

About Ashfield



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BROME & OAKLEY COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE

Find it on the Brome Industrial Estate off the B1077 at the north end of Eye Airfield. Open every day except Wednesday, 9am to 5pm except Sunday 10am to 4pm - although its closed 24-26 December and 1 January.

The following waste types are free of charge:

plastic: hard, soft and film (e.g. supermarket bags) - metal, items with metal parts - paper and cardboard - tetrapaks - batteries - textiles - cooking oil - glass - electrical items from light bulbs and mobile phones to chest freezers

There is a £5 + VAT (£6 total) charge per car/small van/domestic trailer for:

landfill (residual waste), which includes sofas, mattresses, etc.

green (garden) waste - wood - hardcore, 3 bags maximum

ASHFIELD FOOTPATHS GROUP

Its a pleasure to see people out walking on the footpath network in Ashfield and we strive to keep the paths in good order.

Conditions have been quite challenging because of the wet season; with phenomenal amounts of growth.

We will shortly be undertaking the annual audit of paths - looking for obstructions and damage.

Where ever possible we'll carry out repairs ourselves but we will call upon Suffolk County Council to assist if required.

We hope that you will have an opportunity to use the Ashfield footpath network. Should you find an obstruction or other problem that requires attention please let one of us know.

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Next Council Meeting

Wednesday 14
November 2012

All residents are welcome to attend. The Agenda is available on the Village Hall Noticeboard a week before the meeting.

HEATING OIL THEFTS

Around 1.3 million households are using heating oil and the average cost of a 1000 litre tank is around £900. Of particular risk to oil thefts are isolated properties in rural areas or farms. There are steps that can be taken to prevent these thefts:

- Hide the tank from the road – use fences, trellis and vegetation
- Keep gates shut
- CCTV cameras can be a relatively cheap deterrent and help trace criminals
- Fit a good lock
- Use a sonic alarm system which monitors any sudden fall in the oil level.

Your local officers are PCSO 3240 Dave Faulkner & PC 878 Jacqui Thomas
Midsuffnorth.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

Ashfield-Cum-Thorpe Community Council

WEBSITE

Don't forget the village website at ashfield.onesuffolk.net, which is updated regularly with news, information and details of Ashfield events. If there is anything you would like to see on the site, please contact simon.garrett@iee.org

TELEPHONE KIOSK

This has been adopted from BT by the Parish Council for the princely sum of £1.00, and the Community Council is charged with refurbishing and maintaining it - materials costs were funded from the SCC grant plus about £70 from the Parish Council precept. The outside work has been completed, and the kiosk is a bright and welcoming sight when coming into the village, especially at night. It is planned that the kiosk will become an information point for the village, with details of footpaths, bus timetables and so on displayed inside.

YOGA

Following a summer break, the class has resumed on Thursdays starting at 6:30pm. New members welcome; just come along.

THANKS

The village hall is run by "The Committee" - a small team of volunteers. During the course of the year this involves, as you can imagine, a lot of work. In addition, we are supported by many people in the village who 'lend a hand' as and when they can, be it baking cakes for the cyclists, helping clearing weeds, painting, or washing-up after events. And of course there are those who turn up to support the events we run. There are far too many to thank individually, but our thanks go out to them all!

FINANCE

At the end of the first half of the 2011/12 financial year, our reserves stand at £5,973.54. Much of this is kept in reserve to cover any unexpected repair costs.

Our income this year so far totals £1,641.10, made up mainly from events, hall lettings and the increasingly popular cyclists' coffee & cake and includes a grant of £130.00 from Cllr Eddie Alcock towards the cost of refurbishing the telephone kiosk.

VILLAGE HALL

Maintaining a village hall, especially ours which is a second-hand 'temporary' building erected some 35 years ago, is not a simple task. During the course of the last 12 months, drain blockages have been cleared, woodwork repaired and external painting carried out. And the gardens, trees and shrubs have all had to be kept in order.

EVENTS

We had a good turnout for the Jubilee tea party held on 4th June, and strangely for a 'tea party' the cask of Victoria bitter was emptied and quite a few bottles of wine put away!

Later in June, Richard Ellis hosted another of his popular wine-tasting sessions; we are grateful to him for all the work that goes into these sessions.

The annual Barbeque held on August 24th was not blessed with the best weather of the summer (was there a summer this year?), but the chefs at the BBQ cooked determinedly through the drizzle whilst the customers were warm and dry in the hall.

A quiz is scheduled for 26th October and a Christmas social for 7th December.