

2012 ASHBY PC ANNUAL WEBSITE REPORT

I start with my usual reminder that the title of our parish council website reflects our village name, an organisation, in the UK - hence it can be found at www.ashbystmary.org.uk

Having been introduced in 2007 the website has reached its 5th birthday this year. The Council continues with its aim to see it is updated almost as soon as new information becomes available because that surely is the proof of a truly worthwhile website.

It continues to provide parishioners with a hopefully straightforward method to find their way to the subject of interest. The aim remains to provide a simple means of delivering information about the council, its meetings and activities to its parishioners, and offer all the relevant information on each of its 8 pages. Where that is too large to display (such as meeting minutes), usually just one further step displays the appropriate document.

During the past 12 months, some detail on almost every page has been updated. We have added meeting agendas, meeting minutes, police homework messages, councillor election details, planning information, villagers stories, local charitable events, more pictures and, with our continued thanks to Ashby Rainman, the parish's weather statistics. In the same previous 12-month period, 19 website updates have taken place involving almost 120 changes or additions.

The Latest News facility remains on the front page so even if you have no wish to delve further into our village website, I again recommend looking at that area as it contains local news affecting Ashby residents – for instance, currently, dates of village meetings, fundraisers and other events. The five day weather forecast for our area remains displayed. The next planned enhancement is to create a gallery of the picture exhibits of the village that were on show at last summer's popular Exhibition of Photographs of Ashby.

Since it was introduced around this time 2 years ago the counter showing the number of views the website has received currently stands at 1747.

The Council hopes its website keeps Ashby's residents (and other interested parties) informed and up to date with the many varied items affecting our neighbourhood. It is satisfied the website continues to be of worthwhile benefit to the community and good value for money. The Council is content for me to continue with the maintenance of the site, which I am pleased to do and assist with.

The parish council includes its website address on all the Council's parish notices including those displayed on the three council's noticeboards. So next time you, your children or perhaps grandchildren are using the internet and searching the world wide web, why not have a look at your personalised village website which can be found at www.ashbystmary.org.uk. You may be pleasantly surprised with what awaits you there.

That concludes my 2012 progress report on the Ashby St Mary website.

Mark Rolph - Parish Councillor