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The Ash Parish Council Newsletter

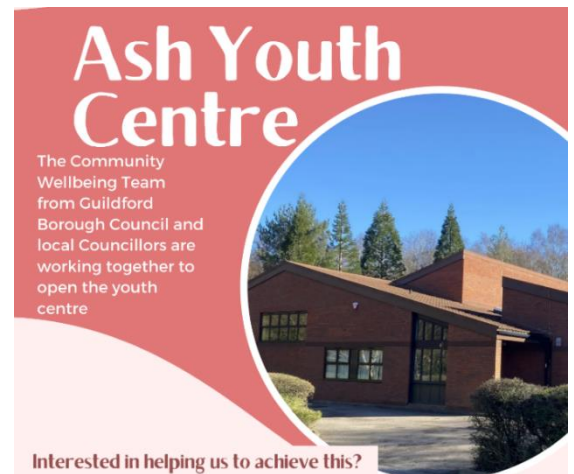
Spring Issue 2023

Volunteers needed to re-open Ash Youth Centre

Are you interested in shaping the future of the Ash Youth Centre? Find out how you can help the Community Wellbeing Team from Guildford Borough Council (GBC), working with local Councillors, who are seeking to re-open the Youth Centre. To find out how to volunteer please contact Jo Packman from the GBC Community Wellbeing Team via email or Phone. **01483 444150 | 07901513652 | community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk**

By joining the team you will get the chance to:

- have your say on launching an open-access youth club at the Ash Youth Centre
- hear more about plans, work with volunteers to open the Ash Youth Centre and how you can get involved
- be a part of putting together a management committee that will make important decisions about the youth club and shape the management committee's constitution



Friary Brass Band Concert

To celebrate the Coronation of HRH King Charles III, Ash Parish Council is pleased to welcome the return of the **Friary Brass Band**, on **Saturday 24th June 2023** to perform a **FREE** concert at the Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road. In a similar format to the "Last Night of the Proms", the Band will delight the audience with a selection of well-known classics. Whilst entry is free, numbers are limited. To guarantee your seat, please register for your **FREE** ticket online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/Band2023> or contact the Ash Parish Council office on **01252 328287**.



Dog Mess & The Effect of Toxocariasis

We make no apology for raising the issue once again, but there has been another increase in the amount of dog fouling that is taking place that is not being cleared up by the dog's owners. As well as being unpleasant, dog mess is also unhygienic and a major health hazard. The key issue is that dog faeces can lead to toxocariasis in humans, and in particular children where it can cause blindness. To help in the reduction of the problem of dog fouling please report to Guildford Borough Council on 01483 505050 any dog walker not picking up their dog's mess. The report should include details of the date, time and location together with as much of a description as possible of the owner and the dog.



Ash Parish Council donates £1365 to Frimley Park Hospital



Throughout each year Ash Parish Council (APC) organises community events, including the Village Fete and Christmas Fantasia. All the Council's profits are collected from these events and donated to a single charity. For the year ending 31st December 2022 APC collected £1365 which has now been donated to Frimley Park Hospital via the Frimley Health Charity. Donations to the charity help to provide specialist equipment and to drive life changing improvements to healthcare and services across our local community.

New play equipment approved for Harpers Recreation Ground



Following consultation with residents, Ash Parish Council has approved the purchase of a new piece of play equipment to be installed at Harper's Recreation Ground. Planning is underway and work is expected to be completed by the Summer of this year.

Teen shelter installed

Ash Parish Council has installed a new teen shelter within Ash Recreation Ground. A public consultation took place during the summer of 2022, which presented four designs and the proposed location. Following this consultation, the teen shelter with the most positive feedback has now been installed.



Ash in Bloom 2023

It's that time of year to start thinking about entering the **Ash In Bloom Competition**. A **free to enter competition**, where residents are asked to submit photographs of their entries covering up to four categories:

Best Border

Best Hanging Basket



Ash In Bloom

Best Tub or Container

Best Vegetable Patch

The photographs are placed online and residents are invited to vote for their favourite in each category. The entry with the most public votes in each category wins! In 2022 the winners all received gardening vouchers which were kindly sponsored by **Kia Dover Garage & Squires Garden Centre**.

If you enjoy gardening regularly or even if you only have a few pots or a solitary hanging basket, why not enter **Ash in Bloom 2023**? You can enter yourself or nominate a neighbour, friend, or other Parish resident. The deadline for entries is **9th July 2023** and the photographs **MUST** be **taken this year**, between 1st April 2023 up to 9th July 2023. If you are unable to take your own photographs, please contact the Ash Parish Council Office who will make arrangements to help you. **To enter**, email events@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk, stating the competition category, your email address, your full name and your postal address, including a postcode. Good Luck!

Newsletter Sponsorship

If you are interested and would like to sponsor this newsletter, please contact the Parish office on **01252 328287** or e-mail **office@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk** for more information on the options available.

Pedestrian Crossing for Ash Hill Road Completed

Surrey County Council (SCC) has completed the Ash Hill Road zebra crossing. Work started at the beginning of November 2022 and included the reinstatement of the public footpath to allow access to the crossing. The crossing now provides a safer route to the north side of Ash Hill Road Coronation Gardens car park and the recreational areas beyond.



New footpath in Carrington Recreation Ground

Following concerns raised by local residents, Ash Parish Council has allocated funding to install a new footpath between Carrington Lane and the rear entrance of Holly Lodge School. This will join up with the existing footpath running from Lysons Avenue. At present, due to the number of vehicles which use the car park, this area is particularly dangerous for children who attend Holly Lodge School. At drop off and pick up times, pedestrians are often forced to walk in the busy car park where cars are constantly moving. This project, due to be completed by the end of March 2023, will provide a much safer route for all pedestrians who use this part of Carrington Recreation Ground.



Ash Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Council meets face-to-face on the 2nd Monday of each month, except August & bank holidays, for its Full Council meetings. The Planning Committee and the Amenities, Finance & Administration (AFA) Committee usually meet on the 4th Monday of the month. These committee meetings are currently being held virtually. Please visit the Ash Parish Council website, **www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/meetings** or scan the QR Code with your smartphone for more details. All Council and Committee meetings are open to the public and provision is made for public questions.



Recycling Sites

Guildford Borough Council is the responsible authority for collecting **all** recycling. For more information regarding this subject please visit **www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/waste-collecting-and-recycling**.

In addition to the Kerbside Recycling, Bring Bank facilities are located at the following sites within Ash Parish.

Ash Football Club Shawfield Road, GU12 6RB	Green, Brown and Clear Glass.
Carrington Recreation Ground Lysons Avenue, GU12 5QP	Green, Brown & Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Textiles and Shoes.
Coronation Gardens Ash Hill Road, GU12 5BP	Green, Brown & Clear Glass, Newspapers, Magazines, Cans, Plastic Bottles, Cardboard, Books, Textiles and Shoes, Liquid Food and Drink cartons.

Ash Recreation Ground Footpath Reinstated

Ash Parish Council reinstated the footpath which runs along the southern edge of Ash recreation ground. This path was identified in a recent APC survey that advised the path was beyond economic repair. The work was completed in November 2022.



Ash Parish Village Fete 2023

This year the Ash Parish Fete will be held on **Saturday 1st July, from 12 Noon to 4.00 p.m.** There will be the usual fun and games on **Ash Hill Recreation Ground**, Ash Hill Road. Entertainment will include the return of a live band as well as a Punch & Judy Magic Show. A selection of charity stalls will offer a variety of ways to spend your money for good causes. There will be a selection of food and drink outlets serving refreshments throughout the afternoon. The Village Fete is a great opportunity for residents and the wider community to enjoy an afternoon out whilst at the same time supporting a number of good causes.



Further information will be published on the Ash Parish Council website and notice boards. To register your interest in taking a stall or performing at this year's event please contact the Events Team via **events@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk** or call **01252 328287**.



Your Ash Parish Councillors

To find out who your local councillors are, please visit <https://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk> and choose COUNCILLORS from the side menu.

Dates for the Diary in 2023

Guildford Borough & Ash Parish Council
Elections (4th May)
Free Friary Brass Band Concert (24th June)
Village Fete (1st July)
Ash in Bloom Competition final entry (9th July)
Remembrance Sunday (12th November)
Christmas Fantasia (25th November)

Useful Numbers

999 For Emergencies
101 Police Non-emergency
111 NHS Non-emergency
105 Power Cut
0800 111 999 Gas Emergency
0333 000 0365 South East Water leak
emergency
0800 316 9800 Thames Water leak emergency