

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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Exhibition



Your Parish Council has organised an Artefacts/History/Memorabilia Exhibition in the Fabric Room of Ashover Parish Hall on **SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER 2021** **between 10am and 4pm.**

Entry is free and you are welcome to come along and take a look at exhibits from
Ashover Parish Council
Ashover Light Railway Society
The Historic Society
Ashover Chronicles
Ashover Brass Band
....and see presentations on Parish Geology and Stone Walling Victorian Photographs etc.

Working to Address Climate Change – update:

In July 2020, Ashover Parish Council made a declaration to ‘acknowledge that climate change is one of the largest challenges facing the world and recognises that it is a key influencing body that can act on this’. The declaration continued ‘Therefore it is essential that this Parish Council helps to proactively facilitate the protection of

our local environment, heritage and natural beauty. This needs to be delivered in a way that promotes sustainability, healthy living and prosperity within the parish. Through this mutually sustainable approach to living in the parish, we can help ensure that it can continue to be enjoyed by future generations indefinitely'. The council set up a Climate Change Working Group with councillors and volunteers from the community. There is currently a vacancy, so if you are interested in joining the group, please let the Parish Clerk know parishclerk@ashover-pc.gov.uk.

The Working Group is actively progressing initiatives to advise the Parish Council on providing a cycle rack in the village; to introduce or encourage wildflower areas, particularly, but not exclusively, on Council-owned land; to develop ecological connectivity to provide species with resilience to cope with future climate change; how to address the problem of litter in the parish; and liaising with the Parish Hall on its climate change activities. Work on the provision of electric car recharging facilities has been put on hold for future consideration.

So what can we all do as individuals? Some things are easier than others. A good starting point might be to work out our own carbon footprint. Here is a link for an easy calculator. <https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/#/>. Others can be found through an internet search. Once complete, it will show where you have the biggest impact on carbon emissions.

So how can we make a difference? Here are a few examples:

- Eat with the seasons. Eat more good quality, British grass-fed/free range meat and dairy, local if possible. Eat more vegetables and pulses
- Buy local produce that is grown in the UK
- Make travelling carbon-clever, e.g. walk if you can, cut down the number of journeys in a car, use public transport if possible.
- Reduce emissions at home – switch off appliances when not in use; turn off lights when not in the room; use energy efficient light bulbs.

Keep Ashover Parish Tidy



Christmas Event 2021

The switch-on of the Ashover Parish Christmas Tree Lights began in 2006 when Prince Charles visited and carried out the first official 'Switch-On'. This wonderful tradition has continued ever since until 2020, when the pandemic stopped us all in our tracks. In 2020, the lights were switched on but without a crowd, however in line with government guidelines, we are able to come together again as a community and celebrate our annual light switch on once again.

The Ashover Parish Christmas lights switch on will take place on **Church Street, Ashover on Sunday 5th December at 5.00pm**

Once again, the children and adults of the Parish, will get the chance to see Santa in person, sing to the carols and laugh along with the town crier. At last normality looks to return!

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2022

Ashover Parish Council is looking forward to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations between 2nd and 5th June 2022. The anticipated programme of events is as follows:-

Thursday 2 June 2022 'Kick Off' Night from 7.30pm to be held in Ashover Parish Hall
An Evening of Music from Local Bands and Singer
Followed by Fireworks Display from 9.30pm to 9.45pm

Saturday 4 June 2022 Celebration Day from 9.30am To 8.00pm
To be held on Church Street with Stalls, Entertainment,
Crowning of Jubilee Queen & King with Attendants, Street
Party, a full day of fun

Sunday 5 June 2022 Thanksgiving Service 10.45am to be arranged.
Hope to see you there!!

Play Area Plaque

December 2020 saw the completion of the New Parish Play Area for the Parish of Ashover.

Headed up by Mike Thomas and our Parish Clerk, Sara Atkinson, supported by Steve Dronfield & Lucy Hunter-Bott, 3 quotes were obtained, compared and considered, resulting in the Kompan scheme we can see today.

It's been wonderful to see the children using the new Parish playground, we had always hoped for an official opening and plans were in place, but the pandemic had other ideas and these plans were shelved.

What has been able to carry on is the fantastic work by Lily Hammond, who Ashover Parish Council commissioned to create a commemorative Plaque.

Lily is one of our parish's shining artists. Lily has been bought up in the parish and been a big part of the community all her life. Lily for many months taught art sessions in Anna's Tuck Shop, and held online art sessions through lockdown, so is close to many of the children. To further reinforce the involvement of the children, we asked Lily to work with them to design and produce a mural to replace the more traditional commemorative plaque.

The Mural titled "The Great Outdoors", is set to be unveiled at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2021. Details of all this will be publicised nearer the time, but for now we look forward to seeing the finished product that celebrates the children of the parish.

Community Workshop Initiative

A small local group has been established to look at the possibility of setting up a Community Workshop in the Ashover Parish area. This workshop will provide a place to meet, have a chat and enjoy working on practical, hands-on projects individually or with other like-minded people, both men and women. Our working group is holding discussions with potential providers of

workshop space and with similar existing groups from which it can learn. Ashover Parish Council is being kept informed.

We're very keen to meet anyone who might be interested in either helping us to set this up or in attending the workshop. If you are interested, please get in touch with either:

Margaret Dewhurst at mad13@mad13.co.uk or

Richard Felton at richardfelton.endale@btinternet.com.

Ashover Parish Ranger FC



FOLLOWERS of youth football may have spotted a new kid on the block in recent weeks - sporting the parish name! Ashover Parish Rangers FC formed this summer and were approved by the Parish Council to share the familiar parish crest on their shirts. Playing in the North Derbyshire U17/U18 league, they've started the season well and at the time of writing sit joint top and unbeaten after three games. If you want to get involved or just come along to support the team, contact David Walsh on 07576506000.

More Parish Activities

Uppertown Social Centre 

Saturday 16th October, 7 pm for 8 pm
ZEPHYR-4 60's night
£13 including supper

Saturday 30th October, 6.30 pm
Hallowe'en Night
£5 all ages (under 5's free)

Call Eddie for tickets on 07966 154798
www.uppertown.org

Date for your Diary : Quiz Evening
The Bassett Rooms, Ashover
Saturday 20th November
Open to All!

Here is your chance to join in the National Tear Fund Quiz again on Saturday 20th November in the Bassett Rooms. Create your own team or come along on the night and join others to make up a team.

Come and join in a very enjoyable evening of light-hearted fun and competition and please bring some refreshments to put on a sharing table.

There will be more details in next month's Amber News but you can already let Martyn (01246 590181) or Margaret (01246 590969) know in advance whether you want to come with a ready-made team or as an individual to join with others on the night.

The suggested donation to Tear Fund for the evening is £5 per person.

Many Hands Make Light Work
Ashover Church Cleaning
Saturday 30th October - from 9.30 am

Regular Church cleaning is now starting up again and anyone who can wield a duster or brush will be very welcome to come along and join a diminishing band of cleaners.

Many thanks to warden John and others who have valiantly worked away at cleaning and sanitising the church regularly over the last 18 months - but it is now time for the old team to pick up the dustpan again.

Churchyard Leaf Clearance
Saturday 13th November from 9.30 am

The leaves are starting to fall again already. The usual grand clear-up of Ashover Churchyard will go ahead as usual this year on the Saturday just before Remembrance Sunday. The War Memorial is given a wash and brush up too. Many people enjoy walking through the churchyard every day and it would be grand if they could lend a hand to keep it neat and tidy. Please do consider coming along to lend a hand, make a note of the date now.

Free Digital Skills Support

The Citizens Advice Bureau is offering help to anyone over 50 who would like to improve their digital skills - or just learn what is possible. They have a tablet lending service if you do not have kit of your own. They hope to improve confidence in:

- Online Safety
- Using a computer / tablet / smart phone
- Accessing services online and online shopping
- Using social media and interacting with friends online

Call 01332 321959 for information.

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Clerk

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District and County Councillors

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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.

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