



West Ashby Parish Council News

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West Ashby Christmas Tree

The lighting of our famous Christmas Tree will be on **Sunday 1st December at 4pm** where the Village Church Council will put on some festive refreshments and lead those present in the singing of one or two carols. Banovallum Brass Band were not available this year so do feel free to bring along any instruments you are proficient on..... or just sing louder.

The annual Christmas Tree is a source of pride for the village and is well known for many miles so please do come along and enjoy the start of the season. It was challenging this year to decorate the tree given the storm over the weekend so it's more rewarding to see it completed.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Wed 15 January in the Village Hall at 7:30pm, anyone may come and present in the first 15 minutes or ask any questions of the Council, following that 19 March.

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Festive Gates and Planters

The Parish Council in a blitz of Christmas cheer have also decorated our entrance gates with some twinkling lights and a couple of planters in the centre of the village. We hope you all enjoy, and we look forward to you all putting out your own lights to bring light into the dark nights of December.

West Ashby Orchard

Wonderful news, we have been successful in our application with Lincolnshire County Council for a community orchard. We have been allocated 24 trees for planting in the bottom area of the cemetery which is currently unused and quite overgrown.

We have been allocated some historic Lincolnshire varieties of apples to plant thereby securing their future for generations. For those interested we will have Bollingbroke Beauty, Ingall's Pippin and Ingall's Red amongst 13 Lincolnshire varieties. Each tree will be tagged so we will be able to identify its variety going forward. We also have some pear trees (no partridges supplied), plums and gages, a quince and medlar.

The Parish is in the process of arranging for the area to be cleared and we shall be receiving our trees sometime in January.

A call to arms though, or should that be spades? We would hugely appreciate as many volunteers to assist with the planting of the trees as possible, many hands make light work. As soon as we know when we will receive them, we will spread the word and form a press gang maybe not, but if you can help, please do and perhaps we can organise some warming libation for those involved. It may be hard work but just think of all the cider we will be able to make soon!

We are delighted to have been chosen, only 30 applications were successful for the entire county.

The fruit trees will hopefully give plenty of fruit for the community and provide tangible ecological and environmental benefits for years. Plus, how many other villages can boast having their own orchard?

Christmas Church Quiz

December's Christmas quiz on 8th will be hosted by John Elliot in the West Ashby Arms, teams of 5 or thereabouts, £3 per person, proceeds to the Church. Be seated and raring to go by 6:30pm at the latest.



Bulbs

The PC are also looking to plant more bulbs around our village gates and the lay-by at the top of the village.

If you can lend a hand, meet at the Village Hall, **Saturday 7 December at 10:30.**

Speeders

Pleased to note that several people have hauled before the court recently for their dastardly behaviour in speeding through our village:-

- Adrian Merriken of Cleethorpes - 55mph - £782;
- Helen Richardson of Louth - 67mph - £594;
- Ashley Skipp of St. Neot's - 60mph - £440;

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- Keith Wieland of Horncastle – 63mph - £718 and disqualified;
- Luke Middleton of Horncastle – 62mph - £1,042;
- Satheesan Thayyil – Woodhall Spa – 66mph - £723 and disqualified

Enforcement is being maintained, on 26 November the Police reported that they had issued 7 further reports and were prosecuting for speeding. The likelihood of a pedestrian fatality at 60mph is nearly 100%, at 30mph its 20% (only 8% at 20mph) so we must keep at this.

On that note, please **do not block pavements** at all with vehicles – pedestrians should not be forced on to the road.

We are still liaising with highways and hope to have some concrete plans of action with them to report on shortly. Looking at the road itself must go hand in hand with enforcement clearly a limit alone is not enough for some people.

Other happenings

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.