

# SOMERCOTES Local!

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A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter



## Large Scale Housing Development in Somercotes rejected by Planning Inspectorate

138 people attended the Annual Parish Meeting to have their say on the building of houses on 'Greenfield' land in Somercotes, as proposed by Amber Valley Borough Council. AVBC changed its Core 'Housing Supply' Strategy of no further development in Somercotes to pursue planning application between April 2014 and March 2019, on 3 sites off Birchwood Lane for the building of 500 houses. Representation was made from the Parish Council, Local Residents and DCC Local Member (Cllr Paul Smith) to the Planning Inspectorate who later

rejected the AVBC Core Strategy giving them 6 months to re-submit their 5 year plan. This does not mean that the planning issues will go away as developers now have an opportunity to seek planning applications on any land, including 'Greenbelt' as there is now no identified building land. It can be argued that the Parish of Somercotes has sufficient housing and available land for its current needs. The major concerns are that the infrastructure, doctor surgeries, schools and local provision of services is inadequate for any future large scale

development. The Parish Council is supportive of the views of the local community and will use its newsletter and website to keep residents informed of housing developments and the revised AVBC Core Strategy.

## Annual Parish Council Meeting Report - 2014

The Annual Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th May 2014 elected the Chairman, Cllr. Paul Smith and Vice Chairman, Cllr Brian Lyttle for the next 12 months (2014-15). The Audited Council Accounts were presented and resolved by the council and have been sent for external audit. The council's annual report (brief overview) can be viewed on page 3 – the full report is on the Council website and available at the Parish Council Office.

The council has been very proactive in 2013-14 and supported new skate park equipment on the recreation ground that has been well received by those who use the facilities. Financial assistance was also provided to enlarge the car park on Sherwood Street to support increased usage of Somerlea Park centre's facilities. A new wild flower meadow was introduced along the B600 near the winding wheel on Nottingham Road. The Village Hall roof had new lattes and felt fitted, as well as replacing and fitting of new tiles. During the refurbishment 4 new roof windows were installed.

In 2014-15 the council, subject to funds being available will resurface and reline a large area of Market Place Car Park and re-furbish the Village Hall toilets, and upgrade furniture.

## Parish Council Meeting News – March 2014

The Parish Council will be undertaking the following projects in 2014-15:

Resurfacing / lining of the front roadside area of Market Place Car Park – summer 2014.

Refurbishment of the Village Hall toilets – autumn / winter 2014-15 and provide new furniture.

The 'Free' Poop-Scoop Bags scheme for Somercotes Parish residents is to continue.

## Cllr Alan Stringer 'Retires' after 60 years of Service, as a Councillor.



Cllr Stringer was first elected to Alfreton UDC in 1953. Alan has been a continuous member of Somercotes PC since it began in 1984, and was a Cllr at Swanwick PC for 4 years. Elected to AVBC 1974-76; 1979-81, and from 1984 served continuously until 2006. During this period he served as Mayor from 1991-92 with his wife Jessie, as Mayoress. Alan was Chairman of the Recreation & Amenities Committee for 2 years and was Chairman of the Planning Committee for 5 years. He was admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough in 2003.

Alan was born at Swanwick Road, Leabrooks on 25th October 1928. He moved to Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes in 1934. He and his wife Jessie had a son & daughter. Alan worked at Riddings Ironworks from 1942 until 1946 and served in the Midland Brigade from 1946-49. He has been a life-long trade unionist and was shop steward at Diversey, Riddings. Alan also worked at Explosives & Chemicals, Alfreton and Butterley Engineering, Ripley. Cllr Paul Smith (Chairman Somercotes Parish Council) said, "Alan has had a long and distinguished career in local politics and within the trade union and we are sorry that he has had to retire. The council would like to thank Alan for his services to the community and wish him well in retirement from local politics"

*Somercotes*  
VILLAGE HALL

Available for Weddings,  
Dances, Parties etc.  
Hall or Lounge available

Use of kitchen (by arrangement) included in hire cost  
Licensed Bar available • Ample car parking available

We cannot take bookings for 18th Birthday Parties  
Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road,  
Somercotes DE55 4LY Tel: 01773 609397



# WW1 - For King and Country

Whilst it's true to say that we should not celebrate the centenary of the start of the First World War, it seems only right to commemorate all those who fought and, in many cases, died for their country. The war memorial outside the parish church of St. Thomas' commemorates many fallen servicemen, but many other sons of Somercotes also suffered through fighting in the 1914-18 War, due to injuries both physical and mental. We should remember all of them, and Margaret Brooksbank of Derbyshire Ancestral Research Group has produced a list, taken from the 1918 Register of Electors, of all those who were marked as serving in the forces at the time the Register was completed. She was unable to obtain information for the previous years as no Electoral Registers were produced during the earlier years of the War. The streets are listed opposite from where the men lived, as well as regiments from which they served. The full list of those who served will be displayed at the WW1 exhibition on the 21st September 2014.

The following are the streets named on the 1918 Electoral Register where the families of servicemen lived.

Albert Street / Bank Street / Birks Terrace / Bridle Lane / Cemetery Road / Cinder Road / Cotes Park / Coupland Place / High Road / Langley Avenue / Leabrooks Crossing / Leabrooks Road / Mill Yard / New Birchwood / Pennytown / Quarry Road / Queen Street / Sherwood Street / Seely Terrace / Sleetmoor / Sleetmoor Lane / Somercotes Hill / Smotherfly / Stanley Street / Victoria Street / Wood Street

Before joining the services, the parish residents were employed in various jobs. Research of the 1911 Census shows that, of those listed on the War Memorial, although many worked in the coal mines, there were also professions such as Baker, Boot Repairer, Printer, Iron Foundry Hoist Driver, Gardener, Hairdresser, Wood Sawyer, and Bricklayer's Labourer.

Men mentioned on the War Memorial served in:-  
 Sherwood Foresters / Derbyshire Yeomanry / Grenadier Guards / Royal Army Medical Corps / Northumberland Fusiliers / Royal Field Artillery / 6th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment / 33rd Machine Gun Corps. / Royal Garrison Artillery / Armoured Corps / Royal Marine Light Infantry / Royal Navy / 8th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders, King's Royal Rifle Corps / Royal Engineers, and no doubt many more of which at present we have no record.



## Parish War Memorial at St Thomas' Church ROLL OF HONOUR 1914-1918

Leslie J Burton  
 Sidney Baker  
 Robert H Baker  
 Walter Bonsall  
 Frank Boultbee  
 Vaughan Boultbee  
 Samuel C Bilson  
 Harry H Baker  
 Alfred M Bowler  
 Harry Battison  
 William Clarke  
 James Clarke  
 Herbert Clarke

James Clarke  
 Albert Castle  
 Samuel Carrier  
 Joseph Croson  
 Frank Carlin  
 David Dennis  
 Frank Dennis  
 William H Dable  
 George H Durham  
 Joseph Darrington  
 Lewis G Ellis  
 Samuel Edge  
 William Edge

Arthur Everley  
 Ernest Fleet  
 Percy Fischer  
 Ernest Frogg  
 William Fox  
 James W Gregory  
 William Greatorex  
 Oswald H Gascoyne  
 James Gascoyne  
 John W Grant  
 Edward Gaunt  
 George H Gee  
 Thomas G Holmes

Joseph Herbert  
 George Herbert  
 Ernest Hutchinson  
 William Hutchinson  
 William Hopkinson  
 John Hollingworth  
 James Hodgkins  
 James H Harris  
 Joseph Hague  
 Walter Hope  
 William Langton  
 Ernest Lewis  
 Joseph Leeson

Henry Martin  
 Thomas Marsh  
 Edwin J May  
 Walter Meadows  
 Frank J Nicholson  
 Thomas Parnham  
 William Oldham  
 Charles Pidcock  
 Samuel Price  
 Lewis Robinson  
 Jesse Radford  
 Harry Raynor  
 Arthur Reek

George Smithurst  
 Harold Simpson  
 Charles Smith  
 Carl Smith  
 Ernest Turton  
 Richard Turton  
 Thomas Taylor  
 Frederick Turner  
 George A Towson  
 Arthur H Waddoups  
 William W Winch  
 John W Walker  
 Arthur Wilson



# The Great War Centenary 1914 -1918 Service of Commemoration 2014 - 2018



Somercotes Parish Council and the Parish Church of St. Thomas will be holding a Service of Commemoration for the fallen and those who served in WWI, at 11am, on Sunday, 19th September 2014.

Members of local Army & Air Cadets, Scouts, Beavers, Cubs, Guides, Brownies & Rainbows will be invited to attend with a short gathering and parade outside the church. All members of the community, both Serving & Ex-serving members of the armed forces and not forgetting those who helped with the war effort locally supporting the armed services are cordially invited to join the Service of Commemoration. Any other groups who wish to be involved should contact Gordon Blackmore (Clerk to the Council 01773 – 603810). A WWI Exhibition will be held in the Village Hall between 11am -1pm, with teas and light refreshments available. It would be very much appreciated if anyone who has any WWI Exhibits or Photographs that they would consider loaning them to the Council.

The Parish Council has donated a new flag pole outside the Church of St Thomas' as part of the commemorative service."

## 'We Will Remember Them'

Any WW1 photographs of servicemen, families, female workers or anything associated with WW1 will be of interest for the exhibition. (All photos and information supplied will be returned - Thank you.

## Somercotes Parish Council – Annual Report 2013-14

Income / Expenditure 2013-14: Precept £137,676.00

The Chairman stated at the Annual Parish meeting that the Audit had been completed and was open for public inspection by application to the Clerk to the Council. Receipts and payments can be viewed on the Council's website. The Council set the precept at £137,676.00 (0% increase), but requested the additional government grant £28,894.00 thus showing an increase.

### Parish Council Expenditure/Income: 2013-14

Expenditure:			
Admin:	£13,727	Salaries:	£73,919
Village Hall:	£18,638	Highways:	£14,482
Lighting:	£16,957	S137:	£5,080
Allotments:	£1,556	Misc/Comm. Projects:	£31,075
Car Parks:	£3,645	VAT:	£14,344
		<b>Expenditure:</b>	<b>£193,423</b>
Income:			
Precept:	£137,656	VAT Reclaim	£15,620
Village Hall:	£12,377	Highways/ R of W:	£461
Misc/Grants:	£30,668	Bank Int:	£94
Allotments:	£1,363		
		<b>Income:</b>	<b>£198,239</b>

All figures have been rounded up

### Chairman's Report:

The Parish Council has undertaken a greater role in services including the car park transfers, footpaths, snow / ice surface treatment in winter/spring and maintenance work and to meet these needs a vehicle has been provided for the Parish Wardens. The Council set the precept at £137,656.00 a 0% increase, however, a request was made for the additional grant, as already outlined. This will allow the council to undertake more community projects and improvements in 2013-14.

### Parish Council Matters:

Car Parks: Market Place & Mill Yard Car parks are now the responsibility of the Parish Council and the transfer from the Borough Council was to ensure 'Free Parking' was maintained to encourage people to shop locally. Additional car parking space will be made available now that the recycling bins have been removed.

### Christmas Lighting & Floral Displays

The Parish Council is continuing with the Christmas Lighting and floral displays. The Christmas lighting scheme is being extended to Leabrooks using shops & businesses as the connection points as the old lamp posts are not suitable for lighting attachments. A further Christmas lighting display will be on the Dog & Doublet P.H. so the area is included in the scheme.

### Village Hall (formerly Parish Hall)

The Parish Council has spent over £10k re-furbishing and improving the village hall. This has included new fascia and guttering outside, new front doors, fire doors being refitted and fire safety improvements. In 2013-14 the Parish Council will be having the roofing lattes and felt replaced as a number of leaks have occurred.

### Vehicle for Parish Wardens

The Parish Council has provided a vehicle for the Parish Wardens so that they can work more effectively and efficiently under an ever increasing workload and moving equipment around the parish.

### Community Centre Support

The Parish Council has supported the development of the new multi-sports area and eco-friendly overspill car park. Somercotes now has some excellent local facilities including the Village Hall, Somerlea park Community Centre, Outdoor Gym Equipment, skateboard area (improvements are being considered) and Pennytown Ponds and the community is asked to support these.

### Allotments

The Parish Council has three working allotment sites at Bridle Lane, Birchwood Lane and Sleetmoor Lane (Flash Allotments) the latter two having plots for lease. The Council has spent around £6k last year improving the allotments with water supply upgrades and reclaiming of land for use. Due to the land reclamation work on Birchwood Lane Allotments there are now plots available for lease.

### Wild Flower Meadow

The area around the Winding Wheel (B600) Nottingham Road, Somercotes, has been designated as a 'Wild Flower' Meadow. After several delays, due to adverse weather, the seeds have been planted and there will be a colourful display in June that will attract bees, insects, butterflies and other small creatures.

### The Parish Council

The Parish Council meets by-monthly on the third Friday of each month and the public are welcome to attend and raise any issues. The Council held three vacancies during 2013-14 and there have been two co-options.



## Local Shops/Businesses

Somercotes has a busy high street (Nottingham Road/Somercotes Hill) where a large variety of shops and businesses support the community. Miles Furniture Shop and Bailey's Printer are two of the businesses that have stood the test of time. Some of the other long established businesses include Tarlton's (Shoes), Jenkinson's ; (Jewellers); Hayes (Bakery); Archway Interiors; Birch's Barbers Shop, Taylor's Corn Store and Ruby's is among the newer generation that has become established. The area has a medium sized co-op store (Somercotes Hill) and a growing number of fast food establishments that seems to be ever increasing, as well as ladies hair dressing salons. Sadly, there are casualties' as community building, such as Walker's Bingo that closed on 9th November 2013.

In Leabrooks there is Owen Taylor's butcher's that has been in Somercotes Parish since the 19th Century and has in recent years won many prestigious awards. If you are looking for a clothing bargain just pop into Jenny's she just may have your size and design. Beach's Bakery is handy for some of that good old fashioned bread and cakes. The new co-op supermarket is convenient for that smaller shop and well stocked. Don't forget The Three Horse Shoes 'the best pub' in Leabrooks (it's the only one left).

Local shops and businesses only survive, if you, the community support them. So rather than just walk on by just call into your local shops / businesses and see what they have to offer.

The Parish Newsletter will be focusing on community shops and businesses and if you would like your business featured please contact Gordon Blackmore (Clerk to the Council) – details on the back page.

## Support your local

**Pubs where entertainment can be found at most weekends: Cotes Park Inn; Old English Gentleman & Crown Inn.**

The Parish has seen a number of public houses close since the turn of the millennium – New Inn; Rifle Volunteer; Black Horse (all 3 for building of houses); The Horse & Jockey & The Royal Tiger. The Leabrooks Welfare closed in January 2009 and will soon be a site for 55 houses. Local public houses serve the community, but need your support so please consider paying a visit. Please drink responsibly.



## Somerlea Park Centre



Somerlea Park Leisure Centre is a modern building that has both indoor & outdoor facilities.

Large Function Hall & Licensed Bar to meet the needs of all types of functions from weddings; birthday parties; musical events; private celebration functions; wakes and business events. There is a small busy gym; conference room, small meeting room and large changing rooms.

Special Offers for Friday evening Bookings currently available.

Externally, there is a large flood-lit multi sports facility that can be used for hire at reasonable cost; bowling green and a football field.

In order to view the available facilities visit the website: [www.somerleapark.co.uk](http://www.somerleapark.co.uk) Alternatively, you can visit the centre or ring on 01773 528181. Support your local facility that is in the heart of the community

## Riddings Cricket Club gets an £80k Building Upgrade

A large majority of members of Riddings Cricket Club live in the Somercotes Parish and through DCC (supported by Cllr P Smith) & AVBC Funding now has now extended the dressing rooms, new showers and a garage for their machinery (had been using porta-cabins for the past 6 years. Riddings CC has a thriving social club where the members have supported and funded the fitting of a new kitchen, as part of the upgrading of facilities.

### Home Fixtures:

Sat. 7th June	2nd XI	v	Clay Cross; Sun. 8th June (Cup)
Sat. 14th June	1st XI	v	Chesterfield Barbarians;
Sat. 21st June	2nd XI	v	ShIPLEY HALL
Sat. 28th June	1st XI	v	SWANWICK HALL
Sun 5th July	2nd XI	v	Ashover
Sat. 12th July	1st XI	v	CODNOR
Sat. 19th July	2nd XI	v	STANTON-BY-DALE
Sat. 26th July	1st XI	v	DARFEY DALE
Sat 2nd August	2nd XI	v	CUTTHORPE
Sat. 9th August	1st XI	v	DUFFIELD
Sat. 16th August	2nd XI	v	CROMFORD MEADOWS
Sat. 23rd August	1st XI	v	CLAY CROSS





# Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact
<b>Mondays</b>	1.30 pm – 4.00 pm In the Lounge 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm In the Hall	<b>Welfare Rights</b> (Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre) <b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes Guides</b> Group for girls aged 10-15 years	No appointment needed Call into a meeting for more details
<b>Tuesdays</b>	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall 10.00 am 12.00 noon and also at 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm In the Lounge 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall 7.30 pm – 10 pm In the Hall	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class. <b>Watercolour Classes</b> Newcomers always welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. <b>Somercotes Beavers</b> Group for Boys and Girls aged 6 to 8 <b>Somercotes Ladies</b> Every Tuesday except 1 <sup>st</sup> in each month	<b>Rav Paul</b> 07963 350868 <b>Norma Gent</b> 01773 836907 <b>Paul Williams</b> 07768 109674 <b>Eileen Wilkinson</b> 01773 603177
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Cameo Coffee Club</b> Pop in – have a coffee – make new friends <b>Weight Watchers</b> <b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	Just call in Just call in <b>Dey and Liz</b> dzumba@hotmail.co.uk 07812 837969
<b>Thursdays</b>	9.00 am – 11.00 am In the Lounge 6.00 pm – 7.15 pm In the Hall 6.00 pm – 7.00 pm In the Lounge 7.30 pm - 9.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Watercolour Classes</b> All abilities welcome. Lovely atmosphere, friendly people. <b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes (St.Thomas) Brownies</b> Group for girls aged 7-10 years <b>1<sup>st</sup> Somercotes (St.Thomas) Rainbows</b> Group for girls aged 5-7 years <b>Classical Yoga</b> Philosophy & Posture, relaxation and breathwork. Newcomers welcome	<b>Norma Gent</b> 01773 836907 Call into a meeting for more details. <b>Linda</b> 01773 528264
<b>Fridays</b>	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm In the Hall 8.00 pm – 9.00 pm In the Hall	<b>Hatha Yoga</b> Calms your mind and strengthens your body. All ability class <b>Somercotes Cubs</b> Group for boys and girls aged 8 to 10 <b>Somercotes Scouts</b> Group for boys and girls aged 10 to 14 <b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	<b>Rav Paul</b> 07963 350868 <b>Paul Williams</b> 07768 109674 <b>Paul Williams</b> 07768 109674 <b>Dey and Liz</b> d/zumba@hotmail.co.uk 07812 837969
<b>Saturdays</b>		<b>None at Present</b>	
<b>Sundays</b>	9.30 am onwards In the Lounge In the Hall	<b>Parish Church of St. Thomas</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Coffee after Church Service</b>	<b>Rachel Watson</b> (Churchwarden) 01773 607131

## Home Library Service

The Home Library Service now delivers to around 120 people in the Somercotes area. The service works from Alfreton Library and delivers once a month. For people who enjoy reading or listening to books, but who cannot get into a local library, or for those who are unable to carry the items they need, the service is free and could help. Books, large and normal print, books on tape and CD and also music CD's. All are available.

## Hearing Clinic

Hearing Help (Amber Valley) will be holding clinics in the Lounge of Somercotes Village Hall (formerly the Parish Hall) on the following dates:-

- Tuesday 10th June 2pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 8th July 2pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday 12th August 2pm – 3.30pm

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE HEARING CLINICS ON A WEDNESDAY MORNING AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

## Somercotes Library Celebrates 25 years

Somercotes Library provides an excellent service to the local community and this year celebrated 25 years, opening in 1989.

The library has a small exhibition and local photographs on display.



### Opening Hours:

- Mon: 2pm – 5pm
- Thursdays: 9am – 1pm & 2pm – 7pm
- Fridays: 9am -1pm & 2pm – 5pm
- Saturdays: 9.30am – 1pm.

The library has a Reader's Group on the first Friday of the month. Contact the library for details of which book is currently being read.

Bank Street Somercotes DE55 4JE  
Tel: (01773) 550514  
E-Mail: somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk or view the website www.derbyshire.gov.uk





## Letter from your County Councillor

Dear Resident

Since my last article I can report that the list of highway and footpath resurfacing schemes have been approved. They are on the Cotes Park Industrial Estate (Cover Nook Road, Birchwood Way & West Way), with Norman Road, Chapel Street and Victoria Street, as well as £40k for Hathersage Drive footways and a section on Parkside also to be resurfaced. Monies have been secured to refurbish many of the bus shelters through Somercotes, Leabrooks and Riddings this year.

New street lighting has been installed on the Mill Yard car park and new LED lighting is to be installed on the surface road at Phillipway and Peterway.

I have been talking to the County Council about the problems of standing water on the roads and pavements, and I am pleased that the collapsed drain on Sleetmoor Lane has been repaired. The County Council are working with Severn Trent to sort out the water problem at the Medical Centre and the shop on Nottingham Road opposite Seely Terrace.

I have asked for the footpath link from Spring Road through to Pye Bridge to be cleared of debris that has accumulated there, and you will have noticed that signing has been provided in that area about unlawful motorbike activity. If you witness this happening on any rights of way (footpaths/Bridleways), please report it to the Police.

Yours sincerely

**Paul Smith**

Councillor Paul Smith  
Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Communities

## Prince's Trust Awards - 2014



On 25th April 2014 seven Prince's Trust Awards were presented by Cllr. Paul Smith (DCC Elected Member - Alfreton & Somercotes). Cllr Smith said, "The Prince's Trust is a charity that helps young disadvantaged people change their lives by developing key workplace skills, such as confidence and motivation. I am pleased to be asked to make the awards and wish all these young people every success in the future."

## Pennytown Ponds 'Twit Twoo'

Pennytown Pond Nature Reserve has seen the rearing of three Tawny Owls in 2014. Who was the "Twit Twoo" said nothing good ever happens in Somercotes?



## Places of Worship

### PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Father Peter Davis  
Any Enquiries: 01773 602717 or  
Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131 and  
Michael Woods 01773 723653

#### Services

Sunday: 9.30am Sung Mass  
9.30 - 10.00 am Sunday School in the Village Hall  
6.00pm Evening Worship  
(Last Sunday in the Month)

Wednesday: 10.00 am Said Mass

See Notice Board in the Church porch for other times of services.

Mother's Union meets in Church on the 1st Tuesday of each month

Parish lunch Friday, 20th June & 25th July  
11.30am to 1.30pm

There will be no church lunch during August

Coffee Mornings - 1st Saturday in the month  
10.00am - 12 noon

### PENIEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

67 Main Road, Leabrooks  
Telephone 01773 608737  
www.leabrookspcc.com  
email:penielchristiancentre@leabrooks.freeserve.co.uk  
Leader: Mrs Elaine Whittingham

**Sunday Services:**  
Morning Service at 10.30am  
Evening Prayer Meeting at 5.30pm  
Praise Time at 6pm

**Tuesday:** Ladies' Coffee Morning 10am - 12noon  
Discussions, prayer and praise. Light lunch.  
Prayer & Praise 6pm - 7pm. A visiting speaker when available from 7pm onwards.

**Wednesday:** Prayer Meeting 8am - 10am

**Friday:** Youth Club 7 pm-9 pm (RIOT) 11 yrs - 16 yrs

**Saturday:** Kids Club 10am - 12noon 3yrs - 11yrs  
Games, projects, bible story, lunch

#### More than a Meal

A meal provided for senior citizens once a month on a Monday.

### SOMERCOTES SALVATION ARMY CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE

Sleetmoor Lane  
Tel. Terence Carpenter on  
01773 606945 or 07948 998507

#### Weekly Activities

**Sunday:** All age Family Worship 3pm followed by refreshments.  
**Monday:** at 3pm - Over 50's Friends and Fellowship.  
**Tuesday:** from 9.30 am - 11 am Care/share Coffee Morning

#### Monthly Activities

**Messy Church** 5pm-7pm last Friday of each month for families - bible stories, games, crafts, film, singing, meal provided. Cafe Church 7pm - 9pm last Sunday of each month - exploring the Christian Faith in a relaxed style.

**Craft/Sewing Group** - 2pm-4pm first Friday of each month. (Sewing, knitting, crocheting, card making, arts)

### BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Minister - Rev. M. Dilley Tel. 01623 752349

Service each Sunday at 3.00pm and a morning service once a month at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome. Please see our Notice Board for further details of services and all events.



# County Matters



If you want to report a matter to Derbyshire County Council you can ring 'Call Derbyshire' on 08456 058 058 They are open Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 9.30am-4pm



**Amber Valley Borough Council,**  
Town Hall, Ripley, Derbyshire. Tel: 01773 570222  
Planning applications can be viewed and commented on using Amber Valley Borough Council website [www.ambervalley.gov.uk](http://www.ambervalley.gov.uk) then click on the planning application register.



**Police Contact Numbers**  
If you want to contact the Police or Police Community Special Officers to give information or report crime you can telephone:  
**Non-urgent Police matters 101** (calls charged at 15p) [www.derbyshire.police.uk](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)  
**Crimestoppers 0800 555 111**

Please do report incidents. We are all aware that incidents such as vandalism, theft, etc. are occurring in Somercotes. However, unless the police have reports the assumption (based on reported statistics) is that there are no problems and the end result is that police resource will be redeployed.

**Other useful numbers:**

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue	01332 771221
Central Networks	
(Electricity) (loss of supply helpline)	0800 056 8090
Gas Emergency line	0800 111 999
Floodline	0845 988 1188
Severn Trent Water (water leaks and bursts)	0800 783 4444
Derbyshire Neighbourhood Watch	01773 572938
Victim Support Line	0845 3030900
NHS Direct	0845 46 47
UK Flu Information Line	0800 1 513 513
Amber Valley Housing	01773 573 100
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111

**CRIMESTOPPERS -** Call anonymously with information about crime

## Your Local Police

At present we have no information regarding upcoming Surgeries/Panel Meetings, but you can check the Police website - [www.derbyshirepolice.co.uk](http://www.derbyshirepolice.co.uk). You can also follow them on twitter and find them on facebook.

### PROBLEMS WITH PESTS? WHO YOU GOING TO CALL?

Amber Valley Borough Council offer competitive rates for treatment of pests

**NEW REDUCED PRICES**

DOMESTIC RATS & MICE £35	DOMESTIC ANTS & WASPS £30
COMMERCIAL COMPETITIVE RATE	COMMERCIAL ANTS & WASPS £75

Concessions available for customers in receipt of a means tested benefit.

- Experienced and professional operatives
- Same day and next day appointments often available
- Other pest treatments available
- Members of National Pest Technicians Association

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CALL HEIDI OR KATHERINE ON 01773 841335**

\*Contracts for commercial premises available on request.

## WE NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO US

**Question YOUR Perception...**

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service strongly advises that you consider the risk of fire to your home and family. By taking a few simple steps, you can prevent a fire occurring in your home, keeping yourself and your family safe from the devastating consequences.

- Make sure you have a working smoke alarm on each level of your home. Test your smoke alarm weekly.
- Plan your escape. Ensure your family is aware of what to do and how to get out if a fire occurs in your home.
- Plan a night time routine. Switch off appliances, close internal doors and remember to take a spare key and telephone to bed with you.
- Never leave cooking unattended. And try to replace your chip pan with an electronic deep fat fryer.
- Always ensure smoking materials are extinguished properly, use a deep ashtray when smoking, and never smoke when you are tired or in bed.

**Never tackle a fire Get Out, Stay Out, Dial 999.**

For further information and advice please visit our website [www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk](http://www.derbyshire-fire.gov.uk)

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## TRUSTED TRADER

**NEW LOOK DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL TRUSTED TRADER SERVICE**

Derbyshire County Council has a new-look Trusted Trader Service which makes it easier for you to find tradesmen you can trust. Derbyshire Trusted Trader can help you find honest and reliable traders who commit to doing a good job for a fair price. You'll find plumbers, builders, roofers, decorators, joiners, electricians, gardeners, retailers and many more.

Visit the website: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/trusted\\_trader](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/trusted_trader) and follow the instructions. Businesses can use the pages to find out more about the benefits of being a Derbyshire Trusted Trader and learn how to sign up.

## Be Alert

Police are reminding residents to be security conscious after several burglaries involving unlocked windows and doors occurred across the division. Community Safety Inspector Russ Dakin, who covers Chesterfield, Bolsover, North East Derbyshire and the Amber Valley, said: "We would like to remind people just to remember to keep their doors and windows closed and locked if they are outside, upstairs and especially overnight. Reduce the opportunities for a thief to get into your home."

**Security advice and tips include:**  
Making sure doors and windows are locked.  
Keeping windows closed at night time, even when you are in bed and invest in window locks for ground floor windows.  
Keeping any side or rear garden gates locked at all times. Installing an alarm and security lights around your home to help deter burglars.  
Not leaving car keys or ID documents near doors, letterbox or windows.  
Security marking any valuables and registering them. You should also record any serial numbers.  
Tiding away any garden tools after using them and always keeping sheds and outbuildings locked.

Derbyshire Approved Personal Assistant Register

## Are you looking for a personal assistant for your support needs in Derbyshire?

If you are looking to employ someone to meet your support needs, we know it can be a daunting and sometimes expensive task. Finding the right personal assistant is important and it can be difficult to know where to begin to find that right person.

As a resident of Derbyshire, you can now access a list of approved personal assistants looking for work in your area. Simply click on to [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/approvedpa](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/approvedpa) and use the criteria to find the right personal assistant for you.

Developed jointly by Penderels Trust and Derbyshire County Council, we have launched the Derbyshire Approved PA Register. All PAs on the register have been vetted and checked by our staff and meet our standards of training and aptitude. We will also have checked their history and references.

The register is free to use for everyone living in the Derbyshire County Council area, whether you are receiving community care funding or paying for your own support.

You will still be able to choose which person you employ and they will work for you, not for Penderels Trust or for Derbyshire County Council.

**Benefits to you**

- You can access a list of potential personal assistants 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- You can use the selection criteria to ensure you find the right person for you
- You know that all PAs listed on the register have met our high quality standards and passed our screening procedure
- You will be recruiting a PA who has signed up to our code of conduct and has met the minimum training criteria
- Accessing the register is free of charge

**Are you a personal assistant or interested in a career in support in Derbyshire and looking for work?**

Join the Derbyshire Approved Personal Assistant Register and make finding the right job much easier.

- Joining the register is free of charge.
- Potential employers can see your profile at any time
- You can say where and when you would like to work
- Employers will know you have met our high quality standards
- You will be provided with a PA handbook and other information to support you

The Register will be accessible to potential employers via the Derbyshire County Council website and will be promoted throughout Derbyshire.

All PAs must be approved to go on our register. This does mean that you will have to meet certain standards and maybe do some training (we can help you with this). For the potential employer, they will have peace of mind that we have approved all PAs, making this register an appealing option.

Applying to be part of the Register is free and easy - choose one of the following options:

- Go to the website at [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/approvedpa](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/approvedpa)
- Email us at [derbyshireapprovedpa@penderelstrust.org.uk](mailto:derbyshireapprovedpa@penderelstrust.org.uk)
- Call us on 0845 6000 683

Look for our logo online

Please note you will not be employed by Derbyshire County Council or Penderels Trust, your employer will be the person you support.



## Birchwood Lane Allotments Association – Open Day

Birchwood Lane Allotments Open Day  
17th August 2014 from 10am  
Entry will be 50p on entry you will get a raffle ticket and you could win a vegetable hamper or other prizes yet to be announced.



There will be activities for the children including face painting and other fun activities. Soft drinks available. More info closer to the date please check our website.

[www.birchwoodallotments.co.uk](http://www.birchwoodallotments.co.uk)  
Or our facebook page : "Birchwood Lane Allotments Somercotes" for updates

## Allotments

The Parish Council recognises the importance of healthy eating and the demand for allotment plots so people can "Grow their Own" vegetables. The Council has resolved not to raise the rent to the allotment associations for 2014-15, so why not take on your own allotment and 'grow your own' vegetables? Plots are available at Bridle Lane (Leabrooks); Birchwood Lane and Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes – Contact details for the allotment associations are on the back page of the newsletter.

### Bridle Lane Allotments, Leabrooks

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact  
Mrs Louise Calow  
Tel: 01773 609485

### Birchwood Lane Allotments

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact  
Christian Tonnies, Secretary  
Tel: 07841471043

### Sleetmoor Allotments

To register an interest in an allotment, please contact  
Georgie Butt on 07950 537210

## Dispose of Needles Safely

Modern Living involves many hazards. One problem can be needles and syringes that have been discarded without care. If you find a needle, DO NOT PICK IT UP. Please call Amber Valley Borough Council's needle hotline 08000 92 51 31 free anytime day or night. Their aim is to collect a needle within two hours of any reported incident.

## Don't forget

The Parish Council can be found online at [www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk) for details of local services, forthcoming events and up to date news. The website can be used to send us information you would like included on the website. We are also on Facebook; just click the like button on our website to be taken to our Facebook Page. Minutes of Parish Council Meetings are now available for perusal on our website.

## Assistant Clerk Retires

The Parish Council will be saying farewell to Glynis Kenney at the end of June when she retires, after over 7 years as Administrator and recently as Assistant Clerk. Cllr Paul Smith (Chairman) said, "We will all be sad to see Glynis leave the Council as she has been a valuable community contact in the office for over 7 years. Glynis has been the main provider and writer of the Newsletter articles, which is not always an easy task chasing people to finalise reports and articles. On behalf of the Council may I thank Glynis for her commitment and services to the community and wish her well in her retirement."

## Parish Council raises concerns on Dog Fouling & Litter



The Parish Council has raised its concerns about litter and dog fouling in the Somercotes Parish. The Parish Council provide 'FREE' poop scoop bags that are readily available at the Village Hall, Ruby's Shop and Somerlea Park Community Centre, so the public should make use of the poop scoop bags and clean up after their dogs. Dog fouling is becoming the scourge of some areas of the Parish and particularly in the park areas where people walk and young people play. Dog excrement can cause health problems particularly for children if rubbed in the eyes (can lead to blindness).

The Parish Council made a 'Freedom of Information' request to Amber Valley Borough Council that revealed in the past three years there has only been 3 prosecutions for littering and 5 for dog fouling, with NONE in Somercotes. Prosecutions for littering & dog fouling prosecutions are the responsibility of the Borough Council and the Parish of Somercotes is their responsibility. The Parish Council feels the Parish of Somercotes is not being policed with regard to taking action against those who deposit litter and allow their dogs to foul our streets and parks.

Members of the public are asked to report any depositing of litter or dog fouling to the Borough Council and provide statements so those persons responsible can be prosecuted. The offence of 'Dog Fouling' is liable to a £100 fine.

If your dog deposits excrement use a poop scoop bag or other plastic bag and 'Pick it Up' & use litter bins to deposit it or take it home. Everyone has a responsibility to keep their community clean and tidy. **THANK YOU**

## Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility

on Somercotes market place between 8am and 10am the first Saturday in every month.  
No waste accepted after 10am  
This facility is for the residents of the parish of Somercotes only. Please bring some form of identity.

**NO TRADE WASTE NO TOXIC WASTE  
NO ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT  
NO ASBESTOS**

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## PARISH COUNCIL

### Your Parish Councillors

Councillor Paul Smith  
Councillor Bryan Lyttle  
Councillor Martin Barron  
Councillor Paul Curran-Bilbie  
Councillor Sydney Grotier  
Councillor Cyril Langton  
Councillor John McCabe  
Councillor Terry Marriott  
Councillor Jason Parker  
Councillor Paul Price  
Councillor Scott Walker  
Two Vacancies

### Parish Council Meetings

In the Lounge of the Village Hall  
**Ordinary Meeting**  
Friday, 18th July – 6.30pm

### Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council	Gordon Blackmore
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e-mail: [somercotespc@btconnect.com](mailto:somercotespc@btconnect.com)

Booking forms for the hall or lounge can be obtained by calling in or telephoning  
**01773 609397 or 07516 493430**

### Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

Councillor Brian Lyttle and Councillor John McCabe will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Village Hall on:

**Saturday, 7th June, from 11am – 12pm**  
**Saturday, 5th July, from 11am – 12pm**  
**Saturday, 2nd August, from 11am – 12pm**

County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present.

### Next issue

If you have any forthcoming local events you would like to advertise in the the Parish Newsletter, or if you have any interesting stories to tell about the Parish, or pictures you would like to share with other readers, you can contact Gordon on 01773 603810 or call into the Parish Council Office between 10.30am and 2.30pm, Tuesday to Friday.