



Ash Matters

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Diary Dates For 2025

Remembrance Sunday (9th Nov 25)

Christmas Fantasia (29th Nov 25)

Ash Parish Council Meeting Dates

The Council meets face to face on the 2nd Monday of each month, except in August, for its Full Council meetings. Please visit the Ash Parish Council website [ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/meetings](https://www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/meetings).

New Community Policing Hub



On 9th September, Surrey Police launched a new **Community Policing Hub** at **The Ash Centre**. The hub is staffed by two officers every Tuesday between 12pm and 4pm. These sessions are not only an opportunity to report crimes but also a chance for residents to drop in, meet the officers, ask questions and share any concerns that may need police attention. The hub will run on a trial basis and will be reviewed an initial period.

Reporting crimes to the police is crucial as it aids in preventing future incidents and safeguarding others from becoming victims. It also enables the police to gain a comprehensive understanding of crime in the area, which is essential for an effective resource allocation and the formulation of crime prevention strategies. Additionally, reporting a crime is often a vital step for victims to access support services, seek compensation and pursue justice.

While some members of our community have shared on social media that they have witnessed or observed the aftermath of criminal activities against wildlife, the number of official police reports regarding these incidents remains very low. Please do not assume that someone else has reported any criminal activity. Together, we can assist the police in combating crime in our community.

The police offer several methods for reporting crime in addition to calling 101. To report online, scan this QR code or visit [surrey.police.uk](https://www.surrey.police.uk). Here, you can utilise the "Live Chat" feature or complete the web form if it is not an emergency. Our local police can also be contacted via Facebook. In addition to following their page, you can ask questions through Facebook Messenger at [facebook.com/GuildfordPolice](https://www.facebook.com/GuildfordPolice).



Report a Crime Online

In an emergency, always dial 999, for example if:

- a serious offence is in progress or has just been committed
- someone is in immediate danger or harm
- property is in danger of being damaged
- a serious disruption to the public is likely

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, you can use the **textphone service** on **18000** or **Text 999** from a mobile phone. If you do not wish to speak to police, you can call the independent charity, Crimestoppers, on **0800 555 111**. If you see police officers, please ask them any questions you have.

Community Transport In Guildford Borough

Did you know about the **convenient**, **value** and **community connection** offered by Guildford Borough Council's own door to door Community Transport service? The aim is to make each and every journey both enjoyable and **liberating** with a commitment to the safety of our passengers, all delivered by a dedicated team that cares. The service operates within Guildford Borough; however, it does offer transport to Cranleigh, Frimley and Milford Hospitals for medical appointments. Whether you have additional mobility needs or just want to get out and about. The Community Point offers purpose adapted vehicles and professional drivers who will ensure that you arrive at your destination in **comfort**, yet without the additional costs



of other transportation services. If you are aged over 60, or of any age with a mobility issue or have difficulty using other transport methods then you are eligible to become a member for an annual membership fee, currently £15.10. Each journey costs 50p per mile, with the first mile being charged at £3.60. Additionally for those that regularly visit The Hive, the fare is capped at £3.60 each way, regardless of distance.

Find out more: ☎ 01483 458055 or email 🌐 info.communityservices@guildford.gov.uk.

Have You Visited The Hive?



The Hive, run by Guildford Borough Council, is a vibrant community hub dedicated to helping residents stay active, connected and supported. Based in Park Barn, The Hive offers a welcoming space for friendship, fun and practical help. Visitors can enjoy a wide range of daily activities from gentle exercise classes and arts & crafts to quizzes, social groups and footcare. A freshly prepared low cost two-course lunch is available every day, providing a healthy meal and the chance to catch up with friends. The Hive is also home to essential services like the **Community Transport Scheme** making it easier for older residents to get to the shops, appointments, or social events. Their **Thrive at The Hive shop** offers pre-loved clothes, household items and toys on a pay-as-you-feel basis, while the **Community Fridge** helps reduce food waste by providing fresh food for anyone who can use it. The **Community Pantry** offers a free bag of cupboard top ups for those who are struggling with the cost of living. Children Under 6 are welcome to visit the **Playzone**, free soft play. For teenagers there is the weekly Youth Café (during term time) for years 7 to 11. For those needing a helping hand at home, The Hive hosts a regular **Repair Café**, where volunteers help fix household items and offer links to social prescribing, befriending schemes and support for unpaid carers. With a friendly coffee shop, free parking and a packed calendar of events, The Hive is a brilliant resource for people in the Borough to stay connected, independent and supported.

Find out more: ☎ 01483 458055 or visit 🌐 guildford.gov.uk and search for **The Hive**.

Ash Youth Club Update

Work is progressing behind the scenes, and the Ash Youth Club is getting closer to launching weekly sessions. To begin with, the club plans to offer open-access sessions for young people in specific age ranges. These sessions will be shaped in partnership with the members themselves, giving them the chance to help design activities around their own interests. To out the latest information about the Ash Youth Club, visit 🌐 AshYouthClub.infy.uk. You can also use the QR code to register your email address to receive updates.



Remembrance Service & Parade



On Sunday **9th November 2025**, we invite our whole community to attend the Remembrance service and The Parade will be leaving from the Ash Parish Centre, processing up to the War Memorial on Ash Hill Road. Each year, members of the public congregate in the area at the entrance to the Ash Hill Road War Memorial for the Service of Remembrance. After the parade returns to the Ash Centre car park, refreshments will be available inside the Ash Centre.

Ash Hill Road will be closed from 9.30am until 12.30pm to allow residents to safely gather on the road and pavements.

Christmas Panto (Jack and the Beanstalk) 12th - 14th December



The production of Jack and the Beanstalk is presented by The Ash Pantomime Company theatre group. Performances will take place at the **Victoria Hall, Ash Hill Road**. Tickets for the Pantomime will be made available in September. The Ash Pantomime Company formed in 2024 and describe themselves as *"a great bunch of likeminded people who grew up with the magic of pantomimes. Each year we would like to put on a local pantomime at the Ash Victoria Hall for all to come and see."*

We welcome new members so do not be coy and give us a ring. Alternatively use our Contact Us page. You will make new friends and have fun. No experience required". 🌐 tapc.org.uk ☎ 07554 010595



Ash Christmas Fantasia

On **Saturday 29th November 2025**, Ash will start its countdown to Christmas. In the Ash Centre, local charities, organisations, and businesses will fill the hall with stalls, games, treats and gifts to buy. The Christmas Market opens at 1pm and is free. The fee to stall holders will be donated to the Council's chosen charity of the year, the Basingstoke Canal Society. **At 4.30pm**, after the close of the Christmas market, residents are invited to gather around the Christmas Tree and sing carols accompanied by the Ash Vale Ensemble. **Father Christmas** has been invited to switch on the Christmas tree lights for the village. Please



note that Ash Wharf Road will be closed between 4pm and 6pm for this event. Road closure notices will be displayed in advance. The tree has been donated to Ash Parish by County Councillor Carla Morson, for Ash Division, who has sponsored this project by purchasing the Christmas Tree using her Members' Community Allocation Funding' member's allowance.



Ash Memory Lane – Japonica Court Weekly Sessions



Age UK Surrey is inviting local residents to experience the warmth and benefits of the Ash Memory Lane MCST Sessions – a welcoming, weekly social group designed specifically for people living with mild to moderate dementia. These sessions are being held weekly, in the Benson Room at Japonica Court on Shawfield Road. Held every Thursday from 10:30am to 12:15pm, these Memory Lane Maintenance Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (MCST) sessions offer more than just a chance to socialise. They provide meaningful activities that help boost thinking, memory and well-being in a supportive environment. Run by trained facilitators, the sessions include fun and engaging topics such as current affairs, reminiscence, music, creative activities, and gentle exercise. They are carefully designed to encourage conversation, confidence, and companionship. Pre-booking is essential, sessions cost £20 to attend. To find out more or to refer someone, please contact Age UK Surrey.

Find out more:  enquiries@ageuksurrey.org.uk  **01483 503414.**

Basingstoke Canal Society: Autumn Update

The Basingstoke Canal Society (BCS) volunteers have been busy over the past few months, working tirelessly to maintain and celebrate the Canal. From operating our two trip boats to behind-the-scenes efforts and active working parties along the towpath, their dedication continues to keep the Canal thriving. We're thrilled to announce that our 2026 calendar is now available to purchase on our website! With so many stunning photo entries, this year's edition is truly beautiful. All proceeds from calendar sales and from our online shop and events go directly toward preserving and enhancing the Canal. Our shop also features new books and charming gifts for Canal enthusiasts. Looking ahead, 2026 will be a landmark year with the launch of Kitty II, our new electric boat, and the 60th anniversary of the Society. We're also honoured to be Ash Parish Council's Charity of the Year, see you at Ash Fantasia!



 basingstoke-canal.org.uk/shop  membership@basingstoke-canal.org.uk  **07305 340 547**

Free after school PlayRangers sessions

Are you looking for something FUN to do after school? Come and join the PlayRangers for FREE outdoor play sessions. You can find them out in all weathers from 3.30pm to 5.30pm during term times. Enjoy activities such as cooking on the open fire, slack line, den building, slip and slide, games and more. Children under 8 years old will need to bring a responsible adult and remember to wear appropriate clothing for outdoor messy play. A short registration form is required on the child's first visit, to be completed by their responsible adult. The sessions take place in multiple locations throughout the Borough, with the Ash Sessions taking place on the Ash Recreation Ground, Ash Hill Road, next to the Ash Centre. To find out the new schedule, follow   @GBCCCommunityWellbeing or visit their website.



 guildford.gov.uk/playrangers  community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk  **01483 444150**



Rebuilding Ash Vale Scout Hut

The 1st Ash Vale Scout Group is undergoing a project to replace their old scout hut, built in 1965, with a new, purpose-built headquarters and community meeting space. The project is being part funded by a £606,443 grant from Your Fund Surrey Small Community Projects, and charitable donations from the community. To help fully fund this project, you can “Buy A Brick”, which will form part of the new building. For a donation the brick will display your name, family name, or perhaps a remembrance of a friend or relative. **If you wish to buy a brick**, contact ✉ 1stAshValeScoutGroup@gmail.com.

The new building is planned to be opened in 2026. During these works, the groups continue to meet, in nearby alternative venues. Currently 1st Ash Vale Scouts hosts Beavers (6-8 Years), Cubs (8-10 ½ years) and scouts (10½–14 years). The group also hope to launch Squirrels - a new group for 4 and 5 year olds accompanied by a parent. If you would like to volunteer to help get it started, please visit 🌐 www.1stashvale.org.uk.

Ash Parish Fete 2025 Review

This year, the Ash Parish Fete was held on Saturday 28th June, on the Ash Recreation Ground next to the Ash Centre. The event was formally opened by Cllr Jane Tyson, Deputy Mayor of Guildford, welcoming all to the event. Ash's local organisations, charities, and businesses were out in force with a record 65 individual organisations attending, displaying a variety of crafts, games, produces, treats and information. Throughout the day, live music and performances were held, including Out of the Shadows, BC Academy Performing Arts, Surrey Dance Works, Aldershot Taekwondo, The PlayMakers and Jonathan Cann (Punch & Judy show / Magic Show), were enjoyed by all. Additional stalls were also inside, including The Mothers Union & Village Volunteers who served refreshments inside the hall alongside the Council's bar. The Ash Museum also exhibited photos and memorabilia from our Parish's past. Our nominated local charity this year is The Basingstoke Canal Society, who organised a display of Canal Boats at Ash Wharf. Ash Parish Council would like to thank **Dover Garage Ash** and **HiSpeed Services** for their sponsorship. If you are interested in reserving a fete stall at next year's event, please contact the Events Team via events@ashpcsurrey.gov.uk or call ☎ **01252 328287** to join our mailing list.



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More information of useful numbers and contacts are available on the www.ashpcsurrey.gov.uk/directory

