

West Ashby Parish Council News

January - February 2024

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Happy New Year

On behalf of all your PC Councillors, Happy New Year; we wish you the best for 2024. Please do grab any of your councillors, metaphorically of course, to impart any suggestions, raise concerns or just to say hello, or offer to plant some bulbs!

Burglaries in West Ashby

Not the news we would hope to start 2024 with but we are sure you have all heard about the recent spate of burglaries. These have been confined to outbuildings but this is distressing news nonetheless and has happened on more than one night.



The PC have been in contact with the Police who are aware of all the incidents and have been patrolling in the evening on their rounds and will do so for the next few weeks. We need your help

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though, so if you see anything suspicious, people looking out of place, especially at night then make a note of what they look like and call the Police.

Please be extra vigilant and lock all outbuildings and equipment up; we must make it as hard as possible for these villainous characters so they go elsewhere. The Police have offered to come and speak at the Village Hall which we are minded to accept, if anyone has any thoughts, please let a councillor know.

Highways



In better news, the new 30mph limit has been initiated for the entire village. Please be aware of it, lead by example and stick to it so we reduce the danger, reduce the noise and have a more pleasant place to live (and spare yourself the mind-numbing tedium of a speed awareness course).

We are continuing to press the County's Highways Lead to come and meet with us to see what can be done. We shall keep you updated with progress.

To Park or not to Park?

We are aware of difficulties due to people parking inconsiderately on the entrance to Church Lane

and on pavements and will liaise with the Church to see if we can resolve this.

I can't stand the Rain

We are with Tina Turner on this one after a particularly soggy December the PC will be working on resolving the drainage issue in the Cemetery, we appreciate that it is upsetting for those unable to visit due to the mud and standing water – we are investigating solutions and will prioritise this.

We are also continuing to try and highlight that Docking Lane seems to have turned into a ford ... which is a rural idyll but perhaps not when it's a burst main. Anyway, we are on it and will update

New Councillor



Welcome Nikki Moore, pictured above, to the PC whom many of you will know from Girls with Spirit and the Village Quiz (and non-alcohol related events such as village hall decorating and the summer fair set up). Great to have you on board so there's one more person to plant the millions of bulbs we still need to plant! Still looking for volunteers for that FYI.....

Christmas Tree

In the spirit of enhancing the environment we have asked our friends on the Church Committee whether we could plant a Christmas tree in the Churchyard so we can re-use this year on year and

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accrue all the wonderful benefits of having a real tree. We shall let you know but I think we can all agree that this years tree was a triumph.

If anyone has any other decorating or general Christmas ideas let us know so we can plan in advance. Maybe our phone box library could do with a dash of Christmas sparkle?

Grass Curttig & Verges

Matt did such a good job last year at the cemetery that we have asked him to continue. The mole situation is also being addressed.

We have had a few complaints about verges being chewed up, we get it, sometimes it happens when work is being done but the rule is, if you wreck it, you need to sort it afterwards. We work hard at having a nice village so please be considerate.

Upcoming Events

11 February- Pub Quiz – team of 5ish, £3 per person, kick off at about 6:30. All proceeds go towards the Church. This month its Harry Elliot to host.

Other happenings

Girls With Spirit

Meets every first Wednesday of the month in the West Ashby Arms from 7pm – all welcome for a catch up /social.

Manure

Free well-rotted manure available, please ask Karen (Lapwater Cottage - 522 437 / 07 770 792 697)

Logs

There is a village syndicate for log buying – if interested then please ask Rob (Chapel View 07 384 555 207)

Recycling

The Church can recycle printer cartridges, crisp packets, blister packs, stamps, milk bottle lids – please help if you can – all in the porch.