



Ashchurch Village Hall – 2018/19 report

The hall has a consistently high booking rate and a wide variety of users. The regular bookings include...

- Zumba
- Yoga
- Helen O'Grady children's drama academy
- Shooting Stars line dance
- The 1st Ashchurch rainbows
- Andy Tucker children's football

...plus a new addition this year of Sound-Bath Meditation.

The regular users are supplemented with one-off bookings such as children's birthday parties, christenings and a small number of funeral wakes.

During the past year various improvements to the Hall have been considered and quotes obtained in the hope that funding can be obtained from the community finance associated with the Linden Homes' Barleyfield development. These include a small extension to provide a meeting room, a full refurbishment of the kitchen and resurfacing the car park. This funding is unlikely to be available before the end of 2019.

Ian White
9 May 2019

**St Nicholas Church, Ashchurch
Report to Ashchurch Rural Parish Council
Annual Public Meeting – Tuesday 14 May 2019**

Our pattern of services are a weekly 8am service (traditional and said service) and an 11am Holy Communion Service each Sunday except the last Sunday of each month which is a 11am All Age service. Notices of all church services are displayed in Northway Chemist where you can also pick up our monthly Church Magazine.

Some Highlights from the past year:

- 30th June we held our annual Church Fête with stalls in the church and the grounds. Tewkesbury Training Band entertained us.
- Thursday mornings in August – members of the church together with the Hope team from Churches Together across Tewkesbury ran “Kidzway” four mornings of craft and fun at Northway Infants School
- 7th October – we held our Harvest Festival service at 11am which was followed by a lunch in the Village Hall.
- 4th November – Annual All Souls Service – an afternoon reflective service with the lighting of candles to remember loved ones who had died during the year.
- 12th-16th December – we held our second Christmas Tree Festival with trees displayed from various organisations, schools and local people. The theme was Christmas Carols.
- 24th December Christmas Eve – Christingle Service – well attended as always.

Regular groups that meet at St Nicholas Church

Little Fishes – toddler group for mums or carers with pre-school children, meeting every other Thursday during term time 1.30pm-3pm.

Church bell ringers – Practices are held every Friday evening. New members are welcome, the starting age is 11.

Choir – practises every Thursday evening and sing at Sunday worship and weddings upon request.

Craft Club – This meets once a month in Northway Community Hub and is open to everyone, not just church members.

Flower Guild – Some of our ladies arrange the flowers in church and also decorate the church for the Festivals during the year and provide flowers for weddings as and when required.

Home Group – This meets once a week to study a passage of the bible and the message it is trying to teach us.

Mothers' Union – Meet monthly, provide a crèche at weddings, give cards for weddings and baptisms. Support and encourage all aspects of family life.

Coffee and Chat – we have started to run Coffee and Chat mornings in the Northway Hub. Look out for our posters with upcoming dates.

Schools

As a Church we continue to engage with our local schools Carrant Brook Junior School, Northway Infant School and Ashchurch Primary School. Revd Suzanne Grindrod and Wendy Roberts regularly take assemblies. The schools also bring children to church to participate in Experience Christmas and Easter. They also have services at Harvest and Christmas time in Church. There is an Open the Book team that also take bible stories into the schools once a month.

Care Homes

Revd Suzanne and members of the Worship team visit Magnolia House and Ashchurch View Care Homes once a month to lead a service for any residents there who wish to attend.

Roof Appeal and Fundraising

Over the year we have had a big push on fundraising to raise money to replace the North Nave roof.

We launched a Sponsor a Slate appeal which has been very successful in raising over £10,000 towards the cost of the roof. We want to thank the local community for getting behind the appeal and contributing to the fund raised. As I write, the Slates have been signed and are being put up on the roof in the next couple of weeks. The work has now been completed. Thank you to all who have contributed in any way.

We continue to hold events throughout the year. Our Church Fete is on Saturday 29th June. There is lots going on – do visit our website for more information

www.stnicholasashchurch.org.uk

We want to thank Ashchurch Rural Parish Council very much for your generosity in sponsoring the regular grass cutting of the graveyard and church grounds by Jeremy Bookes.

Revd Suzanne Grindrod 01684 293729

#SAVEOURLANES

Save Our Lanes (SOL) report for Ashchurch Rural Parish Council Annual meeting 14th May 2019

It has been a quiet year for Save Our Lanes Community Association.

Following the withdrawal by Ecotricity of their appeal for planning permission for an Anaerobic digester in Fiddington, we submitted our case and were successful in claiming from Ecotricity the expenses we had incurred, for the consultant fee's preparing for the appeal. Along with the monies raised from social events and generous donations which was to be used to pay for a consultant to attend the appeal, scheduled for June 2018, it was decided that the funds will be used for a project which would benefit the local area.

At this time no decision on a project has been made, however the following suggestions been proposed.

1. Defibrillator to be located in Fiddington..
2. Improvements to the layby at Claydon Lane, to include resurfacing, move the telephone box and a general tidying and improvements to the area around the parish notice board. This project would be in conjunction with ARPC and Local Highways.
3. Purchasing portable Camera's to be located at know fly tipping sites.

Save Our Lanes continue to take an interest in local issues, and are monitoring, commenting and reporting where applicable on the following.

1. Further developments with the Garden and Retail Park.
2. The Appeal by Robert Hitchins for 850 Houses on land south of the A46.
3. Tewkesbury Borough Councils proposal for Ashchurch Garden Town. Due to the scale and obvious impact on the rural character of the area, SOL has requested TBC to be a consultee.

Social events: one event was held during the last year, which was a successful afternoon tea, kindly hosted at Homedowns Bed and Breakfast. SOL would welcome suggestions and support for any future events.

It is the intention of SOL to continue to liaise and support ARPC in the following year. We would like to thank the councillors for their continued efforts on behalf of residents of the parish.

Ian Parker

Chairman

Save Our Lanes Community Association.

11th May 2019

Ashchurch Rural Parish Report 15.05.18

Between 13.05.17 & 13.05.18 a total of 59 crimes have been recorded. The same period the previous year 55 crimes were recorded. An increase of four crimes year on year has been recorded.

Please see the breakdown below for the crimes recorded.

Crime Comparison Statistics For Parish Council Period : 13MAY2017 - 13MAY2018 Compared With 13MAY2016 - 13MAY2017 Parish : 075

Parish=Ashchurch Wn Cardiff

HO Band	HO Category	Crime 13MAY17 13MAY18	Crime 13MAY16 13MAY17	+/-	% Crime Diff	Detect 13MAY17 13MAY18	Detect 13MAY16 13MAY17	+/-
Violence	Assault with Intent to cause Serious Harm	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0
Violence	Harassment	1	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Violence	Assault with injury	3	3	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Violence	Malicious Communications	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0
Violence	Public Fear, Alarm or Distress	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	1	1	0
Violence	Assault w/o Injury	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	1	1	0
Burglary	Burglary dwelling	0	5	-5	0.00%	0	0	0
Burglary	Burglary - Residential	5	0	5	0.00%	0	0	0
Burglary	Burglary non dwelling	0	7	-7	0.00%	0	0	0
Burglary	Burglary - Business and community	4	1	3	300.0%	0	0	0
Burglary	Attempted Burglary - Business and community	1	0	1	0.00%	0	0	0
Theft	Interfering with a Motor Vehicle	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0
Theft	Theft from vehicle	4	4	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Theft	Shoplifting	14	5	9	180.0%	3	2	1
Theft	Theft/unauth taking m/veh	1	1	0	0.00%	0	0	0
Theft	Other theft/unauth taking	3	6	-3	(50.00%)	0	1	-1
Theft	Theft making off without payment	12	11	1	9.09%	0	2	-2
Fraud	Fraud by False Representation, Cheque, Plastic Card and Online Banking (not Ebay or Paypal)	1	2	-1	(50.00%)	1	0	1
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -dwelling	0	0	0	0.00%	0	2	-2
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -non dwelling	0	2	-2	0.00%	0	0	0
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -vehicles	2	1	1	100.0%	0	1	-1
Criminal damage	Criminal damage -other	2	0	2	0.00%	0	0	0
Drugs	Possession of Drugs(Excluding Cannabis)	1	0	1	0.00%	1	0	1
Drugs	Possession of Drugs(Cannabis)	0	1	-1	0.00%	0	0	0
Other notifiable	Dangerous driving	1	0	1	0.00%	1	0	1
=		59	55	4	7.27%	8	10	-2

26 of the theft offences recorded are linked to a business within the parish. This particular location has had an increase of 10 crimes year on year.

Crime advice around burglaries

Burglaries are often but no always committed one of two ways -

- The first being to gain entry to a residential property by smashing the glass to rear patio doors often during office hours (9 – 5) when addresses are most likely to be unoccupied.

- The second is often a distraction technique used on the older members of the community either claiming to be from a local service provider (gas, electric, water) or the Police. If in doubt the advice is don't let anyone in and call the police.

Items taken in burglaries are normally jewellery and cash. Electrical items are generally no longer taken as technology continues to develop and more and more items have some form internet connection capability making them traceable.

The police offer a free crime prevention survey service to look at an address and make realist recommendations to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime, should anyone wish to take up this service please contact PCSO Simpson on karl.simpson@gloucestershire.police.uk to arrange a visit.

Simple measures such as leaving a light on in the evening or ensuring all windows and doors are secured this time of year is a great place to start.

Regards

PCSO Karl Simpson

SUBJECT	Highways Performance Update
	Briefing
DATE	April 2019
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To update members and stakeholders on current performance of the Highways service
AUTHOR	Cllr Vernon Smith – Cabinet Member Highways and Flooding

Colleagues,

The new way of delivering our highways is starting to take shape:

- Ringway appointed as our new term maintenance contractor, they have a presence in Shire Hall and in the Highways Depots. During the first two weeks of operating Ringway have repaired more than 750 potholes, while 1,300 gullies have been cleansed using the four self-operated gully carts.
- Atkins appointed as our new Professional Services Consultant, they will be based in Shire Hall.
- Tarmac are delivering the surfacing works for GCC.
- Skanska and Telent continue to deliver the street lights and traffic signals.
- Customer service team now delivered by GCC at the depots and in Shire Hall, the new arrangement will provide a more tailored service for our stakeholders and customers.

Current Highways Successes and News

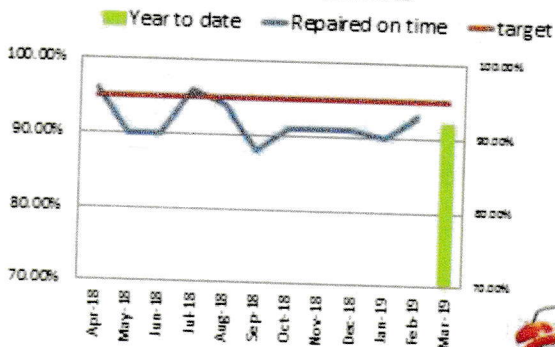
- A419 Stonehouse, works have commenced on site to improve the capacities of the junctions on the approach to the M5 J12 interchange.
- A38 Cross Keys roundabout improvement works commenced on site, again to improve junction capacity on approach to M5.
- A4173/A46 Pitchcombe Junction between Stroud and Painswick, works on site due to start during the summer.
- Lydney Cycleways, works again due to start during the summer.
- Highway resurfacing will continue at the same pace as the previous year, over 150 schemes across the county.
- Gully emptying is underway for the year, grass cutting season starts May.

Current Flood Team Success and News

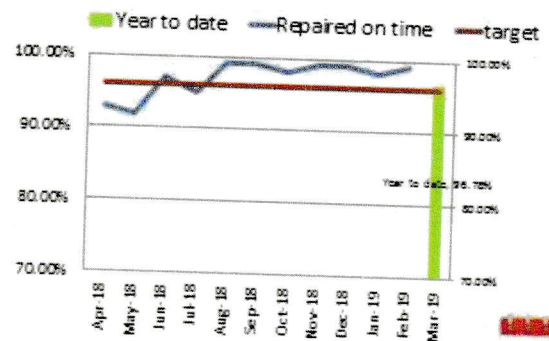
- Flood prevention works continue to be delivered across the County.
- Completion certificate signed for Priors and Oakley Flood Alleviation Schemes.
- Community flood action group convened in high surface water flood risk area in Churchdown.

March Statistics

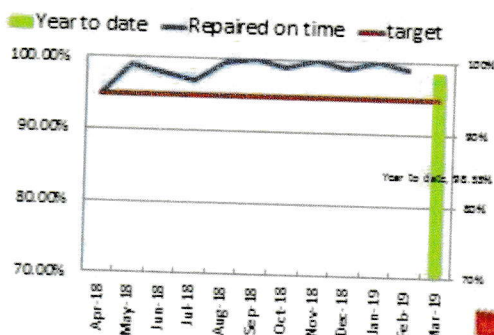
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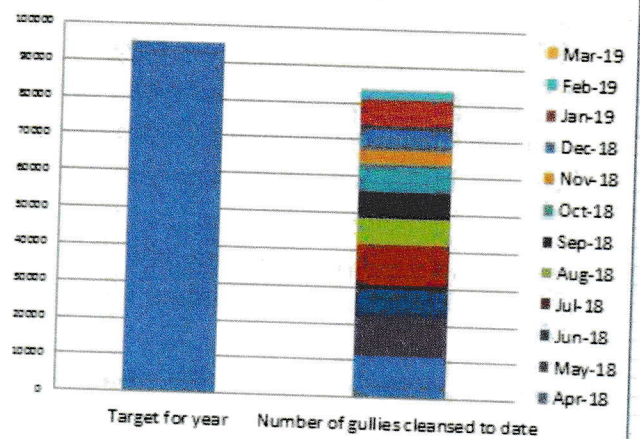
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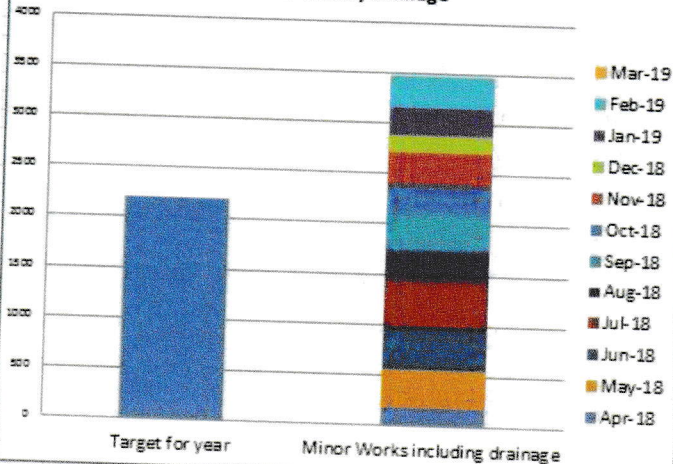
28 day defects



Gulley Emptying



Minor works/drainage



Contacts this month 4539
responded to on time 93%



670



11032



2750



87

PAMINGTON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Report to the Annual Parish Council Meeting (ARPC) 2019

Over the past year the PRA has continued to seek to support the interests of residents in Pamington and to comment on wider strategic issues which are likely to affect us in the future. The vast majority of our work has been concerned with planning issues.

The Linden Homes development has taken up a lot of our time over the past 12 months. As reported last year we have reasonably good links with the developers, and the contractors involved in constructing the new road junction with the A46 have tried to keep us informed of the scheduling of road works.

As you are aware the junction has recently re-opened after a significant period of closure. During this period rat running has of course been eliminated, but all traffic to Back into Action and the football pitches had to pass through the village. Now the road has re-opened we do not seem to have rat running issues at the moment, possibly due to the realignment of the road through the development. We will continue to monitor this situation.

The access-only signage linked to the TRO has not been restored at the top of the lane and we are insisting that it is. We also are waiting to hear from GCC highways about the proposed modification of the junction at the other end of the lane, which has been a standing item on the ARPC agenda for some time! We were told that this had to wait until the lane was opened again.

We made comments via the TBC planning portal regarding the proposal to increase the capacity at the Starveall Lane Chicken Farm to two and a half times its current size. We are concerned about the potentially increased levels of odours coming from the farm periodically, but apart from that, and as long as the journeys of the HGVs to and from the site are managed properly, we could see no other grounds to object.


We have made our concerns clear with regard to the development of the Ashchurch "Concept" Masterplan and the accompanying application for Garden Town status, both via the JCS portal and directly to the Chief Executive of TBC. Our main issues link to the seeming lack of transparency and proper consultation in the process and the obvious lack of strategic fit with other strategic strands, including Midlands Connect's options regarding the re-routing of the A46.

Culverts underneath the lane have been cleared of debris by GCC and we have consulted TBC's Flood Risk Prevention Officer about the state of the watercourses flowing through the village into the Tirlé. He assures us there is no immediate concern but will make a more detailed assessment of whether dredging is required later this year.

The PRA continues to try to engage with the wider local community and contribute to ARPC meetings. It is vital in a democratic context that we are able to express our views to Tewkesbury Borough Council via our elected members and we have been very concerned at the lack of attendance from Borough Councillors at ARPC meetings in the past, this being an obvious and potentially effective method of communication. We trust that this situation will improve with the election of our new councillors. At present there seems to be a significant lack of trust in local decision-making processes which it is surely in the interests of TBC to address.

Malcolm Pollock
Chair, Pamington Residents' Association

May 2019



JCS
Joint Core Strategy

GT Updates

- JCS Review – strategic plan will review development options for draft plan proposal – schedule Winter 2019/2020
- Meetings with Homes England to set up project and resource this includes a ‘community’ resource for better support
- Launching specific evidence – other proposals
- Today to discuss options ref. engagement

Further Parish/Community engagement

current status:

Presentations/updates by Council/BDP

TBC held local Parish Council event at the PSC

To discuss the most appropriate method of communication/engagement

BDP now drafting next phase of masterplan – phase 1

Further Parish/Community engagement

current status:

Community group – options for consideration

example: West Carclaze

- a wider community body
- meet regularly to discuss project
- agenda supported by the wider delivery programme
- feeds to the delivery board
- information can feed into this group from the community
- could hold consultations/information events
- any funding requirements from the Council