

2016 ASHBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 2015-16 ASHBY WEBSITE REPORT

The Parish website is www.ashbystmary.org.uk and has served the parish council since its introduction in 2007.

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. It aims to provide parishioners with Ashby Parish Council's news and business reports particularly its meeting minutes, financial spending and budgets, and planning announcements.

The parish website continues to have 6 pages. 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, no major change has taken place to the structure of the website – there have been all the usual additions such as meeting agendas and minutes, police alert / homewatch messages, planning information and decisions, village event items, and the parish's rain statistics (thank you Ashby Rainman).

In the last year, 7 website updates have taken place involving 78 changes or additions. I have given the usual email notice of all the updates to residents who have asked to receive them via the parish council's free established Ashby Update Service. Any resident can request to receive these messages which are usually issued about 10 times a year or as necessary. 53 households receive these updates – unchanged from last year. The service also includes the free-to-join Ashby Heating Oil Syndicate for domestic heating oil users. The syndicate continues to expand 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 neighbours at every opportunity. It is satisfied the website provides a genuine benefit to our community and remains good value for money.

If you're bored with the EU debate why not take your leap into the unknown and 'surf' the internet for a look at your Ashby website!?

That concludes my 2015-16 report on the Ashby St Mary website.

Mark Rolph - Parish Councillor