



Ashingdon Parish Council

NEWSLETTER



JUNE 2022

GATE LOCKING AT ASHINGDON MEMORIAL PARK

ADVANCED WARNING

ASHINGDON Parish Council has made the decision to start locking the gates to the car park at King George's Playing Fields (Ashingdon Memorial Park).

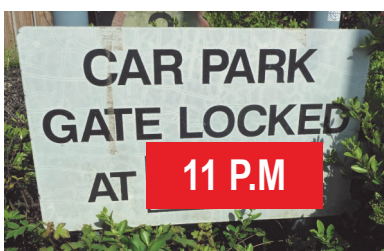
The gates will be locked from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. Every day.

This is in response to residents concerns and to stop anti-social behaviour in the car park at

night. The car park has seen many incidents over recent years of damage to property, abandoned cars and drug dealing.

It will also help stop the potential of travellers moving into the park.

This is an advanced notice, the exact date that locking will commence will be announced on social media and on the Council website.



Book your slot to visit Rayleigh Recycling Centre

From 6 June 2022 you will have to book a slot to visit Rayleigh recycling centre. The booking system will open from 23 May 2022. We have taken this measure following feedback from site users and local residents to address excess queuing and traffic at Rayleigh recycling centre, and on the surrounding roads. By trialling a booking system at Rayleigh we hope to improve how we manage this service and reduce queuing at peak times. **Telephone 0345 603 7625**



MEET YOUR PARISH COUNCILLOR



Cllr. Patricia Hennessey

I have been a Parish Councillor for 4 years. A resident in Hockley for 50 years. Both my children went to local schools.

I have worked both locally and in the London as an office administer.

As a Parish Councillor I am a member of both the Footpaths and Bridleways Committee and the Personnel Committee.

Along with my fellow committee members we are very keen to keep all Footpaths and Bridleways open and accessible to all users.

1st Ashingdon and Proud MORE SCOUT AWARDS



CONGRATULATIONS to Saskia, Maddie, Keeley, Luke R, Luke, Joe, Kristan and Leah on achieving their Chief Scout Gold Award.

Also to Assistant Scout Leader John achieving his Wood Badge and Scout Section Assistant Mark receiving a Silver Acorn Award for services to scouting.



FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR END

Year ended 31st March 2022

Operating Income

Administration	104,634.12
Grants and Donations	-808.40
VAT Data	5,536.93
Total Receipts	109,362.65

Running Costs

Administration	33,293.02
Open Spaces	4,405.33
Street Lighting	11,433.52
Recreation	104.09
Social Inclusion	1,360.38
Health & Wellbeing	332.20
Grants and Donations	2,020.00
VAT Data	4,513.57
Total Payments	57,462.11

Receipts and Payments Summary

Opening Balance	170,239.16
Add total receipts (as above)	109,362.65
	279,601.81
Less total payments (as above)	57,462.11
Closing Balance	222,139.70

These cumulative funds are represented by:

Metro bank A/C	0.00
Metro Business Select	0.00
Barclays Community Account	200,823.68
Barclays Savings Account	21,316.02
Cash Book Suspense	0.00
	222,139.70



Think before you bin!

IN recent months there has been a significant increase in the number of recycling waste lorry loads being rejected at the recycling centre for contamination. The top 3 contaminants are clothing, dirty disposable nappies and food waste. The whole load has to be sent to landfill. This costs the district council money as they lose the recyclable income and then have to pay for landfill.

Clothing banks are located in the car park of Ashingdon & East Hawkwell Memorial Hall and Hockley library.

Dirty nappies must go in the non recycling bin (**purple**) and food waste in the (**green**) bin.

If you have more than 2 children in nappies or a family member who is incontinent you can request a larger purple bin.

Call RDC Customer Service 01702 546366.

Let's all pull together to help our environment.

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

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



Cllr. David Catchpole
Chairman

CHAIRMAN'S NEWS

AS the days get warmer we can at last start to spend more time outside after being locked up for so long due to Covid. We look forward to June and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, there are many street parties planned in the Parish and I hope that we are blessed with good weather and they are enjoyed. As part of those celebrations the Parish Council is intending to install two further picnic benches in the Ashingdon Memorial Park play area.

You may be aware that there are two Solar Farms planned in our Parish, one in South Fambridge and the other one on the borders of Ashingdon and Canewdon both are in the planning stage. Apart from offering some employment opportunities and business for local suppliers it is hoped that there will be some benefit to the parish as well.

The Parish Council has also made a decision to lock the gates at the Ashingdon Memorial Park between the hours of 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. This is to address some of the anti-social activities that unfortunately take place there at night.

And finally I hope that you all enjoy the Jubilee celebrations and have a pleasant Summer.

The Gadget Group

Need help with your laptop, phone or tablet?

The Gadget Group's patient volunteers can help

Do your shopping online safely.

Use Skype or Zoom to speak with your family & friends.

Make a GP or medical appointment online and order prescriptions.

Use 'apps' and the internet safely to search for information on your hobbies, interests or even what social groups.



The Gadget Group beginning 16 September will meet every Thursday 10am-12pm at The Parish Centre, Holy Trinity Church, Rayleigh SS6 8BB.

Appointments are pre-booked and each one is for 45 minutes and a suggested donation of £2 is appreciated.

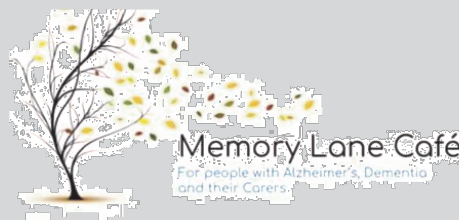
Contact us to book your place - 01268 772796



Email: rravs@rravs.org.uk
Website: www.rravs.org.uk



RRAVS – Rayleigh Rochford and District Association for Voluntary Service



Memory Lane Cafe was originally set up in 2019 when it was felt that there was a need for a meeting place for people with Alzheimers, Dementia and their carers to enjoy a few hours of companionship and meet with other carers along with their cared for loved ones in a friendly and relaxing environment, where they can share their common experiences.

We hold the cafe at the Hockley and Hawkwell Day Centre on the first Saturday of the month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tea, coffee and refreshments including home-baked cakes and fun entertainment are provided. To date this includes singers, bell ringers, a magician, chair aerobics, bingo and many other enjoyable activities. We have also enjoyed several afternoon teas and a Christmas celebration. We provide all of the above totally free of charge. Our guests have said how much they enjoy attending each month and our numbers have been gradually increasing.

We are very grateful to **Ashingdon Parish Council** for awarding us a grant of £300 which we will use towards organising future activities. If you would like further information please email:

Pam.foster@thememorylanecafe.org.uk

or call Pam Foster on **07768 367497**.

We also have a Facebook page Memory Lane Cafe (Rochford District).

FUTURE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS



Monday 6th June 2022

Monday 4th July 2022

(The Council does not meet in August)

Monday 5th September 2022

Monday 3rd October 2022

Monday 7th November



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**

Danielle Belton

Roger Constable **01702 548834**

Parish Councillors

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

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

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

Pat Hennessy (Hockley ward) **01702 205060**

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**

Clerk to Ashingdon Parish Council

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Chelmsford, Essex, CM1 1QH

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Ashingdon Road, Rochford,
Essex SS4 3HF

Telephone 07307 692889

www.ashingdonmemorialhall.uk

ASHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL WEB SITE

Take a look at:

www.ashingdonparishcouncil.gov.uk

PLANNING

All planning applications are now dealt with at the commencement of our 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 7.30 p.m. On the first Monday of the month except Bank Holidays and August..

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