

Ash Green Sports Centre - We are a welcoming bunch...

We have a super friendly team at the Sports Centre looking to welcome new members. Our team consists of:

Stacey is one of our fitness instructors and class instructor for Fitball, Body Balance, Circuit and Gentle Exercise

Val is our other fitness instructor and class instructor for Zumba Gold, Adult Ballet, Pilates (in training) and Gentle Exercise

We also have our reception team of Rita, Jo, Pamela and Jo.

Along with our whole list of facilities such as the gym, circuit training room, tennis courts, squash courts and badminton hall, we also have a range of classes for members to take part in, the class schedule is listed on our website.

Please look at our website; www.ashgreensportscentre.co.uk for further information.



Precept for 2022-2023

The Parish Council is always conscious of managing public money well and ensuring there is continued value for money especially when many families are struggling to make ends meet.

As part of the budget-setting process for 2022-2023, the Parish Council agreed to set its precept at £121,888.

This represents a increase of just £1.46 per annum for a Band D property. This small increase will allow us to continue to deliver a range of services for the parish including Ash Green Sports Centre, youth provision and the Thursday lunch club.

To ensure full transparency, the Parish Council publishes all its financial information on our website which is available for everyone to read.

New Ash Green Community Hub

Every 1st Tuesday of the Month
10am until 12 noon
New Ash Green Village Hall

Come and join us for the usual meet up over tea and cake. All are welcome to join.

There is no need to pre-book, you can simply just turn up!

Little Legs Community Hub

Free meeting place for those caring for children who may feel isolated or just want to meet other Parents/Grandparents/Carers for a chat over a cup of tea

Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month
10am until 12 noon
New Ash Green Village Hall

Everyone welcome

LAUNCHES ON 19th October 2021

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For More Information: **Jackie West - Community Warden**
07811 271259 or jackie.west@kent.gov.uk

Carers/Memory Café

Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month
10am until 12 noon
New Ash Green Village Hall

Free to All

Come along for free refreshments, information and support!

Simply Singing

A community initiative for those who enjoy singing for pleasure

Every 4th Tuesday of the Month
10am until 12 noon
New Ash Green Village Hall

Free to All

LAUNCHES ON 26th October 2021

NEW ASH GREEN SOUTH EAST WARD: Councillors Mike Brown (Chairman), Roxana Brammer (Vice Chair), Jill Clucas, Pam Connell, Mark Manley, Isabel MacLeod
NEW ASH GREEN NORTH WEST WARD: Councillors Carol Clark, Sarah Hobbs, Steven Glover, Vusi Ngwenya, Paul Nightingale, Shaun Fishenden
ASH WARD: Councillors Jeremy Scott, Melanie Sapiets
HODSOLL STREET & RIDLEY WARD: Councillors Frank Cottey, Margaret Howie

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Ash-cum-Ridley Parish Council

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2022

Serving the local communities of Ash, Hodsoll Street, New Ash Green & Ridley

News From Ash Village Hall



An audience of over 70 enjoyed a fantastic evening of folk music on 5 March given by locals Allan Richardson, Joe Whittaker, Ric Cecconi and their friend Steve Shorey, who had come all the way from Dartford. They generously gave their talent and time freely in aid of the hall's finances and the Hall Committee thanks them so much for helping in this way. We would also like to thank those who donated bottles for the raffle, one of whom won back the bottle he had donated! The evening raised a much needed £860.

The Committee would also like to thank Ash resident Danny Brooker, who recently resurfaced the car park on the War Memorial side of the hall, which has made it so much easier to hold larger events. This was done free

of charge and we are so grateful to Danny for his community spirit.

Please do consider using the hall for family events, such as children's parties, christenings, weddings and funeral gatherings. You may not realise there is a small garden at the back, ideal for summer use. To view or book the hall, contact Iris Bateson by email on irisandjohnbateson@gmail.com.

Wishing all our residents a Happy Easter



Annual Parish Meeting

Ash-cum-Ridley is holding its next Annual Parish Meeting on **Thursday 4 May 2022**.

This is an opportunity to hear about the work of the Parish Council and what we do. The meeting will also have guest speakers:

- Charmaine Keatley, Chief Executive of Kent Association of Local Councils
- Chief Inspector; Jon Kirby, District Commander for Sevenoaks
- A member from Ash-cum-Ridley Fire Station

All parish residents are warmly welcomed to attend the meeting which will commence at **7:45pm** at **Hodsoll Street & Ridley Village Hall**.

PLATINUM JUBILEE

With the Queens Platinum Jubilee approaching in June, the Parish Council has decided to get involved with the celebrations.

The Beacon lighting will be held on 02 June 2022 at 9.45pm with the Church arranging refreshments from 8.30pm. We hope you will join in with this historic event.

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NEW ASH GREEN VILLAGE HALL

Centre Road, New Ash Green

Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinic dates for 2022

Call in to have your NHS hearing aid cleaned and collect new batteries—all free of charge just bring your Brown Battery Book along.

Tuesdays from 10.00am - 11.00am

3rd May	6th September
7th June	4th October
5th July	1st November
2nd August	6th December

For details of more Hearing Aid Aftercare Clinics for National Health Service Hearing Aids and a wide range of helpful equipment for the home, telephone **01622 691151** or visit Hi Kent's website **www.hikent.org.uk**

ADVICE, MEDIATION & USEFUL NUMBERS

Kent County Council	03000 418181
Sevenoaks District Council	01732 227000
Kent Police - Emergency Calls.....	999
Kent Police - Non Emergency Calls	101
KCC Community Warden	07811 271259
New Ash Green Village Association	01474 872691
New Ash Green Library.....	03000 413131
Doctors Surgery	01474 873828
Village Pharmacy	01474 873811
Citizens Advice	03003 309001
Arriva Northfleet	01474 535138
West Kent Mediation	01732 469696
Samaritans	116 123 (free)
Childline	0800 1111
Community Cupboard	07526 823122
Kent Integrated Domestic Abuse Service	08081 689111
Papyrus Suicide Prevention Under 35s.....	0800 0684141 (free)
Young Minds	www.youngminds.org.uk
KCC website for COVID-19 advice & testing information	www.kent.gov.uk

Report a Fault

We have been asked by KCC to request residents report faults via the KCC Highways Portal accessible on **www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem** instead of via the FixMyStreet website and app.

This is because FixMyStreet does not integrate with KCC's systems and therefore quicker to report via their direct fault reporting portal which goes to the relevant team.

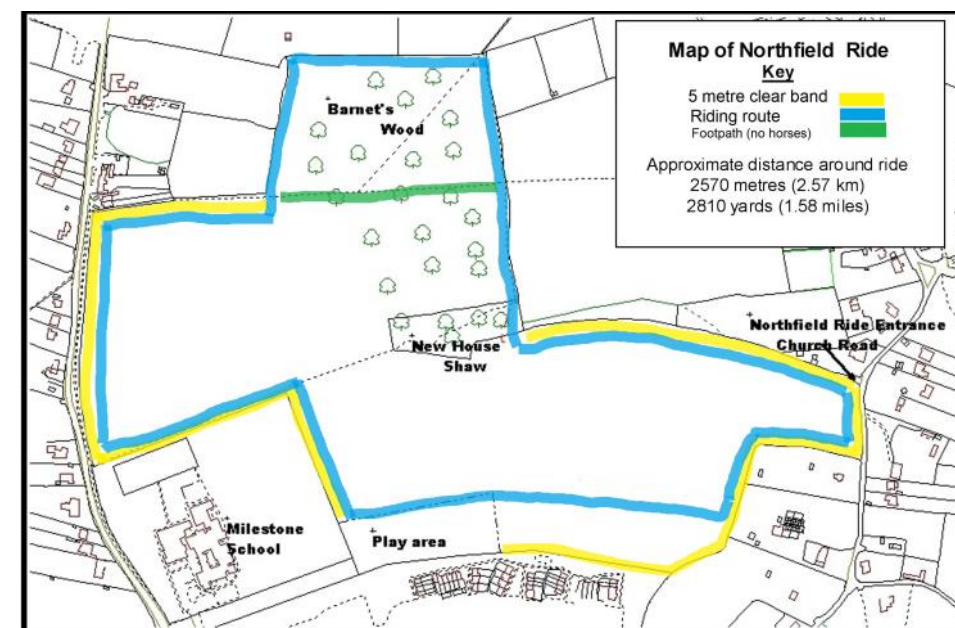
Thursday Lunch Club

Over 60? Come and dine with us at 12:00 noon every Thursday at the Youth & Community Centre. Our diners enjoy a freshly cooked quality two course meal prepared by our professional cook. The £6.00 charge includes tea or coffee.

For more information, please contact the Parish Clerk on 01474 702760



Northfield Horse Ride



An off-road ride is available for any local rider to join. There is a refundable key deposit of £20 and £5 for the annual membership. Application packs are available from Ash Green Sports Centre, telephone 01474 707164, nfo@ashgreensportscentre.co.uk.

Helping Hands Scheme

The 'Helping Hands' scheme offers fuel vouchers towards the cost of heating bills and essential items related to keeping warm. The vouchers will support households facing financial hardship as a direct result of coronavirus.

Applicants can apply for up to 3 vouchers towards heating bills (must have a top-up meter) or essential items such as:

- Boiler repairs
- Temporary heaters
- Thick curtains
- Blankets (at the discretion of district and borough council officers)

Eligibility:

Any applicants must:

- Be aged 16 or over
- Have a household income less than £30,000
- Have no savings or support from other sources
- Live in Kent

For payments toward heating bills, or high cost support, such as boiler repairs, applicants may need to provide proof of income. We won't need proof of income for support toward items such as blankets or curtains

You can organise a free telephone conversation via the website <https://south.greendoctors.org.uk>

Alternatively you can be referred for a fuel voucher by a professional referral e.g. Sevenoaks HERO service.



ANPR in New Ash Green

Sadly New Ash Green no longer has an ANPR presence, originally located at Milestone roundabout. This is due to a series of vandalism incidents that resulted in Kent Police deciding to relocate the camera to a location along Ash Road in Hartley.

It is extremely disappointing that because of a small minority, other residents now have to go without the benefit of having this tool used for crime prevention and detection.

New Councillor

In November 2021 the Parish Council co-opted Isabel MacLeod to the vacancy we had in the New Ash Green South East ward.

Cllr MacLeod will serve on the Planning Committee and the Burial Ground Committee. We look forward to working with her.

Refuse Sack Deliveries

A roll of black refuse sacks and a roll of clear recycling sacks are delivered to every household every 20 weeks. Should you require additional sacks, these can be purchased from Ash Green Sports Centre on the Milestone School site.

Garden Waste Sacks: £15.00 for 25
Black Sacks: £1.50 per roll
Recycling Sacks: 50p per roll

The centre is open 9am-9pm Monday to Friday, 9.30am-5pm on Saturday's and 9.30am-2pm on Sunday's. Call 01474 707164.