

# West Ashby Parish Council News

March – April 2024

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## Steadily, Sensibly, Never too Quickly .....

Ah I used to love telling the time with Trip to Trumpton .. anyway, a great saying that works well for us now, anecdotal chats have revealed that the new 30 mph limit has not only improved the speed of traffic on the old stretch of road out of the village but has noticeably improved speeds in the middle of the village. It certainly seems a lot quieter and calmer a lot of the time. A good result and we may be the envy of other nearby villages, but you didn't hear that from me!



The local constabulary, not quite at the Trabant stage yet despite cuts, have been very active on the enforcement front, 26 tickets issued in one stint apparently. That's a very clear message!

The work must not stop there though so we continue to press highways for further interventions to design out the speed in the village

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and make it a more pleasant place. We still had 99,000 vehicle movements one way between mid-December and mid-March and significant speeding is still an issue, one Speedy Gonzalez topped 70mph which is wholly unacceptable.

On that note we have been successful in securing a meeting with the Head of Highways at the County Council and we will report back with news following this.

## All Saints



Always nice to have cheery news and there is more, the Village Church Council have had their quinquennial (*I googled it.. it means every 4 years*) inspection and the result is that the church continues to be well maintained, those responsible are to be congratulated. There are no major items requiring attention, just routine maintenance.

The Church is Grade 1 listed and whether one partakes or not, it is quite the majestic centrepiece for the village so this is good news, we don't want it falling into disrepair and dereliction.... or heaven forbid a carpet warehouse.

The next date for the annual church spring clean will be announced shortly. All welcome and such thirsty work will surely require a drink at the pub after!

## Footpaths

Brilliant to see that the footpaths in the village centre have been re-revealed with some cutting back of overgrowing vegetation. We have enquired if this is a prelude to resurfacing. Sadly, we are not consulted prior and have no answer yet – we will keep pressing on this and for the clearance to address the path into town.

## Blooming Marvelous

### Plant Sale – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

It seems that many of our green-fingered villagers may have too many plants come early summer so we thought a village plant sale may be in order. Those of us who fail to plan ahead can brighten up our own gardens and buy the plants of those that did plan ahead. Sorted.

It'd be lovely to see our village bursting with floral colour in summer so 2<sup>nd</sup> June come along to the Village Hall and grab some plants, sure there will be some food and drink available too. Maybe we should have a best planter or window box competition later in the Summer? A mini-Village in Bloom!

## Planters & Bulbs

Councillor Sara will be refreshing the village planters so we will have a wonderful display for the Summer. Please do keep them watered if you happen to live close to one.

If anyone want to plant some bulbs .. let us know, I am going to put this in every newsletter forevermore! The ones near Chapel View are now coming out which is great news and the lay-by is looking great with its daffodils.

## Litter Pick

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Things are looking good in the village but some of the approaches less so, therefore next pick on 6<sup>th</sup> April, meet at the Village Hall at 10am.

Again, we are aware of a few people who litter pick as they go along, we salute these kind citizens, your work does not go unnoticed.

## Cemetery Drainage

We haven't forgotten and plans are afoot to address this as it seems a quite fundamental re-think may be required given the unprecedented wet we are experiencing. We'll let you know as and when.

## Upcoming Events

**6 April** – litter pick – 10am Village Hall

**14 April** - Pub Quiz – team of 5-ish, £3 per person, kick off at about 6:30. All proceeds go towards the Church. This month its John Elliot to host. Thereafter 12 May with Alison Gifford.

## 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.

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