

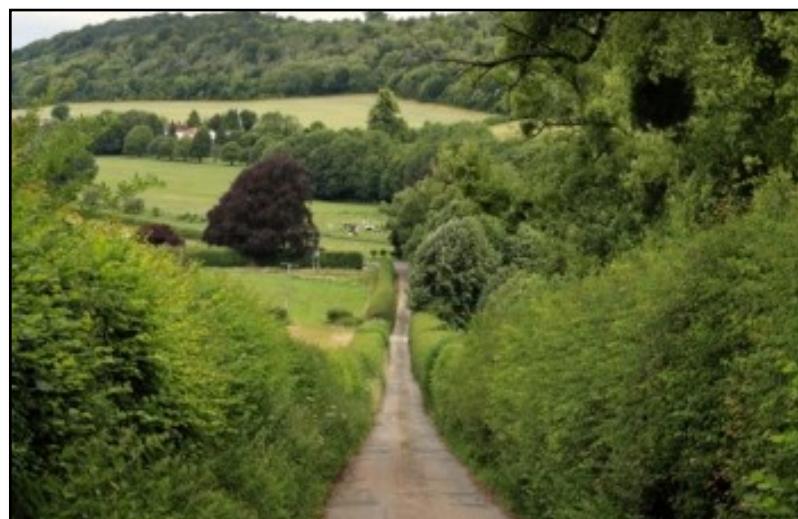
Hedgerow Maintenance

Following an exceptional growing season – a reminder for landowners regarding hedge maintenance.

Hedges should be cut back to maintain the minimum required clearances for roads and footways:

- 1.5m clearance on footways for safe passage
- 5.2m clearance for hedges overhanging roads
- 2.1m clearance for hedges overhanging footpaths
- 2.5m clearance for hedges overhanging cycleways

If the side of the hedge bordering the road has to be cut every year for visibility, drainage or other reasons, you should consider only cutting the top and field side of the hedge every two or three years, or less frequently.



Ash Church Christmas Tree Festival

ST PETER AND ST PAUL'S CHURCH, ASH TN15 7HD

**Saturday 11th December 10am-5pm &
Sunday 12th December 10am-4pm**

You can enter in the following categories:

FAMILY for £5

ORGANISATION or CHARITY for £5

NAG NEIGHBOURHOODS for £10

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS for £10

Let us make this a really good year

To enter a tree or for more details contact

jeanbentley51@gmail.com

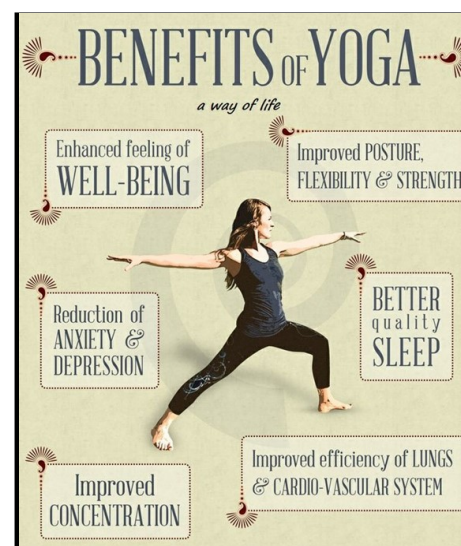
Trees can be real or artificial and no more than 2' wide.

Lights need to be battery operated.

PRIZES AWARDED FOR THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES

*Come and see the trees on display
and vote for your favourite tree
at this popular event*

FREE ENTRY—DONATIONS WELCOME



Join our friendly yoga class with Kay on Monday evenings from 8pm -9pm at Ash Green Sports Centre on the Milestone Academy site. £7.50 per class. Phone 01474 707164 for more

Buses

Should we experience bad weather this winter, all buses will terminate and start their routes at North Square.

NEW ASH GREEN SOUTH EAST WARD: Councillors Mike Brown (Chairman), Roxana Brammer (Vice Chair), Jill Clucas, Pam Connell, Mark Manley

NEW ASH GREEN NORTH WEST WARD: Councillors Carol Clark, Sarah Hobbs, Steven Glover, Vusi Ngwenya, Paul Nightingale, Shaun Fishenden

ASH WARD: Councillors Jeremy Scott, Melanie Sapiets

HODSOLL STREET & RIDLEY WARD: Councillors Frank Cottey, Margaret Howie

PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE: www.hugofox.com/community/ash-cum-ridley-parish-council-12628

PARISH CLERK: 01474 702760 EMAIL: info@acrpc.org.uk

Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council

**AUTUMN
2021**

Serving the local communities of Ash, Hodsoll Street, New Ash Green & Ridley

CASUAL VACANCY

- A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor to represent the New Ash Green South East Ward.
- Applications are being sought from eligible* people, suitably qualified to serve.

INFORMATION The Parish Council is involved in most local matters: planning, highways and footpaths. Support for local services and organisations, environmental, crime and quality of life issues. It is responsible for the management of Ash Green Sports Centre and the Ash Burial Ground. It is consulted over local matters and tries to put forward the local point of view. Parish Council meetings are held on the third Thursday evening of every month.

APPLICATIONS Those persons interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please apply in writing or by email to the Clerk, Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council, Ash Green Sports Centre, Ash Road, New Ash Green, DA3 8JZ, giving brief back-ground details and why you would like to join the Council.

***ELIGIBILITY** Subject to the rules on disqualification, a person is qualified if they are a qualifying Commonwealth citizen and has attained the age of 18 and:

- (a) on that day they are and thereafter they continue to be a local government elector for the area of the authority; or
 - (b) they have, during the whole of the twelve months preceding that day occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in that area; or
 - (c) their principal or only place of work during that twelve months has been in that area; or
 - (d) they have during the whole of those twelve months resided in that area; or
 - (e) they have during the whole of those twelve months resided either in the parish or within 4.8 kilometres of it.
- Parish Councillors sign up to the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. The Parish Council meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month at 7.45pm and Committee meetings are held to deal with specific subjects, such as planning matters and the management of Ash Green Sports Centre and Ash Burial Ground.

If this is of interest to you, please contact the Parish Clerk for more information on 01474 702760 or email info@acrpc.org.uk

ASH GREEN SPORTS CENTRE

(ON THE MILESTONE ACADEMY SITE)

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW?

How about joining our team as a

PART-TIME FITNESS INSTRUCTOR/RECEPTIONIST

We are looking for an upbeat instructor to deliver excellent service to our members.

**Hours on a shift basis including evenings and weekends
Salary dependent on experience**

If you have a PT Level 2 or above, call our Reception on 01474 707164, or email info@acrpc.org.uk for an application pack.

Closing date for applications: 19 November 2021. Interviews will be held during the week commencing 22 November 2021.

*Ash Green Sports Centre is run and managed by
Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council*



Remembrance Service

The Parish Council will hold its traditional service at Ash War Memorial. Please gather at 10.45am. 2 minutes silence will be observed at 11.00am, followed by tea and coffee with all donations to the poppy appeal.



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KALC Community Awards

Jackie West was awarded the KALC Community Award 2020 in recognition of her exemplary contribution to the people and communities of Ash-cum-Ridley. She is a dedicated person who performs outstanding work. Her notable achievements include the Community Hub, Little Legs and Simply Singing.



Cameron Clark received the 2021 KALC Community Award to acknowledge his unwavering commitment over many years to the local area, dedicating considerable work to enhancing the lives of residents, notably, leading the Neighbourhood Plan and the Town Team.

The KALC Community Awards Scheme, supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Kent County Council and Medway Council.

The Green Man Hodsoll Street

The nomination for the Green Man Pub to be listed as a Asset of Community Value has been successful. We await further information from the landowners as to the future plans for the site although it is believed they want to continue using the site as a public house.

ADVICE, MEDIATION & USEFUL NUMBERS

Kent County Council	03000 418181
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000
Kent Police - Emergency Calls.....	999
Kent Police - Non Emergency Calls	101
KCC Community Warden	07811 271259
New Ash Green Village Association	01474 872691
New Ash Green Library.....	03000 413131
Doctors Surgery	01474 873828
Village Pharmacy	01474 873811
Citizens Advice	03003 309001
Arriva Northfleet	01474 535138
West Kent Mediation	01732 469696
Samaritans	116 123 (free)
Childline	0800 1111
Community Cupboard	07526 823122
Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service	08081 689111
Papyrus Suicide Prevention Under 35s.....	0800 0684141 (free)
Young Minds	www.youngminds.org.uk
KCC website for COVID-19 advice & testing information	www.kent.gov.uk



Thursday Lunch Club

Over 60? Come and dine with us at 12:00 every Thursday at the Youth & Community Centre. Our diners enjoy a freshly cooked quality two course meal prepared by our professional cook. The £6.00 charge includes tea or coffee.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01474 702760



Season of Remembering

Sunday 31 October at 3pm: our annual "Remembering with Love" service to commemorate family members and friends who have died, whether recently or long ago. As their names are read aloud you will be able to light small candles in their memory. Anyone living in the parish is welcome to attend this service. It would be very helpful, though not essential, if you could provide details of any names in advance.

Thursday 11 November at 10.45am: traditional **Armistice Day** service at the Ash war memorial, organised by Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council. The two minutes' silence will be observed at 11am. Refreshments will be served in Ash Village Hall afterwards.

Sunday 14 November: join members of the church congregation and the Ash Green Scout Troop for a **Remembrance Sunday** service, starting at 10am in church and ending at the war memorial for the Act of Remembrance at 11am. Alternatively, you can remain in church for a short communion service followed by the Act of Remembrance at 11am. In the evening, the Friends of Ash Church will be hosting their annual "Reflections on Remembrance" evening of words and music read, sung, and played by local people, beginning at 7pm.

For more information about the church services, please contact Rev Helen Reeves, 01474 872209; ashandridleyrector@gmail.com; for information about the FoAC evening or to offer contributions, please contact the Chairman, Joe Whittaker, 01474 874045, joe2you2joe@hotmail.com.

Flu & Booster Jabs

Flu jabs are available to book at the local Village Pharmacy. You can book direct with them by popping in. New Ash Green Doctors Surgery are currently running booster Covid jabs for the vulnerable. They will contact you if you are eligible.

New Ash Green Community Hub

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month
10am until 12 noon
New Ash Green Village Hall

Come and join us for the usual meet up over tea and cake.
All are welcome to join.



There is no need to pre-book, you can simply just turn up!



Little Legs Community Hub

Free meeting place for those caring for children who may feel isolated or just want to meet other Parents/Grandparents/Carers for a chat over a cup of tea

Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month
10am until 12 noon
New Ash Green Village Hall

Everyone welcome

LAUNCHES ON
19th October 2021



Carers/Memory Café

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month
10am until 12 noon
New Ash Green Village Hall

Free to All

Come along for free refreshments, information and support!



Simply Singing

A community initiative for those who enjoy singing for pleasure

Every 4th Tuesday of the Month
10am until 12 noon
New Ash Green Village Hall

Free to All

LAUNCHES ON
26th October 2021



For More Information:

Jackie West - Community Warden
07811 271259 or jackie.west@kent.gov.uk

What A Shame

Ash Burial Ground is maintained by the Parish Council. Whilst its style is that of an informal country burial ground, the Parish Council strives to maintain it to a high standard and to make it a pleasant place for people to visit. It is a pity that the Burial Ground has been the subject of fly-tipping and the dumping of floral tributes and vases by visitors to the Burial Ground. Please help to keep the Burial Ground neat and take vases and withered floral tributes home when no longer being used.

