

Housing Needs Survey

The local Housing Needs Survey for the parish was recently updated identifying the total need for housing. There is a current need for 39 affordable homes and 19 owner-occupier properties to enable downsizing. To read the report please go to www.acrpc.org.uk and visit the **Housing Needs Survey 2022** page.



Light and Bright Squash Courts

The Sports Centre recently invested in new LED lighting to improve the brightness of the Squash Courts at the centre. Hopefully making them a better facility to play in.

If you are interested in hiring a squash court, please email info@ashgreensportscentre.co.uk



Report a Fault

We have been asked by KCC to request residents report faults via the KCC Highways Portal accessible on www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem instead of via the FixMyStreet website and app.

This is because FixMyStreet does not integrate with KCC's systems and therefore quicker to report via their direct fault reporting portal which goes to the relevant team.

Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council

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

Ash Road Improvements

Kent County Council has advised as part of their on-going maintenance and improvement of the highway network, they will be resurfacing a section of Ash Road, New Ash Green between the junctions of Penenden and Punch Croft.

These road surface improvement works are programmed to start on 17th November 2022 and should take 4 nights to complete. Works are planned to take place on weeknights only with no work planned on Saturday or Sunday nights.

It is possible this could change as the scheme progresses should any inclement weather conditions or unforeseen situations impact our progress. These

activities will be undertaken between the hours of 18:30 and 02:30 each night.

Outside of these hours, the road will remain open for traffic. During these essential works it will be necessary to close Ash Road between Penenden and Punch Croft so that we can carry out the works safely for both the workforce and road users.

The primary diversion route will be via Chapel Wood Road and vice versa. The secondary diversion route for access to North Ash Road will be via Redhill Road and vice versa. If you need more information: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/resurfacingupdates>

Remembrance Service

The Parish Council will hold its traditional service at Ash War Memorial on **Friday 11 November**. Please gather at **10.45am**. A 2 minutes silence will be observed at 11.00am, followed by tea and coffee with all donations to the poppy appeal.



Assets of Community Value

Ash cum Ridley Parish Council first registered an Asset of Community Value for the parish back in 2021; the site of the Green Man in Hodsoll Street.

Since then, we have identified another eleven buildings and facilities around the parish that are also suitable for Asset of Community Value registration.

We currently have an ACV Value nomination pending for The Royal Oak in New Ash Green. The other nominations will be submitted soon.

The purpose of an asset of community value registration is to

enable community groups the 'right to bid' for if the building is put up for sale or made available for a lease of over 25 years.

It does not guarantee that the community group will be successful in

their bid, but enables a six month moratorium period from the point at which the owner notifies Sevenoaks Council of their intention to sell and it actually going on the open market. This provides time for the community group to prepare a bid and/or engage in discussions with the owner.

There have been numerous successful examples of ACV's being used to protect pubs, libraries and other community facilities across the country.

For more information about ACV's please go to: <https://mycommunity.org.uk/what-are-assets-of-community-value-acv>





CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



St Peter and St Paul's Church, Ash, TN15 7HD

Saturday 10th December
10.00 – 4.00pm

Sunday 11th 12.00 – 4.00pm
Monday 12th 10.00 – 1.00pm



FREE ENTRY

Donations welcome



Come and vote for your favourite tree at this popular event.

Refreshments available

To enter a tree contact jeanbentley51@gmail.com



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

Memorial Garden

The Parish Council constructed a new memorial wall in 2020 due to the limited burial space in Ash Burial Ground.

The wall enables ashes to be interred in the adjoining memorial garden and then a plaque placed on the wall to remember loved ones for eternity.

The cremated remains of persons, who, immediately before death, were inhabitants of the parish of Ash-cum-

Ridley, are eligible to be interred in the Memorial Garden. Persons, who were normally resident in the parish, but who immediately before death were being nursed or cared for outside the parish, are also eligible.

If you would like to include a loved one on our memorial wall and inter their ashes, please contact the Clerk or find further information on info@acrpc.org.uk.



Thursday Lunch Club

Over 60? Come and dine with us at 12:00 noon 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



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

Celebrating 30 Years of Service

One of our receptionists at Ash Green Sports Centre; Rita Milroy is celebrating her 30th year of employment with us.

Rita is always a welcoming face for those using the Sports Centre and we are delighted to celebrate this milestone anniversary with her.

We would like to thank Rita for her many dedicated years of service to the Sports Centre.



Holiday Schemes

The Parish Council Summer Holiday and October Half Term Schemes were a huge success, run by our team at the Sports Centre and supported by a number of external partners.

The scheme saw a range of activities put on including CycleMeTots, gymnastics and mini tennis to name a few.

We were delighted by the number of attendees and hope the children enjoyed the activities they participated in.

Following positive feedback, we will look to run similar holiday schemes again in the near future.

And finally a huge thank you to Sports Centre instructor; Val Benfield who co-ordinated both holiday schemes.

The Green Man Hodsoll Street

A group of residents in Hodsoll Street were able to attract a number of angel investors in order to submit a bid for the vacant former Green Man site in Hodsoll Street.

At present, no party has been officially told who was successful in bidding for the site.

The Parish Council is however working with the Green Man Recovery Group to submit an outline planning application for a replacement public house. We hope this will demonstrate to any potential developer that they will not succeed in securing planning approval for a housing development.

JUBILEE MEDICAL GROUP

APPOINTMENTS SYSTEM – OCTOBER 2022

We have been monitoring our appointments system for some time following feedback from patients and staff. We know that we need to find a way to improve the system for everyone.

We appreciate that things have changed over the last few years, with more appointments being done virtually. We want to ensure everyone is getting the best possible care, whilst looking after our staff who have been working extremely hard under the increasing demand.

It is essential to review patient requests, to ensure that the most appropriate clinician gives the best care, which may not always be a doctor.

As detailed in our newsletters, we do have a wide range of staff to help you with your health. To ensure everyone receives the best possible service, first time, please be prepared to see another healthcare professional rather than a doctor.

From Monday 3rd October 2022, we will be changing the way appointments are booked.

The main benefit for you, the patients, is that you will not be asked to phone back when all the appointments have been booked.

All appointment requests for urgent or routine appointments with a doctor are to be requested using eConsult.

If you are unable to use eConsult, the member of staff will complete an eConsult Lite with you. We will also have printed copies, so you can complete one at reception.

These eConsults will be triaged by a doctor, who will decide the most appropriate clinician to deal with the problem and within what timeframe. If it is decided the problem is urgent and needs to be dealt with on the day, you will be phoned with an appointment time.

If it is decided the problem is routine, within 48 hours you will be text an appointment time within a couple of weeks. If we are unable to text you, we will phone you and let you know.

Appointments will be a mixture of face-to-face and telephone consultation, depending on the problem. You may also receive advice and guidance via text message and not require an actual appointment.

All appointments for nurse or healthcare assistant procedures can be booked either by telephone or by coming into reception.

We appreciate that not all conditions are listed within eConsult, but there is now the option of choosing 'I can't find my condition' and then you can free text your problem.