



# Ashingdon Parish Council

## NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2021

### WORKING TOGETHER TO SAVE LIVES



Left to Right: Hall Chairman, Cllr. Dan McCarthy, District Cllr. Laureen Shaw and Cllr. David Catchpole –Chairman Ashingdon Parish Council.

**Ashingdon Parish Council and Hall Trustees have co-operated in purchasing and installing a life saving defibrillator at the Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall (see picture above).**

The defibrillator is sited within the external porch way entrance to the hall. Ashingdon has never had a defibrillator in the parish despite previous efforts to install one.

Council Chairman David Catchpole said “The hall is the perfect location for the unit being near to the car

park, shops and the playing fields”.

“There are many sports activities within the hall and the football pitches are used at weekends, the incidents of Arrhythmia is one of the biggest killers of young adults so the early intervention of CPR and a defibrillator is vital”.

“The council is absolutely delighted that at last it has been able to offer this life saving facility to the residents of Ashingdon”.

Some of the funding for the unit came from the ECC Essex Locality Fund.

## MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCILLOR



**Cllr. Sue Osborne**

I am a “local girl”, I was born in Billericay and have lived in Rayleigh and Southend. I have worked both locally for Southend and Basildon Councils and commuted to the City. I currently work part time as Company Secretary in a local company which repairs, maintains and installs security equipment. I live in Ashingdon with my husband and our dog, Lennie, who is a bit of a spoilt wuss!

I have only been a parish councillor since January this year. A strange year for everyone, with new procedures and practices having to be adopted and adapted to. Who would have thought that council meetings could be done by video where all the participants are in their own homes! And that many people would be working full time at home, enabled by technology. But I am learning about Ashingdon and am excited about the opportunities which we will all have later this year to become more of a community when our parish rooms in King George's Playing Field open.

I feel very strongly that we should all have an opportunity to become involved in our local community, and know where and how to get the information to do it. Taking that further, I believe that young people have a great deal to offer us all. To persuade people to become involved with the local community, including parish councils, is so desirable and the younger members of our society have to be included and encouraged to have a comment. I look forward to meeting more of you, and understanding your points of view.



## NEW INITIATIVE LAUNCHED TO HELP HOMES WITHIN THE DISTRICT BE WARMER, GREENER AND SAVE ON FUEL BILLS THIS WINTER



**WARMWORKS**

**Green Homes Grants could save you money on your energy bills this winter**

 Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

Funding the Local Authority Delivery Scheme

People across the District are being encouraged to check if they are eligible to receive help under a new scheme being launched to help local householders be warmer in their homes, lower their carbon emissions, and save money on their fuel bills this winter.

Under the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery scheme, delivered by Warmworks on behalf of Rochford District Council and through funding from the UK Government, householders can apply to receive improvements to increase the comfort and warmth in their home. The scheme offers a

wide range of insulation measures and renewable heating technologies which are designed to support homes to reduce their impact on the environment, including air source, ground source, and hybrid heat pumps.

The Green Homes Grant scheme is open to homeowners, private tenants and people in social rented accommodation, where the home has a low energy rating and a low annual income.

Warmworks will arrange a survey in the homes of eligible householders to agree the work that will be carried out. An accredited and registered sub-contractor team

then completes the installation of the agreed heating and energy-efficiency measures, before an independent inspection assesses the completed work against rigorous quality standards. Where required, Warmworks will also then arrange for a full annual service to be completed 12 months later.

*"A few minutes to complete our short application could help your home stay warmer for years ahead."*

You can find out if you are eligible for the scheme by completing [this short application form](#).

## CAN WE HELP WITH A GRANT?

If you are a charity or local community organisation in Ashingdon, Ashingdon Parish Council has a small fund available to offer Grants to such organisations. If you think you qualify you can obtain an application form from the Clerk to the Parish Council whose details are below.

**If you have any comments or enquiries, or have something you would like included please contact Clerk to the Parish Council, Mrs Karen Boyce via e-mail at [ashingdonparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:ashingdonparishcouncil@outlook.com)**

**Please address all correspondence to 4 Warwick Road, Rochford, Essex SS4 1HP**



**Cllr. David Catchpole  
Chairman**

## CHAIRMAN'S NEWS

WE are now coming to the end of yet another challenging year and the dreaded Covid is still with us and it appears that cases are rising again in the area. Sadly we once again took the difficult decision to cancel the Christmas Buffet for residents, the council took advice and felt it was the most responsible action taking all factors into account.

It was hoped that I would be writing this from our new parish office but work has been delayed and it looks likely we will be able to move in in the early part of next year. This project will also include the opening of new toilets in the park which have long been overdue. The council continues with its programme of upgrading our street lighting around the parish to LED units, this will continue until all the lighting

has been changed. We have also worked with the Trustees of the Ashingdon Memorial Hall to install a defibrillator at the hall, this is available 24/7 365 days a year, I suppose in many ways we hope that it will not be used but it is there if needed and a useful asset for the community.

We also completed in October the study undertaken by the Essex County Council Youth Service to engage with young people in our parish to help and advise and get their views on many subjects, that report will be available to us early next year. We also welcomed a new parish councillor Mrs. Carole Weston, Carole has a wealth of experience in both parish and district matters being a district councillor and will be a great asset.

I would like to pass on my thanks to the 1st Ashingdon Scout Group for once again organising the Remembrance Day ceremony it all went very smoothly. And finally I would personally like to wish all Ashingdon residents a Very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

### Chief Scout Awards at 1st Ashingdon



**Congratulations to Jason, Oscar and Payton on achieving their Chief Scout Bronze Award and Isaac on achieving his Chief Scout Silver Award.**



**Wyvern  
Community Transport**

For more information please visit our website:  
[www.wyvernct.org.uk](http://www.wyvernct.org.uk)  
FB: Wyvern Community Transport

WCT restarted DAR on 14th June 2021, once again providing door-to-door transport to members residing in Rochford District and Castle Point.



**We are back to  
Dial-a-Ride  
(DAR)**

In response to Covid-19 we have fitted Perspex screens around the driver and behind passenger seats, and installed PPE stand to provide members with face masks, disposable gloves and hand sanitiser. Seats remain distanced too.

Individual membership remains **FREE**. DAR transport costs £4.50 up to 3 miles and a further 80p per additional mile. Social Cars cost £4.50 up to 3 miles with 45p per additional mile. Group membership is £20 for an annual subscription. Group bookings cost £45 for up to a 20 mile radius and £1.50 each extra mile.

**ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**



## FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS



Monday 6th December 2021

Monday 7th March 2022

Monday 10th January 2022

Monday 4th April 2022

Monday 7th February 2022

Monday 9th May 2022



**CONTACT THE CLERK ON 07950 947731 FOR MEETING DETAILS**

## CONTACTS AND INFORMATION

Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall bookings **07307 692889**

St Andrews Church Hall bookings – Julie Goodge **01702 205918**

Neighbourhood Police **101**

### **1st Ashingdon Scout Group (St Andrews)**

Group Scout Leader - Roger Constable **01702 548834**

Cubs – John Blundell **01702 545666**

Brownies – Hilary Skeggs **01702 291131**

### **County Councillors**

Laureen Shaw **01702 540398**

### **District Councillors**

Mike Carter **07958 707070**

Carole Weston **07525 714715**

Roger Constable **01702 548834**

### **Parish Councillors**

David Catchpole (Ashingdon ward) **01702 544516**

Debbie Constable (Ashingdon ward) **01702 548834**

Sean Chittenden (Hockley ward) **01702 543704**

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Glen Dryhurst (Ashingdon ward) **01702 543380**

Terry Flowers (Ashingdon Heights ward) **07776 013543**

Dan McCarthy (Ashingdon ward) **01702 530870**

Sue Osborne (Ashingdon ward) **01702 544871**

Carole Weston (Ashingdon ward) **07525 714715**

### **Clerk to Ashingdon Parish Council**

#### **Karen Boyce**

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*All contacts correct at time of printing*

### **Rochford District Council**

Council Offices, South Street,  
Rochford, Essex, SS4 1BW

### **Essex County Council**

County Hall, Market Road,  
Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH

### **Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall**

Ashingdon Road, Rochford,  
Essex SS4 3HF

Telephone 07307 692889

[www.ashingdonmemorialhall.uk](http://www.ashingdonmemorialhall.uk)

## **ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE**

Take a look at:

[www.ashingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ashingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## **PLANNING**

THE Planning Committee of Ashingdon Parish Council normally meets just before the regular monthly council meetings at St. Andrews Church Hall, Church Road. Members of the public are welcome to attend along with any other interested parties. Meetings normally start at 7 p.m. On the first Monday of the month.

## **HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?**

There are currently three vacant seats on the Parish Council. If you are interested in becoming a member of Ashingdon Parish Council please speak to our clerk, details below, or come along to one of our meetings which are held on the 1st Monday of each month (except August) at 7.30 p.m.

**Contact the Clerk on 07950 947731**