

# Somercotes Local

A Somercotes Parish Council Newsletter

Spring Edition 2016  
www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk



## CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

### Clean Up Our Village

Your Parish Council is seeking your support to take part in the biggest ever clean-up in March 2016.

In the run up to the Queen's 90th birthday on 21st April 2016, people will be taking part in a national litter-picking campaign.

We will be supporting this campaign on Saturday 5th March 2016. Areas will be selected for a clean-up and a 'grot spot' area has been nominated to Amber Valley Borough Council and may be chosen for a clean-up by Borough Council staff, Parish Council Members and staff and local residents. The clean-up will last approximately 3 hours. Toilet and refreshment facilities will be provided in the Village Hall.

If you would like to be involved please register your interest by contacting the Clerk or the Assistant Clerk at the Parish Council office, as we will be providing litter bags and equipment.

Tel: 01773 603810 or Email [somercotespc@btconnect.com](mailto:somercotespc@btconnect.com)



## Not such a Silent Night

Members of the Parish Council would like to thank all those who came to support the Christmas Carol Service held on Friday 11th December 2015. Attendees gave generously and a collection of £214.13 was collected and donated to Leonard Cheshire Disability, Ripley.

Sincere thanks to Rev. Imogen Black from St Thomas Parish Church. Thanks also to Heage Band and singers in Somercotes Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, who again

provided us with Carols, and festive music and songs to help celebrate the Christmas message.

Refreshments were served after the Service in the Village Hall. Positive feedback has been received from many of the attendees.

A date for your Diary! The Carol Service 2016 will be held on Friday 9th December at 7:30pm.

## Feature Garden Project

### Tell Us What You Think!

At the Parish Council Meeting on 18th March 2016, Members will agree the design for the Feature Garden project.

Once agreed the design will be available for Public Consultation week commencing 21st March 2016 and will be available to view in the Village Hall Tuesday to Friday 10:30 am to 2:30 pm and will also be available on our website.

Please take a look at the chosen design and let us know what you think on the enclosed comments sheet.

Members are keen to seek the views of residents on what this area should look like! as it is a central area of the village and alongside the Village Hall,

We hope that you will come along to look at the design and make comment.

## Announcement



Councillors and staff of Somercotes Parish Council are sad to announce the death of Joe Heathcote, aged 93. Following his retirement from Local Government aged 70, Joe took on the role of Clerk to the Parish Council until 2010. During this time Joe worked on many projects, which were of benefit to the local community including the acquisition of the lease for Somercotes Village Hall and was instrumental in the refurbishment of the Hall and turning it into the vibrant community hub that it is today. Joe passed away peacefully on Friday 22nd January 2016 at The Meadows Care Home, Alfreton.





# Letter from your County Councillor

Dear Resident

At the time of writing this letter the first round of consultation's are taking place on the proposed closure of 32 Sure Start buildings out of the 50 that Derbyshire County Council currently have. This is due to the continuing reduction in funding Derbyshire County Council is facing up to 2020. Somercotes I am sorry to say is one of those being consulted on for closure.

The consultation will last 8 weeks and you can have your say here: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have\\_your\\_say](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/council/have_your_say)  
 On a positive note it has been agreed to continue supporting the local bus services up until 2017/18.

<b>152 (Yourbus)</b>	<b>Alfreton - Somercotes - Lower Birchwood</b>	<b>All - Monday to Saturday</b>
<b>Rainbow one (Trent Barton)</b>	<b>Alfreton - Somercotes - Eastwood - Nottingham -</b>	<b>Between Alfreton and Eastwood - Monday to Saturday from 20:15 (Alfreton) and 19:45 (Eastwood) onwards and all Sunday (part funded by Nottinghamshire County Council)</b>

We know that this is a life line for many people and alongside the discussion to support "wheels for work" and "active travel" via community transport we are still trying to provide support to communities as best we can against a backdrop of £170 million being cut from government.

Investment in the local schools is still being made from new roofs to improvements to the nursery which will benefit all the pupils.

We are also looking to resurface further parts of the B600 on Nottingham Road this summer.

I am also asking the question as to the future of Post Offices in our communities and whether we will retain a service for the local community.

**Paul Smith**

Councillor Paul Smith - Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care

## No Increase to Parish Precept 2016-2017

Parish Councils are funded by levying a "precept" collected with the Council Tax paid by the residents of the parish.

The Parish Council at its Meeting on 16th January 2016 agreed not to increase the Parish Precept set in 2016-2017.

Through careful budget management and effective cost savings there will be no increase for this financial year.

The Parish Council employs 2 Full time staff; 3 part time staff and 3 relief staff. Responsibilities include; street cleaning; gardening and maintaining flower beds; footpath clearance; monthly waste disposal facility; two car parks; lighting columns on the Recreation Ground; 11 bus shelters; festive lighting. In addition the Council manages and maintains the Village Hall and Village Hall Bar. The Council presently provides free Poop Scoop bags and produces a quarterly Newsletter for Somercotes residents.

The no increase in precept means there is no impact on the 2016-17 Band D property charge £99.94.

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on Friday 13th May 2016 at 6:30pm in the Village Hall. This is not a Parish Council Meeting but is a meeting of the people of the parish. This is an opportunity for you to raise any issues or concerns regarding the parish of Somercotes. The Council is required to take your views into account when making future decisions.

If you have any matters or concerns which you wish to raise, even if you do not wish to attend the meeting, please contact the Clerk to the Council before Monday 2nd May 2016, so that the items can be included in the agenda.

*Come along and have your say!*

Birchwood Lane Allotment Association  
 A better place to garden

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 BIRCHWOOD LANE



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Contact Col on 07912 887 904  
 Or Email [treasurer@birchwoodallotments.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@birchwoodallotments.co.uk)  
[www.birchwoodallotments.co.uk](http://www.birchwoodallotments.co.uk)



## 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



## SPORTY SOMERCOTES

### 1930 Dec 12th

There was a record crowd at a Boxing tournament staged by Alfreton Sports Club in the Town Hall on Monday night. JIMMY HIGGS of Jacksdale knocked out BOY ABBOTT of Somercotes in the 3rd round, LEN GEORGE of Alfreton and YOUNG WILBRAHAM of Somercotes met in the Midlands Schoolboys Championship and GEORGE who won the title last year lost the verdict on points. JOE SMITH of South Normanton outpointed MAT BONSAI of Somercotes over 6 rounds.

### 1932 Oct 15th

There was a good attendance of "Fans" at Alfreton on Monday night. 6 rounds TIGER SMITH of Somercotes v TIGER JOYNES of Derby. JOYNES a poor Boxer only lasted to the 2nd round when he threw in the towel.

### 1931 July 3rd

GEORGE YATES of Leabrooks Road has been awarded a 'SUTCLIFFE BAT' for his average against EDWARDS WELFARE CC when he took 7 wickets for no runs.

### 1931 July 3rd

SOMERCOTES CC beat BUTTERLEY by 119 to 107. Players - J SHAW, W SELLERS, P BLOUNT, H STREET, A J THOMPSON, J SELDON, J DAWES, S BRADLEY, E GUEST, G RADFORD, F RILEY.

### 1935 May 3rd

Sunday last was an ideal day for BIRCHWOOD CYCLING CLUBS run to Newark where the Lord Mayor & Mayoress and the soldiers were parading through the town. After dinner the route was to Southwell where tea was partaken. Next Sundays run is to Loughborough with dinner at Kegworth and tea at Bunny. Leader CLARENCE WELLS.

### 1936 April 3rd

To MR JOE DAWES the well known CUEST of Leabrooks goes the credit again of winning the Shield and Championship of the Alfreton & District Billiard League for Somercotes Billiard Hall.

### 1936 April 3rd

Somercotes & District Motor Cycling Club held the 1st trial run - a 30 mile competition on Sunday last. The starting point was Pentrich and finishing at the headquarters the Red Lion, Riddings. The 1st to arrive was W EXLEY riding ROYAL ENFIELD each rider had to maintain a speed of 20 miles per hour.

### 1936 May 15th

Bowls - Played at Somercotes on Saturday A PARRISH, E GENT, E WADDOUPS, beat the Jacksdale team 40-21.

### 1936 Sept 18th

MISS E SWINYARD of Leabrooks was named winner of the Half Mile handicap for Ladies at the Riddings Cycling & Athletics Club Sports.

## Title Girls Training Corps - Company 646, Infants School Somercotes, 1945-46 The Company 646 was formed in 1942



**Back row, left to right:** Lois Upton, Joyce Dexter, Barbara Parker, June Meeks, Joan Key, Edna Cully, Betty Jones, unknown, Elsie Hodgkinson, Betty Schofield  
**Front row, left to right:** Irene Hunt, Joan Whitehouse, Margaret Storer, Ethel Froggett, Miss Marsden, Dorothy Littlewood, Barbara Frog, Margery Scott, Margaret Mathews. PE Teacher was Doug Barrett. Location: Victoria Street - Nottingham Road.

My Mum; Freda Edna Culley, known as Edna, was one of these cadets training in Somercotes during 1943-1945, company 646. The following photos have been passed down to me from my Dad. My Mum worked in Cotes Park Pit canteen, where she eventually met my Dad, Raymond Henry Allen a Bevin Boy sent from Broughton in Northamptonshire during WW2.

The Girls Training Corps was set up by the board of education in 1939-1945 during WW2. On leaving school these girls were not old enough to enlist for the forces. The Girls Training Corps was a stop gap, giving them the opportunity to have a taste of military life, to experience, seemingly a mixture of Army, Navy and Air force training, preparing them for a life in the forces, also the hardship of war. When of age many of these girls moved on to join up. The objective of the training corps was to train each cadet for service to their community, both as women and citizens, also to show her the opportunities when trained; for immediate service to King and Country.

The National Association of Training Corps for Girls was formed as the umbrella organisation responsible for the GTC (Girls Training Corps) GNTC (Girls Nautical Corps) and the WJAC (Women's Junior Air Corps) later on after the war the GTC and WJAC amalgamated to become the Girls Venture Corps. The GTC was disbanded and wound up in 1948. The main reason being that after the war there seemed to be a lack of interest, need and motivation.

Their uniform consisted of Black shoes, Navy skirt, White blouse, Navy tie, GTC badge and Navy forage hat/ chip bag hat. School playgrounds became their parade ground; company 646 used Somercotes Infants School. They became proficient in marching, often displaying this on parades through the streets. Many of the groups had a Sergeant Major training them. For exercises and keep fit they had a PE Teacher. Somercotes PE Teacher was Doug Barrett, My Step mum who is now 92 remembers him well.

Typical training was on homemaking, craftsmanship, public affairs. Lectures were given by the Red Cross on home nursing, first aid, practical bed making, ambulance work, stretcher bearing and sanitation. They were also taught leadership skills, etiquette, and an insight into local government, map reading and Morse code to enable them to deliver messages on their push bikes in time of War or in the event of invasion. They were apparently even trained to fire a rifle.

### Hazel Mars

(Chairman of Somercotes Local History Society) for and on behalf of SLHS



# Somercotes Parish Council

## Meet your Parish Councillors



**Cllr Paul Smith (Chairman)**  
Responsible for Finance & Community projects



**Cllr Colin Addison Lees**  
Responsible for Floral displays



**Cllr Brian Lyttle (Vice Chairman)**  
Responsible for Planning & Allotments



**Cllr Martin Barron**



**Cllr Paul Curran-Bilbie**  
Responsible for IT, media  
& communications



**Cllr Tracy Cole**  
Responsible for Personnel,  
HR & Health and Safety



**Cllr Gary Edgson**  
Responsible for Street lighting



**Cllr Sydney Grotier**



**Cllr John McCabe**  
Responsible for Council buildings  
& Community projects



**Cllr Sian McCabe**  
Responsible for IT & Festive lighting



**Cllr Jason Parker**



**Cllr Paul Price**



**Cllr Scott Walker**



# Weekly Events at Somercotes Village Hall

Day	Times	Event	Contact	Contact Number
<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 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>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>Norma Gent</b>  <b>Paul Williams</b>  <b>Eileen Wilkinson</b>	<b>01773 836907</b>  <b>07768 109674</b>  <b>01773 603177</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10.00 am – 12.00noon In the Hall 5:30 pm – 7.00 pm In the Hall 6:45 pm - 7:45 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>Jujitsu</b> Group for Boys and Girls aged 4 upwards  <b>Zumba Fitness</b> Latin inspired, calorie burning, dance fitness	<b>Just call in</b>  <b>Just call in</b>  <b>Call Ged or Carl</b>  <b>Dey</b> dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk	<b>07723399612</b> <b>/07926220160</b>  <b>07812 837969</b>
<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>  <b>Call into a meeting for more details.</b>  <b>Linda</b>	<b>01773 836907</b>  <b>01773 528264</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	10.00 am – 11.30 am In the Hall  5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall 5.00 pm – 6.30 pm In the Hall  7:30 -8:30 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>  <b>Paul Williams</b>  <b>Paul Williams</b>  <b>Dey</b> dlzumba@hotmail.co.uk	<b>07963 350868</b>  <b>07768 109674</b>  <b>07768 109674</b>  <b>07812 837969</b>
<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> <b>(Churchwarden)</b>	<b>01773 607131</b>

## Somercotes Library

Somercotes Library provides an excellent service to the local community and has been doing so for the last 25 years. The library staff are very friendly and always willing to assist those using the services.

### 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) 540514  
E-Mail: somercotes.library@derbyshire.gov.uk or view the website www.derbyshire.gov.uk

## 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.



156 Derby Road, Marehay, Ripley, Derbyshire DE5 8HJ  
Tel + Fax: 01773 570976

Email: info@hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk  
Website: www.hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk

### Important Note

From Tuesday 1st September 2015  
Hearing Help Clinics will be changing

Somercotes will be on the 1st Thursday  
of the month 11.15am - 12.30pm

A full calendar is available on our web site on the clinics page.

[www.hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk](http://www.hearinghelpambervalley.co.uk)

All of our information booklets dated September 2015  
have the updated clinic information.

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# Places of Worship

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Churchwardens Rachel Watson 01773 607131  
and Michael Woods 01623 723653

### Regular Services:

Sunday: 9:30am Sung Mass  
9:30 – 10:00am Sunday School in the Village Hall  
6:00pm Evening Worship (Last Sunday in the month)

Wednesday: 10.00am Said Mass followed by refreshments

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

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

Lent lunches for Christian Aid: Friday 26th February; Friday 4th March; Friday 11th March; Friday 18th March  
Parish Lunches: Friday 29th April; Friday 27th May; Friday 24th June  
All Lunches, 11:30 am to 1:30pm

### Services and Events

19th March Pye Hill Choir/Nightingales  
4th June Summer Fayre and Car Boot

All are welcome to join any of our services and events



**Somercotes Salvation Army**  
Sleetmoor Lane, Somercotes  
DE55 1RB

Meetings led by Terence Carpenter, Territorial Envoy, unless otherwise stated. Enquiries phone: 01773 606945

#### weekly

Sunday 11.00am – 12.00noon – 'The Jam Club' (Sunday School).

Sunday Worship 3.00pm

Monday 2.00pm

Tuesday 9.30am – 11.00am

Friends and Fellowship (except Bank Holiday weeks)

Care and Share Coffee Morning (except Bank Holiday weeks)

Sale of donated items on a weekly basis.

Come and find a bargain.

Timbrel Practice

Wednesday 10.00am

#### Monthly (see dates below)

Café Church –last Sunday of each month 7.00pm – 9.00pm

Messy Church – First Friday each month 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Craft & Cake (sewing, knitting, crocheting, and card making) – First Friday of month 2.00pm to 4.00pm. All materials provided to make craft items for various charities or bring your own. Share in fellowship with a piece of homemade cake and cup of tea/coffee. A donation of £1 would be appreciated to cover costs of materials, refreshments etc.

**Saturday 19th March** 10.00am to 12.00noon. The Corps Spring Fayre will be held at the "Parish Hall", Nottingham Road.

**Sunday 20th March** 3.00pm - Mick Bonsall to lead our Worship.

**Sunday 24th April** 7.00pm – Café Church - Major Denise McGarvey will be attending to speak about the work of the Salvation Army in Russia.

## PENIEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE

67 Main Road, Leabrooks, Telephone 01773 608737 www.leabrookspcc.com  
email:penielchristiancentre@leabrooks.freesevice.co.uk

Leader: Mrs Elaine Whittingham

Sunday Services: Morning Service at 10.30am | Praise Time at 6pm  
Tuesday: Ladies' Coffee Morning 10am – 12 noon

Discussions, prayer and praise. Light lunch.  
Prayer & Praise 6pm – 7pm A visiting speaker when available from 7pm onwards.

Wednesday: Kids Club 5:15pm 3 yrs – 11 yrs  
Games, projects, bible story, lunch

### More than a Meal

A meal provided for senior citizens once a month on a Monday.  
No charge but a donation appreciated.

Good Friday 25th March: 7:00pm Easter Musical

Easter Sunday 27th March: 10:30am Easter Kids Club Presentation

## BIRCHWOOD METHODIST CHURCH

Minister – Rev. M Dilley Tel. 01623 752349

Service each Sunday at 3pm and a morning service once a month at 10:30am.

Mothering Sunday Service – March 6th at 10:30am

Good Friday Service – March 25th at 10:30am Taken by Rev. M Dilley

Easter Sunday Service – March 27th at 10:30am Taken by Rev. S Baldock

Anniversary Day – May 8th at 3:00pm, tea served afterwards in our schoolroom.

Please see our Notice Board for details of Services and forthcoming events  
Everyone Welcome



### Tesco and our Local Salvation Army Corps help to make a brighter Christmas

Somercotes Salvation Corps has been working closely within the local community for a number of years and now Tesco Store Alfreton Derbyshire has appointed a Community Charity Coordinator, Jo Dronfield, who specifically wants to make closer links with Somercotes Corps to enhance the community work that it is undertaking.

To this end, Tesco Store invited Territorial Envoy, Terence Carpenter and members of the Corps into the store for 3 days to gift wrap toys which Tesco shoppers had purchased in store, and which will be distributed by the Army to local centres for those children and families who would otherwise be without presents on Christmas Day.

Attached is a picture that illustrates the work and coordination of the Somercotes Corps and Tesco.

Store Manager presenting the Envoy with a number of wrapped gifts. left to right: Jo Dronfield, (Community Charity Coordinator) Neil Wass (Store Manager), Faith Carpenter, CCMS, and Terence Carpenter, Territorial Envoy



# Amber Valley Garden Services

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**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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## Safer Neighbourhoods

Thefts from vehicles in the Somercotes area could be avoided if drivers remember to lock their cars!

Many thefts from vehicles are from opportunist thieves who target unsecured vehicles.

Sheds and other outbuildings are also seen as 'easy targets' by thieves. Garden equipment, tools, bikes and BBQ's etc are stored so make sure to fit a good quality lock appropriate to the strength of door and frame. Consider purchasing a shed alarm to help deter thieves and secure any bikes with a quality chain even if stored inside a shed.

Local Police Safer Neighbourhoods Team priorities include targeted ASB patrols at McDonalds which has seen a decline in issues and speed checks on Derby Road, Swanwick.



**DVD's FOR SALE**  
Two DVD'S produced by Somercotes Local History Society are available to buy from Somercotes Village Hall. Scenes from Somercotes, Pye Bridge, Leabrooks & Swanwick & Lest We Forget - A WW1 Commemorative @ £3.95 each



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.



# Somerlea Park Centre

Somerlea Park Centre has a large Function Room, two Conference Rooms and a Licensed Bar area located just outside its main Function Room. The main Function Room on the first floor has seating capacity for 160 people with capacity for 40 people in the Bar area.



A disability lift is available for the first floor rooms. Its Conference/Committee Rooms are located on the ground floor and are the perfect venue for small meetings or smaller corporate events.

**For Enquires or to make a Booking contact: 01773 528181**  
**Sherwood Street, Leabrooks.**

# 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 2015-16, 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:

**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 Colin Addison -Lees Tel: 07912887904

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

## Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility

Somercotes Parish Council Waste Disposal Facility will be 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**



## Dog Fouling & Litter

The Parish Council takes the offences of dog fouling & litter very seriously, and would ask that people pick up their dogs mess - The Council provides FREE Poop Scoop bags and these are available at The Village Hall, Stop N Shop Convenience Store, Nottingham Road and Somerlea Park Centre (on the Recreation Ground). There is no reason why Somercotes should not be free of dog mess (that can cause serious illness to children).

Litter is another problem that need not happen, but there is an element of many, particularly younger people who seem to think chucking down litter is normal. Keeping a clean environment is essential for future generations to be able to enjoy green space. So please put litter in the nearest litter bin or take it home.

Amber Valley Wardens have been instructed to prosecute offenders, for dog fouling & litter in public places, so you have been warned.

# SOMERCOTES PARISH COUNCIL Your Parish Councillors

Councillor Paul Smith  
 Councillor Brian Lyttle  
 Councillor Colin Addison-Lees  
 Councillor Martin Barron  
 Councillor Tracy Cole  
 Councillor Paul Curran-Bilbie  
 Councillor Gary Edgson

Councillor Sydney Grotier  
 Councillor John McCabe  
 Councillor Sian McCabe  
 Councillor Jason Parker  
 Councillor Paul Price  
 Councillor Scott Walker  
 No Vacancies

## Parish Council Staff

Clerk to the Council	Soo Massey	Tel: 01773 603810
Assistant Clerk /RFO	John Richardson	Tel: 01773 603810
Caretaker:	Carol Hopkinson	Tel: 01773 609397
Relief Caretaker	Virginia Smithurst	
Parish Wardens:	Colin Rick   Les Briddon	
Bar Supervisor:	Victoria Jones	

Please make all Booking enquiries for the Hall or Lounge by calling in calling 01773 609397 or 07516 493430 or email: caretaker@somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk

For all other enquiries contact:  
 Somercotes Parish Council, Somercotes Village Hall, Nottingham Road, Somercotes, DE55 4LY  
[www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.somercotesparishcouncil.co.uk)  
[Somercotespc@btconnect.com](mailto:Somercotespc@btconnect.com)

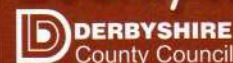
## Parish Council Meetings

In the Lounge of the Village Hall  
 All PC Meetings will commence at 6.30pm  
 Ordinary PC Meeting Friday 18th March 2016  
 Annual PC Meeting Friday 20th May 2016  
 Annual Parish Meeting\* Friday 13th May 2016  
Not a Parish Council Meeting\*

## Your Amber Valley Borough Councillors

Councillor Brian Lyttle  
 Councillor John McCabe  
 will be holding surgeries in the lounge of Somercotes Village Hall on:  
**Saturday 5th March**  
**Saturday 2nd April 2016**  
**Saturday 7th May 2016**  
**Saturday 4th June 2016** All Surgeries 11am to 12 noon  
 County Councillor Paul Smith will also be present

# 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

Call anonymously with information about crime

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