

2015 ASHBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2014-15 ASHBY WEBSITE REPORT

The Parish website has now served the parish council and parishioners for 8 years. As I am sure you know, it can be found at www.ashbystmary.org.uk

It continues to provide details of Ashby Parish Council's regarding its meetings and financial and planning decision announcements – but there is so much more on the site than just that. On behalf of your parish council, I continue to update the site as soon as possible after new information for Ashby's parishioners becomes available.

The basic structure of 6 pages to the parish website has remained unchanged since it was upgraded 2 years ago. To enable readers to see a simple resume of the updated subjects, the Home page bullet points these under the title Latest News.

The other pages are the Management page (for parish council minutes, financial and planning items), Handbook page (a directory of local contact details), History (parish event reports, Ashby Past which includes some fascinating photos, and Ashby church and churchyard sections). There is also a self-explanatory Contacts page and finally the Homewatch page for details of our free parish Homewatch/Police alerts service to residents.

During the past year, all the following and much more has been added to Ashby's website - meeting agendas and minutes, police alert / homewatch messages, planning information and decisions, village event items, the parish's rain statistics (thank you Ashby Rainman) and Ashby cricket information (thank you Ernie Forder).

In the last year, 8 website updates have taken place involving 91 changes or additions. As usual notice of all updates are notified via email to any resident who wishes to receive them via the parish council's free established Ashby Update Service. Any resident can request to receive these messages which are issued about once a month. 53 households now receive these updates with 2 joining just last Saturday.

The service also includes the free-to-join Ashby Heating Oil Syndicate for domestic heating oil users. The syndicate continues to expand, (the latest member joined last Saturday) and has been used to great effect several times during the last year.

Ashby St Mary parish council is proud to offer these services to its residents and hopes you will spread the word to any neighbours whenever the opportunity arises. It is satisfied the website provides a genuine benefit to our community and remains good value for money.

Bored with the election already? Then why not brighten up your day and 'surf' the internet for a look at your Ashby website?

That concludes my 2014-15 report on the Ashby St Mary website.

Mark Rolph - Parish Councillor