

**ASH & DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY**  
**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING REPORT 2020-2021**

Ash Museum is housed in the Ash Cemetery Chapel at Ash Cemetery, Ash Church Road. The Society is a registered charity and is run by a dedicated group of local volunteers. The Covid 19 Pandemic has had a significant effect on the operation of the museum as lockdown has prevented it from opening.

The trustees however continued to meet via Zoom or on one occasion last Summer they met, socially distanced outside, in the green space just off Collin's Gardens, the site of the old Manfield School. Topics of discussion were the museum's finances, applications for grant funding and the latest acquisitions.

Similarly, due to Covid 19, no formal Annual General Meeting was held. Instead the Trustees circulated their various reports and comments were invited from members by email. All Trustees put themselves forward to serve for another year and this was accepted by the membership.

Fundraising could not take place because of the Government restrictions however founder member, trustee and local historian Sally Jenkinson published a new book, "Bygone Ash & Ash Vale" The book includes many of the wonderful photographs and pictures collected by Ash Museum over its first 20 years. Proceeds from the sale of the book are going to the Museum. Copies are available at the reception of Ash Parish Council in Ash Hill Road, Ash, and cost just £12.00. Cheques made payable to Ash & District Museum Society. Further details can be found on the Museum website. [www.ashmuseum.org.uk](http://www.ashmuseum.org.uk)

Ash Parish Council has now finished building the DDA compliant toilet near to the Chapel. Completion of this facility was delayed due to various issues caused by the weather and then Covid-19. However, it is now open to the public and CCTV and Wi-Fi have been installed. Hopefully when restrictions are relaxed, this facility will encourage more visitors to the museum and more importantly enable more people to volunteer as stewards on museum opening days.

As always new members are always welcome and membership is very affordable at just £5.00 a year. If you would like to join please contact the Chairman Councillor Nigel Manning on 01252 665999 or email the Treasurer Mr Richard Tolley, [ashmuseum@ntlworld.com](mailto:ashmuseum@ntlworld.com).

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