



# Ash Matters

## The Ash Parish Council Newsletter

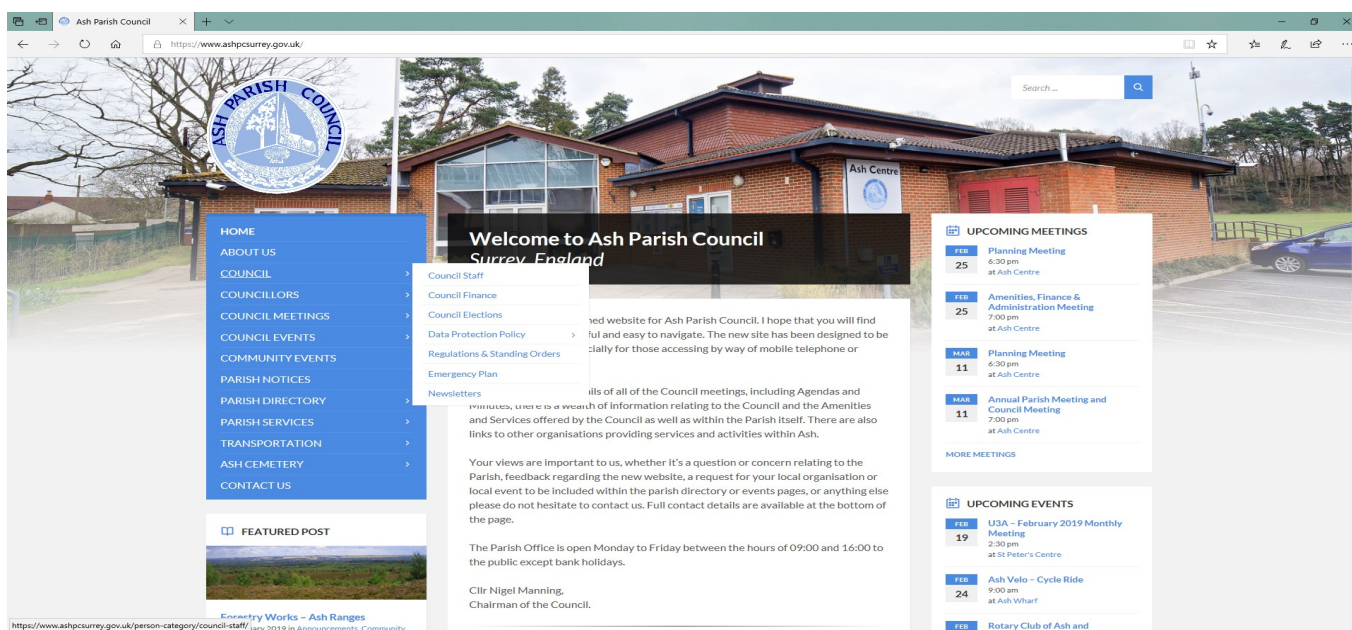
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### The Future of Ash Matters

Following the request that Ash Parish residents give the council their opinion on the future of the Parish Newsletter “*Ash Matters*” the Council has now considered the responses received. It has now been decided that future editions of “*Ash Matters*” will primarily be available from the Parish Council website, [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk). There will be a small number of traditional paper copies available from the Parish Council Office at The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash for those who do not have access to the website.

It is also intended to limit the number of copies per year to just 2 copies, which will be issued in March/April and October/November. The number of pages per edition will also vary depending on the content.

The Parish Newsletter including all previous editions can be access from the website by selecting Council and then Newsletter from the home page or the latest edition can be selected by clicking the relevant edition under Newsletters at the bottom of the Home Page.



Following the redesign of the Parish website in 2018, more content, including Community Announcements, Parish News and Parish Events will be added to the website, whilst it is “new” news rather than wait for the Newsletter when the news could be a couple of months old.

If you are a member of any group or organisation that is based in the Parish of Ash, or you hold meetings or session at the Ash Centre and you would like to get details of your group or organisation displayed on our website or you have an event coming up in the future that you would like advertising, please do not hesitate to contact the Council by e-mail on [office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](mailto:office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk).

Please do keep checking back with the website as this is now being updated on a daily basis with community news, which includes road closures, news from Guildford Borough Council and Surrey County Council where appropriate, Parish News including all the Parish events throughout the year, as well as all the agendas and minutes from the various Council Committee meetings.

So do not forget to Bookmark [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) to enable you to return to the website as quickly as possible.

## THE ASHES GOOD NEIGHBOURS



**The Ashes**

You may not have heard of us, although our scheme has been running for 6 years now and we have helped over 100 people in the local area of Ash and Ash Vale, having carried out over 3500 tasks in that time. Hopefully you *will* know us as a group of friendly neighbourhood volunteers who offer transport assistance to anyone who needs it regularly, occasionally or just temporarily.

Our volunteer duty officers are on the end of the phone (**07790 457632**) between 10am and 12 midday, Monday to Friday and ready to take requests for help.

We can offer drivers to take, mainly elderly, clients to their appointments with the doctor, dentist, hospital, hairdresser etc; help with shopping; and take clients to social events. Anything in any area will be considered and we will do our best to help in every way we can. All our volunteers are DBS checked.

We will always prioritise those who are unable to take public transport or who need a little support. Of course, to meet all these demands we need a regular supply of reliable volunteers too. If helping your local community appeals and you have time to offer, we would love to hear from you.

Duty officers are needed to man the Ashes mobile phone, in their own home, take details and find others from our list to fill the jobs requested. A morning of your choice once or twice a month would be ideal as a minimum commitment.

We need volunteers to drive, using their own cars, with details of specific jobs provided by the duty officer. You can opt in or out at any time, make yourself available at your own convenience and only do those jobs you choose. Mileage expenses can be claimed.

We asked one of our newest volunteer drivers why he offered and what his experience has been. He said “*I had been looking for an opportunity to volunteer and help other people for some time. Ashes Good Neighbours provided that opportunity, which allowed me the flexibility to fit my volunteering duties around my normal life. The work is enjoyable as I get to meet new people and have a good chat while driving them where they need to go.*”

If you are interested and would like to know more please get in touch:

By phone: **07790 457632** between 10am and 12 noon, Monday to Friday, to talk to a duty officer (please don't leave a message on the answer phone); or

E-mail: [ashes-gn@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashes-gn@hotmail.co.uk),

You can view a video of a similar Surrey Good Neighbours scheme at <https://vimeo.com/293561384>

## Ash Village Fete 2019

This years Village Fete will be held on Saturday 20th July 2019, between 12 noon and 4:00pm. This year the Village Fete will also be commemorating 100 year since Peace Day which was when World War I officially ended. Peace Day was held on 19th July 1919.

Although the programme is still to be finalised, as well as the usual stalls, beer and wine tent and a BBQ supplied by the Rotary Club, it is anticipated that there will be, following last years very successful event, a dog show once again run by Chimney Farm International Dog Rescue.



We are also hoping to see the return of, after a long gap, the **Sandhurst Corps of Drums**.

Please keep visiting the Parish Council Website, [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) for more information as and when it becomes available.

## Registering to Vote and the Electoral Register

You need to be on the electoral register to vote in elections and referendums especially with the Borough and Parish Elections being held on Thursday 2nd May. Also not being registered to vote can cause a delay if you apply for a loan, mortgage, finance agreement or even a mobile phone contract.

You are not automatically registered to vote if you pay council tax, so you must have registered individually, to be on the electoral register. Once you have registered, you do not need to do so again unless you move house.

Each year the Electoral Registration Officer contacts every household in the Guildford area to check that the registration details held for that property are accurate and up to date. This is called the Annual Canvass.

To be eligible to register to vote you need to be:

- i) over 16 years of age (you can only vote when you become 18)
- ii) either a British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen, or a citizen of a member state of the European Union.

A qualifying Commonwealth citizen is someone who has leave to enter or remain in the UK, or does not require such leave. The definition of a 'Commonwealth' citizen includes citizens of British Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories.

Citizens of the European Union (who are not Commonwealth citizens or Citizens of the Republic of Ireland, Malta or Cyprus) can vote in local elections in the UK and some referendums (based on the rules for the particular referendum). They are not able to vote in UK Parliamentary general elections.

### How to Register

- i) Go to [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote);
- ii) Complete the online registration form. You will need your National Insurance number and date of birth when you register, and the process should take about five minutes;

Guildford Borough Council will write to confirm when you will be added to the register.

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact Guildford Borough Council Electoral Services with your full name and address, and Guildford Borough Council will be able to send you a paper registration form. When you submit your application, the details you provide will be checked against the information held by the Department of Work and Pensions. If there are any problems with the verification of your application, Guildford Borough Council will get in touch with you.

### Change of Polling station

With effect from the next election if you used to vote at the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road, Ash the Polling Station will be located at The Victoria Hall, Ash Hill Road, Ash.

For more information on the Polling district review please visit the Guildford Borough Council website; <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/pollingdistrictsreview>.

If you have any questions or queries with regard to the Electoral Register or the Elections please visit <https://www.guildford.gov.uk/elections>.



*The Victoria Hall, Ash Hill Road, Ash*



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## Contact Numbers

**999 or 112 - For all emergencies**  
**101 - Report a non emergency crime to Surrey Police**

## Guildford Borough Council Community Wellbeing Team

**07901 513652 - Jo      07769 642053 - Lesley**  
**07890 591971 - Claudia      07966 654888 - Grace**

## Dates for your 2019 Diary

**Ash Village Fete**  
 Saturday 20th July 2019  
**Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service**  
 Sunday 10th November 2019  
**Christmas Fantasia**  
 Saturday 30th November 2019  
 Visit [www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](http://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk) for news of any other events

## Recycling Sites

Recycling in Ash Parish is handled by Guildford Borough Council. There is an extensive section on recycling on the following webpage: <http://www.guildford.gov.uk/guildfordweb/environment/recycling>.

Community Recycling sites in Ash and Ash Vale are located at:

**Ash Football Club**  
 Shawfield Road

Green, Brown and Clear Glass.



**Carrington Recreation Ground**  
 Lysons Avenue

Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers,  
 Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Textiles, Shoes.

**Coronation Gardens**  
 Ash Hill Road

Green, Brown, Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic  
 Bottles, Cardboard, Textiles and Shoes, Liquid Food Cartons  
 and Drink Cartons.

If you would like to place an article or advertisement about a community event in a future issue of this newsletter, or if you have any suggestions for improving the newsletter or website, please contact The Parish Office by telephone on: 01252 328287 or e-mail [office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk](mailto:office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk)

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