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# Ashover Parish Council Annual Report 2012/2013

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover  
**TUESDAY 28 MAY 2013 at 7.00 pm**  
come along and offer ideas or raise concerns  
and talk with your Parish Councillors



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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Dear Parishioners,

Looking back at the last thirty nine years I have served as a Parish Councillor this last year has proved one of the most eventful, for several reasons. Some events have directly affected the parish and some have had more remote connections.

The past year's weather has proved somewhat extreme with unusual amounts of wet weather followed recently with very wintery conditions. Parish events carried on as normal with May Day proving to be as successful as ever. The Queen's Diamond Jubilee did not enjoy the best of summer weather, but several celebrations, in different parts of the parish, went ahead. The Parish Council provided some financial help to the various celebrations that took place in Ashover, Milltown and Uppertown.

The Olympic Games generated plenty of interest, with various groups going to watch the torch being carried through the parish.

The provision of grit/salt bins now total thirty two, strategically sited throughout the parish. Fourteen tons of road salt have been purchased this year and, along with the filling costs, has taken the council slightly over budget. Like many other parish councils we have had road salt being removed for personal use, which is a cost burden being carried by all the parishioners. With snow still littering the parish it seems to be a particularly long winter. The snow clearance by Derbyshire County Council Highways has been undertaken well, and the Parish council would like to acknowledge its efforts in keeping the roads usable where possible.

The annual Christmas and tree lighting celebration was as popular as ever, and my thanks goes to all involved. The financial help provided by The Primary Care Trust is gratefully acknowledged.

The Parish Council acts as consultees on planning applications to North East Derbyshire District Council, endeavouring to provide local knowledge wherever possible. This can be invaluable to the planning case officer. In the case of the Fall Hill Quarry application, dealt with by Derbyshire County council, all relevant issues put forward as concerns were taken into account. Every effort is made by the Parish Council to address issues of heritage, whilst providing an infrastructure for future generations. Ashover parish is a working environment and we strive to maintain this where possible.

Following the tragic accident at Span Carr crossroads, discussions have taken place with the County Highways Authority, to seek safety measures to avert further accidents along this stretch of the A623.

The re-organised Social Car Scheme, thanks to the efforts of John Wardle, will provide an efficient service to anyone requiring transport; this service is invaluable to many parishioners and is much needed in a large parish like Ashover. If you would be willing to be a voluntary driver, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Your Parish Council agreed to take part in "The Part-Night Street Lighting Scheme" and, whilst it is accepted that not everyone will benefit, it was considered overall to be of

environmental benefit.

A request was made to the Parish Council to provide more municipal time on the tennis courts. This is being considered, and to-date no decision has been reached.

Footpaths and bridleways are a vital part of our community. Various works have been carried out and accesses improved, under the watchful eye of Richard Felton, who has been a tremendous help.

As we enter a new council year, much of the business is on-going and this, together with financial constraints, means keeping to our budgets is a priority.

In conclusion I would like to extend gratitude to the Councillors for their commitment and assistance throughout the past year. Divisions of opinion occur from time to time, but every effort is made to serve the parish to best advantage. To Peter Riggott, who will be standing down as our Derbyshire County Council representative, a big thank you for all his help and support and we wish him all the best for the future. Thanks to Peter Ramshaw, our North East Derbyshire District Council representative and to John Bown our Parish Lengthman. To Sara Atkinson, our Parish Clerk, Financial Officer, Pavilion Booking Clerk and Burial Clerk, a special thank you, and to all the Parishioners who make Ashover a special place to live and work

*Councillor Ed Willmot*

CHAIRMAN

## **ALLOTMENTS**

The allotments on Marsh Green are owned by the Parish Council and are presently rented by three parishioners. If you have land you are willing to let out as an allotment, please contact the Parish Clerk.

## **CEMETERY**

The maintenance contract for the cemetery was tendered and awarded for a three year term with effect from 1st April 2013 to Derbyshire County Council on the basis of price and satisfactory risk assessment submission. Work was carried out on the boundary's with the Probation Service and an area of ground cleared and re seeded. During the coming year, we will once again be working with the Probation Service; concentrating on boundaries and general maintenance of seats etc. Part of the boundary wall adjacent to the entrance drive was established to be in a dangerous condition, and was therefore demolished and rebuilt. A survey was carried out on the condition of all remaining boundary walls. A 'Fees and Charges' list for the cemetery can be found on the Parish Council's website at [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk). Due to the current economic climate no increase in charges has been levied for the coming year. This is the fourth year that no increase has been levied.

*Chris Miller*

CHAIRMAN OF THE BURIAL BOARD

## **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON**

On 9th December on a cold winter's day, at 4.30 pm, a crowd of parents and excited children began to gather outside the Bassett Rooms for the 2102 Christmas Lights switch-on. This year hot chestnuts were on sale, which helped to keep the cold at bay. Promptly at 5pm the Town Crier Merrick Bull called all to gather near the

tree as the ceremonies were about to begin. It started with school children from Ashover primary school, led by Sophie Preston, singing a medley of Christmas songs, After the school choir, everyone joined Ashover Brass Band, conducted by Trevor Durham, in singing 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'. Then cheered on by the Town Crier and assisted by the children, the Rev Ralph Lawrence switched on the lights. The tree looked magnificent and was kindly funded by the trustees of the Ashover Primary Care Trust.

The highlight of the evening for the children was the arrival of Father Christmas, resplendent in his red outfit and magnificent beard, and he had help from Maud the donkey to carry all the chocolate coins he had brought as gifts for the children. Maud was accompanied by Penny Marsden, her owner, assisted by Elspeth Cunningham. Whilst the children waited to see Father Christmas, the rest of the crowd enjoyed mince pies provided by Anna Unwin from the Tuck Shop and mulled wine supplied by the Crispin Inn. Your Parish Council continues to help fund this event and we hope you all enjoyed it.



#### **COMMON LAND**

Your Council continues to monitor common land, carrying out maintenance where necessary.

#### **COMMUNITY TRANSPORT**

##### **Ashover Social Car Scheme**

*New improved Community Car Scheme for Ashover Parish.*

A new integrated community car scheme is being launched on March 1st covering Ashover Parish. The existing Ashover Social car scheme started following a demand identified in Ashover's Parish Plan in 2006 and has proved very popular for residents denied the use of a car to get to Hospital, Doctors, Shops etc.

The loss of the schemes local office meant the scheme would have had to fold unless another home could be found and funding made available.

In conjunction with Derbyshire County Council and in discussions with the Chesterfield and Amber Valley Community Car scheme organisers an arrangement was made which retains the best of the old scheme and adds extra value and services

NEXT CHRISTMAS,  
THE LIGHTS WILL BE SWITCHED  
ON BY SOMEONE,  
YOU, THE PARISHIONERS,  
HAVE NOMINATED.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO  
NOMINATE AN INDIVIDUAL  
PLEASE E:MAIL YOUR  
SUGGESTION  
(WITH THEIR PERMISSION) TO  
ashoverpc.consult@gmail.com.

by switching the booking system to a new venue and with a new phone number... 01773 746652. Ashover is a very large Parish with minimal bus and taxi services and large distances and many remote dwellings to cater for. Leaflets outlining the scheme are available locally.

John Wardle the Coordinator of the original scheme commented

*"... It would have been a tragedy if we had lost this scheme which many sick and elderly people have come to rely on. Derbyshire County Council was able to suggest and arrange meetings and make financial arrangements to cover and expand the scheme. I would like to assure all users and potential users that providing they dial the new number, 01773 746652 and register free of charge the service will be available to them.*

*I would also like to pay tribute to our local Volunteer drivers and dispatcher Wendy Taylor for their fantastic and continued support. Ashover Parish Council has also given the new scheme its full endorsement. This scheme enables all residents to get to appointments either through illness or loss of licence for whatever reasons... no one knows when we might all be denied the use of our cars, our regular lift and need the service"*

The combined Social Car scheme now covering Chesterfield, Ashover and Amber Valley is supported by the NHS, Derby City and Derbyshire County, Derbyshire County Council, CT4TC Community Transport for Town and Country, the Ashover scheme is endorsed by Ashover Parish Council.

For further information contact John Wardle 01246 590573.

### **Ashover Shopper Bus Dates for 2013**

#### **BAKEWELL MARKET**

June 10th, JULY 8th, AUGUST 19th  
and SEPTEMBER 10th  
Cost £4.00

**DERBY WESTFIELD CENTRE**  
OCTOBER 14th Cost – £7.00

**SHEFFIELD MEADOWHALL**  
NOVEMBER 11th Cost – £7.00

All Buses pick up at Littlemoor, Milltown, Kelstedge, and Ashover Parish Hall.

Those to Bakewell leave at 10am, Return at 2pm stopping at the Chatsworth Farm Shop arriving Ashover 3pm.

Westfield Centre and Meadowhall trips leave Littlemoor at 9.30 am and return from destination at 4pm.

**Please book early as 5 days notice is required for cancellation, and 2 weeks notice required for mobility /wheelchair access.**

**Phone christine on 01246 590358**

These services were requested in the Parish Plan and are supported by Ashover Parish Council.

### **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) or telephoning (01246) 504525.

### **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP/ LIAISON MEETINGS**

NEDDC suspended the majority of its Community Partnerships in late October 2012 in order to ensure future delivery was fit for purpose in meeting core objectives: community engagement, community consultation and facilitating the addressing of local priorities. Consultation with a range of stakeholders, particularly the parish Councils, Derbyshire County Council, Derbyshire Constabulary, has taken place, with any public views also reflected. NEDDC will consider the future of

Community Partnerships at the 8th May 2013 Cabinet and the outcomes of their decisions will be publicised as soon as possible after that. Your Parish Council took part in the consultation process. District/Parish Liaison Group meetings continue to be held quarterly, receiving presentations on various issues.

### **CRICKET CLUB**

The Parish Council maintains a close working relationship with Ashover Cricket Club via its representatives, Cllrs Nigel Early and William Armitage.

#### **David Cooke, Chairman reports:-**

*Last summer Ashover CC felt the full force of the wettest summer on record with around 40% of our fixture list being lost to the weather. Eventually a little sunshine broke through which enabled some cricket to be played.*

*Our junior teams had considerable success winning the league at U12 and our U15 winning both the league and the cup.*

*Our senior teams endured a disappointing season with our 1st xl narrowly missing promotion, our 2nd xl being relegated and our 3rd xl and Sunday teams all finishing mid table.*

*Off the field during the winter the outside of our pavilion has finally been totally re-cladded and thanks to a grant from Derbyshire County Council we were able to purchase a "Super Sopper" water removing device which we hope will enable us to beat the weather and some occasions next summer.*

*Our hugely popular Kwik Cricket program will again take place in 2013 and we urge parents to book early to avoid disappointment as the places are already filling up rapidly.*

*All in all a mixed 12 months for our club and we now look forward to a warmer and sunnier 2013.*

### **DERBYSHIRE LIVES THROUGH THE WORLD WARS.**

'Derbyshire Lives through the World Wars' is a research project undertaken by 'Bright

Ideas' on behalf of Derbyshire County Council and is supported by Arts Council funding. The project has been developed to recognise the fast approaching centenary of the start of the First World War in 2014 and also to mark the many other important anniversaries between 2014 -2018, including the anniversary of the start of the Second World War.

Your Parish Council has been asked how town and parish councils in Derbyshire plan to get involved in the centenary commemorations. The project wants to find out more about the activities or events that may be held, and whether there are any support needs. In addition, the group wants to establish what material relating to the World Wars survives in our county, and to see if this can provide a focus for commemorations within local communities.

To find out more about the project visit [www.derbyshirelives.wordpress.com](http://www.derbyshirelives.wordpress.com) or call Helen Bates on 0785 446 6183 or email [helen@derbyshirelives.com](mailto:helen@derbyshirelives.com)

You can follow the project on Twitter: @Warlives or like our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/DerbyshireLives](http://www.facebook.com/DerbyshireLives)

If you would like to see your parish get involved in commemorations for the World Wars in 2014, please let any Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk know. (Contact details at the back of this booklet.)

### **DOGS**

Your Parish Council has provided, and pays for the servicing of, a total of 7 dog litter bins in the parish. However, despite this, the issue of dog fouling is now becoming a serious nuisance, and is also a serious health hazard. A Number of concerned members of the public have addressed the Parish Council on this issue. If you are witness to dog fouling on the pavements or on the Milken Lane Playing Field, please report

this to the Dog Warden at North East Derbyshire District Council on (01246 231111) providing as much information as possible.

### **DONATIONS/GRANTS**

During 2012/13, your Parish Council donated £950 to community causes; 1ST Ashover Brownies £300, Ashover Acorns £50, Ashover Brass Band £50, Church Choir £50, Old People's Association £50, Ashover Lunch Club £50, Tupton Hall Holiday Activity Programme £250, Ashover Art Group £150. Additionally, a sum of £593 was donated towards the Churchyard and Clock Maintenance/update.

### **EASTWOOD GRANGE**

Communication and good relationships with Eastwood Grange continue, co-operation from them is forthcoming and much appreciated. Cllrs Rosemary Early and Chris Miller visit regularly, and always receive a great welcome.

*Cllrs Rosemary Early & Chris Miller*

**The Principal, Mr Glen Smith, reports:-** Eastwood Grange was founded in 1990 as both a Residential School and Children's Home and was acquired by Priory Group in 2003. We have grown at a steady pace, establishing a strong reputation for providing high quality Education and Care.

We provide Local Education Authorities and Social Services Departments with a flexible service, offering Care and Education for up to 34 boys aged 9 – 16 years who exhibit a variety of behavioural, emotional and social difficulties.

Our young people enjoy a warm, welcoming and relaxed, yet structured environment, which encourages them to develop social, educational and practical skills and enjoy an active and fulfilling life in beautiful surroundings.

Eastwood Grange enables young people to:

- Help to understand their problems and implement ways of alleviating them.
- Learn how to manage their behaviour with self-discipline and clear boundaries.
- Develop independence skills within a safe, secure and structured environment.
- Become empowered to make their own choices, which will lead to a positive future.

Each and every member of the Eastwood Grange staff team is passionate about the quality of service we provide for our young people.

Since September 2012, when our new Principal Mr Glen Smith arrived, there have been many positive changes:

- Our staffing structure has been enhanced; we now have a Pastoral Support Team, Consultant Psychiatrist and Psychologist.
- Our young people are able to enjoy our new 'common room', where they meet up at break time and after School to socialise. This room is also our 'cinema room' and is used to have 'film nights'.

We also aim to have an outside 'play' area to enable our young people to enjoy their break time outdoors when the warmer weather arrives!

Of course, the refurbishment of our residents' rooms is ongoing and is a rolling programme of works.

In our Education facility we have specialist classrooms for: Science, Information Communication Technology, Library, Craft Design Technology, Food Technology and Art. We have a dedicated base for each of the following subject areas: Mathematics, English and Humanities. We also have a Sports Hall laid with AstroTurf and a fully equipped gymnasium.

All Year 11 pupils in the last academic year successfully attained a minimum of five GCSE qualifications and gained places at Further Education Colleges on leaving

Eastwood Grange. One pupil completed an individualised curriculum programme, achieving a BTEC Level 1 in Hospitality and Catering at Chesterfield College.

Our thanks go to Matlock Farm Park, National Tyres (Chesterfield) and The Red Tape Centre (Sheffield), who provided very successful Work Experience placements.

Our young people and staff enjoy their involvement in local community events; in 2012 we participated in the May Day Carnival, the Harvest Festival and the Flower Festival. We very much look forward to repeating our involvement in 2013.

We have participated in a number of charitable fundraising events, with the monies raised going to both local and national charities:

May 2012 Ashover May Day Carnival  
£552.94 (Monies raised donated to Ashgate Hospice)

November 2012 Children in Need £254.00

November 2012 Poppy Appeal £61.86

March 2013 Red Nose Day £115.75

One of our young person's raised £54.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support as part of his Leisure and Tourism course of study.

We strive to ensure that our young people feel safe, secure and cared for; which ultimately gives them the confidence to develop as individuals for the World outside Eastwood Grange.

Should the residents of Ashover wish to contact Eastwood Grange to discuss any matters of urgent concern, please telephone 01246 590255 and ask to speak to Mr Glen Smith – Principal. However, if an immediate response is not required, please email [eastwoodgrange@priorygroup.com](mailto:eastwoodgrange@priorygroup.com).

## **EMPLOYEES**

Your Parish Council employs two staff;

Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer/  
Burial Clerk/Pavilion Bookings (Sara Atkinson - 23 hours per week), Parish Lengthman and Sports Pavilion Caretaker (John Bown - 18 hours per week).

## **FALL MILL**

It should be noted that Ashover Parish Council no longer holds a lease for the building, and any enquiries should be directed to BMET Ltd. at 179 Breach Road, Langley, Heanor, Derbyshire DE75 7HQ

## **FOOTBALL CLUBS**

Black Swan F.C continues to progress through the divisions and are currently in Division 3 of the Chesterfield Sunday League. At the time of writing this report, Black Swan FC stands in third place with 2 games left to play.

*Wayne Carline*, BLACK SWAN FC

## **FOOTPATHS GROUP**

We knew there were lots of paths around Ashover but we have now calculated that they stretch for a distance of about 48 miles. Further than we thought!

Keeping all the 160 plus paths in reasonable condition is no easy task, especially in the recent months of wet weather. Historically, most of the paths linked communities within the parish, with further links to other parishes. There are also many paths that took people on a reasonable route to and from work or linked farms to their neighbours. Some of the paths were paved across the wettest areas or where they were particularly well used, others were just rough paths along headlands. To maintain and improve Ashover Parish paths involves many sorts of work. This is undertaken by a combination of work by: local people and those from adjoining parishes, Rights of Way Inspectors, The Countryside Service, The Ramblers. Our grateful thanks to them all.

The Footpath and Bridleway Committee meets in at The Sports Pavilion (part of the village hall) about six times a year. For more details please contact Richard Felton (590786).

If there is a particular problem with a path, please contact DCC on 01629 580000 and ask for 'Rights of Way'. You can also let them know when you appreciate work done.

Below is a flavour of some of what has happened over the year:

- 1 A small number of wicket gates have replaced stiles, as requested by landowners with livestock, including around Uppertown, Press and Holestone Gate Road. There are now over 100 such gates in The Parish.
- 2 Thanks to a landowner, a concessionary footpath has been established above Ravensnest.
- 3 The wet, wintry level has caused several trees to fall across rights of way, for instance Vernon Lane, Kelstedge. The smaller ones were dealt with by local volunteers and the larger ones by The Countryside Service.
- 4 Stone slabs have been cleared in several areas of The Parish. Without attention, these take only a few years to be 'lost' again. A 'new' set of old slabs has been uncovered off Eaton Lane and also some along the bottom of Ashover School field.
- 5 Signage has been improved in some areas and particularly, metal signs now indicate where motorised vehicles are forbidden (except for owner access).
- 6 Revetments and steps have much improved the first part of the path at the bottom of Butterley Hill, thanks to the co-operation of the land owner.
- 7 A new bench has been installed near Hazelhurst Farm, off Highashes Lane.

8 Work has been done to assist the county council in establishing access to areas of open access at Alicehead, Stone Edge, The Fabric and Highoredish.

9 Walks have been planned and led for various groups. It was especially enjoyable to help Ashover School with their studies. Some of the youngest children helped to uncover ancient stone slabs.

10 Opportunities have been taken to comment on planning applications, where they may affect Rights of Way.

11 Planning for the future includes exploring ways of extending the local network of bridleways, especially by linking them together. Opportunities are also taken to spread awareness of grants available to encourage landowners to establish concessionary bridleways and footpaths. The Natural England website is a fount of information. 'P4C' – Paths for Communities is of particular interest.

*Richard Felton*

*FOOTPATHS GROUP*

### **GRIT BINS**

Your Parish Council owns and fills a total of 32 grit bins sited around the parish. During the winter of 2012/2013 a total of 14 tons of road salt was purchased. ***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 for 2012/13 was renewed at a cost of £12,334. The contract 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 3 year contract with NEDDC, commencing

2013/14 at £11,649 and thereafter for a further two years at a cumulative increase of 1.25%.

## **HARD COURTS AND SPORTS PAVILION**

Details of Hire Charges for these facilities are available from the Parish Clerk.

## **HOSPITAL**

### **Chesterfield Royal Hospital**

There has been a lot of bad news in the media recently about NHS hospitals and, of course, the Service faced the most extensive reforms in its history when the Health and Social Care Act came fully into force at the beginning of April. Just over the border, in Nottinghamshire, King's Mill hospital is having to cope with serious financial and other problems.

Chesterfield Royal Hospital faces its share of challenges and has to find ways of doing more with less. But I would like to assure my fellow parishioners that the hospital Trust remains financially sound. It is as fully committed as ever to patient safety and sets itself to provide the highest standards of care to everyone who goes there for treatment. Thanks to the efforts of nursing and domestic staff dedicated to complete cleanliness and a vigorous hand washing and gel use campaign, the hospital managed to go for 460 days without a single case of MRSA!

As elected representatives of the community, Governors make it their business to see for themselves what is going on at the point where front line services are delivered. They pay numerous, unannounced visits to the wards, where they talk to patients and staff and they hold regular meetings, which senior managers are required to attend, so that action may be agreed to resolve any problems that may be occurring.

After Governors had raised concerns over staffing levels, the Directors of the hospital agreed at the beginning of the year to recruit forty additional nurses, as well

as staff in other grades. Governors were delighted to hear that nearly two hundred applicants had applied for the new posts and that they would be assessed not merely on their clinical qualifications, but also as caring and compassionate professionals.

Two things that will not be changing under the NHS reforms are access to the services provided by your GP and by your hospital. However, the way these services are commissioned will be changing, while responsibilities for other services in the community, including those that support people who do not medically need to be in a hospital bed, will also be subject to the reforms. Thanks to a strong community spirit in Derbyshire and a tradition of effective co-operation between the NHS and local government and other organisations in the county, we are well placed to work through the new structures to integrate what are known as "patient pathways" in a better co-ordinated, more seamless way.

Over the past year, the hospital has opened a brand new Eye Centre, bringing all ophthalmic services under a single roof. Numbers of patients attending have been high and on most days the Centre is crowded. This winter has also seen enormous pressures on beds and there has been a 75% increase in patients attending the Emergency Department in the last ten years. Thanks to wise financial management in the past, the hospital has been able to make the investments necessary to cope with the requirements of the growing number of North Derbyshire residents who need acute healthcare. But the Trust can never stand still and further developments, including some ambitious plans for out of hours treatment, may be announced in the near future.

If you would like to be involved or just to receive regular information on what your hospital is doing, you can sign up (completely free of charge, of course) for

community membership of the Trust by ringing 08000 565627, by completing the online form at <https://www.nhs-membership.co.uk/cht> or by e-mailing your name, address and contact telephone number to [communications@chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk](mailto:communications@chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk).

*Bernard Everett*

PUBLIC GOVERNOR FOR NORTH EAST  
DERBYSHIRE CHESTERFIELD ROYAL  
HOSPITAL FOUNDATION TRUST

## JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS!



It seems incredible that nearly a year has passed since the national celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Ashover Parish was no exception in celebrating, and over a period of Saturday to Tuesday events took place.

The people of Ashover parish celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in fine style at Uppertown Social Centre on Saturday 2nd June 2012. There was a sheep roast (with the sheep supplied by Steve Hinchley) and barbeque washed down with a unique cocktail 'Jubilee Juice' made specially for the occasion. During the day there was plenty of fun and games with a bouncy castle, skittles, apple bobbing, wellie wanging and face painting. All the children present received 1 jubilee memorabilia including mugs, thimbles, spoons, key-rings and money boxes.

In the evening there was a spectacular firework display and the proceedings were rounded off by a set from those fine rock musicians Captain Jack playing to a full house.



Everybody enjoyed a thoroughly successful event which was assisted by a generous grant from the Parish Council.

On Sunday All Saints Church, who had planned an outdoor celebration service, had to think quickly and move into the village hall, as the heavens had sent down torrential rain and all was soggy. Despite this a full hall enjoyed the service, which went through the decades from 1950 to 2000, and young people dressed in appropriate costume wonderfully displaying this.

On Monday the weather had changed incredibly to a beautiful hot sunny day. The numerous events started in the afternoon with an enormous parade leaving the village hall, walking round the roads where crowds were there waving and cheering.

The Official Opening was performed by Mrs Edna Halksworth, who had been Ashover's own Coronation Queen in 1952, and what a "wonderful" job she made of it.

A huge Street Party had heaving tables of food and everyone enjoying a community get together, lots of other fun events happened in the afternoon and there was something for everyone.

In the evening the hall was packed with supporters of three local bands who gave their all to make it a dynamic evening.

The Finale was a firework spectacular which everyone watched, looking at a truly magnificent colourful display.

On Tuesday, Milltown put an outdoor event on in the fields near to 'The Nettle'. Lots of rain, lots of talk, lots of laughter; that's how most people will remember the Jubilee Celebrations at Milltown. Everyone brought something to put on the table; 'The Miners Arms' donated a Firkin of ale. In between showers there was sheep racing, horse riding demonstrations, tug-of-war and egg & spoon races. When the rain wouldn't stop, everyone finally retreated to a dry barn protected by William Armitage's marquee and enjoyed food, drink and music by the 'John Brewer Collective'.

In all, the community could choose which event they wanted to attend, but it was obvious that a lot of people went to all the events, it was a really special weekend, and one we shall always remember.

Your Parish Council gave financial support to the above events.

## **LOCAL HOUSING**

### **Neighbourhood Improvement Budget**

Every year Rykneld Homes supports groups and organisations with funding for projects that benefit local communities. Grants of up to £5,000 are available through our Neighbourhood Improvement Budget. Over the years we have supported everything from helping allotment groups to improve facilities and disabled access to supporting athletics groups, local galas and arts projects. We welcome applications from all areas of the district. If you would like

to find out more about how we could help fund a project in your area, please contact our Community Involvement Team on 01246 217295 or visit our website at [www.rykneldhomes.org.uk](http://www.rykneldhomes.org.uk)

### **Have your say!**

Look out for the Rykneld Homes 2013 Tenant Survey which will be dropping through tenants' letterboxes this spring.

The survey asks tenants what they think about a range of services we provide – including everything from how we manage your estate to the condition of your home. We use the findings to improve our services to better meet the needs of our tenants.

We publish the survey results in our magazine *Homing In* and on our website. Last year the survey showed that 88% of tenants were satisfied with the overall service provided by Rykneld Homes and 90% were satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live.

Rykneld Homes has many ways for tenants to get involved from specific service tenant improvement groups, a tenant scrutiny panel and opportunities to become member of the Board. If you are interested please get in touch with our Community Involvement Team on 01246 217295 or email [get.involved@rykneldhomes.org.uk](mailto:get.involved@rykneldhomes.org.uk) Jill Ward - Communications Manager Rykneld Homes, Pioneer House, Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, S42 6NG Tel: 01246 217549 E-mail: [jill.ward@rykneldhomes.org.uk](mailto:jill.ward@rykneldhomes.org.uk)

### **Rural Community Lettings Plan**

#### **– Ashover Update**

Ashover is the only parish in the district of North East Derbyshire with a Rural Community Lettings Plan (CLP). This aims to give priority to lettings for all the property types in the parish to people with a strong local connection.

Applicants who are on the Councils

housing register, managed by Rykneld Homes Limited, bid for properties in the parish through the Choice Based Letting (CBL) scheme and priority will be given to applicants who fit the local connection eligibility criteria (has a strong connection). If more than one applicant bids for the property that fits the criteria then it will be allocated to the applicant who also has more waiting time on the housing register.

If however, the list becomes exhausted by applicants either refusing the property,

or there are no bids from applicants that fit the eligibility criteria the property will be let from the general waiting list in accordance with the Choice Based Lettings Allocations Policy.

From January 2012 to December 2012 there have been seven properties within the parish available to let, the table below shows the property type, number of bedrooms and if the property has been let to applicants with a local connection to the parish.

As the table states, out of the seven

Property Type	Number of Bedrooms	Connection	Reason for Let
Ground floor flat	1	District Connection	2 applicants selected with a local connection both refused –exhausted CLP and priority criteria, let from general list
Ground floor flat	1	District Connection	Exhausted CLP and priority criteria, let from general list after de-designated to the over 50's
First floor flat	1	District Connection	Exhausted CLP and priority criteria, let from general list
First floor flat	1	Local Connection	Family live in the parish
First floor flat	1	No Connection	Exhausted CLP and priority criteria, let from general list
Bungalow	1	Local connection	Family live in the parish
House	2	No connection	Exhausted CLP and priority criteria, let from general list

properties available for let only two have been allocated to applicants with a local connection, this is because there are fewer people bidding on the properties who have a strong connection to the parish, therefore the lists are being exhausted and the properties are then allocated from the general waiting list.

#### Changes to the Choice Based Lettings Allocations Policy

From the 1st April 2013 the Councils

Choice Based Lettings Allocations Policy is changing which will have an impact on who can register an application for social housing with Rykneld Homes Limited's Choice Move team.

If an applicant has £30,000 or more savings and/or equity the applicant will not be allowed onto the housing register thus not being able to bid for properties within the parish. In these cases other housing options should be considered with an emphasis on

renting properties within the private rented sector, if buying on the open market is not a suitable housing option.

To view the full Choice Based Letting Allocations Policy (which includes the Rural Community Lettings Plan) and the Summary of Changes from 1st April 2013, visit the Councils website at [www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/housing/strategic-housing-service/choice-based-lettings-allocation-policy/](http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/housing/strategic-housing-service/choice-based-lettings-allocation-policy/)

## **MAY DAY**

How quickly may day comes round and how wonderful that we have such good response from all those taking part. The children of Ashover School have excelled themselves this year, there are a total of 33 children involved in the event, i.e. King, Queen and 14 Attendants, plus 17 Garland Attendants, it's easy to imagine how fantastic they are all going to look.

We are blessed with help from the community each year, but if anyone hasn't been involved yet with the pre-event jobs, please come along you will be made very welcome.

We are looking forward so much to having Anna from 'The Tuck Shop' to perform the crowning of the May Queen & King. We all hope she has a memorable day.

Last year we received some great comments from someone who found the event, quote:

*"I discovered Ashover May Day Carnival via the Internet when looking for interesting things, it was so enjoyable, I would suggest not only of our national heritage, but also of the "big society" – proof that this is & was alive and kicking long before any politician decided to invent it.*

*I love community events although I live in the middle of Manchester, and I know exactly how much hard work, dedication & goodwill goes into such ventures, and it's always a pleasure & a privilege to share with local*

*people. Once again many thanks for such a well organised day."*

## **NEWSLETTERS**

Your Parish Council issues four Newsletters per year, one of which is the Annual Report of the Parish Council and is circulated to every household in the parish. The other three Newsletters are circulated as widely as possible around the parish, on Parish Council Notice Boards, in the 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.

## **OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES**

From time to time the Parish Council has been approached by teenagers to provide an outdoor feature that would occupy them other than football and cricket.

Your Parish Council has been unable to meet the requests for various reasons, but now there may be an opportunity to provide something that is attractive and fun to use, so at last everyone could enjoy the benefits of being outdoors and exercising whilst having fun.



Many countries introduced outdoor exercise equipment some years ago, but it is now becoming more popular in this country and is being installed by Parish Councils. In each case equipment was installed outdoors, which is suitable and accessible to all from teenagers to the elderly and from beginners to the serious athlete. It makes exercise available to all, is a facility that benefits the whole community and encourages healthier living.

In addition, many Parish Councils also provide shelters, such as the one pictured, which could be used by parents watching young children at play, teenagers wanting somewhere to go at night, or walkers wanting to rest or shelter.



The Parish Council is actively considering the introduction of a shelter and some outdoor equipment into the Parish and would welcome feedback on whether to do so. It is likely that a grant would be sought for some or all of the cost.

If you are interested in finding out more, website links to some of the possible suppliers are as follows;

[www.monsterplay.co.uk](http://www.monsterplay.co.uk)

[www.BENITO.com](http://www.BENITO.com)

[www.norwelloutdoorgyms.co.uk](http://www.norwelloutdoorgyms.co.uk)

[www.sovereignplayequipment.co.uk](http://www.sovereignplayequipment.co.uk)

A presentation will be organised in the near future in The Parish Hall and details will be published on the Ashover Parish Council website, [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk). If you are interested in coming along please send your email address to [ashoverpc.consult@gmail.com](mailto:ashoverpc.consult@gmail.com) and date and time will be advised when arranged.

### **PARISH APPEARANCE/MAINTENANCE**

The flowerbeds adjacent 'The Black Swan' and the public toilets are under the maintenance duties of the Parish Lengthman. The Lengthman also continues to pick litter around the parish, undertakes general maintenance of the flower planters and

cemetery, reports on fly tipping, carries out general maintenance on parish owned street furniture, carries out winter maintenance on the Milken Lane Car Park and undertakes general daily health and safety inspections of the car park, courts, playing field and play area. Lengthman duties also include the opening/closing and cleaning of the Public Conveniences on Moor Road, Ashover.

### **PARISH COUNCIL 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 from 7.30 p.m. Public Participation 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



## 2012/2013 has been a year of change at Ashover Parish Hall Events Centre!

In June we said goodbye to Wendy Taylor who retired after doing a fantastic job as Manager for many years. Wendy was replaced by 30 year old Alexandra Hodgkinson from Matlock.



*“I would like to take this opportunity to thank the retiring Manager, Wendy Taylor, for her many years of dedication and hard work. Without her efforts, Ashover Parish Hall would not be the modern and dynamic venue that we currently enjoy”, said Chairman Chris Miller. “We are all very excited by the appointment of Alex, who is already bringing a new and dynamic approach to Ashover Parish Hall which is reflected in the new initiatives currently being implemented”*

Other changes at the Hall included a re-branding campaign and brand new website and social media pages **ashoverparishhall.com** The website includes a calendar feature which allows prospective hirers to check times and dates of events online.



<http://www.facebook.com/ashoverparishhalleventscentre>

### REGULAR EVENTS

- ☛ A variety of fitness classes including: ZUMBA the new fun way to lose those stubborn pounds, pilates, yoga, children's yoga, circuit training and karate.
- ☛ Meetings of local groups including: Indoor bowls, Ashover Brass Band, Ashover Young Farmers, Ashover Old People's Association, Baby & Toddler Group, Ashover Produce Club
- ☛ Floral art classes for all abilities, Art classes, WEA education classes, puppy training.

We had wonderful social events throughout the year including the Parish Party, Ferret racing and Jubilee celebrations. We are looking forward to many more in 2013/2014.

The brilliant, great value, facilities at the Centre ensured that many private events, such as weddings, christenings, funerals, birthday parties and anniversaries, were enjoyed throughout the year. If you are planning a celebration please get in touch to find out more about our fabulous facilities.

Please see our website for more details.

To contact the Manager please call 01246 590005 or email **ashoverparishhall@w3z.co.uk**



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 Parish Magazine and in The Derbyshire Times "Grassroots" section.

### **PARISH COUNCIL SURGERIES**

These are presently held for half an hour 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.

### **PARISH PANTOMIME AND PARTY**

Panto becomes more and more popular, and it's lovely to see so many people in the panto and also the great responding numbers of audience. This year particularly large audiences enjoyed, and became very involved with, 'Cinderella', particularly laughing and shouting back at the two ugly sisters!

We had 24 children involved from the primary school, and they were definitely the stars of the show; the mums were so organised with the children back stage, it was like a perfect military operation. To quote from one of the children:- "I just love pantomime, when are we starting the next one?"

The parish party was heaving with mums, dads & children and continues to be a popular part of the panto week. Games were played, a quiz was offering an opportunity to answer 20 questions, the May Queen, King, Attendants, and Garland Attendants were chose. Food glorious food vanished off the tables, along with the help of party poppers and other noises to make it a real fun party. The joy is to see young and old having "the time of their life."

### **PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

Over the past year, a number of measures have been taken to make the church building more **user-friendly for the less able**, including the partly sighted. These include placing signs inside and outside the church, levelling the stones in front of the communion table, using contrasting colours inside and outside the toilets and improving the lighting in the toilets.

Thanks to a number of donors, the church has bought a **plot of land behind the Bassett Rooms**, with a view to a possible extension of the Bassett Rooms along with other improvements to the building.

**The Village Coffee Shop**, which has been held in the Bassett Rooms on the first and third Tuesday of each month since January 2011 as a result of the church's MAP (Mission Action Plan) exercise, has continued to prove a popular success.

Early in 2012 the church launched another project open to all in the local community, **Village Film Time**, held monthly on a Thursday evening, together with **Family Film Time** for children and their parents, held monthly on a Saturday afternoon, both in the Bassett Rooms. Some films have been more popular than others, but the donations received from filmgoers have covered the cost of the licences and hire of the Bassett Rooms.

The church recently launched a new **pastoral care initiative**, designed to complement the informal "good neighbour" work already carried out in the community; this is also a follow-up to the MAP exercise. Christine Glossop, who is co-ordinating this initiative, would welcome being told (01246 590326) of anyone who might appreciate a telephone call or a visit.

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 two 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.

A box is now available at the back of the church during services for donations of non-perishable food which are taken to the **food bank** at Clay Cross for distribution to those in need. Donors are requested to put their donations in a bag for ease of transport.

**Children's and youth activities** for several age groups are held most Sundays to coincide with the Communion services. In addition, a pre-school group for parents and toddlers, Acorns, is held on two Thursday mornings a month in the Bassett Rooms, and Messy Church activities are held on various occasions during the year.

Over the year the **church's website** has been regularly updated with information, news and a calendar of upcoming events. It can be found at [www.amberchurches.org](http://www.amberchurches.org).

As in previous years, church members have played prominent roles in organising **May Day celebrations, the Pantomime and the Parish Party**, all of which were initiated by the church as means of outreach to the local community. Church members also took part in the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations**.

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**.

## **PLANNING, THE LOCALISM ACT AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

The 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 notice boards 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).

### **Neighbourhood Plans**

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and deliver the sustainable development they need.

Parishes and neighbourhood forums can use neighbourhood planning to:

- set planning policies through neighbourhood plans to determine decisions on planning applications; and
- grant planning permission through Neighbourhood Development Orders and Community Right to Build Orders for specific development which complies with the order.

Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community.

The ambition of the neighbourhood should be aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. Neighbourhood plans must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan. To facilitate this, local planning authorities should set out clearly their strategic policies for the area and ensure that an up-to-date Local Plan is in place as quickly as possible. Neighbourhood plans should reflect these policies and neighbourhoods should plan positively to support them. Neighbourhood plans and orders should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies.

Outside these strategic elements,

neighbourhood plans will be able to shape and direct sustainable development in their area. Once a neighbourhood plan has demonstrated its general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan and is brought into force, the policies it contains take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in the Local Plan for that neighbourhood, where they are in conflict. Local planning authorities should avoid duplicating planning processes for non-strategic policies where a neighbourhood plan is in preparation.

### **POLICE INFORMATION**



*Michael Coates*



*Rachel March*

Rachel and I have been casting our nets, and trawling through the Countryside in an effort to catch those who pollute the swims of your fine and pleasant oasis. Crime has fallen in the sea of tranquillity that surrounds us, but we should not be complacent regarding the sharks that occasionally foul our shores.

Rural Crime, nationally, is on the increase, but a little time and thought will make your property as secure as possible. Fit security lights and place good quality hasps and locks on shed doors. Make sure that Diesel and Heating Oil are securely stored where the Pond Life cannot get to it.

Derbyshire Police are renewing the “Farmwatch” in the County, which is open to all Members of the Rural Ocean. Drop me a line on my email, or telephone me a bite via 101 if you want further information. You can also take the bait via the Derbyshire Police web site, and click on the Derbyshire Alert page, remember to put in Farmwatch

in the membership section and your post code. This will allow us to feed you the latest information regarding crime in your area. Like the best fishing it's free!!

I can't carp on about it enough; together we can make waves around these poachers.

And no I'm not coddling you!!

I've been told to put my serious head on, and asked to introduce the new Great White Shark, sorry, the new Inspector for North East Derbyshire, Glenn Hoggard to you all. He is a local lad (he's younger than me!!) who holds local Communities at the heart of his work ethos. Previously he has been at the sharp end of Crime fighting, working with cross border Criminality. He has already made a great impact both on the law abiding, and non law abiding, and is a very approachable man who is willing to make time for everyone.

Land us all on telephone 101

*Mike Coates PCSO 4412*

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*Rachel March PC3241*

e-mail: rachel.march.3241@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

*Insp Glen Hoggard 1972*

e-mail: glenn.hoggard.1972@derbyshire.pnn.police.uk

### **PRIMARY CARE CHARITABLE TRUST**

The Trust has continued to support the surgery in the maintenance of the Medical centre throughout the past year, and has helped with the costs of some additional equipment. The Trust has made grants to many Parish events and local associations, and is always willing to consider applications from members of the community for funding to aid local events and clubs, as well as personal applications. The Trust will soon be launching its own website so that the community can be kept

up to date with the Trust's work.

*Philip Clark, Secretary and Trustee  
(01246) 590356.*

ASHOVER PRIMARY CARE  
CHARITABLE TRUST

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The school has had another exciting year with lots of things happening – too many to mention – so here are just a few.

The school has looked at how we use our local environment in teaching and developing our curriculum. Richard Felton has supported the school in taking our Year 1 and 2's on a local walk. The rector has supported children in Reception and Year 2 in developing their understanding of the church and the signs and symbols within it. We have also undertaken walks around the village and built dens on our school field. We would like to thank members of the local community and parents who have supported us in the activities we have undertaken.

The school choir took part in the Clay Cross Music Festival for the first time at the Winding Wheel in Chesterfield. They performed a variety of songs with schools from the local area. The choir also visited Grove House and Ashgate Hospice at Christmas to sing a selection of Christmas Carols. These visits were much enjoyed by the residents and children. Thanks go to Mrs Preston for organizing these events.

The school has taken part in and supported 'Derbyshire Ready', a project developing enterprise skills through the curriculum. This has resulted in children from Reception to Year 6 taking part in a variety of activities and sharing the results of these with parents and their peers. For example Years 5 and 6 held a 'living museum' for parents at the end of their theme on World War 2, whilst Years 3 and 4 designed and made an 'Ashover Olympic Torch' for our school sports day, with the

winning torch judged by the School Council. The schools Enterprise Ambassadors have also trained teachers from schools in Derbyshire about enterprise, as well as running a workshop at the recent Derbyshire Headteachers Conference.

The school council has again been actively responsible for arranging charitable fundraising events such as Red Nose Day and supporting the development of a school in the Gambia. .

Friends of the School have been active; organizing Beetle Drive and Bingo evenings, Mothers' day and Fathers' day events for the children and parents. They have also organized Christmas and Easter discos for the children. Our thanks go out to all who have worked on the Friends of the School committee for their continued support.

The Governors continue to provide extended services through Ashover Childcare. Ashover Childcare provides; a breakfast club, aftercare and holiday club service as well as running a private nursery.

The school thanks everybody who contributes to school life and supports the children and staff; enhancing the experiences we can provide as they do. Our thanks also go out to all our children for the hard work they do, and the parents for the support they give to the school. It does not go unnoticed.

*Peter Hallsworth*  
HEADTEACHER,  
ASHOVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

## **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

To prevent closure by the District Council, your Parish Council took over the day to day running and maintenance of the Public Conveniences on Moor Road in Ashover from 1st April 2008 under a 21 year lease. Your Parish Council is currently seeking grant aid to refurbish these facilities

## **QUALITY STATUS**

The Quality Parish and Town Council Scheme was launched in 2003 following the Government's Rural White Paper, 2000. The aim of the Scheme is to provide benchmark minimum standards for parish and town councils. The Scheme is supported by six National Stakeholders, the Commission for Rural Communities, the Department for Communities and Local Government, the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, the Local Government Association, the National Association of Local Councils and the Society of Local Council Clerks.

In order to achieve Quality Status, parish and town councils must demonstrate that they have reached the standard required by passing several tests. These are:

- Electoral Mandate
- Qualifications of the clerk
- Council meetings
- Communication and Community Engagement
- Annual Report
- Accounts
- Code of Conduct
- Promoting local democracy and citizenship
- Terms and conditions
- Training

Ashover Parish Council first obtained 'Quality' Status in January 2006. In January 2010, notification was received from the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils, that Ashover Parish Council had been successful in obtaining re-accreditation under the Quality Council Scheme for a further four years i.e. up to January 2014.

## **RECYCLING FACILITY**

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). Most types of household waste are accepted. Hardcore and soil is only accepted in small bagged up quantities of not more than 50kg (two sacks max.) one visit per week. For hazardous waste or any information please contact DCC direct on (01629) 580000 ext. 7532.

## **RIGHTS OF WAY**

These are ultimately controlled and maintained by Derbyshire County Council. The Parish Council is in a position to assist with some funding under its Minor Maintenance Agreement (MMA) with DCC. If you know of any maintenance issues please relay these to DCC on 01629 580000 ext. 7645. During 2011/2012 your Parish Council used its total Minor Maintenance budget of £675 on minor maintenance to rights of way around the parish (nos. 145,136 and 97).

A total of 12 applications have been submitted to Derbyshire County Council under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 to add non-classified highways, bridlepaths and footpaths to the Definitive Map and Statement as a Byway Open to All Traffic (BOAT). Your Parish Council has lodged strong objections to each application received for consultation. Application locations (and decisions made to date by DCC) are shown below:-

- 1 Non-classified highway Sheepwash Lane, Milltown – BOAT rejected. Order adding it to the definitive map as a bridleway has been confirmed.
- 2 Non-classified highway at Nuttingfield Farm, Littlemoor - BOAT rejected and an Order made and advertised adding it

to the definitive map as a bridleway – no objections were received and this route has now been confirmed as a bridleway.

- 3 Footpath 146 Holystone Gate Rd to Overton Rd - BOAT rejected and footpath status to remain.
- 4 Bridleway 140 Vernon Lane, Kelstedge – BOAT rejected and Bridleway status to remain.
- 5 Non-classified highway at Marsh Green – An Order adding it to the definitive map as a BOAT has been confirmed.
- 6 Non-classified highway Coach Road, Ashover – Awaiting decision.
- 7 Non-classified highway Back Lane, Ashover - Awaiting decision.
- 8 Footpath 60 Overton to Fallgate – BOAT rejected and Footpath status to remain.
- 9 Bridleway 136 Abrahams Lane, Ashover – BOAT rejected and Bridleway status to remain.
- 10 Non-classified highway Lea Road and upgrade part of Bridleway 145 Ashover – Consultation awaited.
- 11 Bridleway 145 Coffin Lane, Ashover – Consultation awaited (much of this claim is a duplicate of 10 above).
- 12 Lane near Eastwood Grange, Ashover – duplicate claim for no.2 listed above (bridleway).

Further information and an information sheet on modification orders may be obtained from the Rights of Way Office at Derbyshire County Council (01629 580000).

### **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)

### **SPORTS ASSOCIATION**

Ashover Sports Association is an organisation representing all sports clubs in the parish. Its prime function is to facilitate any problems or difficulties which may arise.

### **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

Association of Burial Authorities (ABA) 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 ABA also offers free advice to its members and regular newsletters. Your Parish Council is registered under the Data Protection Act and subscription is renewed annually.

### **TENNIS CLUB**

The Club benefits from superb recently resurfaced courts and boasts a membership of around 90 players. The Club holds social tennis evenings every Friday and Monday and also runs a Men's, a Ladies' and a Mixed team in various leagues. There are also various tournaments throughout the season. The current committee comprises: Jonathan Park (Chairman), Janet Brown (Vice), Mike Eltringham (Treasurer), Ellie Salomoni (Secretary), Ian Brown (Captain), Jean Flavell, Phil Stone and John Tyson. For full details of how to join please contact the Club Secretary, Ellie Salomoni, on 01629 581629 or email [Ashovertennis@aol.com](mailto:Ashovertennis@aol.com) or [Ashovertennis@btinternet.co.uk](mailto:Ashovertennis@btinternet.co.uk).

Further details about the club can also be found on the LTAs website.

Your Parish Council has received a request for an increase in the hours available for members of the public to play municipal tennis, which is currently limited to 9 am to 12 noon Monday to Friday. The Parish Council is currently working on a plan to provide more hours for municipal tennis.

### **UPPERTOWN SOCIAL CENTRE**

Uppertown Social 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 by a committee of local people.

To book the Centre or for more information contact Eddie Marriot on 01246 590502 or 07966 154798 or visit the web site [www.uppertown.org](http://www.uppertown.org)

*Please see page 22 for Uppertown Social Centre Events 2013.*

### **TREE WARDEN**

Your Tree Warden is Mr Ian Brown who took up the role in January 2010 and has reported on trees affected by planning applications. Ian may be contacted for advice on (01246) 590822.

### **ASH TREE DIE-BACK**

Many of you will have seen on the national news that Britains ash trees are at risk from a serious fungal disease(Chalara fraxinea).

The disease affects all ash trees and in mature trees they display die-back in shoots/ twigs and crowns.

It would be an absolute disaster if this disease found its way into Ashover Parish so I urge people especially walkers to practise good bio-security in gardens and woodlands to prevent any accidental spread of the disease, this may include disinfecting footwear after walks and planning routes so as not to walk from one woodland into another. All other symptoms of this disease can be found on [www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara](http://www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara). This website has numbers to phone to report potential sightings and also an

accurate description of symptoms. Please be vigilant to avoid the spread of this fatal disease.

Many thanks

*Ian Brown*

ASHOVER PARISH TREE WARDEN

## **VOLUNTEER CENTRE**

Your local Volunteer Centre can offer you free, informal and friendly help and support on volunteer-related issues by:

- Publicising your volunteering opportunities and attracting more volunteers.
- Providing advice and information on volunteer management issues e.g. assistance in putting together a volunteer task description, or a volunteering policy.

- Training sessions, workshops and networking opportunities e.g. attracting/recruiting volunteers, support and supervision. The details of your local centre can be found on the Volunteer Centres Derbyshire website: [www.volunteercentresderbyshire.co.uk](http://www.volunteercentresderbyshire.co.uk)

## **WEBSITE**

The Parish Council's website gives information on your Parish Council and its activities including Meeting Information, Agenda, Minutes, Planning Applications, Newsletters, Cemetery Matters, Community Transport, Policies, Useful Contacts and of course the contact details of your Parish Councillors and its staff. Please visit [www.ashover-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ashover-pc.gov.uk).

### **Uppertown Social Centre, Ashover, S45 0JF Events 2013**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Sat 25th May	The Cadillacs	Rock-n-Roll	7:00 for 8:00pm	£11 Including supper
Sat 15th June	Ursula & Connor McKay	Irish Country	7:00 for 8:00pm	£11 Including supper
Sat 13th July	The Haleys	Country Music	7:00 for 8:00pm	£12 Including supper
Sat 14th September	The Arthur Doherty Band	Irish Evening	7:00 for 8:00pm	£11 Including supper
Sat 12th October	Pat Jordan and Finians Rainbow	Irish/Country Music	7:00 for 8:00pm	£11 Including supper
Sat 2nd November	Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display Bar and food available		6:00 pm	All £4 (except under 5's FREE)
Sat 16th November	Twice Around	60's Night	7:00 for 8:00pm	£10 Including supper
Sat 14th December	Don Keyworth & Top Country Sound	Country	7:00 for 8:00pm	£10 Including supper

# FINANCIAL REPORT

At the Parish Council meeting held on 16 October 2012, consideration was given to the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the precept application for 2013/14. The precept requirement had been analysed, and included the projected sums for future Capital Expenditure on Parish Assets together with the requirement for a six months net revenue spend.

The Finance Committee carefully considered each code and cost centre in the accounting system, recognizing the need to limit expenditure, and maintain services as far as possible due to the current restraints and economic climate, and taking into account a realistic income figure.

The Precept figure for 2012/2013 was £60,342.00. Having deliberated

the budget, an anticipated realistic income figure of £17,340.00 set against an anticipated expenditure figure of £78,300.00 produced an annual Precept figure of £60,960.00 for the Financial Year 2013/2014. This represented an increase of £618.00, approximately 1%, on last year's Precept figure.

In October 2013 your Parish Council published a consultation paper on the precept proposals for 2013/2014 on the main notice board on Moor Road, Ashover, and also on the Parish Council's website.

At the Parish Council Meeting held on 20 November 2012 it was resolved that a precept sum of £60,960.00 would be submitted to North East Derbyshire District Council for the financial year 2013/2014.

## Summary Receipts & Payments Year Ended 31 March 2013

Year Ended 31 March 2012		Year Ended 31 March 2013
<b>Receipts</b>		
60,499.00	Precept Received	60,342.00
136.69	Interest Received	246.61
<b>60,635.69</b>		<b>60,588.61</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>		
4368.01	Administration	6,032.18
3,089.22	Pavilion	1,462.15
40.00	Allotments	40.00
9,016.15	Cemetery	20,599.00
358.00	Community Transport	803.02
6,301.80	VAT Refunds	9,146.93
<b>83,808.87</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>98,671.89</b>
<b>Running Costs</b>		
29,761.36	Administration	26,975.47
600.00	Section 137	950.00
0.00	Other Grants	0.00
3,762.00	Pavilion	3,859.43
2,303.64	Toilets	857.94
8,459.10	Capital Projects	20,582.87
240.00	Allotments	102.86
8,210.46	Cemetery	8,378.37
25,259.83	Parish Upkeep	33,122.92
833.73	Community Transport	1,289.14
7,686.93	VAT on Payments	9,332.14
<b>87,117.05</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>105,451.14</b>

## Summary Receipts & Payments Year Ended 31 March 2013

Year Ended 31 March 2012		Year Ended 31 March 2013
<b>Receipts &amp; Payments Summary</b>		
83,552.47	Opening Balance	80,244.29
83,808.87	Add Total Receipts	98,671.89
167,361.34		178,916.18
87,117.05	Less Total Payments	105,451.14
<b>80,244.29</b>	Closing Balance	<b>73,465.04</b>

These cumulative funds are represented by:

38,612.03	Current/Reserve Account	35,206.45
650.71	War Memorial Account	225.93
33,656.48	National Savings Account	33,850.56
7,325.07	Village of the Year Account	4,182.10
<b>80,244.29</b>		<b>73,465.04</b>

## FOR PARISH COUNCIL INFORMATION

www.ashover-pc.gov.uk

AND NOTICE BOARDS LOCATED AT:-

- Alton Hill, Alton
- Moor Road, Ashover
- The Causeway (bus shelter), Kelstedge
- Ashover Road (bus shelter), Littlemoor
- The Pinfold (nr. Miners Arms), Milltown
- The Social Centre, Uppertown

A summary of Minutes is available in “Grassroots” section of ‘The Derbyshire Times’ and in the Parish Magazine

*For contact details of your Councillors and Clerk, please refer to the back page of this report.*

For information and help on the following services, please call the appropriate authority (details at the right of this page) :-

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>APC</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  
Council House, Saltergate,  
Chesterfield S40 1LF  
Tel. 01246 231111

## **DCC**

Derbyshire County Council  
County Hall, Matlock DE4 3AG  
Tel. 01629 580000  
& 08456 058 058 (helpline)

## **APC**

Ashover Parish Council  
40 Woodland Way, Old Tupton  
Chesterfield S42 6JA  
Tel. 01246 863018

## INFORMATION AND HELP

### **Derbyshire County Council**

0845 605 8058 (helpline)

### **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.

### **Consumer Direct**

Providing consumer advice, free of charge, on a range of issues or complaints. 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturday on 08454 04 05 06 or visit the website [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk) or textphone 0845 128 1384.

## 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

National Floodline 0845 988 1188

### **Hospitals/medical**

NHS Direct - for non-emergency advice 0845 4647

Royal Derby Hospital 01332 340131 - Main switchboard

Chesterfield Royal Hospital 01246 277271

Buxton Hospital 01298 214000

## Your Parish Councillors



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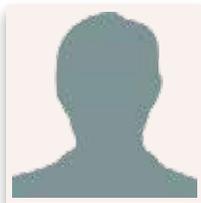


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## Your County and District Councillors



*DCC Councillor  
Elections  
2nd May 2013*



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Hockley Lane  
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## Your Parish Council Staff



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**John Bown**  
Parish  
Lengthman



## GET COMPOSTING!

If you hate having to buy compost why not have a go at making your own?  
It's free and better for the environment.

More than a third of household waste is made up of organic material which can be composted.

Grass cuttings, unwanted plants, cardboard, newspapers, fruit and vegetable peelings are all ideal.

Derbyshire County Council has a scheme which offers compost bins at very reasonable prices - *with the added bonus that they can be delivered to households.*

Compost bins cost as little as £16.98, plus £5.49 delivery per order. They are supplied by Straight plc.

Visit:  
[www.derbyshire.getcomposting.com](http://www.derbyshire.getcomposting.com)  
or call **0844 571 4444** for more details.

The low-cost compost bin is made from recycled plastic and carries a 15 year guarantee.

The unit doesn't require any putting together.

You can find out more about how to start composting at the Derbyshire County Council website by going to [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/composting](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/composting)

There you'll find more information as well as a leaflet on achieving the perfect compost.

Composting is a cost-effective and natural process that transforms kitchen and garden waste into a valuable resource.

It helps to reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfill, reducing greenhouse gases.

Compost is a nutrient-rich food product for the garden which helps to improve soil structure, maintain moisture levels and keeps the soil's PH balance in check.

As well as garden waste, much of your food waste can be composted.

A kitchen caddy allows anything from fruit and vegetable peelings to egg shells, tea bags, or even shredded paper to be collected and then emptied into your compost bin.











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