

ASHOVER PARISH COUNCIL

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Remembrance Sunday – 13 November 2022



Councillor Ed Willmot laid a Poppy Wreath on the War Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council and Ashover Parish following an emotional and heartfelt service in All Saints Church led by the Reverend Dr Peter Bold when the Choir sang and Ashover Brass Band played.

Ashover Parish Council displayed poppies around the parish to mark the Remembrance.

On the 11 November 2022 19 people met at the memorial for the crashed Blenheim bomber off an Ashover footpath at Highashes to mark Armistice Day and remembered the three killed in 1943.

Four years ago, at the centenary marking the end of WW1, Ashover Tree Group was encouraged by the Parish Council to come up with a fitting tribute to commemorate those who lost their lives in the 1914 – 1918 war.

In response, the tree group planted 3 beech trees in separate locations overlooking the village. This 'Centenary Triangle' of trees is located in Milltown (Holestone), Uppertown (Wirestone Lane) and just outside the Fabric boundary. Our recently taken picture shows one of the trees which is flourishing in its Fabric location.

November 2018



November 2022



Christmas Lights 2022

On Sunday December 4th the parish of Ashover gathered outside the Basset Rooms, singing carols with Ashover Brass Band and the Choir, to observe the parish tree bursting into light, and most importantly, the children had the opportunity to meet a very special person!

Ashover Parish Council once again organised the annual lighting of the Parish Christmas Tree. The tradition of the switch-on of the lights began in 2006, when Prince Charles visited and carried out the first official 'Switch-On'. Since then, apart from a pandemic stopping us in our tracks, your Parish Council has been organising this special event every year.

This year the tree was even bigger and better, and thanks once again goes to Ashover Community Medical Centre Ltd. for the generous grant towards the event. Thanks to our wonderful volunteers, each and every child got to spend time with our perfect Father Christmas in the beautiful and incredibly atmospheric grotto and told him what they wanted to open on Christmas morning; and of course the jokes kept coming from our fabulous Town Crier.

Thanks, this year also goes to our new Rector Revd Dr Peter Bold, who along with the children, pressed the big button to bring Christmas to the Parish.

A huge thanks goes out to all the volunteers, who gave their time to set up the event, without all those people it would not be possible.



Co-opted Parish Councillor

At the December Parish Council Meeting, Members co-opted Jim Daykin onto the council to fill the vacancy left by Helen Boffy. Members and the Clerk look forward to working with Councillor Daykin, who will be attending Councillor Training in January 2023.

The next Local Council Elections will take place on 04 May 2023.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS)

Ashover Parish Council has been successful in obtaining a grant towards the provision of two SIDs at Kelstedge. An Object in the Highway (OITH) Licence is being applied for and, if successful, quotes from suitable contractors will be considered by Parish Council Members.

A632 and the River Amber

Ashover Parish Council arranged a public meeting, held in September 2022, with Lee Rowley MP, Councillor Barry Lewis, Leader of Derbyshire County Council and representatives from Derbyshire County Council Highways, Severn Trent Water and the Police.

As a consequence Lee Rowley MP arranged a site meeting at the Ashover sewage works with Ashover Parish Council Members, Severn Trent representatives and residents to seek further information on discharge rates etc. It's anticipated that further information and possible proposals will become available once Lee has corresponded with Severn Trent. County Councillor Barry Lewis has reported that further safety measures are proposed for the A632 and the provision of speed cameras is being investigated.

Update on 'JIM'S FIELD', Alton

News from the Alton Community Land Group:-

Since the last communication a great deal has been achieved in getting the field into shape to become a wildlife haven. A lot more detail on what has been done can be seen on our website at: <https://altoncommunityland.wordpress.com/>

This can also be reached using your smart phone to access the QR Code at the bottom of this note. Some highlights are:

The Great Wall of Alton - Graham Jones (a skilled dry stone waller) and Chris Fewtrell first surveyed the walls on Jim's Field on 12th November 2020 - establishing priorities for rebuilding. In December 2020 wall building commenced with David Brailsford delivering a stone gate post to form the pedestrian entrance on Quarry Lane. After the East wall along Quarry Lane was completed the North wall was started from the East end and the section up to the Riding School Building was completed in September 2022.



Out of the 240 metres of wall Alton Community Land are responsible for, some 100 metres have now been rebuilt by Graham Jones (foreman and tutor), John Camp, Mike Howells and Chris Fewtrell. The emphasis now shifts to maintenance.

Finances - In May we asked whether anyone wished to financially support the work of the charity and thanks to a small number of very generous donations by Friends we now have about £800 to help the charity survive into the future.

Entrance -



Mike Howells repainting

Thanks to gates donated by Claire Howells and Steve plus a new post from David Brailsford we now have a smart new vehicle entrance.

Strategy

Last but certainly not least, the Charity now has a Strategy to guide us over the period 2023- 2028. See the attached and the map showing the different habitats to be developed on the field.

We are also keen to get more people involved in working voluntarily for the charity so please get in touch if anyone you know is interested. Alternatively, some of us are normally working on the field on a Friday morning so they could just turn up



Uppertown Social Centre – Events

Uppertown Social Centre		
A Registered Charity (Number 1023876)		
Uppertown, Ashover, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S45 0JF		
Events for 2023		
Sat. 4th February 7pm for 8pm	Ged and Dave Easy Listening	£5.00 incl supper
Sat. 25th February 7pm for 8pm	Groundhog Days 80's night	£12.00 incl supper
Sat. 25th March 7pm for 8pm	Murphy's Marbles Folk and Irish	£14.00 incl supper
Sat. 22nd April 7pm for 8pm	Dark Lightning Soul and Roll	£12.00 incl supper
Sat. 13th May 7pm for 8pm	Moonshiners 60's	£12.00 incl supper
Sat. 17th June 7pm for 8pm	The Haleys Country & 50's	£14.00 incl supper
Sat. 15th July From 3pm Disco from 6pm	Summer BBQ Stalls—Games—Disco—Refreshments— Bar	Free Entry
Sat. 2nd September 7pm for 8pm	Music Masters 50's—60's	£14.00 incl supper

Subject to alteration without notice.

To book tickets in advance ring Eddie on 07966 154798

www.uppertown.org

7th December 2022

Cost of Living Crisis

For help, support and advice, follow the link below:-

<https://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/community/cost-of-living>

For advice on Energy Bills

Follow the link below:-

[Energy Bills](#)

Winter Maintenance Guidance

Your Parish Council owns and fills a total of 37 grit bins sited around the parish and undertakes winter maintenance of the Milken Lane Car Park. ***The salt is supplied for use on the highway adjacent the bin and if you witness large amounts being taken for personal use, please contact the Police.***

For advice on keeping warm this winter and fuel bills, follow the link below:-

[Health & Wellbeing](#)

For the latest on snow conditions and where to get help etc. follow the link below:-

[Snow Conditions](#)

Book Swap

The book swap in the Information Point on Moor Road is proving popular and we hope everyone makes full use of the facility. Sometimes books are left spilling over the shelving and on the floor, making access difficult for users. Please only leave books when space is available on the shelving – Take a Book and Leave a Book.

Defibrillators

For information about the location of defibrillators around Ashover Parish and how they work, please follow the link below:-

[Defibrillators](#)

Local Walks

To find walks around the Ashover parish, please follow the link below:-

[Walks Around Ashover Parish](#)

Minutes, News and more...

To read Parish Council Minutes, see news items on road closures, Police information, Derbyshire Alert and County and District Council messages and much more, visit the Parish Council website:-

www.ashover-pc.gov.uk

Finally

The Clerk recently received a call from a distressed relative who found that their new Memorial Urn on the family plot in the cemetery, had been replaced with an old broken Urn. If you witness anything in the cemetery that may cause offence or distress, please note any details and report this to the Clerk.

Please also ensure that dogs are kept on a leash at all times whilst walking through the cemetery.

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District and County Councillors

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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 – Providing consumer advice, free of charge, on a range of issues or complaints.
Website: www.adviceguide.org.uk Tel. 08454 040506

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