

2018-2019 ASHBY ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – ASHBY HEATING OIL SYNDICATE REPORT

Our community-based syndicate has now been operated by Ashby St Mary parish council for six years.

The syndicate remains a free parish council-led service to its parishioners, and it's pleasing to report it continues to flourish. As the current organiser on behalf of the parish council, I am always willing to explain how the syndicate operates to anyone interested, or if preferred a factsheet is available giving full details.

All parishioners have been made aware of the syndicate through our APM flyer so any domestic oil users can take advantage of the clear savings the syndicate can offer. The syndicate has continued to make very useful savings for its parishioner members who have supported it. This year there have been five orders with a total of 44,750 litres at a price per litre paid ranging between 48.10 to 53.60p. This compares with five orders made last year totalling 35,850 litres and a price per litre that ranged from 33.0p to 54.75p.

In the last 12 month period I have calculated the average saving made by a parishioner's single purchase of say 1000 litres against the syndicate's bulk buy purchase has varied between 6.07 and 0.83 pence per litre with the average being 4.03p. I deal with up to 11 oil companies that fall within 5 ownerships. It remains the policy that I do not favour any one oil company over another during the negotiations I go through to achieve the best price for syndicate members. I do appreciate those members who respond to me, as requested, when I offer to make a bulk purchase as a yes or no reply lets me know the message has been seen and avoids a reminder being sent.

From 34 members last year, the number has increased by one this year to 35. The parish council of course would welcome more domestic oil users in our village to become members of the Ashby Heating Oil Syndicate. It has no formal membership, is free to join, and members can of course leave at any time.

That concludes my 2018-2019 Ashby Heating Oil Syndicate report.

Mark Rolph - Parish Councillor