

## 2018 ASHBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – ASHBY WEBSITE REPORT

A quick reminder that the Parish website is at [www.ashbystmary.org.uk](http://www.ashbystmary.org.uk). Our website aims to provide parishioners with the usual news and business matters of Ashby Parish Council, particularly its meeting agendas and minutes, financial spending and budgets, and planning matters.

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. However within the last 12 months, failures of out-of-date hardware coinciding with the enforced withdrawal of email addresses, created many difficulties and as a result the website was regrettably not updated as often and therefore not as quickly as I would have liked.

Visually the Ashby parish website has not changed in appearance in the last year. It continues to have 6 pages - Home page including Latest News; Management, History, Handbook, Homewatch and Contacts. But there is news of a future change. Your parish council has recently agreed there is sufficient interest in and details concerning our church that it warrants a separate dedicated page. The work required to provide this is expected to take place during the coming months as and when time permits.

One thing that hasn't changed is Ashby Rainman and the reporting of his monthly statistics (thanks for those Rainman wherever you are). Not many weeks ago saw him get very excited - by all accounts his measuring cup hath verily been flowing over.

In the last year, just ?? website updates took place - it was 8 last year. These involved ?? changes or additions. I give the usual email notice of all updates to residents who have asked to receive them via the parish council's free established Ashby Update Service which includes any Neighbourhood Security / Police Alert news. The Update Service still includes the free-to-join Ashby Heating Oil Syndicate for all domestic heating oil users in the parish. Your parish council remains proud to offer these services. It is also still satisfied the website provides a genuine benefit to our community and offers good value for money.

I should add that having been alerted during the year that grants were offered to parish councils to procure equipment and software to assist in their website production, Ashby was successful in applying for and receiving such a grant. A new parish council laptop was purchased and is now used for sending emails to recipients of the Ashby Update Service and the Ashby Heating Oil Syndicate. As mentioned last year, we have produced and printed this year's APM notice to all parishioners "in-house" which has resulted in a worthwhile cost-saving.

That concludes my 2018 report on the Ashby St Mary website.

Mark Rolph - Parish Councillor