services in local churches. They have sung at various village celebrations over the Christmas period and by invitation at weddings.

Children's activities ("Allsorts") are held most Sundays to coincide with the Communion services. In addition, a pre-school group for parents and toddlers, Ashover Acorns, is held on two Thursday mornings a month in the Bassett Rooms, and Messy Church activities (SmARTies) are held on various occasions during the year.

During Advent, the church again organised a Posada celebration to reinforce the

Christmas message. This involved wooden figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey being hosted by a number of different families in the village each evening and being taken to church each Sunday for the lighting of the Advent candles. On Christmas Eve they were placed around the crib in the church ready for the arrival of Jesus.

As in previous years, the church has supported financially a number of overseas missions and relief agencies, as well as various local and national charities.

A number of church members regularly visit Grove Park and Grove House residents, many of whom are unable to attend church services, for worship, craft work, quizzes and reminiscing.

Church members again played prominent roles in organising and participating in the May Day Carnival, the Pantomime, the Parish Party, the Village Coffee Shop, Film Time and Knit 'n' Natter, all of which were initiated by the church as means of outreach to the local community. All donations received at certain Village Coffee Shop sessions during the year are allocated to selected charities, the charities chosen in 2018 being Ashgate Hospice, Marsabit Orphanage in Kenya, the Disaster Emergencies Committee's Indonesia Tsunami Appeal and Crisis at Christmas, for which a total of £905 was donated.

The Amber Churches website ([www.amberchurches.org](http://www.amberchurches.org)) for Ashover, Brackenfield, Handley and Wessington Churches continues to provide information, news and a calendar of upcoming events. The Amber Churches also produce a monthly newsheet, Amber News, which is available free of charge at the Post Office and a number of local shops, as well as being accessible on the Amber Churches website.

Work continued in 2018 on extending and refurbishing the Bassett Rooms to make them more user-friendly for the various church and community groups and clubs which meet there. This work has involved

adding an extension with a kitchen and a lift, reinforcing and soundproofing the upper floor, removing the false ceiling above the first floor and refurbishing both main rooms. The building was formally reopened early in February 2018. The church is grateful to those who have made this possible: Mr and Mrs Baskill for their generous gift of land; Mrs Sheila Allen for managing the project with skill and determination; and individuals and groups who have supported the project financially. The remaining work involves repairing the roof, strengthening the rear wall, landscaping the garden area behind the building, replacing the temporary ramp with a permanent ramp and widening the front steps; this is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

*Ashover PCC Secretary*

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ASHOVER

**Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of All Saints Ashover.**

**Registered Charity Number 1174119.**

## PLANNING

Your Parish Council is one of several statutory consultees whose comments are sought by the District Council on planning applications. Unless applications are received after agenda issue, those to be considered by the Parish Council are listed on Appendix I which is published with the agenda and posted on the main notice board and on the website. Applicants are encouraged to address the Parish Council, either in person or in writing, when their application is to be considered. Details of all applications, including associated documents, may be found on the District Council's website at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk).

## PLAY AREA

Your Parish Council provided new play equipment for older children and obtained £3,000 grant funding from Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. to support the cost of the £8,000 project. The

new 'Spinner Bowls', 'Spika' and 'Supanova' alongside the basket swing are proving popular with teens. During 2019/2020 your Parish Council will be looking into the provision of a new junior/toddler play area and will be seeking your views on what equipment you and your children would like to see. **Please get in touch with the Clerk if you have any ideas.**

## POTHOLES, PAVEMENTS & OTHER PROBLEMS

Derbyshire County Council has a facility for reporting problems with potholes, pavements, flooding, gritting, street furniture etc. Visit the DCC homepage at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk) and click on 'report a pothole' etc. then follow the links to the online fault reporting form. After entering details, including an opportunity to upload a photo of the problem, you will be given a reference number, enabling you to keep track of action taken by DCC.

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Safety & Parking Control during Peak Traffic School Hours

For several years, concerns have been raised by both residents of Ashover and school parents with regard to situations that regularly occur during the peak "drop-off" (8:30 am to 9:10) and "pickup" (3:15pm to 4:00pm) hours, where inconsiderate parking provides challenges for both road users and pedestrians.

The frequency of dangerous situations and "near misses" has increased, involving:

1. Traffic flow blockage
2. Cars mounting pavements whilst pedestrians are in close proximity
3. Cars driving down the pavements at speed
4. Cars blocking pedestrian crossing points
5. Less than optimum view to facilitate the safe crossing of the road with children

Additionally, regular issues experienced due to inconsiderate parking, raises problems with:

1. Access to residential property being blocked or partially blocked
2. Increased wear and tear upon the pavements and kerbs

The school's response at the beginning of 2018 academic year, has been to introduce a pilot scheme where the Narrowleys Lane entrance has been designated a "car only" entrance, where parents are able to drop off their children between 8:30am and 8:50am. Additionally, there has been encouragement provided to parents to utilise the parking facilities available within the village, such as the parking areas at the Parish Hall and directly in front of the Crispin Inn. The advertisement of the school bus service available to parents has also been communicated. This action has seen significant benefits to the number of cars parked upon Narrowleys Lane to date and has enabled better traffic flow during the morning, although there are several challenges and learning points that have been noted.

The school wishes to engage the local community to agree a way forward that would enable all views to be considered and then an action plan agreed. Tackling this community issue requires consultation, the support and action from multiple parties and agencies, to enable a balance to be struck between the school's impact upon the residents of Ashover and the safety of all pedestrians during the peak hours.

**We ask that residents of the parish provide us feedback upon six proposals (out of a dozen put forward by the working group) that have the Parish Council and school support in principle and we would like to hear your comments. The proposal documentation and feedback form are available on the school website:**

<http://www.ashover.derbyshire.sch.uk/>

**Please print off the feedback form that can be found on the website, and deliver it to the school main reception or please**

**post to:**

**Ashover Primary School, Narrowleys Lane, Chesterfield, Ashover, Derbyshire, S45 0AU.**

*All information gathered will be anonymised, and be used only for the purposes of the Working Group's vision of enhancing child road safety.*

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Following threat of closure by the District Council in 2008, the old stone public conveniences on Moor Road were taken over by the Parish Council and refurbished in 2013, including the redundant telephone kiosk in the small room at the front of the building, which was turned into an **Information Point** featuring parish news and attractions, maps and details of local walks. Ashover is believed to be one of the few parish councils to accept responsibility for upgrading and maintaining its public conveniences.

## RIGHTS OF WAY

These are ultimately controlled and maintained by Derbyshire County Council. The Parish Council undertakes minor works via its Minor Maintenance Agreement (MMA) with DCC. If you wish to report any issues relating to rights of way there is an online facility at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/prow](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/prow). Furthermore, you can view the entire rights of way network by visiting the Council's website and searching for 'Mapping Portal' where visitors can view a wealth of information, including Rights of Way. Information relating to Modification Orders may be viewed here: <https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/right-of-way/>. During 2018/2019 your Parish Council used its total Minor Maintenance budget of £675 on minor maintenance to rights of way around the parish (path nos. 23,48,77,134,135,145,151,153).

Applications have been submitted to Derbyshire County Council under the Wildlife

and Countryside Act 1981 to add non-classified highways, bridleways and footpaths to the Definitive Map and Statement as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT).

Outstanding application locations are shown below:-

1. Non-classified highway Coach Road, Ashover - *Draft order and Plan in Preparation by DCC.*
2. Non-classified highway Back Lane, Ashover - *Draft Order and Plan in Preparation by DCC.*
3. Non-classified highway Lea Road and upgrade part of Bridleway 145 Coffin Lane, Ashover – *Applicants did not provide the necessary supporting documentation in their applications to DCC.*

The register for Definitive Map Modification Orders for Ashover Parish may be found on the following link:

[https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/right-of-way/results.asp?Select\\_a\\_Parish=Ashover&subParish=Search+by+parish](https://apps.derbyshire.gov.uk/applications/right-of-way/results.asp?Select_a_Parish=Ashover&subParish=Search+by+parish)

## SCAMS

Derbyshire Police has issued the following advice on how to better protect yourself against unwanted calls:-

- Be sceptical*
- Take your time*
- Know who you are dealing with*
- Protect your financial information*

If you want assistance in finding out if it is a scam contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06

If you want to cut the junk contact:-  
**Mailings** - 0845 703 4599 or [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) (Registration is free)  
**Telephone Calls** - 0845 070 0707 or [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) (Registration is free).

You can also contact your telephone company to block callers who withhold their number.

**Text/SMS** - 0845 070 0707 or [www.tpsonline.org.uk](http://www.tpsonline.org.uk) . If you then receive a message you don't want you can reply with the word STOP.

**Email** - if you would like advice go to

[www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

## IF IT LOOKS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS.

Derbyshire County Council Trading Standards and Citizens Advice North East Derbyshire are working together to highlight the problems of scams and fraud, through Derbyshire Scam Watch. Scams affect the lives of millions of people across the UK. People who are scammed often experience shame and social isolation as a result. Scams come in many forms; uninvited contact is received by email, letter, and many of these sorts of scams but some of the most common are fake lotteries, deceptive prize draws or sweepstakes, clairvoyants, computer scams, and romance scams. The criminals attempt to trick people with flashy, official looking documents or websites, or convincing telephone sales patter, with the aim of persuading them to send a processing or administration fee, pay postal or insurance costs, buy an overvalued product or make a premium rate phone call. Doorstep Scams are crimes carried out by bogus callers, rogue traders and unscrupulous sales people who call, often uninvited, at people's home under the guise of legitimate business or trade. Derbyshire Scam Watch is urging members of the public to be aware of the issues and to be alert if they feel friends or relatives are vulnerable to such frauds. Trading Standards nationally are promoting a campaign called 'Friends Against Scams'. This includes 30 minute online learning package will help people to learn more about the issues. If you like would like to talk to someone about scams then please contact [scamwatch@nedcab.org.uk](mailto:scamwatch@nedcab.org.uk) You can report your suspicions about any scam to Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 03454 040506 Report fraud and internet crime to Action



Fraud – [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

To learn more about scams and become a 'Friend Against Scams' – go to <https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/>



## SPEED AWARENESS

In 2014, eleven parish councils in the North East Derbyshire area clubbed together to provide a speed camera for police to use in a joint bid to make local roads safer.

**Ashover**, Brampton, Heath and Holmewood, Morton, North Wingfield, Pilsley, Shirland and Higham, Stretton, Sutton cum Duckmanton, Tupton and Wingerworth parish councils have all contributed to the campaign and provided funding for the camera and its maintenance. The camera is deployed, on average, once a week in one of the partnership parishes. Police Officers using the device informed councils that it is an excellent tool in tackling the issues of speeding in our areas.

To contact your local Safer Neighbourhood policing team call 101, or visit the website: [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)

## STREET FURNITURE/PROPERTY

A rolling programme continues to operate for the maintenance of parish owned street furniture, including parish seats, bus shelters and notice boards and parish owned property. Where possible, the maintenance work is carried out by the Parish Lengthman as part of his duties and other work, such as vegetation strimming around some seats, is carried out under contract. Risk assessments and inspections have been undertaken in

accordance with legal requirements.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your Parish Council continues to subscribe to the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC) and the Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management (ICCM) on an annual basis. DALC offers free legal and professional advice on all aspects of parish and town council business backed up by experts at NALC (National Association of Local Councils) and regular information circulars. Likewise ICCM also offers free advice to its members and regular newsletters.

## TENNIS CLUB

For full details of how to join please contact Ashover Tennis Club via email: [ashovertennis@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:ashovertennis@btinternet.co.uk) Further details about the club can be found on the Ashover Tennis Club website: [www.ashovertennisclub.btck.co.uk](http://www.ashovertennisclub.btck.co.uk)



*It's not all about tennis its about having fun as well*

## TREE WORKING GROUP - A working group of Ashover Parish Council

Our 4th birthday approaches and again we've had a busy year broadening our involvement in the community.

## WORLD WAR ONE CENTENARY

At a time when communities throughout the country were coming up with fitting tributes to commemorate those who gave their lives in WW1, we were encouraged by the Parish Council to come up with a fitting proposal. Our idea was to plant an avenue of 10 trees,

with a suitable memorial plaque, planted in a central location, to be seen by parishioners and visitors to our community. This would be co-planted by members of the Primary School.

We concluded that an ideal position would be part way along the public footpath from the Black Swan and towards the Fabric. This field is owned by the Ashover Show and, although the avenue would take up only a small section of the perimeter, disappointingly the show committee refused to give their permission for the planting.

We therefore initiated our own tribute by planting 3 beech trees in separate locations overlooking the village. This 'Centenary Triangle' of trees is located in Milltown, Uppertown and just outside the Fabric boundary. The picture shows members of our group planting one of the trees adjacent to the Fabric. These trees will have adjacent memorial plaques.



L-R: Mike Thomas, Linda Stephenson & Richard Felton of the Tree Group with Ashover Parish Council Clerk - Sara Atkinson, Chairman - Ed Willmot & Vice-Chairman - Richard Fidler.



Members of the Tree Group planting one of the Centenary Triangle trees.

### **MILLTOWN CONSERVATION AREA**

Mindful of how fortunate we are to live in such beautiful surroundings we want to do all we can to preserve it. With this in mind we have begun developing a proposal to protect an area of woodland around Milltown. This will focus on land around the quarry and will include parts of Cockerspring Wood and Star Wood. Protection of trees using TPOs will of course be a key component of our plan but there is a rich heritage of flowers and fauna we are keen to protect.

Once we have an outline proposal, we will be sharing this with NEDDC and seeking their guidance on how we can progress this for the benefit of the community.

### **COMMON LAND AUDIT**

There are about 15 parcels of common land around the parish ranging from the very small such as the Pinfold opposite the Miners Arms to some quite large disused quarries. Our group has begun an exercise mapping each location and creating a narrative, describing the extent of tree cover, shrubs and wild-life habitat.

Once we have completed the audit our working party will tidy up each site. We'll also explore opportunities to plant trees from the nursery we've been building up over the past couple of years.

### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

New planning applications are shared with our group, giving us the opportunity to comment on how proposals might risk damage to trees on or near the subject site. Particular concerns arise where the intended location of buildings is too close to tree canopies or where inadequate allowance has been made for root protection areas (RPAs) to ensure any excavation work avoids the risk to a tree's long-term survival. In terms of new applications, the past year has been relatively quiet, most of the submissions having related to maintenance of TPO protected trees.

### **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS (TPOS)**

NEDDC provided us with CD records of their latest TPO records and we have been carrying out a validation exercise as some of the plans and schedules don't marry up. Nevertheless, the records have enabled us to begin extrapolating the TPO data onto A4 size maps of the parish and the resultant data-base has been very useful in helping us provide timely feedback to NEDDC when applications for work on TPO protected trees are submitted for their consideration. The records also help inform our review of planning applications.

From our local knowledge it appears there may be local trees in the parish, currently lacking TPO protection, which might be suitable for nomination. We now have details of the process we need to follow when such trees are identified. If local residents have a view on trees worthy of such recognition and protection then we would be pleased to have details.

### **WORKING PARTIES**

**TREE SEEDLINGS** - We have a nursery of tree seedlings or 'whips' which we will draw from to re-plant in suitable areas of common land around the parish. These whips cover the local variety of indigenous trees and include oak, wild cherry, beech, lime, hazel and horse chestnut.

**HILL ROAD COMMON WOODLAND** - We have for now completed our work in this area. Much of the focus was on cutting back heavy over-growth of brambles, holly and ivy as well as pruning some of the mature trees and this approach will be adopted on other parcels of common land mentioned earlier in this update.

**DEMONSDALE - UPPER SLOPES** - This is quite a big project for our small group. Essentially it focuses on scrub clearance from the lower slopes up to the limestone 'cliffs'. Our work continued during the summer and some of the cave formations, long obscured, are now visible.

Once the weather has improved, we will resume work there.

**COLLABORATION** - It's always enjoyable for us to get together with other groups and work towards common goals. We collaborate closely with the Footpaths Group, helping them with local projects. In the past year we have also begun working with Ashover Primary School, helping them clear out the school pond and make plans to lay a hedge around it.

**THE YEAR AHEAD...**  
...promises more of the same with continuing focus on our audit of common land, developing our proposal for a Milltown conservation area and TPO re-surveys, planning applications and our collaboration with other groups.

Overall, an interesting year ahead for us to look forward to and if you'd like to join our group, you'd be very welcome!

ASHOVER TREE GROUP  
01246 591 733

### **TREE WARDEN**

The work I have done this year has primarily involved the tree group, consultations with NEDDC about Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's), giving advice to individuals about tree related issues and helping the school rediscover their pond.

My motivation for being Tree Warden is that I feel we have a responsibility to MANAGE our trees so that they can grow beautifully in APPROPRIATE PLACES, for example:-

1. Ensure they don't present a hazard by being unsafe, restricting visibility or overgrowing footpaths.
2. Don't overcrowd them - thin as they grow.
3. Plant appropriately- if you make a wrong decision think about it before its 20ft tall, which doesn't take long.
4. Think about your neighbours.
5. If you want to chop trees or hedges don't do it in the nesting season.

Enjoy your trees -don't let them be a headache.....Woodland? That's a totally different ball game!!!

If there is anything about hedges, trees and woodland within the parish which causes you concern, or you need advice about or help with, please contact Linda Stephenson on 01246 591949 or email [bryanstepho@btinternet.com](mailto:bryanstepho@btinternet.com)

*Ashover Parish Tree Warden*

### Trusted Trader Scheme (Derbyshire County Council)

Finding a company that you can trust to do some work for you can be a bit daunting – how can you be sure that you won't get ripped off? What if things go wrong? How do you choose between lots of different companies? These sorts of dilemmas were a driving force behind the setting up by Derbyshire County Council of the Trusted Trader scheme to help local people find traders and businesses that do a good job at a fair price and provide good customer service.

That was back in 2008 and the popular scheme has gone from strength to strength. These days there are nearly 17,000 searches each month on the Trusted Trader website, [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt) by people looking for reliable companies to use. Another ringing endorsement for the scheme was a recent survey which gathered feedback from more than 16,000 people who had used a Trusted Trader and an impressive 94% said they were very satisfied with the service they received.

So people can have lots of confidence when employing one of the 1,200 traders who are part of the scheme. In the very unlikely event of someone having a problem with one of the traders then help is at hand. Derbyshire County Council trading standards officers can get involved in any queries involving Trusted Traders and seek to resolve them.

The scheme particularly helps to protect older and vulnerable adults by making it easier for them to use Trusted Traders rather than rogue traders who typically cold-call and use high pressure sales techniques. A recent development has been the inclusion of Financial Advisors who specialise in providing financial advice for people in later life and can help with matters like care fees, pensions and

investments.

Find out more about all aspects of Trusted Trader at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/tt) or call 01629 536148. Enquiries are also welcome from businesses interested in signing up to the scheme – membership brings lots of benefits and costs only £70 - £100 per year.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### UPPERTOWN SOCIAL CENTRE

The Centre provides a first class facility for social activities for the people of Ashover and surrounding areas. It has comfortable and up to date facilities for parties, birthdays, weddings and other special occasions but is equally suited to conferences, training sessions or meetings.

Facilities include:

- Licensed bar
- Fully fitted kitchen for outside caterer or hirer use
- Function room for up to 120 people
- Car parking for 25 cars (this area can be used to erect a marquee)

The Centre is run on a not for profit basis as a charity, which would not be possible without the committee of local people and a group of willing volunteers.

**PLEASE SEE THE 2019 EVENTS ON PAGE 20**

### WASTE RECYCLING (Derbyshire County Council)

Household Waste Recycling Centres (or Civic Amenity Sites) are provided by the county council for the disposal of waste produced from households which is either too large or too bulky to be accepted by the normal district council weekly collection. Your nearest site is located at Stonegravels, Sheffield Road, Chesterfield which has full recycling facilities. The site is open seven days a week from 8.30am – 6.00pm (closed 25/26 December and 1 January)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
01629 580 000



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

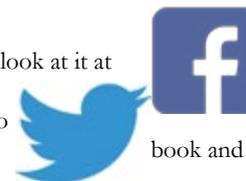
Your Parish Council's website is [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk), and is the gateway into the parish council and numerous local services, from there you can also find links to other organisations including North East Derbyshire District Council and Derbyshire County Council.

The site contains, along with many other things, items of news, advice of road closures in the parish, links to leisure facilities, you can even have a look at your Parish Councillors and Parish Council staff. There are links to your Local Councillor, District Councillor and Member of Parliament.

There are calendars for council meetings and events and leisure activities taking place in the Parish.

There are forms to report problems and issues within the Parish, there is an A-Z link where there is a whole raft of information about the Parish, County and District Councils.

Why not have a look at it at [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk) you can also find us on Face-



book and  
Twitter.

# Uppertown Social Centre

A Registered Charity (Number 1023876)

Uppertown, Ashover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 0JF



## Events for 2019

Sat. 2nd February 7pm for 8pm	John Pickering 50's & 60's	£8.00 incl supper
Sat. 23rd February 7pm for 8pm	Kick-N-Rush Comedy Skiffle Band	£11.00 incl supper
Sat. 16th March 7pm for 8pm	Honey Don't Rock-n-Roll Band	£11.00 incl supper
Sat. 13th April 7pm for 8pm	Murphys Marbles Irish & Folk	£13.00 incl supper
Sat. 11th May 7pm for 8pm	The Haleys Country & 50's	£13.00 incl supper
Sat. 15th June 7pm for 8pm	ABBA Fever ~ Tribute Band	£16.00 incl supper N.B. Payable in advance
Sat. 6th July 6pm START	B-B-Q Night music from The Generations	£5.00 food extra
Sat. 27th July 7pm for 8pm	Sean Cannon (lead singer The Dubliners) with Murphys Marbles ~ Irish & Folk	£16.00 incl supper
Sat. 14th September 7pm for 8pm	Arthur Doherty Band Irish & Folk	£12.00 incl supper
Sat. 12th October 7pm for 8pm	ZEPHYR-4 60's Band	£11.00 incl supper
Sat. 2nd November 6pm START	Bonfire & Fireworks Display and Halloween Party & Disco	Admission £6 all ages (under 5's free)
Sat. 9th November 7pm for 8pm	The Thornhills ~ Country Music	£10.00 incl supper
Sat. 7th December 7pm for 8pm	Pat Jordan & Finians Rainbow Irish-60's-70's & 80's	£13.00 incl supper
Sat. 14th December 6pm onwards	Christmas Family Night with a visit from Santa & Disco	£5 all ages

**You can book tickets in advance by  
ringing Eddie on 07966 154798  
www.uppertown.org**

## FINANCIAL REPORT PRECEPT 2018/2019

At the Parish Council meeting held on 16 October 2018, consideration was given to the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the precept application for 2019/20.

The Finance Committee had deliberated each code and cost centre in the accounting system, recognising the need to limit expenditure as far as possible due to current restraints and economic climate and taking into account a realistic income figure. The 12 to 16 year Capital Assets Renewal Programme continued to be included in the precept sum and this would be revised to reflect ongoing capital expenditure and to include new capital purchases. Members recognised the requirement to retain six months precept reserves at all times, whilst being aware of access to earmarked reserves.

Ashover Parish Council had been notified by NEDDC that the Tax Support Grant Funding would be reduced year by year as follows:-

2019/20	2020/21
£578	£0

The Precept figure for 2018/2019 was £73,424.00 including Tax Support Grant Funding of £1,157.00.

Having deliberated the budget for the Financial Year 2019/2020, an anticipated realistic income figure of £12,923.00 (including the Tax Support Grant of £578.00) set against an anticipated expenditure figure of £92,228.00 produced an annual **Precept figure for 2019/2020 of £79,305.00 including Tax Support Grant of £578.00.** This represents a £5,881.00 increase (approx. 8%) on the previous year due to a requirement to budget for a Parish Election in May 2019 (£6,000), a reduction in grant support (£579) and increased costs for parish maintenance generally. Due to the recent increase in dwellings and proposed growth, it was anticipated that the increase would be spread over more properties and therefore should have a lesser impact on individual households.

COST CENTRE	ANTICIPATED FIGURES			
	Exp. 2018/19	Inc. 2018/19	Exp. 2019/20	Inc. 2019/20
	£	£	£	£
Administration	35840	3602	42064	3023
Section 137	600	0	600	0
Pavilion/Courts	3480	950	3084	840
Public Toilets	2810	0	2100	0
Capital Projects	10286	0	10395	0
Allotments	100	60	100	60
Cemetery	8775	8500	9590	9000
Parish Maintenance.	24645	0	24295	0
TOTALS	86536	13112	92228	12923
PRECEPT	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>£73,424</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>£79,305</b>

## Summary Receipts & Payments Year Ended 31 March 2019

Year Ended 31 March 2018		Year Ended 31 March 2019
<b>Receipts</b>		
66209.24	Precept Received	72267.49
183.49	Interest Received	474.25
<b>66392.73</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>72741.74</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>		
9609.66	Administration	8058.56
1441.08	Pavilion	1703.00
60.00	Allotments	60.00
12,200.00	Cemetery	12580.00
9106.87	VAT	10321.32
<b>98810.34</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>105464.62</b>
<b>Running Costs</b>		
28179.68	Administration	30485.77
466.36	Section 137	841.50
3239.22	Pavilion	3404.13
2097.49	Toilets	3573.66
5846.66	Capital Projects	9942.62
0.00	Allotments	145.00
8956.85	Cemetery	10158.01
32336.67	Parish Upkeep	26633.02
8550.98	VAT on Payments	8999.05
<b>89673.91</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>94182.76</b>

## Summary Receipts & Payments Year Ended 31 March 2019

Year Ended 31 March 2018		Year Ended 31 March 2019
<b>Receipts &amp; Payments Summary</b>		
<b>83267.94</b>	<b>Opening Balance</b>	<b>92404.37</b>
98810.34	Add Total Receipts	105464.62
182078.28		197868.99
89673.91	Less Total Payments	94182.76
<b>92404.37</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>103686.23</b>
<b>Cumulative Funds represented by:</b>		
13110.48	Current/Reserve Account	68442.46
79293.89	National Savings Account	35243.77
<b>92404.37</b>		<b>103686.23</b>

For information and help on the following services, please call the appropriate authority (details at the right of this page) or visit [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk) and click on the A-Z of services :-

Bulk Waste Collection Service	<b>NEDDC</b>
Bus Shelters	<b>APC</b>
Car Park (Milken Lane)	<b>APC</b>
Cemetery (Ashover)	<b>APC</b>
Council Tax	<b>NEDDC</b>
Common Land	<b>APC</b>
Dog Waste Bins	<b>APC</b>
Dog Wardens	<b>NEDDC</b>
Education	<b>DCC</b>
Energy Advice Centre	<b>NEDDC</b>
Environmental Health	<b>NEDDC</b>
Fly Tipping	<b>NEDDC</b>
Grit Bins	<b>APC/DCC</b>
Highways	<b>DCC</b>
Housing	<b>NEDDC</b>
Libraries	<b>DCC</b>
Licensing	<b>NEDDC</b>
Parish Plan (Ashover parish)	<b>APC</b>
Parish Seats	<b>APC</b>
Pest Control	<b>NEDDC</b>
Planning Permission	<b>NEDDC</b>
Play Area (Ashover)	<b>APC</b>
Playing Field/Hard Courts (Ashover)	<b>APC</b>
Potholes	<b>DCC</b>
Public Toilets	<b>APC</b>
Recycling (inc. blue box/bag scheme)	<b>NEDDC</b>
Refuse Collection	<b>NEDDC</b>
Reg. of Births, Deaths, Marriages	<b>DCC</b>
Register of Electors	<b>NEDDC</b>
Rights of Way (footpaths/bridleways)	<b>DCC</b>
Social Services	<b>DCC</b>
Street Cleaning	<b>NEDDC</b>

Street Lighting Repairs	<b>DCC</b>
Trading Standards	<b>DCC</b>
War Memorial	<b>APC</b>

#### **NEDDC**

North East Derbyshire District Council  
2013 Mill Lane  
Wingerworth  
Chesterfield  
S42 6NG  
Tel: 01246 231111

#### **DCC**

Derbyshire County Council  
County Hall  
Matlock  
DE4 3AG  
Tel: 01629 533190

#### **APC**

Ashover Parish Council  
The Sports Pavilion  
Milken Lane  
Ashover  
Chesterfield  
S45 0BA  
Tel: 01246 863018

## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

Always dial 999 in case of an emergency

### **Derbyshire Police**

101 (calls to report crime, anti-social behaviour, non-violent crime or general information)

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

### **Derbyshire Fire & Rescue**

Administrative and fire safety enquiries:  
01332 771221

### **Power and supplies**

Electricity: Central Networks  
(emergency) 0800 056 8090

Gas (emergency) 0800 111 999

Severn Trent Water (emergency)

0800 783 4444  
or 0845 9881188 (flooding)

National Floodline

0845 988 1188

### **Hospitals/medical**

NHS 111 is a new service that's being introduced to make it easier for you to access local NHS healthcare services in England. You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is a fast and easy way to get the right help, whatever the time.

NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones.

Royal Derby Hospital  
01332 340131 - Main switchboard

Chesterfield Royal Hospital  
01246 277271

Buxton Hospital  
01298 214000

## **INFORMATION AND HELP**

[Derbyshire County Council](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk) – 01629 533190

[North East Derbyshire District Council](http://www.north-east-derbyshire.gov.uk) - 01246 231111

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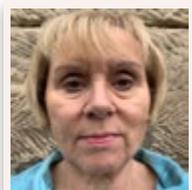
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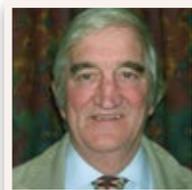
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