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Ashover Parish Council Annual Report 2011/2012

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sports Pavilion, Milken Lane, Ashover
TUESDAY 22 MAY 2012 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

With our thoughts on the year ahead, it is sometimes difficult to reflect on the previous year's Council business. Much of the Council's work is ongoing with the problems and achievements spanning the term of office, rather than the year current and past.

Once more planning issues have created plenty of interest in the public section of the meetings, and led to much debate within the council thereafter. On the Fall Hill Quarry application, which will ultimately be decided by Derbyshire County Council, your Parish Council submitted comments highlighting the need to make the quarry safe, whilst having full regard to the comments raised by residents affected by the application. With new planning laws coming into force, it is likely more power will devolve to local level and therefore much more emphasis on a "Local Structure Plan".

The question of the public toilets in Ashover is another area where, due to a strong parish support to keep them open, the Parish Council is putting forward a refurbishment scheme to bring them up to a good standard. This does not come cheap, and every effort is being made to secure a grant to enable this to go ahead. Your support in e-mailing or writing to the Parish Clerk would be very much appreciated, as this will strengthen the Council's grant bid.

During the year the May Day event and the Christmas event proved very popular thanks goes out to all the willing helpers and organisers who make those events possible. Ashover parish, being regarded as one of the largest in England, has many miles of footpaths, bridleways and green lanes. With the help of a dedicated team of volunteers, led by Richard Felton, many of the paths have been fitted with wicket gates. These have been provided by Derbyshire County Council and fitted by volunteers. Other works have been financed by grants received by the Parish Council from Derbyshire County Council.

The social car scheme and shopper bus have also been well supported and your con-

tinued support is vital in keeping these services available.

After the previous winter 2011 the council entered the current winter better prepared. A winter maintenance/help card was issued to every household, the 25 grit bins sited around the Parish were maintained and a policy to keep the Milken Lane car park open in times of severe weather was put into action.

Capital improvements to Parish owned facilities included the replacement of the tennis court floodlights. This facility is very well used by several clubs and supported by all age groups.

We continue to employ a Parish Lengthman, allowing work to be undertaken in other hamlets in the Parish. This involves litter control, parish seat maintenance and other general work as and when required.

With regard to the Jubilee Celebrations, a sum of money has been earmarked to support events taking place in the hamlets and the village of Ashover. Co-ordinating ideas will hopefully lead to a memorable time in June 2012.

Whilst not all decisions made by the Parish Council meet everyone's requirements, your council does endeavour to thoroughly debate all issues. With this in mind, I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors and our District and County Councillors, for their help and support, which extends far beyond the monthly meetings. I must also thank our Finance Committee in the setting of our annual precept. Whilst the average rise in parish precepts was 5.8%, your parish precept has been reduced by 0.6%, whilst maintaining the same level of service.

Many thanks to Sara, our Clerk and Financial Officer, who always shows dedication and commitment. Also the silent workforce of parishioners, whose contribution to the many events makes Ashover Parish a special place.

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

During the past year, the area adjoining the school playing fields was fenced and the Hawthorne saplings laid as hedging. The maintenance contract for the cemetery was reviewed in November 2010 and, as no significant increase was requested, the contract was kept with Derbyshire County Council on the basis of price and satisfactory risk assessment

submission. Work was carried out on boundaries with the Probation Service, and an area of ground cleared and reseeded. During the coming year, we will once again be working with the Probation Service; concentrating on boundaries and general maintenance of seats etc. A 'Fees and Charges' list for the cemetery can be found on the Parish Council's website at 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 third year that no increase has been levied.

Chris Miller

CHAIRMAN OF THE BURIAL BOARD



After a day of pouring rain and cold wind, at 5pm on the dot the rain stopped the wind stilled and the 2011 ceremony of the Christmas lights switch-on began. It started with school children from Ashover primary school singing three Christmas

songs led by Sophie Preston, one of their teachers in front of the Bassett Rooms, a warm haven, for participants, kindly donated by the Church and manned by Sylvia Dyson. Their bell-like tones delighted the crowd now gathered and set the scene



for the rest of the event. After the school choir everyone joined the Ashover Brass Band conducted by Trevor Durham to sing a carol, followed by a rendition by the Church choir, led by Ruth Russell, of While Shepherds watched, Sing all the earth, and Shine Alleluia, all enthusiastically received by the audience. Rector Ralph Lawrence, then switched on the lights ably assisted by a number of the children. The tree is certainly the tallest we have ever had, and it looked magnificent cloaked in its new set of lights. Both the tree and the lights were kindly funded by the trustees of the Ashover Medical Centre.

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 and Helen Faraday. 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. The ceremony was ably directed by our own town crier, Merrick Bull and signalled the start of Christmas. We hope you all enjoyed it; any comments and suggestions for next year gladly taken on board.

If anyone feels they would like to provide monetary sponsorship, or goods such as the tree or mince pies etc. would they contact Christine Brocksopp before 20 July 2012 either via e-mail at cbrocksopp@hotmail.co.uk or the Parish Clerk, as planning must commence very soon and it would be helpful to know that funding is in place.

Cllr Christine Brocksopp

Common Land

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

Community Transport Ashover Social Car Scheme

Are you aware that Ashover Parish has its own social car scheme? Many users find it an invaluable way of getting to the Doctors or Hospital or to make journeys across this difficult Parish.

The scheme is run by voluntary drivers from your community who give of their time to help other adults who for one reason or another are not mobile. It is not a taxi service and the charges are 45p per mile with a minimum charge of £3 from the drivers start point to destination and return; an estimate can be given on request.

Your regular lift may not be available or you may have an injury that stops you from driving, you have stopped driving or have an urgent Hospital Appointment you need to keep, if so this service is for you!

What you need to do is simply complete an application form and pay £2 joining fee to be included on the programme

Application forms are available from Wendy Taylor at the Parish Hall telephone 01246 590005

If you would like to become a voluntary driver please contact Wendy Taylor more drivers mean less journeys for those currently operating the scheme! Your insurance is protected by our insurance.

Ashover Shopper Bus – Dates for 2011

BAKEWELL MARKET

MAY 14th, JULY 9th, SEPTEMBER 10th
Cost £4.00

DERBY WESTFIELD CENTRE

OCTOBER 8th Cost – £7.00

SHEFFIELD MEADOWHALL

NOVEMBER 12th Cost – £7.00

Buses to Bakewell leave Littlemoor at 10am picking up at Milltown, Kelstedge, and Ashover Parish Hall.

Return from Bakewell 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 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 or telephoning (01246) 504525.

Community Partnership/ Liaison Meetings

Your Parish Council works in partnership with the District Council and County Council, and is supporting its aims in enabling local people to make and influence decisions about plans for their area and identifying the potential for action by local service providers, voluntary and community groups and the business community. Your Parish Council is represented at these liaison meetings and puts forward views in lively discussions.

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 year proved to be a very successful season for Ashover Cricket Club with 3 or the 5 senior teams winning promotion from their respective leagues. The junior section in the Notts and Derby Youth League also prospered during 2011, with the U12’s coming runners up, and U15’s finishing as joint champions. Finally, a mention of our hugely popular ‘Kwik Cricket’ competition, which introduced a staggering 127 youngsters between the ages of 7 to 11 to the wonderful game of cricket.

All in all a great year for the Club.”

Donations/Grants

During 2011/12, your Parish Council donated £600 to community causes; Ashover Acorns £50, Ashover Brass Band £50, Church Choir £50, Old People’s Association £50, Ashover Lunch Club £50, 1st Ashover Guides £100, Tupton Hall Holiday Activity Programme £250. Additionally, sum of £352.43 was donated towards the Churchyard and Clock Maintenance.

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

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 usually twice a year, and always receive a great welcome.

Ray Scales Principal is always anxious to hear about community activities in the village and for Eastwood Grange to have the opportunity to be involved. They will be having a stall again on May Day and this always proves to be a success.

On our last visit we talked about the forthcoming Jubilee Celebrations in Ashover, and a lot of enthusiasm at the possibility of contributing and being part of this event was made.

Cllrs Rosemary Early & Chris Miller

The Principal, Mr Ray Scales, 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, which is evidenced in our Ofsted inspection reports. We are proud that Ofsted has identified Eastwood Grange as an Outstanding Provider for Care and has continually done so since 2007.

The evaluation made by Ofsted from the Education inspection, which took place in June 2009, stated that 'Eastwood Grange provides a good quality of education and meets all its aims well...'.

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 attended Chesterfield College as part of a very successful curriculum enrichment programme, with two of the students gaining

Achievement Awards, which were presented by Chesterfield College. One student completed his AS Level Spanish course at Highfields School in Matlock, achieving a very creditable Grade A. The staff and students, here at Eastwood Grange, express their ongoing appreciation for the support provided by these educational establishments.

Year 11 pupils have also completed a range of Work Experience placements. Again, our thanks go to the employers, particularly Matlock Farm Park, for providing them with invaluable opportunities.

Our young people and staff enjoy their involvement in local community events; in 2011, we participated in the May Day Carnival, the Harvest Festival and the Flower Festival. We very much look forward to repeating our involvement in 2012.



During 2011, we participated in a number of charitable fundraising events, with the monies raised going to both local and national charities:

March 2011 Red Nose Day £407.70

May 2011 Ashover May Day Carnival
£400.00

(Monies raised donated to Ashgate Hospice)

November 2011 Children in Need
£166.60

November 2011 Poppy Appeal £49.29

At the beginning of 2011, some of our young people sent packages (books, magazines, sweets, etc) and letters to our Armed Forces in Afghanistan. One Soldier was so pleased, that to thank the young person, he sent him his Medal, which is a

Medal given to all the Soldiers who serve in Afghanistan.

Of course, 2012 is a special year, as it is the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, which we will be celebrating in style, here at Eastwood Grange, with a 'street' party in our courtyard for our young people and staff team. We acknowledge the Ashover Parish Council's programme of events for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and are thankful to the Parish Council for their invitation to participate in same. We have flags and bunting at the ready!

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 Ray Scales – Principal. However, if an immediate response is not required, please email eastwoodgrange@prioritygroup.com.

First Ashover Guides

To advertise the idea to re-open a Guide Unit in Ashover we had a joint 'Thinking Day' meeting with the Brownies, inviting girls to attend from Ashover and Woolley Moor schools.

So in the first year this happened:-

*The guides voted to be named 1st Ashover Guides ... Globalistic GO for it ...
St David's Day ... Shrovetide ...
St Patrick's Day ... Talk about the Jerusalem Eye Hospital ... Bolivian agriculture ... Hola Mohalla ...
Mothering Sunday ... World Centres ...
Planets ... Easter Egg Hunt for Guides*

*and Parents ... Village May Day celebrations ... Girl Scout Cookie stall – made and sold 100s – nice for our zero funds! Happily we have been supported by a local charitable fund and the Parish Council ... Promises made at District Guide Day ... Made a Guide scarecrow for village trail.
September – Sandra Chalkley joined as new Unit Leader! ... November camp fire evening – first taste of the out of doors! ... Chocolate Go for it ... World map collage ... Bake off ... Songs ... Fair trade ... Origins ... Tasting (of course)! ... ending with Christmas visit to*

Chocolate by Design ... Badges earned – Craft, Chocolate ... 16 girls now enjoy Girlguiding and we are looking forward to 2012 including a sleepover at the National Space Centre, summer camp, etc, etc....

Sandra, Sheena, Rachel & Edna
ashoverguides@live.co.uk

Football Clubs

Black Swan F.C. were formed in 1992 as the Crispin Casuals. Starting in the lower divisions of the Chesterfield Sunday League, Casuals gained a couple of promotions & reached a cup final at Saltergate.

Casuals became Black Swan in 2005 with the backing of the then licensees, Kirsty & Mike Roberts.

Gaining another couple of promotions, Swan finished 3rd in division 5 last season and have had another good season, leading division 4 for quite a while but are currently lying 3rd. A hard fought 2-1 win over 4th place Pilsley at the beginning of March, means Swan require 3 more points from their last 2 games to secure 3rd place and promotion to division 3.

Wayne Carline, BLACK SWAN FC

Footpaths Group

The footpaths and bridleways around Ashover are well used. With over 150 paths to choose from and 45 km. to walk there is plenty to go at! As the paths have become clearer to follow, the tramp of feet has helped to define the lines more clearly and less vegetation clearance is necessary. Where some clearance is necessary, care is taken to protect wild flowers etc. there are, for instance, more and more wild orchids in the parish. The great majority of users treat the paths well and report problems, when they find them, to the County Council. The most consistent complaints

revolve around dog owners who allow their pets to leave mess on footpaths, which is a danger to health not only for humans but also for farmers' livestock.



Footpath before and after clearance

Land owners have again been most helpful in encouraging improvements and we are most grateful to them. For instance, another bench is now sited at the top of 'Ravensnest', with the landowner's agreement. The bench was paid for by money raised by the sale of the 'Walks around Ashover' booklet. Another bench will appear later this year, somewhere in the parish.

Other things of note this year include:

- 1 The confirmation that Sheepwash is now a bridlepath. It is now properly signed as such. Other parish unclassified routes are still in danger of becoming Byways Open to All Traffic (BOATs).
- 2 The realignment of a path above Moscow to the top of White Hillocks. It is now where it should be, thanks to the work of the landowner and the encouragement of The Countryside Service. This path has been blocked for many years and walkers found their own, unofficial and more difficult, route.

- 3 The clearing of parts of Salter Lane and other areas by Stephenson's Countryside Services, on behalf of The Parish Council. The Council claims a grant for this from D.C.C., one of the few parishes that does.
- 4 A diverted route around Coldharbour Farm is now an official right of way and replaces the route that previously went through the farm. This was a somewhat lengthy legal process.
- 5 Three old stone stiles have been repaired in Uppertown, Press and Milltown with money from a special grant.
- 6 Several damaged finger posts have been replaced by The Countryside Service; part of a continuing process. Way marking has taken place as and where necessary.
- 7 All the hundreds of stiles and gates in the parish have been cleared at least once during the year. Opportunities have been taken to replace stiles with gates, where appropriate.
- 8 Improvements to the crossing of Smalley Brook have been made by the provision of several steps. This was a good example of co-operation between the farm owner, the local Countryside Ranger and Rights of Way. Significant help in building the steps was provided by volunteers from The Ramblers. (see photos).
- 9 Opportunities have been taken to lead, design and publicise walks in the parish. It was especially gratifying that a large number of children from Ashover School ventured out onto local footpaths, as part of their studies and also for enjoyment.

The Footpath and Bridleway Committee meets in the Village Hall about 6 times a



Improvements and new steps at Smalley Brook crossing



year. Contact is through Richard Felton (Tel: 590786). The Committee monitors all aspects of rights of way activity in the Parish. It continues to be vigilant in activities that affect rights of way: proposed diversions; regrading of routes and reclassification (for instance as BOATs). It also works to expand the network of bridleways and routes that can be used safely by horses, without prejudicing safe use by others.

Footpaths Group

Grit Bins

Your Parish Council owns and fills a total of 25 grit bins sited around the parish. 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 2011/12 was renewed at a cost of £12,276.74. 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.

Hard Courts and Sports Pavilion

During the past year, a major problem was detected with the electrical supply and floodlights on the hard courts. It was therefore necessary to engage an electrical contractor to renew all armoured cable supplying the lights, together with the floodlights themselves. This was a major project and the total cost for renewal was £14,746. Details of Hire Charges for these facilities are available from the Parish Clerk.

Hospital Chesterfield Royal Hospital



Bernard Everett

The Chesterfield Royal Hospital has seen another year of improvement despite the uncertainties currently affecting the NHS.

For some years, the hospital Governors – elected by community

members of the Trust – have been pressing for improvements in the ophthalmological service. This was being provided out of three separate locations, two in the hospital at Calow and one at the old Saltergate site in central Chesterfield. This meant that consultants wasted time going between the three sites and patients frequently needed multiple appointments before their problems were successfully diagnosed and treated. The decision of the private healthcare provider to pull out of the Chatsworth Suite in December 2010 provided an ideal opportunity to resolve the problem. The Suite is now being totally refurbished and, in its

place, the new one-stop, state of the art Eye Centre will open shortly!

Visitors to the hospital will have been aware of the rebuilding works at the front entrance following the fire in June of last year. This was caused by a drinks machine in the newsagent's and the company's insurance will be paying for the bulk of the repairs. Thanks to prompt and dedicated action by staff, the A&E Department was reopened in less than 24 hours and not a single appointment or operation was cancelled as a result of the fire. The new reception area, due to be ready in April, will incorporate a number of improvements as a result of lessons learned with the previous configuration. The reception desk has been re-designed, the lime green upholstery has been replaced (with an orangey-red!) and the lay out of the café – a victim of its own popularity – has been altered to provide more space for diners and patients passing through the area.

A major new feature will be a sprinkler system (which has required the siting of a monster tank in one of the courtyards). Such a system would not have prevented an electrical fire, like that which broke out last June. Indeed the use of fire retardant materials in roof spaces and elsewhere, in excess of fire regulations, helped to limit the damage caused. But the addition of the sprinklers is another earnest of the importance which the hospital's Governors and Directors attach to the safety of patients and staff.

Chesterfield Royal continues to score highly with Monitor (who regulates the Foundation Trust sector) and the Care Quality Commission. This is due in no small part to the support which the hospital receives from the community it serves. Currently 17,000 residents

of North Derbyshire are signed up as community members. They elect the Governors, who hold the Directors to account on behalf of the community, and are able to attend member events showcasing hospital services and providing advice on common medical conditions. Recent events have focussed on diabetes, ophthalmology and cardiac services and have been sold out twice over!

To become a community member and enjoy these benefits, which include a discount scheme with local businesses and shops, ring 08000 565627 and leave your name, address and postcode. It's completely free, as well as a way of showing your support for the NHS and your local acute hospital!

Bernard Everett

(Ashover resident and Public Governor for North East Derbyshire Chesterfield Royal Hospital Foundation Trust)

To contact a Governor email :-governors@chesterfieldroyal.nhs.uk or write to Governors, Communications Dept., Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Calow, Chesterfield S44 5BL

Jubilee Celebrations!

A Working Party of Ashover Parish Council has been set up and many meetings, e-mails, 'phone calls etc have been happening. Programmes are in the shops and have been circulated to give everyone an idea of the Jubilee celebrations.

We are looking forward to Edna Halksworth opening the event, and think how wonderful that she was Coronation Queen in 1952, and how lucky we are to have her with us.

Local Housing

Rykneld Homes allocates properties in line with North East Derbyshire District Council's Allocations Policy. Within this

there is a Rural Housing Scheme which covers 11 villages. In essence the Rural Housing Scheme is a form of local lettings plan; an agreement between the Council and local tenants and residents which restricts lettings of houses in the area to certain households.

Following a review of the scheme with partners and stakeholders, a revised scheme has been agreed and was implemented from 7 November 2011. Also it will now be called the Rural Community Lettings Plan (or Rural CLP). Previously there were seven parishes and this will be reduced to one; Ashover, which incorporates Littlemoor and Kelstedge and it will cover all property types.

What does it mean for me?

If you wish to bid for any council or housing association home in Ashover, including houses, flats and bungalows you will need a local connection to Ashover. The Rural CLP has a different local connection criteria and this can be found on Rykneld Homes website and within NEDDC's Allocations Policy. You can still bid for homes in the Ashover parish even if you do not meet the criteria as if there are no bids from anyone meeting the Rural CLP criteria, the Choice Move team will allocate the property district wide, allowing properties to be re-let more quickly.

Replacement of Emergency Alarm Equipment

Rykneld Homes currently manages 8300 properties of which approximately 2500 receive a community alarm service through the hardwired pull cords. This system is now in excess of 20 years old and is ready for renewal. As a result, North East Derbyshire District Council has given a commitment to support the replacement of the current system with a

Lifeline Community Alarm, which will be installed in those properties where the tenants have been assessed as requiring the emergency response service.

Over the last few months, Rykneld Homes has been working with Tunstall Healthcare to manage the removal of the existing hardwired service, including the pullcords and wall mounted speech units and replacing them with a freestanding emergency response unit. All tenants and service users living in properties with the hardwired system, who receive the Independent Living Service have had their new equipment installed. The old alarm system is currently being removed from properties with work expected to be completed by the end of April 2012. Any residents who may be interested in receiving the Independent Living Service should call 01246 217373 .

A chance to have your say!

Look out for our 2012 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 publish the results of the survey in our magazine Homing In and use the findings to plan how we will deliver our services in future.

Last year the survey showed that 90% of tenants were satisfied with the overall service provided by Rykneld Homes and 91% were satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live.

To help us achieve high satisfaction levels it is important we know what you think, so please take this opportunity to have your say and help us shape our services to better meet your needs 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

Housing Update District wide Housing Needs, Market and Affordability Study.

In Autumn 2011 North East Derbyshire District

Council carried out a study of housing need, affordability and future housing requirements. It will be available on the councils website from March 2012. The key issues for rural areas in the west of the district were:-

- most new properties are 4 bedroom detached
- lack of smaller units for first time buyers to rent or purchase
- lack of smaller units in council stock
- affordability continues to be a problem for young people across tenure
- lack of modern retirement housing across tenure for anyone wanting to down size
- increasingly ageing population, of which 75% were owner occupiers
- lack of lifetime or wheelchair accessible homes

No new affordable housing has been delivered in Ashover since the Malthouse Lane development pre 2007. The Rural Community lettings plan review is working well, and is more efficient both for applicants and staff. People need to tick Ashover as their community connection and complete the section with the form.

We would urge people to register with Choicemove so they are able to bid for council or RSL(Housing Association) properties to rent . Please contact Choice Move Team – 01246 217650 Rykneld Homes Contact Centre

01246 217670 or go to the website at www.choicemove.org.uk

Karen Perkins/June Haslam
Housing Strategy and Enabling Team,
NEDDC

May Day

Again we are looking forward to this traditional day and especially to the crowning of the May Queen Phoebe Hanauer and May King Laurie Kelly who will be crowned by our very own Bob Dronfield. This event grows and grows and people enjoy wandering up and down Church Street with their children, it's just like a Promenade..

Municipal Tennis

Your Parish Council offers municipal tennis free of charge Monday to Friday 9am – 12noon excluding Bank Holidays. Tennis training sessions are open to anyone on a Tuesday morning 10 – 11.30 am during school term time – if you are interested in attending, please contact David Keal on 07702 372459.

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.

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 etc.

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 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 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 and parishioners are encouraged to attend and express any concerns they may have on parish issues to a Parish Councillor and the Parish Clerk.

Parish Party

Parish Party continues to be more and more popular, and this year was no exception. Everyone brings food and the table ends up heaving but amazingly all the food disappears, obviously filling everyone with lots of energy for shouting as loudly as possible in the finale of the evening which is the PANTO. This year it was SNOW WHITE & THE 7 DWARVES which had an Olympic theme running through it and the dwarves had to show their athletic skills which could lead to being personally asked to appear at the Olympics, but yes you are right "they have heard nothing." – Good try! The Panto also shows on Friday night, and the audiences this year, for both nights, were huge.

Parochial Church Council

All Saints Church, Ashover: In 2011 work was completed on the repairs to necessary by the damage caused by the earthquake in 2008 and the resulting penetration of water into the spire, the bell-ringing chamber and even the body of the church. To celebrate the completion of this work, the church invited those who

had contributed to the success of the Save Our Spire Appeal to a Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall on 9th October. The Rector, Ralph Lawrence and the Treasurer, Peter Lord, thanked the 80 people present, as well as the contributors unable to attend, for giving their time, talents and money to this project.

Over the August Bank Holiday weekend All Saints Church Flower Guild organised a four-day Flower Festival in the Parish Church, with 41 flower arrangements in the church on the theme of "Thank you for the music". The festival included a highly successful Scarecrow Trail around the village and an exhibition in the Bassett Rooms by the Ashover Art Group, as well as a special Songs of Praise service on the Sunday. The whole festival was a spectacular success and raised over £5000, shared between the church and Ashgate Hospice.

During 2011 Ashover Church has raised £5000 to fund the purchase of two off-road trail bikes for use by Christian clergy on the dirt roads of the Diocese of Marsabit in Kenya. The bikes have been named "Bob" and "Peggy" in honour of the Right Reverend Bob Beak and his wife Peggy; Bishop Bob was Bishop of Marsabit before retiring to Ashover and he and Peggy maintain close links with the Diocese of Marsabit.

During Advent, the church organised a Posada celebration to reinforce the Christmas message. This involved wooden figures of Mary, Joseph and the donkey being hosted by a different family 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.

Over the year the church's website has been regularly updated with information,

Parish Hall



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REGULAR EVENTS

A variety of fitness classes including: ZUMBA the new fun way to lose those stubborn pounds, pilates, yoga and karate.

The Ashover Music concerts

Amateur Dramatics

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 classes

Contact the manager for details on 01246 590005

news and a calendar of upcoming events. It can be found at www.amberchurches.org.

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 proved a popular success. Following on from this, the church is currently trialling Family Film Time on the second Saturday afternoon of each month and Village Film Time on the fourth Thursday evening of each month, both in the Bassett Rooms and open to all in the local community. If this trial proves successful, discussions will be held on how best to develop this on a more permanent basis.

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.

On the occasion of the Royal wedding of Prince William to Miss Catherine Middleton (now the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge), the church invited the people of Ashover to a Party in the Pews which was much enjoyed by all who participated.

The church, with the help of a small task force, has been looking at ways of improving the Bassett Rooms, including exploring the possibility of acquiring land for a possible extension. This is still ongoing.

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.

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.

Mr Adrian Kirkham, Planning Services Manager for North East Derbyshire District Council reports as follows:-

“The Council’s planning policy team have been undertaking further evidence gathering during the year and we intend to have a further round of consultation on the Council’s emerging Local Plan on a number of issues during spring 2012 and then a further more detailed consultation during the early part of 2013. As reported last year, the Council is keen to develop its own local strategy and the strategic policies that the Council will hope to include in its revised Local Plan are now taking shape. I urge all interested parties to look carefully at the Council’s proposals as they emerge and make comments as appropriate on them.

In the meantime we will continue to undertake additional work as necessary to inform the Council’s developing strategy.

During 2011/12 the Localism Act was given royal assent. This Act paves the way for the formal revocation of the Regional Plans and

imposes on all those involved in the Planning process a duty to cooperate.

The Act also seeks to provide the means for communities to have a greater stake in the planning process by implementing proposals for Neighbourhood Planning. Should “neighbourhoods” so wish they will be able to develop plans or grant planning permission for development within their administrative area, subject of course to certain controls and the “duty to cooperate”.

Various other changes are also proposed in the Act including placing a responsibility on developers to consult stakeholders on certain proposals prior to applications being formally submitted, and greater enforcement powers. We are currently awaiting further details on how this will be implemented.

The Council will continue to deliver its Development Management and enforcement services.”

Adrian Kirkham
PLANNING MANAGER
(NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL)

Contact on e-mail at: adrian.kirkham@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk

Contact via phone on: 01246 217591

Police Information



Michael Coates

This is a reminder to consider your vehicle’s security whenever it is left unattended.

Please take simple steps to help prevent your vehicle being targeted by opportunist thieves.

- Most important is to lock your vehicle when you leave it, even if it is only for a short time.
- Leave nothing on view. Tools, sat-navs,

laptops, sunglasses, clothing, other personal effects, or even loose change.

- If you use a sat-nav remove the cradle it sits on and the power cable when you have finished with it. Even a sucker mark on the window may be enough to cause you window to be smashed and glove box searched.
- Try to remove all items from your vehicle when you leave it at night and consider the value of any items you have in your glove box. You could leave your glove box open to show there is nothing of value within.
- If you can, park on your drive or in your garage, or make sure you park in a well lit area on the street.
- Never leave your car running whilst nipping to the shop or to defrost on a cold morning.
- Consider using a steering lock.
- Keep your vehicle keys in a secure location. Avoid putting them near a door where they can be fished through a letter box or on a bunch of keys in the house door lock.

A damaged vehicle door or smashed side window can be quite expensive to repair and may cost more than the items taken from a vehicle. If you see anyone acting suspiciously in your area or have any information regarding these incidents please call Derbyshire Police on 101.

Police Report

The Parish Clerk has been growling to me again, for a pack of information so that I can lead you through the tails of happenings and ongoing dogged behaviour.

Rachel March the new Beat Manager, has been puppy walked around this beau-

tiful area, and has hit the ground running, coursing (can I use that phrase?) a track through the Countryside sniffing out the wrong doers from the gentle breeds of



Rachel March

our society. Her terrier like tenacity has inflicted many a harsh bite on the mongrels that plague us, like an attack of fleas, as well as leaving this old dog cowering in her wake!

We have together hounded out off road motorcycles, rounded up sheep and cattle from the roads, pounced upon wrong doers, and barked at anti social youngsters.

Security, like a good German Sheppard, is a great deterrent to prevent crime from inflicting itself upon your den or territory. Lights and alarms will make criminals think twice, whilst good pedigree locks will help keep your sheds as safe as a bone in a Rottweiler's mouth.

Rachel and I will continue to do our best to support you all, along with the rest of Clay Cross Section. However we are also reliant on you informing us of anything that you feel is wrong or out of place, if in doubt call us, or tell us when you see us about. Watch out for the new "Farm Watch" coming to the area soon.

You can contact us by ringing 101, and giving our collar numbers (see below) or on our E-mails. We will also try and be with the Mobile Police Station, on the last Wednesday of every month.

If something is happening at the time, ring us on 999.

We're not trying to teach dogs (new or old) new tricks, but lets work together to beat Crime.

Please contact us via Phone 101 24hr
Call Centre

E-mail michael.coates.4412@derbyshire.
pnn.police.uk
or rachel.march.3241@derbyshire.pnn.
police.uk

Primary Care Charitable Trust

The Trustees are often asked about the origins of the Trust.

Briefly, the Trust was formed in 1998 with the first objective to establish a new medical centre in Ashover to replace an existing out of date facility. This was done and ensures the continuation of local medical services to our community.

With the help of 2 grants, but mostly as a result of donations and fundraising by local people, the centre was built as you see it today, and opened in 2004.

Ashover surgery leases the building thus providing an income to the Trust. The second objective is drafted to enable the Trust to support both individuals and local events throughout the parish and surrounding areas, furthering education, health and community welfare.

Over the years, the Trust has helped local events, clubs and individuals to enhance community enjoyment and personal development, and continues to do so.

The Trustees encourage any parishioner or local event organiser to contact them if there is a need for some funding. As long as the event matches the objects of the Trust, the request can be considered.

Don't forget either that the public areas of the Medical Centre can be hired outside of surgery hours for meetings of about 20 people at a cost of only £12 per evening.

Philip Clark (SECRETARY) 590356,
clark.criptonlane@btinternet.com .

Other Trustees are

Ed Willmot, Jacqueline Collins and Andrew King.

ASHOVER PRIMARY CARE CHARITABLE TRUST

Primary School

The school has had another exciting year with lots of things happening.

The school continues to play an active part in the local community. Children across the school produced fantastic art work to be displayed in the church to celebrate the Flower Festival and Harvest. The Rector has also come into school to lead some of our assemblies.

The school choir 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 also looked at using our local environment within our curriculum. Classes across the school have visited the Post Office, church and doctors surgery as part of their studies. Richard Felton led the Year 3 and 4 children on local walks as part of their lessons in geography and history, allowing them to appreciate the wealth of resources and beauty in our locality.

The School Council has organised a fund raising event to support Children in Need. They have also developed the choice of activities we do at lunch times. The children continue to be trained as Mini Leaders and Playground Pals so that they can support each other at playtime.

The school has also been recognised for the outstanding work that takes place within school. The school has received numerous awards such as Eco Schools Silver Award, International Schools Intermediate Award and the prestigious

ICT Mark for the second time. Ashover Primary School was also identified by The Sunday Times as being in the top 20 highest performing schools in the country over a three year period.

Friends of the School continue to work hard in raising funds to support the work of the school organizing: a Bingo Night, Summer Fair, Mothers' day and Fathers' day events for the children and parents. They have organized Christmas, Easter and Summer Term discos for the children. The money that they have raised has been used to purchase much needed ICT equipment. 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 AGES. This incorporates a Nursery, Aftercare, Breakfast Club and a Holiday Club. These services provide wrap around care for our children.

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 go out to all our children for the hard work they do and the parents for the support they give to the school.

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. Unfortunately, the Toilets had to be closed for a few days in January/ February during freezing weather conditions to prevent burst pipes.

Your Parish Council is currently looking into the feasibility of refurbishing the public toilets on Moor Road, and to help fund the project, will be seeking grant aid. Please help the Council to secure a grant, by writing to, or e-mailing, the Clerk (details on the back page) to show your support for the project, and how you envisage the refurbishment will enhance community facilities.

EVERY LETTER OF SUPPORT WILL INCREASE OUR CHANCES OF GAINING A GRANT FOR REFURBISHMENT!

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

The facility on the Milken Lane Car Park continues to be well used and includes recycling facilities for cans, bottles, plastic, cartons, paper and clothes. It is requested that recycling/rubbish is not left in the area surrounding of the facility as this encourages vermin. Anyone finding a recycling bank full, should report this either directly to NEDDC on (01246) 217266 or to the Parish Clerk.

Regular fly-tipping around the recycling area has been experienced over the past year, usually over weekends, and this puts the future of the facility at risk. Anyone caught fly-tipping will be fined by the District Council and if you witness fly-tipping, please report it immediately to the District Council giving as much information as possible.

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 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. 43, 98, 136 and 145).

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 Holestone 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 (Registration is free)
Telephone Calls - 0845 070 0707 or 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. 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

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.

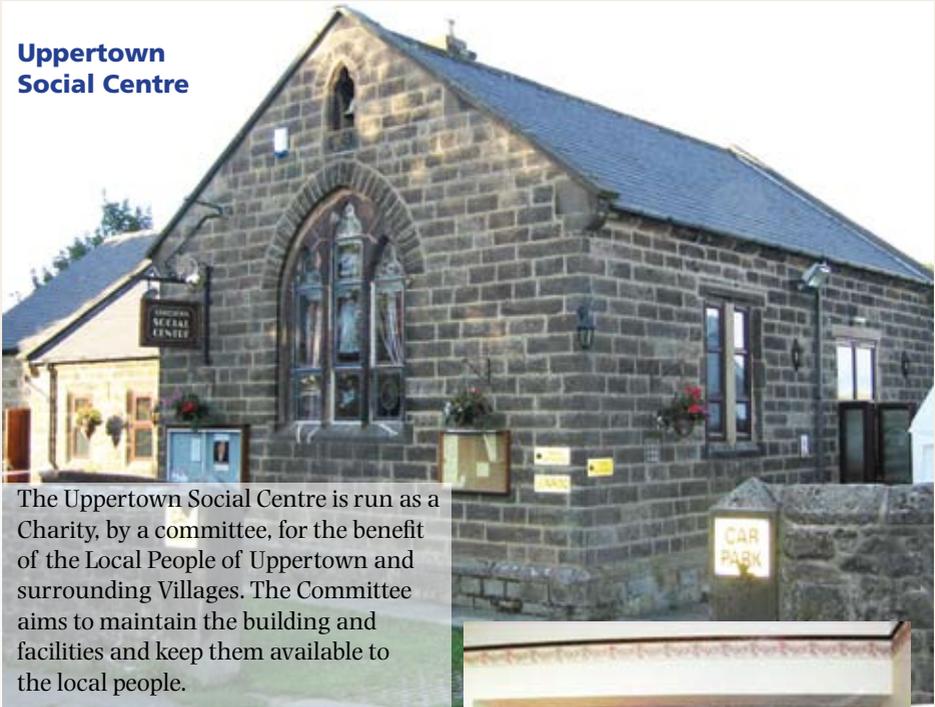
Street Furniture/Property

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

Uppertown Social Centre



The Uppertown Social Centre is run as a Charity, by a committee, for the benefit of the Local People of Uppertown and surrounding Villages. The Committee aims to maintain the building and facilities and keep them available to the local people.

Facilities include:

- Licensed bar
- Fully fitted kitchen facilities for outside caterer or hirer use
- Function room for maximum of 120 guests
- Car parking for 25 cars (this area can be used to erect a marquee to accommodate additional guests).



The centre offers comfortable facilities for parties, special occasions, birthdays, weddings, etc. but it is equally suited for conferences, training sessions, meetings etc.

To book the centre or for more information contact Eddie Marriott 01246 590502 or 07966 154798 or visit the website www.uppertown.org
Uppertown Social Centre,
Ashover, S45 0JE.



2012 Events at Uppertown Social Centre

Date	Event	Type	Time	Cost
Sat 26th May	Arthur Doherty Band	Irish Folk Evening	7:00 for 8:00pm	£11 Including supper
Sat 2nd June	Uppertown celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee		2.30pm onwards	
Sat 16th June	The Haleys	Country Music	7:00 for 8:00pm	£12 Including supper
Sat 14th July	Sean Wilson and Tony Mac	Irish Evening	7:00 for 8:00pm	£12 Including supper
Sat 11th August	Don Keyworth & Top Country Sound	Country Music	7:00 for 8:00pm	£11 Including supper
Sat 15th September	Frank McCaffrey	Irish Evening	7:00 for 8:00pm	£12 Including supper
Sat 3rd November	Bonfire Night and Fireworks Display Bar and food available		6:00 pm	All £4 (except under 5's FREE)
Sat 17th November	Twice Around	60's Night	7:00 for 8:00pm	£10 Including supper
Sat 15th December	Jo-Ann and Becky, The Haley Sisters	Country, Folk, Blues and Rock	7:00 for 8:00pm	£12 Including supper

To book please contact Eddie Marriott 01246 590502 or 07966 154798

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 offers excellent value for money with Family Membership at £75, Single Adult only £30, and Junior £15. The Club holds social tennis evenings every Friday and Monday and also runs a mixed team in the Derby & District league. There are various tournaments throughout the season. The current committee comprises: Jonathan Park (Chairman), Janet Brown (Vice), Mike Eltringham (Treasurer), Ellie Salomoni (Secretary), Ian Brown (Captain), David Russell, and Jean Flavell. Full details of how to join are available on the Club noticeboard on the side of the Pavilion, or contact the Club Secretary, Ellie Salomoni, on 01629 58162

Tree Warden

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

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

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.

FINANCIAL REPORT

In October/November 2012 your Parish Council published a consultation paper on the precept proposals for 2012/2013 on the main notice board on Moor Road, Ashover, and also on the Parish Council's website. At the Parish Council meeting held on 18 October 2011, consideration was given to the recommendations of the Finance Committee for the precept application for 2012/13. The precept requirement had been analysed and included the projected sums for future Capital Expenditure on Parish Assets.

The Finance Committee had deliberated 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 12 year Capital Assets Renewal Programme continued to be included in the precept sum. The extension of the Capital Assets Renewal Programme to include the years 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06 and 2007/08 was considered in order to accurately reflect the fluctuations in the Capital Codes, taking into account any expenditure against those codes during the stated years. This would follow recommended action by the Internal Auditor.

The Precept figure for 2011/2012 was £60,499.00. Having deliberated the budget, an anticipated realistic income figure of £16,440.00 set against an anticipated expenditure figure of £76,782.00 produced an annual Precept figure of £60,342.00 for the Financial Year 2012/2013. This represented a decrease of £157.00, this being the second consecuti

Summary Receipts & Payments Year Ended 31 March 2012

Year Ended 31 March 2011		Year Ended 31 March 2012
Receipts		
60,725.00	Precept Received	60,499.00
139.07	Interest Received	136.69
60,864.07		60,635.69
Operating Income		
3,593.30	Administration	4368.01
3,540.54	Pavilion	3,089.22
20.00	Allotments	40.00
15,020.00	Cemetery	9,016.15
1,330.25	Community Transport	358.00
7,073.92	VAT Refunds	6,301.80
91,442.08	Total Receipts	83,808.87
Running Costs		
24,864.09	Administration	29,761.36
250.00	Section 137	600.00
325.00	Other Grants	0.00
5,025.99	Pavilion	3,762.00
2,625.10	Toilets	2,303.64
7,867.00	Capital Projects	8,459.10
1,234.01	Allotments	240.00
10,101.20	Cemetery	8,210.46
24,484.85	Parish Upkeep	25,259.83
1,270.01	Community Transport	833.73
7,148.52	VAT on Payments	7,686.93
85,195.77	Total Payments	87,117.05

Summary Receipts & Payments Year Ended 31 March 2012

Year Ended 31 March 2011		Year Ended 31 March 2012
Receipts & Payments Summary		
77,306.16	Opening Balance	83,552.47
91,442.08	Add Total Receipts	83,808.87
168,748.24		167,361.34
85,195.77	Less Total Payments	87,117.05
83,552.47	Closing Balance	80,244.29

These cumulative funds are represented by:

40,919.18	Current/Reserve Account	38,612.03
650.39	War Memorial Account	650.71
33,555.81	National Savings Account	33,656.48
8,427.09	Village of the Year Account	7,325.07
83,552.47		80,244.29

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 bottom of the page) :-

Bulk Waste Collection Service **NEDDC**

Bus Shelters **APC**

Car Park (Milken Lane) **APC**

Cemetery (Ashover) **APC**

Council Tax **NEDDC**

Common Land **APC**

Dog Waste Bins **APC**

Dog Wardens **NEDDC**

Education **APC**

Energy Advice Centre **NEDDC**

Environmental Health **NEDDC**

Fly Tipping **NEDDC**

Grit Bins **APC/DCC**

Highways **DCC**

Housing **NEDDC**

Libraries **DCC**

Licensing **NEDDC**

Parish Plan (Ashover parish) **APC**

Parish Seats **APC**

Pest Control **NEDDC**

Planning Permission **NEDDC**

Play Area (Ashover) **APC**

Playing Field/Hard Courts (Ashover) **APC**

Potholes **DCC**

Public Toilets **APC**

Recycling (inc. blue box/bag scheme) **NEDDC**

Refuse Collection **NEDDC**

Reg. of Births, Deaths, Marriages **DCC**

Register of Electors **NEDDC**

Rights of Way (footpaths/bridleways) **DCC**

Social Services **DCC**

Street Cleaning **NEDDC**

Street Lighting Repairs **DCC**

Trading Standards **DCC**

War Memorial **APC**

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 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)

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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

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