

West Ashby Parish Council News

April 2026

Facebook – West Ashby Residents Chatterbox

Waterworks

To begin with what we hope is welcome news, after the never-ending saga of the last two bursts and a lot of emails and calls between us, Anglian Water, our MP, and both our District and County Councillors we are assured that the full replacement of the mains water pipe through the village has been approved for renewal in Spring 2027. Although this will be disruptive at the time, hopefully it will be the last massive disruption we will suffer. Until then, sadly, we are sure there will be further bursts but there is hope on the horizon.

We are continuing to complain about the state of the verges and roads following works and will keep pressing for some restitution.



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The Ashby

In more excellent news we welcome our new Landlords, Harry and Laura who have bought the pub which is to be given the name The Ashby, a fresh start for the pub and us all.

Harry and Laura say *“as you have probably seen we’re well underway, and working hard behind the scenes to get everything ready. We’re aiming for around a three-month turnaround, although as with any project there may be a few bumps along the way. If you are passing, feel free to say hello – it’s always nice to meet people from the village. Also, we are planning a village only soft opening before we officially open our doors, which we’ll organise and share details of nearer to the time.”*

For those on Instagram and Facebook you can follow progress there, but the speed of renovation is impressive and their vision for the pub is wonderful.

We wish them well and cannot wait to have our pub back. Fingers and toes crossed we shall all be enjoying a drink in there soon.

Speaking of which, if anyone has any ideas for a village get together, event, or activity please do let a councillor know.

Church Lane

We have asked our County Councillor to intervene in requesting that Highways return quickly to the village to deal with the marooned drain they left in the new build out. When this has been done, which we hear is imminent, we will be placing our new planters on the build out and bringing some cheer to the middle of the village.

We have raised the general poor state of footpaths and lack of dropped kerbs throughout the village and will keep pressing for these to be addressed. Highways did come and patch one small area of pavement but there is lots more to

do and we will continue to highlight the inadequacies.

Litter Pick

Saturday 11th April, meet at 10am at the Church. It's a great time to do it before all the vegetation grows and covers up the litter so please do come and help make our village tidy. Refreshments afterwards.

Orchard Information Board

Our new information board has been installed at the orchard; it sets out exactly what is there and what they can be used for. This was done with the support of several grants which the Parish Council were successful in securing. The cherry trees planted as part of the Sakura project have also survived the winter and are doing well as is the new hedge. In a couple of years the orchard will hopefully be a truly brilliant community asset.



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Pooch woes

We have received concerns from residents over dog fouling in the village and walkers failing to re-secure gates. We appreciate that many of these incidents may be people coming into the village but please do pick up after your dogs, and please secure all gates after use.

Church Quiz

The Church Quiz will be held at the Village Hall on Sunday 12th April. It's a 6:30pm start, teams of 5-ish, £3 each, hosted by Allies Pallies .

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Following this, the 10th May hosted by The Gollands and then 14th June with The Hunters.

Other happenings

Odd Jobs

If anyone has any odd jobs you need a helping hand with suitable for a 13-year-old then contact Jesse on 07 442 389 205.

Logs

Village syndicate for log buying – if interested then please ask Rob (Chapel View 07 384 555 207).

Defibrillator Machine

We are looking for a new machine as the one we have is no longer economical to maintain – more soon.

Recycling

The Church can recycle printer cartridges, blister packs, stamps, milk bottle lids – all in the porch.