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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS:-

Derbyshire County Council – 01629 580000 or 01629 533190

North East Derbyshire District Council - 01246 231111

Police – NON-URGENT calls to report crime, anti-social behaviour, non-violent crime or general information: 101

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

Citizens Advice Bureau – Providing consumer advice, free of charge, on a range of issues or complaints.

Website: www.adviceguide.org.uk Helpline: 08454 040506

Textphone: Dial 18001 followed by helpline number.

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Website: www.ashover-pc.gov.uk

WINTER MAINTENANCE

REPORT EMPTY GRIT BINS AND HIGHWAY PROBLEMS - www.derbyshire.gov.uk/snow

- Report empty grit bins to 'Call Derbyshire' on 01629 533190 or online report form or by text to 86555 quoting the grit bin number.
- Request road gritting online
- Your parish council owns 37 grit bins sited around the parish, and these are identified as belonging to Ashover Parish Council, these bins may be reported to DCC or directly to the Parish Clerk on (01246) 863018 or e-mail parishclerk@ashover-pc.gov.uk. **Please remember that all grit supplied by your Parish Council is for use on public roads and footways.**

If you are concerned about an old or vulnerable person 'Call Derbyshire' 01629 533190. For more information and advice log on to:- www.ashover-pc.gov.uk and click on 'Winter Maintenance' under 'Latest'.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR ASHOVER PARISH

The parish council neighbourhood plan is progressing and getting towards a position where it can be submitted for approval by the commissioner.

We have completed a number of mandatory steps which included the questionnaire and the public consultation. We would like to thank everyone who completed the questionnaire and those who attended the public meeting in the parish hall.

The questionnaire highlighted the village accepted the need for some development, but the preference was small developments of less than five houses and infill sites. Representatives of your parish council met with North East Derbyshire District Council planning officers and presented the findings of the questionnaire and the need for future meetings was discussed.

The public meeting was well attended by the parishioners where we had nearly 150 people through the door and wish to thank all the people who made a positive contribution. The outcome of the public meeting is still being assessed and the results will be published in the near future.

WANTED - VOLUNTEER FOOTPATH ASSISTANT

Like the outdoors in (nearly) any weather? Like to see areas of The Parish you've never visited? Like to help with footpath work in the Parish on a semi-regular basis? Have some free time during the week? (Monday to Friday, excluding Thursday)

Then, please contact Richard Felton, Ashover Footpaths Group, on 01246 590786.

No particular skills required! No pay!

ASHOVER FOOTPATHS GROUP – RECENT FOOTPATH WORK

There are numerous groups of up to 40 using the paths around the parish including: The Ramblers, Dickie Tickers, Church Groups, Wednesday and Thursday Walking Groups, U3A, local schools, etc. There are many groups of 2 – 10 and also individuals. Vernon Lane and Coffin Lane are used by cycling groups of up to 20ish in number.

Stephenson's Countryside Service cleared Quarry Lane Alton (footpath 23) as part of their contract work for Ashover Parish Council. The official opening of the Local Nature Reserve on The Fabric took place on June 10th. A further two days' work was spent with volunteers and rangers on Bridleway 67 on White Hillocks. Two gates have been fitted on 52 (Amber crossing at west of The Butts) and further up towards Slack Hill and one on 54 below Goss Hall. A further gate is by Hatchley's Farm (56). The Tuesday Night Marauders found themselves dropped off in Higham and walking back to Ashover. All 40+ made it, as far as we know....The walkers covered over 160 km (100 miles) of paths between April and August, helping to define the correct routes as they went. They walked more than 90 different Ashover paths.

A Tree Group is being formed in the Parish with the possibility of conservation and management work linking in with footpath work. Thanks to the local Tree Warden,

a tree has been removed from across Back Lane Overton. The gradual process of looking at the hundreds of stiles/gates across footpaths is taking place.

PUBLIC MEETING

Ashover Parish Hall Trust and Ashover Parish Council will hold a public meeting about the Parish Hall future status on Tuesday 20 October 2015

From 6.00pm until 7.00pm in The Fabric Room, Ashover Parish Hall, Milken Lane, Ashover S45 0BA.

UPPERTOWN SOCIAL CENTRE

Sat 17/10/2015 Murder Mystery Night with meal

Sat 31/10/2015 Halloween Party & Disco

Sat 07/11/2015 Bonfire & Firework Display

Sat 21/11/2015 JJ Galway Band

Sat 12/12/2015 The Haleys

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

DOG FAECES

Following complaints received, your Parish Council has consulted with Sports Clubs using the Milken Lane playing field, on ways to combat the ongoing problem of dog faeces on the field. Advice has also been sought from North East Derbyshire District Council/Bolsover District Council Environmental Enforcement Officer. A potential scheme has been submitted to the Environmental Enforcement Officer, which would exclude dog walking from playing areas on the field. If agreed and approved, this scheme would be enforceable by law and would be subject to regular patrols by the Dog Warden.

Report Irresponsible Owners

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

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

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

To contact NEDDC you can telephone the customer contact centre on 01246 231111 or by e-mail to envhealth@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk